

**THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
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**THETA XI FRATERNITY**

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**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THETA XI FRATERNITY**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the members of Theta Xi Fraternity, believing that the ties of friendship existing between us may be strengthened, and the kindly sentiment of each may be augmented and increased in fervor, by entering into a bond of sacred brotherly union, do adopt as the fundamental principles of our organization perfect equality and good fellowship. Believing that by our efforts we may promote the intellectual and spiritual welfare of our members, increase the educational standards of our chapters and colonies promote our educational institutions and the American College Fraternity System, and firmly establish these ideals for our chapters and for the youth of the college world, we do ordain and adopt through our National Convention the following Constitution for the government of our members and organizations.

**ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION**

**1.1 - NAME AND PURPOSE.**

**1.1.1 FRATERNITY NAME.** This brotherly union shall be known as Theta Xi Fraternity. The term Fraternity, as used herein, shall refer to Theta Xi Fraternity, unless otherwise specified.

**1.1.2 PURPOSES.** The purpose of Theta Xi is to provide a college home environment for its undergraduate members in which fellowship and alumni guidance lead to wholesome mental, moral, physical and spiritual growth. To that end Theta Xi actively supports and augments college and community efforts to make individual members more mature and chapter groups more useful units of society. Through its alumni and undergraduate member leadership Theta Xi endeavors to assist each member to develop:

- intellectual curiosity that assures the highest scholarship rating consistent with his ability;
- habits that lead to better mental and physical health;
- sincerity in his association with others, and confidence in himself;
- responsibility to chapter, college, community and country;
- leadership that comes from practicing the principles of democratic self-government;
- interests and activities outside regular scholastic studies that employ spare time to advantage;
- spiritual understanding that provides a reservoir of strength to draw upon when faced with conditions beyond comprehension.

**1.2 - COMPOSITION.** The Fraternity shall consist of chapters, colonies, alumni clubs, and alumni associations established in accordance with this Constitution, and of members initiated in accordance with the Ritual. The Fraternity is organized as "Theta Xi Fraternity, Inc.", a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Missouri, and shall have the right to exercise all powers conferred upon a not-for-profit corporation.

1.3 - GOVERNANCE. The supreme authority of the Fraternity shall be vested in the National Convention. During the interim between National Conventions, the authority to act for the Fraternity shall be vested in the Board of Directors known as the "Grand Lodge", whose authority shall be as provided for herein. This Constitution shall be the corporate By-Laws of Theta Xi Fraternity, Inc. The term "Constitution" as used herein shall include both provisions titled as articles of the "Constitution" and sections of the "By-Laws", unless otherwise indicated. The By-Laws of the organizations within the Fraternity, as provided for herein, shall not conflict with provisions of this Constitution, or with resolutions or statements of position duly adopted by a National Convention.

## **ARTICLE 2 - NATIONAL CONVENTION**

2.1 - COMPOSITION. The National Convention shall be composed of those members who have voting rights under this Constitution. Unless otherwise provided, a delegate may cast the votes granted by more than one sub-section of Article 2.2.

2.2 - VOTING RIGHTS AND DELEGATES.

2.2.1 CHAPTER DELEGATE VOTING RIGHTS AND QUALIFICATIONS. Each chapter in good standing with 39 undergraduate members or less shall be entitled to one delegate with three votes at the National Convention. Each chapter in good standing with 40 undergraduate members or more shall be entitled to one delegate with four votes at the National Convention. Each chapter in good standing with 60 undergraduate members or more shall be entitled to one delegate with five votes at the National Convention. The number of undergraduate members in a chapter shall be determined by the latest membership report provided by the chapter at least 30 days prior to the National Convention. If no membership report has been submitted by a chapter within one year prior to the Convention, that chapter shall be entitled to three votes. The chapter delegate shall be the most recently elected chapter president, unless he cannot attend the National Convention, in which case the most recently elected chapter vice president shall be the delegate, unless he cannot attend, in which case the chapter officers shall designate, as chapter delegate, a member who will be enrolled in that chapter's school during the fall semester following the National Convention. Any delegate casting the votes of a chapter may not also cast the votes granted by any other section of Article 2.2.

2.2.2 COLONY DELEGATE VOTING RIGHTS AND QUALIFICATIONS. Each colony in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate with one vote at the National Convention, which delegate shall be the most recently elected colony president, unless he cannot attend the National Convention, in which case the most recently elected colony vice president shall be the delegate, unless he cannot attend, in which case the colony officers shall designate, as the colony delegate, a member who will be enrolled in that colony's school during the fall semester following the National Convention. Any delegate casting the vote of a colony may not also cast the votes granted by any other section of Article 2.2.

2.2.3 ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS. Each chartered alumni association in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate with two votes at the National Convention, which delegate shall be the most recently elected alumni association president, unless he cannot attend, in which case the alumni association officers shall designate an alumnus member of the association as delegate. No delegate may represent more than one alumni association. Any delegate casting the votes of an alumni association may not also cast the votes of a Delegate to the Grand Lodge.

2.2.4 ALUMNI CLUBS. Each chartered alumni club in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate with one vote at the National Convention, which delegate shall be the most recently elected alumni club president, unless he cannot attend, in which case the alumni club officers shall designate an alumnus member of the club as delegate. A delegate entitled to any other vote shall not be entitled to an alumni club vote. No delegate may represent more than one alumni club.

2.2.5 DELEGATE TO THE GRAND LODGE. Each Delegate to the Grand Lodge in good standing shall be entitled to two votes. Any delegate casting the votes of a Delegate to the Grand Lodge may not also cast the votes of any alumni association.

2.2.6 MEMBERS OF ORDER OF THE UNICORN. Each member of the Order of the Unicorn in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

2.2.7 EX-OFFICIO DELEGATES. Each member in good standing and belonging to one or more of the following classifications shall have one vote at a National Convention: Grand Lodge Members, Past National Presidents, Regional Directors and Committee Chairmen of all National Committees appointed at least 120 days prior to the National Convention.

2.2.8 NOTABLE ALUMNI. A National Convention, by majority vote, may grant one vote each to no more than ten alumni members in attendance at the National Convention. The Grand Lodge shall recommend alumni receive such vote in recognition of their past contributions to Theta Xi and such alumni are not otherwise entitled to votes at the National Convention.

2.2.9 DEFINITION OF GOOD STANDING. The term "good standing," as used in this Article 2 governing the National Convention, means those members who have no debts to the Fraternity or their chapter, and are not under any suspension proceedings; those chapters that have no debts to the Fraternity and are not dormant or under suspension and those chartered alumni clubs and alumni associations that have no debts to the Fraternity. A chapter, alumni club or alumni association which is in debt to the Fraternity, but otherwise in good standing, shall be considered in good standing for the purpose of voting at a National Convention if the chapter, alumni club or alumni association submits a payment plan which is determined to be reasonable by the Vice President for Administration, in his sole discretion.

2.3 - CONVENTION OFFICERS. The National President shall preside over the National Convention. The National President may designate one of the National Vice Presidents to preside in his absence. A National Convention parliamentarian may be appointed by the National President.

2.4 - TIME, PLACE AND NOTICE. The National Convention shall meet at least biannually, unless the Grand Lodge, by vote of at least three-fourths of its members, postpones or suspends the Convention. A Special National Convention may be called by a National Convention, by 2/3 majority vote of the Grand Lodge or by a majority vote of the chapters, chartered alumni clubs and chartered alumni associations. A special National Convention shall have power to consider and act upon only the specific business for which it is duly called and concerning which members and delegates shall have been duly notified. The time and place of all Conventions shall be set by the Grand Lodge. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given in any manner reasonably calculated to give notice to all members, including but not limited to publication in the official magazine of the Fraternity, and shall be given at least thirty (30) days in advance.

2.5 - VOTING AT NATIONAL CONVENTION. Votes equal to two times the total number of chapters entitled to vote (whether represented at such Convention or not) shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the valid votes cast shall be sufficient for the settlement of all questions and matters coming before the National Convention, except as otherwise provided for herein. Proxies shall not be accepted at the National Convention.

2.6 - RITUAL MEETING. The National President shall convene and conduct a meeting of all the chapter delegates during each National Convention to confer on the Ritual and traditions of the Fraternity, to perpetuate their original form.

2.7 - ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at the National Convention shall be as presented in the Ritual.

### **ARTICLE 3 - THE GRAND LODGE AND NATIONAL OFFICERS**

3.1 - NATIONAL OFFICERS.

3.1.1 REQUIRED OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS. The National officers of the Fraternity shall be a President, a Vice President for Administration, a Vice President for Chapter Operations, a Vice President for Alumni Affairs, a Secretary, and such other officers as may be designated by the Grand Lodge. No member shall be eligible to serve as President unless he has previously served at least two years as a member of the Grand Lodge. All officers shall meet the qualifications for members of the Grand Lodge as set forth in Article 3.2.1.

3.1.2 ELECTION, TERMS, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICERS. The President shall be elected at each National Convention held in odd-numbered years. The Vice President for Administration shall be elected at the National Convention held in 2005 and thereafter at the National Convention held in 2007. Thereafter, he shall be elected at the National Convention held in every other odd numbered year. The Vice President for Chapter Operations and the Vice President for Alumni Affairs shall be elected at the National Convention held in 2005 and thereafter at the National Convention held every other odd numbered year. The President and the three Vice Presidents shall hold office until their successors have been elected. The National Convention may, by three-fourths of the votes cast, remove any elected officer of the Fraternity. The Grand Lodge may, by affirmative vote of at least seven members, remove any elected officer for conduct detrimental to the Fraternity or failure to fulfill the duties of his office. The Grand Lodge may fill, by interim appointment, any vacancy in an elected officer position, which appointment shall be effective until the next National Convention.

3.1.3 APPOINTMENT OF NON-ELECTED OFFICERS. Officers and salaried officials not elected by the National Convention may be appointed and discharged by the Grand Lodge.

3.1.4 LIMIT ON CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF PRESIDENT. A President who has served two full terms is ineligible to serve as President again until one full term of the Presidency has passed.

3.2 - GRAND LODGE.

3.2.1 COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF GRAND LODGE MEMBERS. The Board of Directors of the Fraternity shall be known as the Grand Lodge and shall be composed of the National President, National Vice-President for Administration, National Vice President for Chapter Operations, National Vice President for Alumni Affairs and six Directors, two of whom shall be undergraduate members at the time of their election. The elected National Officers of the Fraternity shall also be the officers of the Grand Lodge. All members of the Grand Lodge shall be members of Theta Xi Fraternity in good standing. No member employed by the Fraternity or the Theta Xi Foundation, or providing goods or services to the Fraternity for compensation, may serve as a member of the Grand Lodge.

3.2.2 ELECTION, TERMS, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF DIRECTORS. Directors shall be elected at National Conventions held in odd numbered years and shall hold office until their successors have been elected. If one of the four Directors that need not be undergraduate members at the time of their election serves two terms consecutively, he is ineligible to serve as

a Director again until one full term for Directors has passed. The National Convention may by three-fourths of the valid votes cast, remove any Director of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may, by affirmative vote of at least seven members, remove any Director for conduct detrimental to the Fraternity or failure to fulfill the duties of his office. If there is a vacancy in any of the four Director positions held by members that need not be undergraduates at the time of their election, the Grand Lodge may fill such vacancy by interim appointment, which appointment shall be effective until the next National Convention. Any vacancy in the position a Director who must be an undergraduate member at the time of his election shall be filled by the candidate for such position in the previous election who received the next highest number of votes.

3.2.3 MEETINGS AND VOTING. The Grand Lodge shall meet annually and at such other times and places designated by the National President or a majority of its members. A majority of the members of the Grand Lodge shall constitute a quorum, provided that reasonable notice of the time and place of the meeting has been given to all members of the Grand Lodge. A majority of the votes cast by the members of the Grand Lodge shall be sufficient for the settlement of all questions, unless otherwise provided for. The Grand Lodge may decide any question by letter, facsimile, electronic or other ballot, in accordance with rules it may adopt.

3.3 - POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE. The Grand Lodge shall have the power to manage all of the business affairs and property of the Fraternity, and generally may exercise all powers of the Fraternity, except those reserved to the National Convention by this Constitution, or as limited by statute. Additionally, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to impose sanctions in the form of a monetary fine or other reasonable penalty that it deems necessary and advisable against any member or organization within the Fraternity that violates a provision of this Constitution, except that suspension of members or organizations within the Fraternity and withdrawal of chapter charters must be in compliance with Article 4 and 5 of this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP IN THETA XI**

4.1 - MEMBERSHIP DEFINED. Membership in this Fraternity shall be limited to "undergraduate members" and "alumni members" who shall be males who have been initiated in accordance with the Ritual. An "undergraduate member" is a student in attendance at a school where a colony or chapter is located, who has been initiated into or becomes affiliated with the colony or chapter, who is not an alumnus member, and who has not been suspended under Article 4.5. All other members, who have not been suspended under Article 4.5, are "alumni members."

4.2 - INITIATION OF MEMBERS. Men may be initiated into either chapter or alumni membership but all initiates must be affiliated with a chapter or colony. Upon initiation, each member shall receive a number consisting of the name of the chapter and the number following that assigned to the previous initiate. Initiations may be conducted only by members, acting with consent of the chapter President, or in the case of a colony, acting with consent of the National President. The initiation of all members must be approved by a unanimous vote of the chapter members present at a duly convened meeting of the chapter, or by unanimous vote of the initiated members of a colony present at a duly convened meeting of the colony, or in the case of a colony without initiated members, unanimous vote of the colonizing committee appointed by the National President. Chapters and colonies may approve a candidate for membership by less than unanimous vote if the chapter or colony by-laws so provide and the Grand Lodge has approved that provision in the by-laws of the chapter or colony. All elections of candidates for initiation shall be by secret ballot, each member expressing his unbiased opinion of the candidate by the vote that he casts. No man may be initiated in violation of any scholarship requirements contained in these Constitution and By-Laws or that may be established for initiation into National Fraternities by the host institution of the chapter or colony, if the chapter or colony is recognized by the host institution. Required fees for membership may be provided for in the By-Laws Section of this Constitution.

4.3 - **AFFILIATION OF TRANSFERS OR ALUMNI.** Any member who is in attendance as a student at a college or university where there is a chapter or colony of Theta Xi, or any alumni member, may, with approval of the Grand Lodge and such approval of the chapter or colony as their By-Laws may provide, affiliate with that chapter or colony and shall receive the same initiation number assigned to the last member initiated into that chapter or colony, to which shall be affixed the Greek letters of the chapter or colony in which the transferring or alumni member initiated.

4.4 - **CONVERTING TO ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP.** An undergraduate member shall be transferred to alumnus status upon ceasing attendance at his chapter or colony's school. In the case of unusual circumstances or hardship, an undergraduate member remaining in attendance at his chapter or colony's school may petition to convert to alumni membership, foregoing the rights and responsibilities of undergraduate membership. An undergraduate member desiring to convert to alumni membership prior to the time when he ceases attendance at his chapter or colony's shall submit a written petition explaining the circumstances that cause him to be unable to fulfill his obligations as an undergraduate member of his chapter or colony. The chapter or colony may approve the petition by majority vote or as may be provided for in its by-laws. If approved, the petition shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge, at which time the member shall be considered an alumni member. Until transferred to alumni membership, a member remains an undergraduate member, subject to suspension or other penalties for failure to meet the obligations and requirements of undergraduate membership. The Grand Lodge may convert any member to or from alumni membership by majority vote.

4.5 - **SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS.**

4.5.1 **GENERALLY.** A member's relationship with Theta Xi may be severed only by suspension, which shall occur only if the member has committed acts inimical to the interests, ideals or traditions of the Fraternity.

4.5.2 **SUSPENSION OF MEMBER BY CHAPTER.** Except as provided herein for financial delinquency, a chapter may suspend an undergraduate member of that chapter only upon an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of all undergraduate members of the chapter qualified to vote and only after the chapter has voted by majority vote of the undergraduate members of the chapter qualified to vote to initiate suspension proceedings, given notice to the member of the alleged grounds for the suspension, and provided a reasonable opportunity of not more than thirty (30) calendar days for the member to present to the membership all evidence and arguments he may reasonably choose to offer as to why he should not be suspended. A chapter may not suspend an alumni member, except for financial delinquency. A chapter shall promptly notify the Grand Lodge in writing of all members who are suspended.

4.5.3 **SUSPENSION FOR FINANCIAL DELINQUENCY.** A chapter may suspend an undergraduate or alumni member by majority vote of the undergraduate membership if the member's financial obligations to the chapter remain unpaid sixty (60) days after notice to the member of the amount due. A chapter shall promptly notify the Grand Lodge in writing of all members who are suspended for financial delinquency.

4.5.4 **SUSPENSION FOR POOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.** A chapter may suspend an undergraduate member of that chapter who fails to maintain the academic standards for members established by such chapter. The academic standards for members established by a chapter in accordance with Section 23.3.5.3 may provide that a member who fails to meet the standards shall be automatically placed on academic suspension, and his involvement with and connection to his chapter shall cease. Each chapter shall promptly notify the Grand Lodge in writing of all members who are suspended for failure to meet academic standards.

4.5.5 **SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER BY THE GRAND LODGE.** The Grand Lodge may, on its own initiative, suspend any member upon three-fourths majority vote, but only if the Grand

Lodge has first provided reasonable notice to the member that it intends to consider his suspension and provided a reasonable opportunity for the member to present, in writing or in person, all evidence and argument which the member may reasonably wish to present as to why he should not be suspended. The member and his chapter shall be notified in writing of the decision of the Grand Lodge.

4.5.6 REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED MEMBER. A member suspended by a chapter may be reinstated upon three-fourths majority vote of the chapter membership, unless the member was suspended for financial delinquency. A member suspended for financial delinquency shall be reinstated upon written certification by the chapter treasurer to the chapter president and the Grand Lodge that all amounts due the chapter have been paid. A chapter may provide for the manner by which any member of such chapter who has been suspended for failure to meet academic standards shall be reinstated upon his achievement of the academic standards established by the chapter, whether or not by a three-fourths majority vote of the chapter membership, provided that any such member shall not be reinstated until written certification by the chapter president to the Grand Lodge that the member meets the academic standards established by the chapter is delivered to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may reinstate any suspended member by a three-fourths majority vote.

4.6 - MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER FRATERNITIES. No person shall be initiated as a member of Theta Xi Fraternity if such person is or has previously been a member of another similar college fraternity. No member of Theta Xi Fraternity may become a regular member of any other similar college fraternity. The Grand Lodge shall decide any question of whether an organization is a "similar college fraternity" as used herein.

4.7 - ANNUAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS. The annual meeting of members shall be held at the same time and place as that of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge. Only members of the Grand Lodge shall be voting members at the meeting unless the meeting is held at the same time and place as the National Convention, in which case, voting members shall be as defined in Article II, governing the National Convention. Notice of the time and place of each annual meeting shall be given in any manner reasonably calculated to give notice to all members, including but not limited to publication in the official magazine of the Fraternity and shall be given at least thirty (30) days in advance. Attendance at such meeting by a member shall constitute acknowledgment of adequate notice to the member of the meeting unless the member objects to the adequacy of notice at the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE FRATERNITY**

5.1 - COLONIES.

5.1.1 DEFINED. The term "colony" as used herein refers to a recognized organization of undergraduate students in attendance at a college or university where there is no chapter of this Fraternity, uninitiated members of which shall be associate members of this Fraternity.

5.1.2 FORMATION AND TERMINATION. A colony may be established by majority vote of the Grand Lodge at any college or university that is an accredited two year or four year degree granting institution. The National President shall appoint a colonizing committee that shall be responsible for organizing the colony and submitting such written reports as the Grand Lodge may require. Either the National Convention or the Grand Lodge may, at any time, suspend or terminate a colony and discharge the colonizing committee thereof. The Grand Lodge shall assign an appropriate name to each colony, preferably a shortened form of the name of the college or university at which the colony is located or the Greek letter name of a former chapter if the colony is located on a campus at which a chapter previously existed.

**5.1.3 RIGHTS AND DUTIES.** A colony shall have all of the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of a chapter, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, subject to such regulations as the Grand Lodge may provide. A colony with initiated members may have possession of its own Ritual Book and Ritual equipment, but may only conduct Ritual ceremonies when a duly authorized representative of the Grand Lodge, appointed by the National President, is present.

**5.2 - CHAPTERS.**

**5.2.1 DEFINED.** As used in this Constitution, the term "chapter" means a chartered and installed organization of initiated undergraduate members.

**5.2.2 FORMATION.** A chapter may be established from a local fraternity at an approved college or university, a Theta Xi colony or through a merger with another Fraternity. A Theta Xi colony or a local fraternity may submit a petition for charter if they have twenty or more members. Upon receipt of such a petition the National President shall appoint an Inspection Committee that shall conduct a complete investigation of the petitioning group and of the standards, resources and activities of the college or university, and submit a written report of its findings and recommendation to the Grand Lodge. If the petition is received more than ninety (90) days prior to a National Convention, the Grand Lodge shall vote on the petition. If the petition is received within ninety (90) days of a National Convention, the petition shall be submitted to the Convention for vote. A three-fourths majority vote of the Grand Lodge or the Convention shall be required for approval.

**5.2.3 NAMING OF CHAPTERS.** Chapters shall be named in the order in which they are chartered, from the letters of the Greek alphabet in regular order. When all letters of the alphabet have been used, the succeeding chapters shall be designated by the letters of the Greek alphabet, in regular order, with the prefix Alpha. When all of the letters of the alphabet have been used with the prefix Alpha, the prefix Beta shall be used in like manner. If necessary, the prefixes shall continue throughout the Greek alphabet in regular order. Chapters which had formerly been chapters of the Kappa Sigma Kappa Order will be listed chronologically by date of original chartering by Kappa Sigma Kappa Fraternity, which date will be retained and considered as the effective date of chartering of the chapter. Each former chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa Fraternity will be assigned a letter of the Greek alphabet, in regular order, with the prefix Kappa.

**5.2.4 INSTALLATION OF CHAPTERS.** After a petitioning body has been granted a charter, those members who are not members of the Fraternity shall be initiated, and the chapter installed, in accordance with the Ritual, by a chapter or other group of members designated by the National President. A charter signed by the National President, a copy of the Constitution and the Ritual, and such equipment as the Grand Lodge may deem necessary, shall be furnished to a new chapter, which material shall remain the property of the Fraternity and shall be returned to the Grand Lodge if the chapter's charter is withdrawn.

**5.2.5 SUSPENSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF CHAPTER CHARTERS.** The Grand Lodge may for good cause and upon 2/3 majority vote, suspend any chapter, for a period not to extend beyond the next National Convention, at which time the suspension shall be submitted to the National Convention for consideration. The charter of any chapter may be withdrawn only for good cause, and upon 3/4 majority vote by the National Convention or the Grand Lodge.

**5.2.6 DORMANT CHAPTERS.** A chapter may be placed in dormant status upon 2/3 majority vote of the National Convention or Grand Lodge and only if continued good standing, suspension or charter removal is impractical or undesirable. A dormant chapter may be removed from dormant status in the same manner as provided for in Article 5.2.2 and 5.2.4, except that only a 2/3 majority vote of the National Convention or Grand Lodge shall be required for approval.

5.3 - ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

5.3.1 FORMATION. Any group of twenty or more alumni members in good standing of a particular chapter who wish to form an alumni association for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of such an association as defined herein may submit a petition for charter to the Grand Lodge. Upon receipt of said petition and a satisfactory set of by-laws of the association, the Grand Lodge may grant a charter to the group, which shall be known as the alumni association of the chapter at which it is located. The charter of the alumni association may be withdrawn by the Grand Lodge for cause.

5.3.2 DUTIES. Each alumni association shall hold title to all financially significant real and personal property of the chapter for which it is formed; shall hold at least one regular meeting each year for the transaction of business, which shall be reported to the Grand Lodge; shall file a copy of its constitution, charter and by-laws with the Grand Lodge; shall submit a financial statement to the Grand Lodge at least once a year; shall conform to such regulations concerning methods of accounting, auditing, bonding, and safeguarding of property as the Grand Lodge may prescribe; shall maintain a building or endowment fund; and shall send one of its members as a delegate to each National Convention.

5.3.3 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE IN ABSENCE OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. Where a colony or chapter has no recognized alumni association, the colonizing committee of the colony, or a committee of alumni appointed by the National President with the approval of the Grand Lodge, shall function instead of such an association, and shall be subject to such regulations as the Grand Lodge may provide.

5.4 - ALUMNI CLUBS.

5.4.1 FORMATION. Ten or more alumni members in good standing residing in any city, town or village, or within fifty miles thereof, may submit a petition for an alumni club charter to the Grand Lodge. Upon receipt of said petition and a satisfactory set of by-laws of the club, the Grand Lodge may grant a charter to the group, which shall be known as the Theta Xi Club of the city or region in which it is located. The charter of any alumni club may be withdrawn by the Grand Lodge for cause.

5.4.2 DUTIES. It shall be the duty of each alumni club to hold at least one regular meeting each year for the transaction of business, which shall be reported to the Grand Lodge; to elect such officers as provided in the by-laws; to submit a complete list of its members and their addresses to the Grand Lodge when requested to do so; to submit regular reports of its activities to the Grand Lodge; and to elect and send one of its members as a delegate to each National Convention.

**ARTICLE 6 – RITUAL**

6.1 - DEFINED. The Ritual is comprised of those ceremonies that are known only to initiated members of Theta Xi Fraternity, and includes the oath of membership. In the event that any provision of this Constitution conflicts with anything in the Ritual, the terms of the Constitution shall govern.

6.2 - AMENDMENT. The Ritual may be amended only by three-fourths majority vote of the National Convention.

6.3 - WRITTEN COPIES OF RITUAL. Copies of the Ritual may be made only with permission of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall keep a record of all outstanding copies of the Ritual.

**ARTICLE 7 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION,  
DISSOLUTION, MERGER AND EXTRAORDINARY ACTS**

7.1 - AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION. The Constitution may be amended only by 3/4 majority vote of the National Convention, except that provisions titled as sections of the By-Laws may be amended by simple majority vote of the National Convention. In the interval between conventions, a proposal to amend the Constitution may be put to vote by letter ballot to those members and organizations then qualified to vote at a National Convention. Votes shall be counted sixty (60) days after mailing or ten days after a majority of ballots are returned, whichever is later.

7.2 - DISSOLUTION. The Fraternity may only be dissolved by a 3/4 majority vote of the National Convention ratified by a majority vote in a referendum of all members, or by an order of court of competent jurisdiction. Upon dissolution of the Fraternity, all of the Fraternity's debts and financial obligations shall be settled, and any remaining assets shall thereafter be conveyed to such organization or organizations as may then exist which are dedicated to purposes similar to those of Theta Xi Fraternity, including, but not limited to, the Theta Xi Foundation, or to colleges or universities at which the Fraternity has had chapters, provided that any such organization shall be exempt under section 501(c), 2, 3, 7, or 9 of the Internal Revenue Code or such successor provisions of the Code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

7.3 - MERGER AND EXTRAORDINARY ACTS. Any merger of Theta Xi Fraternity Inc. with any other corporation shall be governed by the applicable laws of the State of Missouri and any other applicable state or federal laws and shall require a 3/4 majority vote of a National Convention for approval. All voting members of the National Convention shall be provided with written notice of a plan of merger at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to such a vote. Any proposal for any other extraordinary act of the corporation, including transfer of substantially all assets of the Fraternity, shall require a 3/4 majority vote of a National Convention.