

Theta Delta Chi Fraternity
Statement of Position on Alcohol and Drugs
Approved by the Grand Lodge June 23rd, 2004
Approved by the 157th Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, August 6th, 2004

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges are concerned about the increasing consumption and abuse of alcoholic beverages and drugs on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges believe that the dangers of alcohol abuse and drugs are matters deserving to be addressed;

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges believe that a fraternity without morally sound principles and practices is not a constructive influence on college people;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges that the following policies be formally adopted by consent of the 157th Annual Convention:

1. The possession, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, while on Charge or colony premises or during a fraternity event sponsored, or endorsed by the Charge or colony, should be in compliance with any or all laws of the state, province, county, city and university.
2. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through the Charge or colony treasury, nor may the purchase of such beverages for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member, in the name of, or on behalf of, the Charge or colony.
3. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.
4. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e. those under the legal drinking age).
5. The possession, sale, or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances while on Charge or colony premises or during a fraternity event or a any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity, is strictly prohibited.
6. The possession, sale, and/or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances by any member, or pledge/new member is strictly prohibited, and under Article XVII, Section 1. (f) of the By-laws of Theta Delta Chi is an offense worthy of expulsion from the fraternity.
7. No Charge or colony may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern (an establishment that generates more than 50% of its gross sales through alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present.
8. No Charge or colony may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
9. All recruitment ("rush") activities associated with any Charge or colony will be "dry" (no alcohol present).
10. Although discouraged, alcoholic beverages may be present or consumed at Charge or colony functions only if approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Charge or colony. A Charge or colony function is defined as any event an individual would associate with the fraternity, where five or more members are present. Each proposed event should be voted on separately. Charge or colony functions are encouraged to be "Bring-Your-Own-Beverage" (BYOB), or cash bar operated by a valid third party vendor.
11. No Charge or colony may at any time be considered the holder of a liquor license.
12. A Charge or colony that has alcohol at a function should provide alternative beverages, food, and an appropriate means of safe travel for participants.
13. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/new member program or activity of the Charge or colony.
14. All undergraduate officers, volunteers, and professional leaders of the fraternity are encouraged to obtain education in alcohol awareness and are further encouraged to provide consultation on responsible use of alcohol for undergraduate members.
15. This policy does not preclude an individual Charge or colony from establishing a stricter policy if the members of that chapter vote to do so.