



New Member Education Program

Week 4: National History

Why do we need to know history?

Why do we even care about our history? It doesn't affect our current lives or the future. The fact is that knowing the history of the Fraternity will never be as critical as behaving like a Chi Phi Gentleman. But imagine if someone asked you what your birthday was and you could not tell them. Would you not feel ridiculous for not knowing the date of such an important event?

You already took history courses in school. You all know when the Declaration of Independence was first signed. You know lots of dates like that. You probably even know when something that is completely trivial, that will never affect you in any way, happened. You made a commitment to this Fraternity for the rest of your life, would you not be embarrassed by not knowing its birthday? After you graduate and leave Theta, don't you feel you should know why "Theta" is such a unique Chapter designation?

This is why we are all here, for you to learn these things as we did, so you can pass on our traditions, customs, and history to the next generation of Chi Phi Brothers.

When?	What happened?
December 24, 1824	Chi Phi Society established at College of New Jersey by Robert Baird
1825	Chi Phi Society ceases to exist
Winter 1853-1854	Chi Phi Society reestablished at Princeton by John MacLean Jr.
Fall 1854	Second Chapter of Chi Phi Society established at Franklin and Marshall
August 21, 1858	Chi Phi Fraternity started at University of North Carolina
1859	Princeton Chapter of Chi Phi Society dies
November 14, 1860	Secret Order of Chi Phi started at Hobart College
May 29, 1867	Union of Northern Order
1867	Theta Chapter Established in Edinburgh, Scotland
1868	Chi Phi Chakett first published by Zeta Chapter at Franklin and Marshall
March 27, 1874	Union of Northern and Southern Orders. Traditions of Northern Order kept, name taken from Southern Order
1874	The Chakett becomes The Chi Phi Quarterly
February 11, 1875	Manifest Destiny of the Chi Phi Fraternity is achieved with formation of Lambda Chapter at University of California
1877	Theta founded (as Eta)
May 25, 1878	Theta chartered (as Eta)
1891	The Chi Phi Quarterly continues under old name, The Chakett
1912-1913	The Chi is built, making it older than Quad



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1924	Chi Phi Memorial Volume published by Dr. Theodore B. Appel
1924	Sparks Memorial Medal established for the member of each Chapter with the highest GPA
1930	The Chi Phi Educational Trust was created as a scholarship system for deserving Chi Phi Brothers
1939	The Chronicles of Chi Phi published by Dr. Theodore B. Appel
1952	Stroud Hall donated by Br. Stroud
1970	The Krannert Leadership School began
1980	Thomas A. Gehring Award began being awarded to top Chi Phi Chapters as well as the most improved Chapter annually.
1987	Theta is kicked off campus
1988	Krannert Leadership School becomes College of Excellence
1992	Theta refounded by five men: Tim Janas, Alan Deditch, Chris Burpee, Michael Stefanini, Derek Fok
1993	Chronicles of Chi Phi Republished
October 9, 1999	Theta rechartered