

Petition for Chapter Status



University of Maine Colony of Theta Tau

Orono, Maine

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Dear Brothers,

It was my sincerest hope and wish that during my time as president we would charter the University of Maine Colony of Theta Tau. I have watched the membership grow in numbers and involvement, and have seen the sincere interest and care that each member instills in the fraternity and its operations. That being said, I feel confident in this colony and its intent to charter. I have seen the hard work that has gone into each and every facet of this organization firsthand, but know moreover the dedication of the membership and the purity of purpose each member offers to Theta Tau. Each member holds a high standard of personal and professional conduct accordant with the values of Theta Tau, as well as a strong professional focus to prepare for post-graduation endeavors.

As we all know, an engineering major has its ups and downs, and the schedule of an engineering student could have them up until 3AM, only to have them up again at 8AM. This difficulty is enough to kill the dedication to and pursuit of the extra-curricular activities that college offers. The question becomes, how does one have a functioning organization with membership that leads such a demanding life? The indomitable spirit of our membership is matched only by their dedication to this organization. That spirit and dedication is what allows our membership to propel this organization towards success. In all seriousness, when looking at each face in this charter petition, I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, I would pick these people to be on my team; And, as luck would have it, I just happen to be fortunate enough to be fraternity brothers with them!

Our founders sought to make a lasting impact at the University of Maine, and to instill a sense of community consciousness, professional development, and close friendship among engineering students. Through Theta Tau, they were able to achieve their goal, and have paved the way for the development of many students after them. We strive to the same purpose, to provide a chartered organization that seeks to instill and reinforce the timeless values of Theta Tau in students at the University of Maine for years to come.

Interfraternally,



Neal Harrison-Billiat

Regent, University of Maine

Member Signatures



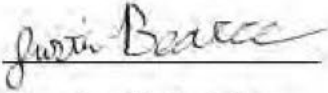
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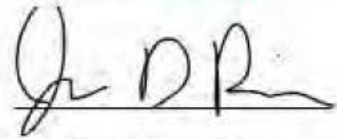
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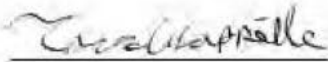
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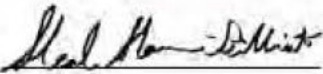
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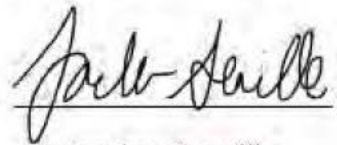
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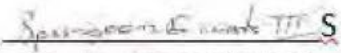
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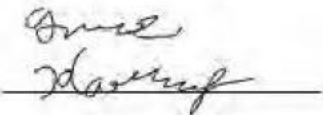
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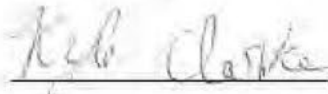
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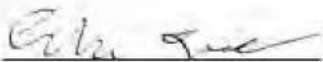
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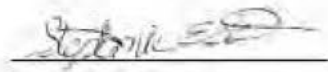
Kyle Clarke



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Matthew Southard



Stephanie Estes



Stacy Meister



Peter Van Deusen



Carolyn Fox



Benjamin Meservey

Member Biographies



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History of the University of Maine

The University of Maine, originally Maine College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, was established in 1862 under the provisions of the Morrill Act. The original name was changed to the University of Maine in 1897. On September 21, 1868 the college opened with two faculty members and a first class of 12 students. University of Maine at Orono is the flagship of the University of Maine System, which now spans the entire state.

The curriculum was organized into four parts by 1871, Agriculture, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and electives. From these the colleges of Life Sciences and Agriculture, Engineering and Science, and Arts and Sciences arose. By 1872 women were admitted into all curricula, diversifying the college. The first master's degree was conferred in 1881, and the first doctor's degree in 1960. Since 1923 there has been a separate graduate school.

In 1887 the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station was founded as a division of the University. This Station is the University's center for research in agriculture, forestry and wood products, marine fisheries and aquaculture, wildlife, rural economic development, and tourism. By 1902 the Summer Session became it's own entity. The Maine Cooperative Extension, which offers field educational programs, was initiated in 1912. The School of Education and the School of Business Administration were granted college status in 1958 and 1965 respectively.

The Winter Session began in the 1997-98 academic year. A Continuing Education Division offers evening and Saturday courses from the several curricula. Non-credit courses of general adult interest are also made available from the University of Maine. In 1980 the federal government designated the University of Maine as a Sea Grant College under a program conducted with the University of New Hampshire. In 2004, UMaine received that designation for its own program, according to the provisions of the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

History of the College of Engineering

Aspiring engineers were among the first students to enroll at the University of Maine. The first engineering disciplines to become part of the curriculum were Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, formed in 1871. Since then other disciplines, such as Electrical and Computer Engineering, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Engineering Physics, and Engineering Technology have also contributed to the curriculum.

In September 1894, a proposal to establish a class in Electrical Engineering was put forth to be supervised by Professor of Physics James Stacy Stevens and Ernest P. Chapin. The first two year of this new program were identical to that of a Mechanical Engineering degree. After three years of the program, graduates could apply for either an EE or ME degree. This budding degree program soon outgrew its initial dependence on the Mechanical Engineering department and grew into today's Electrical Engineering department. The departments of Chemical and Biological Engineering and Engineering Physics arose in a similar fashion, originally stemming from other departments. The school of Engineering Technology was established in 1975.

Since the origin of the University of Maine, engineering alumni have designed and built a great deal of America's infrastructure including the Hoover Dam, Colorado Aqueduct, and software that makes cellular phone technology possible. Engineers from not only the University of Maine, but from all around the state, have shaped our daily lives dramatically. They have changed how we communicate, work, raise our children, build and heat our homes, and travel. Engineers have the capability to improve the human condition worldwide. At UMaine, engineers are addressing consequences of global climate, the creation of biofuels, as well as many other topics. These research applications will continue to shape the way we live.

History of the Colony

The idea to try to bring Theta Tau to campus was conceived in Fogler Library when Matt Dolan saw a sign for a Professional Business Fraternity. The question was asked "Why don't we have a Professional Engineering Fraternity?" Paul Goodness and Ricardo Lalonde were approached to help get things going. A call was subsequently placed to the Theta Tau national office inquiring about how to proceed.

With a path in hand, bylaws for a new organization were drafted such that they met both Theta Tau and UMaine organization requirements. We gathered enough members to create a new student organization that we named Nu Theta Tau, in anticipation of bringing Theta Tau officially to UMaine. Our original membership numbered fourteen. Our original officers were Ricardo Lalone, President; Matthew Dolan, Vice President; Paul Goodness, Treasurer; Michael Easterby, Corresponding Secretary; and Nicole Starrett (Curtis-Bray), Recording Secretary; with Bradford "Blake" Webb as Recruitment Chair. Our group was diverse with our member's majors including Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Construction Management.

Community service was a focus initially and included several projects. We volunteered at the local thrift shop, attended blood drives a group and lent our time at UMaine's engineering job fairs. We are particularly fond of memories volunteering to clean the machine tool lab, for which faculty was grateful.

We were colonized and consequently had our first official pledge class on March 19th, 2011. Jude Pearse was quickly chosen as our faculty advisor, being well respected, exceptionally helpful and universally appreciated by the engineering student body.

We continually struggled with scheduling issues. Our brotherhood consisting of so many different disciplines, it was difficult to arrange times to meet or schedule events such that a majority of brothers could attend. Nonetheless, we held many successful events and rush activities. Another persistent struggle was the acquisition of space on campus that we

could call our own. After much searching and some waiting, we were able to secure a small space for colony belongings in the Wade Center for Student Leadership.

However, as we initiated several large pledge classes, the demand for a more permanent space to hold meetings and events was necessary. Since our colony was becoming recognizable by the University's Engineering professors, several inquiries were made about available space within the engineering buildings on campus. A room belonging to the Construction Management department in the Machine Tool Lab was graciously donated to our colony as a semi-permanent space as long as it was not need for educational purposes. We occupied this room for two years until it was turned into a classroom, but that time really helped solidify our colony as a whole. We are in the process of looking for another permanent location to call our own and currently hold our meetings within the Memorial Union.

Events, Activities, & Program

Recruitment

2012

Sports on the Quad

The Colony hosted a variety of sports on 9/12/2012 as one of the first rush events for the colony. The event was on the Hilltop Quad, the field with the closest proximity to freshman dorms.

"Revenge of the Nerds" Movie Night

Brothers hosted an open movie night in the DPC Auditorium featuring the movie *Revenge of the Nerds*, as a rush event on 9/13/2012, inviting friends and potential members to partake in the classic fraternity movie.

BBQ on the Quad

Hoping to draw in hungry students, the colony hosted an open barbeque on the Hilltop Quad at noon. Nearly all brothers brought some dish to contribute, like hamburgers, veggie burgers, corn on the cob, and coleslaw. The open event took place on 9/15/2012.

First Pledge Induction Ceremony

The colony hosted its first pledge induction ceremony since its founding the previous semester. Nine potential members became pledge members, who would later come shape the colony for the better. The ceremony was performed on 10/13/2012.

Open House at the CCA

Brothers joined together to table at the Collins Center for the Arts to talk to prospective students and to hopefully convince them to choose University of Maine as their school of choice, and to think about joining Theta Tau when they did come to the school. The event took place on 11/12/2012.

Pledge Initiation Ceremony

The University of Maine Colony of Theta Tau welcomed its new members since its founding the previous semester. The nine new members would forever change the history of the colony. The ceremony was performed on 12/8/2012.

2013

First Pledge Education Class begins

Starting on 4/6/2013, the first formal pledge class has begun for the Spring 2013 pledge **class. Some topics discussed are the local colony's history, as well as the history of all of Theta Tau, and notable members and icons.**

Open Resume Writing Workshop

Hoping to spread the word of Theta Tau around campus, the colony hosted a resume writing workshop at the Career Center, open to brothers and non-members alike. The workshop took place on 4/17/2013.

Rush event with Delta Tau Delta

Looking to create bonds with other fraternities on campus, the U Maine Colony of Theta Tau, and the U Maine Chapter of Delta Tau Delta held a joint rush event at the $\Delta\Delta$ Delta house. Activities included video games, board games, as well as outdoor sports.

Riverside Barbeque

Taking advantage on the last couple weeks of warmth in Maine, the colony hosted a barbeque and potluck in the Steam Plant parking lot next to Stillwater River. The event took place on 10/14/2013 and attracted many potential pledges.

Card Night in COE

Offering alcohol free drinks, the colony hosted a game night featuring a variety of card games like Cards Against Humanity, UNO, and others. The event took place in the COE room inside the Memorial Union on 10/25/2013, and attracted many passersby and potential pledges.

Movies and Snacks in the Bangor Room

The colony hosted a movie night and provided snacks and alcohol free drinks to any students looking to have a relaxing night away from schoolwork. The event took place on 10/27/2013.

First Big/Little Ceremony

The first Big/Little ceremony was hosted by the colony to create stronger bonds with newer members. The ceremony was hosted on 11/12/2013 in the evening. The initiation ceremony for the Fall 2013 pledge class was also performed at this time



2014

Theta Tau Open House

The brothers from the UMaine colony of Theta Tau participated in the open house early in the school year, where accepted students, transfers, and late high school students checked out the school and the perks it offers. The open house took place 2/10/2014.

Bi Weekly Coffee Hour (Spring)

Starting this week, brothers and

interested person got together in the Oak room every two weeks to bond over coffee, early morning classes and muffins. The event continued for the remainder of the semester, starting on 2/12/2014.

Big/Little Reveal (Spring)

Pledges were paired with their big brothers on 4/4/2014, who would later in years to come, form close bonds. This is the second big/little ceremony the colony hosted, and it has continued on since then.

Movie Night with the Brothers

Brothers, pledges and interested persons alike brought their favorite movies to Jenness Hall, home of the chemical and biological engineering department, for a night of snacks, cards games, and films. The evening took place on 10/18/2014.

Candlepin Bowling in Old Town

Brothers and pledges alike went out to the Old Town Bowling Alley, a popular spot in the neighboring town, for some pizza, wings, and a little competition. The event took place on 11/7/2014.

Engineering Homework and Pizza

Engineering majors inside and outside of the colony joined together for a group homework session. Some came for assistance from more senior engineering majors, and some came for a quiet space to study with peers.

Fall 2014 Initiation

The Fall 2014 pledge class was initiated on 10/11/2014, bringing a new chapter to the UMaine colony of Theta Tau. Several pledges joined the ranks of the UMaine Colony of Theta Tau that would eventually fill chair positions, and even officer positions.

Fall 2014 Big/Little Ceremony

The Fall 2014 pledge class was formally given their big brothers to assist their integration with the fraternity, and to promote a long lasting brotherhood. The ceremony took place on 10/31/2014.

2015

Bowling Night in Old Town

The colony went out on the town (Or at least Old Town) on 1/26/2015 to go candlepin bowling with potential members.

Engineering Assistance

Brothers from the colony and potential members got together to assist each other in their homework, provide moral support for difficult class assignments, and have a relatively quiet place to work. The event took place on 2/2/2015.

Info Booth in the Union

The colony held a small info booth in the Memorial Union, one of the most popular buildings on campus. Brothers offered flyers about Theta Tau as well as the engineering college on 2/3/2015.

Taco Tuesdays with the Brothers

Starting this week, brothers, potential members, and pledges alike were welcomed to **join brothers in partaking in Margaritas "Taco Tuesdays"** to not only bond, but enjoy discount tacos. The weekly dinner started on 2/3/2015.

Theta Tau Game Night

The brothers of Theta Tau at U Maine hosted an evening of fun with a variety of board, card, and video games, open to potential members, brothers, and **interested person's alike in Barrows Hall** on 2/9/2015.

Taco Tuesday at Margaritas

Many brothers and potential members came to the local Margaritas in Orono for some tasty discount tacos, and to enjoy the weekly trivia night put on by the establishment. Some brothers continued attending these taco nights weekly from this 2/10/2015 and onward.

Induction Ceremony for the Spring 2015 Class



Several potential members who have shown interest and attended rush events were given a bid, and those who chose to accept them were inducted as pledges on 3/20/2015.

Initiation Ceremony for Spring 2015 Pledge Class

Pledges who were accepted the last month and have passed their pledge education and exam, were initiated as brothers of the UMaine Colony of Theta Tau. The ceremony took place on 4/29/2015. The two pledges initiated would later take up chair head positions and help in the growth of Theta Tau.

Wing Night at the Roost

Brothers of Theta Tau hoped to draw in new members by offering to pay for wings for any interested person that came to their event. The night included dining on delicious **discount wings, a couple rounds of "Giant Jenga" and several games of pool on 9/8/2015.**

More Homework and Pizza

Two things college students love, free food, and assistance in their homework assignments. The brothers of Theta Tau offered both in the Foster Center of Student Innovation on 9/9/2015, hoping to assist younger students in some of the common engineering courses.

Dodge Ball at the Gym

Hoping to spark a little competition, brothers of Theta Tau hosted a dodgeball game at the New Balance Recreation Center, conveniently located close to nearly all of the freshman dorms. The brothers invited interested persons and gym goers alike to partake in the competition on 9/10/2015.

Coffee Hour in the Library

Many of the early rising brothers gathered in the Oaks room for a weekly coffee and bonding and recruiting session. They bonded over the shared weight of early classes, and challenging engineering classes, as well as spreading the word of Theta Tau to potential members. The event started on 9/14/2015.

Taco and Trivia Tuesday

Brothers and potential members joined together at Margaritas for their weekly taco discount and trivia competition. The event took place on 9/15/2015. Brothers enjoyed the discount taco night that brings students from all majors and years, as well as the friendly competition.

Homework and Pizza Evening

Theta Tau brothers offered their experience in frequently taken courses to assist younger brothers with their homework. Free pizza was also offered to attract potential members on 9/16/2015.

Game Night

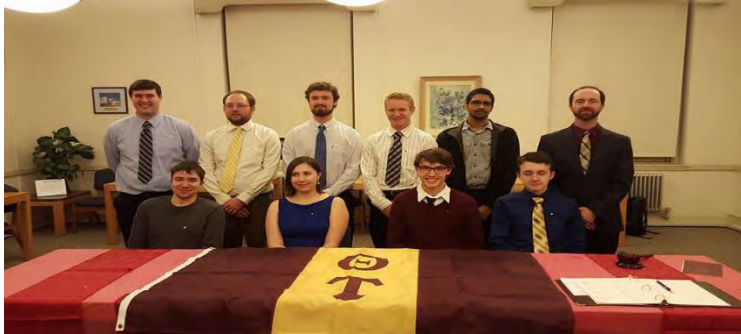
The brothers of Theta Tau at U Maine hosted an evening of fun with a variety of board, **card, and video games, open to potential members, brothers, and interested person's** alike in Barrows Hall on 9/19/2015.

BBQ in the Steam Plant Lot

Brothers brought all sorts of food, snacks, alcohol free drinks, and games for a **refreshing day by the Stillwater River. The game of the day was "Giant Jenga", with all** brothers and potential members using their collective engineering experience to keep the tower intact. The event took place on 10/24/2015

Induction Ceremony for the Fall 2015 Pledge Class

Engineering majors who had shown interest in the colony and had accepted their bids were brought into the brotherhood as official pledges. Eleven potential members were inducted the evening of 11/9/2015 and would begin their pledge education shortly after.



Initiation Ceremony for the Fall 2015 Pledge Class

Eleven pledges were initiated as brothers of the University of Maine Colony of Theta Tau on 11/23/2015. These pledges would later on become chair heads, and even fill some officer positions in the coming semesters.

2016

Tabled in the Union

In order to attract new members, brothers held a table in the Memorial Union, a major student hub at the university. Members explained the values of the fraternity to interested students, attempting to build a pledge calls for the spring of 2016. This event took place on 1/17/2016.

Engineering Homework Night

Theta Tau brothers offered their experience in frequently taken courses to assist younger brothers with their homework. Free pizza was also offered to attract potential members on 2/1/2016.

Wing Night at the Roost

Brothers of Theta Tau gathered at the Roost, a local wing restaurant. Brothers enjoyed each others company while also enjoying wings and other food on 2/2/2016.

Game Night in Barrows

The brothers of Theta Tau at U Maine hosted an evening of fun with a variety of board, card, and video games, open to **potential members, brothers, and interested person's** alike in Barrows Hall on 2/4/2016.

Engineering Homework Night

The second of two homework nights during the rush season, Theta Tau brothers offered their experience in frequently taken courses to assist younger brothers with their homework. Free pizza was also offered to attract potential members on 2/8/2016.

Taco and Trivia Tuesdays

Brothers gathered at Margarita's, a local mexican restaurant. All you can eat tacos are a highlight of this event, as well as group trivia competitions. While members attended this event multiple weeks, the official event took place on 2/9/2016.

Maine Bound Climbing

Brothers and potential members gathered at the University's rock climbing facility. Brothers face physical challenges with support from the rest of the group, developing relationships further. This event took place on 2/12/2016.

Bowling in Old Town

The final rush event of the semester, brothers gathered at the local candlepin bowling alley. The event lasted multiple hours and included food and laughter at the overall lack of bowling prowess by our brothers. This event took place on 2/13/2016.

Brotherhood

2012

Maine Bound Climbing

Brothers started to get in shape in the start of the semester by offering a Maine Bound climbing rush event. The Maine Bound Center offers a variety of outdoor activities, but their building has a top-rope climbing wall, as well as a bouldering wall the the brothers thoroughly enjoyed on 9/18/2012

Weekly Coffee Hour in the Oak Room

Many of the early rising brothers gathered in the Oaks room for a weekly coffee and bonding and recruiting session. They bonded over the shared weight of early classes, and challenging engineering classes, as well as spreading the word of Theta Tau to potential members. The event took started on 9/19/2012.

2013

Dress to Impress Mocktails

The colony held an info session, where formality was key. The group dressed up, and **provided "Mock Tails" to those who came. They sat down and answered any questions** anyone had about our colony. This happened 2/6/2013

Movie Night with SWE

The brothers of Theta Tau joined with the Society of Women Engineers on 3/23/2013 for some enjoyable films and cinema themed snacks. The brotherhood enjoyed their night with SWE, and hoped it would lead to a stronger bond in the future.

Resume Writing Workshop

Brothers assisted each other in editing and revising one of the most important **documents in any person's career, their resume.**



Along with assistance from faculty in the UMaine Career Center, many brothers and pledges left the event feeling more well prepared for their future careers on 4/12/2013 and 4/17/2013.

Frisbee Golf on the Quad

Brothers enjoyed a warm fall day on the Hilltop Quad with a friendly competition. The game of the day was frisbee golf, and a good time was had by all, including brothers and the occasional passerby that joined on 10/12/2013.

Founders Day Movie Night and Study Session **Brothers celebrated Theta Tau's Founders Day by a**

engineering study session in the afternoon, and rewarded their hard work with a movie night later on, featuring some of the brothers favorite films, or at least the ones they own on DVD on 10/15/2013

National Visit

Theta Tau Nationals gave our colony the honor of having them visit us and see our progress **as a colony. The day started at Pat's Pizza for lunch, a tour of the campus on a wonderfully warm day, then an official meeting in Barrows to discuss the colony. The day ended with some drinks in the evening at the popular bar and grill, Woodman's.** The event took place on 10/19/2013

Engineering Job Fair

A group of brothers volunteered at the engineering job fair held on campus. They greeted the recruiters and helped them set up, and offered guidance to attendees. 10/23/2013

"Ender's Game" Premiere

Brothers went as a group to the Bangor Cinema to see the popular book to movie adaptation "Ender's Game". Brothers and pledges alike enjoyed the movie, and a night out from their studies on 11/2/2013.

Weekly Pat's Pizza

Brothers started frequenting the popular pizza restaurant, "Pat's Pizza" to create stronger bonds as a brotherhood, and to also help pledges and new members feel more welcome and part of the fraternity. The weekly dinner event started on 11/18/2013 and lasted until the end of the semester.

2014

Brotherhood Bowling



Brotherhood event to encourage unification in the colony. Several brothers attended the event at the Old Town Bowling Alley on 2/2/2014, for some bonding, good comfort food such as pizza, wings and nachos, and some friendly competition.

Board Game Night

Game night in the Machine Tool Lab. Brothers played various games from Xbox and Nintendo to cards against Humanity. A lovely time was had by all. The event took place on 2/4/2014.

Hockey Game

Attendance at 5pm at Alford Arena. A few brothers attended and were a significant addition to the student section cheering. The game was rather

eventful, food and drinks had by all on 11/1/2014.

Movie and Game Night in the Machine Tool Lab

The brothers enjoyed a night of fun in one of the most popular engineering buildings with a night of snacks, video and card games, and some good comedy movies on 11/12/2014.

Bowling Night with SWE

The brothers of Theta Tau enjoyed an afternoon with the Society of Women Engineers at the Old Town Bowling Alley, for an afternoon of candlepin bowling, and friendly competition on 12/6/2014

2015

Weekly Wing Night at the Roost

Wing night after weekly meeting at the Roost. A fun event as always. A mountain of wings were consumed and a challenge for hottest wings was brought up. No one wins. The event took place 2/17/2015.

Engineering Job Fair

The colony volunteered to help staff the UMaine Engineering Job Fair. Helped with setup, tear down and assigning prospective students name tags and maps of employers. The event took place on 3/13/2015.



Kickball with SWE

The brothers of Theta Tau enjoyed a nice spring day with one of their closest student groups, the Society of Women Engineers. The day consisted of a friendly game of kickball, and some light snacks throughout the day at the baseball field, on 4/24/2015

Video Game Night

New and old members alike bonded together with their interest in video games on 4/25/2015. Brothers brought several different consoles, as well as even more video games, spanning a variety of genres

Senior Night at the Roost

Younger brothers in Theta Tau gave the graduating seniors an enthusiastic send off on 5/1/2015 at the popular wing joint and bar, The Roost. Brothers enjoyed food, lively **conversation, and several games of "Giant Jenga", pool and air hockey.**

Founders Day Tailgate

Brothers at the UMaine Colony of Theta **Tau celebrated Founder's Day with a tailgate at a school football game, and lunch at local restaurant "Governors".** Many alumni and pledges of the colony also attended the event on 10/15/2015.

Taco Tuesday Bonding

Many of the brothers started meeting after our weekly meeting at popular Mexican restaurant, Margaritas for their weekly taco discount. Brothers went to relax after long meetings, and unwind after taxing engineering courses.



Hockey Game at the Alford

Brothers went to a U Maine hockey Game at the Alford Stadium on 11/20/2015 in the evening. Brothers with letters wore them to spread the word of Theta Tau, and to enjoy the game as a brotherhood.

Thetasgiving

Brothers hosted a potluck pre-Thanksgiving before Thanksgiving, at one of the brothers houses. All brothers brought a thanksgiving themed dish to the event, and everyone enjoyed lively conversation, video and card games. On 11/24/2015

2016

Brotherhood Movie night

Brothers enjoyed popcorn and other snacks, and watched engineering themed movies until the movie was suddenly interrupted by a fire alarm elsewhere in the building. Nonetheless, a good time was had by the brothers until the night ended on 3/3/2016.

Community Service

2012

Engineering Career Fair

Philanthropy event at engineering career fair, as well as volunteering to set up booths on 10/17/2012

2013

Theta Tau Resume Workshop

Brothers assisted each other in editing and revising one of the most important documents in any person's career, **their resume**. **Along with assistance from faculty in the UMaine Career Center**, many brothers and pledges left the event feeling more well prepared for their future careers on 4/12/2013 and 4/17/2013.

Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity

A bottle drive was held for the local branch of Habitat of Humanity. All proceeds went to benefit their current project. This fundraiser was held on 11/4/2013

2014

Engineering Job Fair



The colony had a table set up at the Engineering Expo. We brought various projects that our members had been working on to show the kids what sort of things engineers do. We also offered any advice to students and families of how to proceed, if they were interested in a career in engineering. The expo was held on 3/22/2014.

Engineering Job Fair

The colony volunteered to help staff the UMaine Engineering Job Fair. Helped with setup, tear down and assigning prospective students name tags and maps of employers. Kyle Guerrette won. Event took

place on 10/16/2014

Study Session

Brothers met in the Colony room to help each other complete homework in common classes and study for upcoming exams on 11/20/2014..

2015

Theta Tau Resume Workshop

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Relay for Life

Theta Tau participated and assisted in the UMaine Relay for Life, overnight starting at 6pm on 4/10/2015.

Engineering Job Fair

The colony volunteered to help staff the UMaine Engineering Job Fair. Helped with setup, tear down and assigning prospective students name tags and maps of employers. Kyle Guerrette was recognized for Outstanding Individual Volunteer. Event took place on 10/15/2015.

Habitat for Humanity in Bangor

Brothers from the colony assisted a Habitat for Humanity heat pump installation in Bangor on 11/1/2015.

2016

Habitat for Humanity in Florida

Two of our brothers took a trip down to Flagler Beach, Florida for the habitat for humanity spring break event. The two of them traveled nearly 1500 miles to get there! This was from 03/07/2016 - 03/10/2016



Professional Development

2012

Study Sessions

The colony hosted study session from 9-11am and 6-8pm in Folger Library

Renewable Energy Seminar

The colony attended a renewable energy seminar given at Hill Auditorium. This was on 11/18/2012

Student Organizations Meeting

The colony had a presence at student organizations meeting 11/7/2012

2013

Resume Workshop

The colony hosted a resume workshop for all to attend in the Career Center. We had professionals speak on good resume writing and provide review sessions for those who attended. Held on 4/17/2013

Study Sessions

The colony began holding weekly study sessions, where brothers could help each other with homework and studying for upcoming exams. These began on 10/9/2013

2014

Study Sessions

Given the success if the previous semester, the colony began holding weekly study sessions, where brothers could help each other with homework and studying for upcoming exams. These began on 2/3/2014

The colony hosted a resume workshop for all to attend in the Career Center. We had professionals speak on good resume writing and provide review sessions for those who attended. Held on 11/19/2014

2015

Networking seminar from 4-6 at Boardman hall

We congregated in Boardman Hall to meet individuals from industry, and learn how to have an informal interview. We were working on our elevator pitches, as well as getting comfortable speaking to people who are in industry. This event took place on 3/25/2015.

Attended Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Boardman Hall

We got a chance to go to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers meeting in Boardman Hall. This event consisted of a long discussion of current issues of the society, as well as a technical discussion, and a talk on professionalism in the workplace and beyond. This event took place on 4/23/2015.

Hosted a Robert's Rules of Order seminar

The colony got together in the major engineering building on campus and worked together on educating the chapter on the ins and outs of Roberts Rules, the rules that we use every meeting to make sure that our meeting runs efficiently and properly within our bylaws constraints. The local boy scouts group was also invited. This meeting was extremely profitable, and helped usher in a sense of organization within meeting, as well as created a good sense of speaking order too. This event took place on 11/11/2015.

2016

Engineering Expo

A group of brothers manned the booth for the College of Engineering at the annual Engineering Expo. The brought in a few personal projects show kids the sort of things engineers do, as well as provided guidance for anyone interested in a future as an engineer. This event took place on 1/15/2016



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Northeast Regional Director

April 3, 2016

Brothers,

I am pleased to support this petition for chapter status of The Colony of Theta Tau at the University of Maine. I've met the members of the colony most recently, during a visit in November of 2015.

During my last visit I have gotten a good sense of the strengths of the members of the colony. They have excelled in developing a group that embodies the three pillars of Theta Tau. This group has set up and participated in a number of service and professional events. The Colony is doing well, they have been going steady for the past few years with their numbers being relatively consistent. Everything about them reflects a chapter, from the way they interact with each other to the quality of events they have.

As for Brotherhood, they are a tight knit group all focused on the same goal. In my interactions with them, this group works very well together and have been able to instill the same ideas in their newest members. I believe they have built a strong foundation for a long and prosperous existence as a chapter of our great fraternity.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

In H&T,

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Northeast Regional Director

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5/31/2016]

Michael Abraham, Executive Director
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Dear Michael,

I am writing this letter in support of the University of Maine Colony of Theta Tau as part of its charter application. I have served as the academic advisor for this group since its formation in 2011.

I have been particularly impressed with the level of professionalism with which this group conducts itself. The focus of many of their activities centers so much around professionalism and leadership. In fact, one of the draws to the organization is its ability and desire to offer leadership opportunities to a diverse, multidisciplinary engineering student constituency. They have presented at various classes about the value of professionalism - as a student and upon graduation, conveying a strong sense of values and integrity.

The members and leaders of the UMaine Colony of Theta Tau are outstanding role models and serve in their respective departments as voluntary student mentors. To this end, they organized weekly (many times more often than once a week) Homework Nights, open to all engineering and engineering technology students, where Theta Tau students provided help to those struggling with complex topics. Serving as peer mentors has proven invaluable to the academic success of the younger students, and is being held up as a model situation to aid in student retention. The leaders have proven their desire to become even better leaders by attending the Theta Tau National Conference, financed through self-initiated fundraising.

Since the formation of the group, UMaine Theta Tau Colony members have served at a variety of recruitment and STEM events. Members serve as leaders and guides during UMaine's Accepted Student Days, a key recruiting practice, and also during New Student Orientations. Parents and students alike have remarked on how helpful Theta Tau guides have been, and how well they represent the University of Maine's College of Engineering. Another large STEM event, the Engineering Expo, draws the members of the UMaine Theta Tau Colony to assist others. Geared toward middle school children, the Engineering Expo is a large "science-fair" type of event where UMaine engineering students build and discuss interactive projects with the children. Theta Tau Colony brothers aid in setting up and tearing down this event, and often build and present projects of their own, again reaching out to work with other students.

The UMaine Colony of Theta Tau makes itself highly visible to its potential members. Members

opportunities for service. Recognizing the value of good marketing and socialization, they have also organized several social events such as bowling nights, wing nights, and gaming nights.

The UMaine Colony of Theta Tau leaders have established strong Big/Littles program providing mentoring to the newer members of the colony and encouraging active participation and eventual leadership roles. They set high standards for themselves, and consistently prove that they are not only good engineers, but good people. They represent themselves, the College of Engineering, and the University of Maine exceedingly well, and I am proud of what they have accomplished in this relatively short period.

It is, therefore, my pleasure to give them my highest recommendation as they pursue their Theta Tau chartering.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 581-2346.

Thank you for considering the University of Maine Theta Tau Colony's charter application.

Sincerely,



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