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The Charter of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

Be it known that we,
the undersigned Founders of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity
by virtue of the authority vested in us as founders,
do hereby empower the continuation of this Fraternity at
Fairmont State Teachers College, Fairmont, West Virginia,
by the members whom we select and whomever they
may choose to honor for their outstanding qualities of
Character, Leadership, Sportsmanship, and Friendship
by election to membership in accordance with the
Constitution and Ritual of this Fraternity
which has been delivered into their hands.

Granted at Fairmont, West Virginia; this seventh day of
March in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred
and twenty-six.

Witnesseth the Charter Roll of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

James Ellis Simpson, Jr. – President

Orley Lemley Haines – Secretary

John Herbert Henry – Treasurer

James Carroll Michael – Sgt. at Arms

Kenneth Elliot Chenoweth

Scott Homer Davis

Jarrett Ulrich Hamilton

Paul Moore Hefner

Clyde Thomas Hickman

Victor Nay Lough

Ora Cecil Mason

Charles Francis McDade

Galbraith McFadden Weaver

A Letter from the TBI Alumni Association President

My Brethren;

I hope this TBIAN finds you well and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

I don't have much to report and everything fit into a 3-sheet edition. That one sheet of paper saved \$100 in print costs. As noted elsewhere, the funds of this Association are going to good use and turnout (except the Christmas Party) has been healthy. But we need to increase revenue so we can keep discounting costs for the subsidized RSVP price that has been so popular.

It is much appreciated by the Treasurer when you pay ahead of time because the meals are paid for and it keeps the check-in line moving since most are on the pre-paid list. I want to note the Actives did a great job on initiation.

I hope we can continue to have a robust turnout at Founders Day and the Elimination Dinner. Please try to attend a TBI function in 2014 if you can.

Fraternally,

Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.
President
TBI Alumni Association

Founders Day to be observed on Ash Wednesday

Due to a series of conflicts that were taken into consideration, Founders Day 2014 will be observed with the traditional Dinner & Memorial Service on Wednesday, March 5th instead of the actual date of Friday, March 7th.

Fairmont & Pierpont start Spring Break on Friday, March 7th. The Active Chapter voiced concern that most of them have plans to leave town on or before Friday. Also, the Mountain East Conference Men's & Women's Basketball Tournament is March 6th - 9th in Charleston. If FSU plays in a campus-site opening round, that game will be played on Tuesday, March 4th.

Everyone felt Monday was too early and Wednesday is Ash Wednesday but we don't have any other options. We will have a baked steak buffet, and if anyone wants an alternate meal, Flounder stuffed with crab is available at the same RSVP price (\$10). ThreeWays needs a count by Feb. 24th to order a sufficient quantity of fish. Please note "FISH" with your RSVP. If you just show up to pay at the door (\$20), chances are you will get baked steak.

TBI Alumni Association Meeting Calendar

The monthly business meeting is held at Three Ways Inn, located on Rt. 250 South, Fairmont. We meet on the third Thursday of each month.

Business Meetings

January 16th
February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th
July 17th

Special Events

Founders Day Dinner (Observed)
Wednesday, March 5th

2014 TBI Convention
Jul. 31st, Aug. 1st, & 2nd

Social Time begins at 6:00 p.m., the Meeting starts around 6:30 p.m.

If you need a ride or more info please call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

An update on the Membership Numbers

If anyone has records that show who was initiated for the years 1951-1955, 1962-1964, 1976-1985; their use would be greatly appreciated.

As of Jan 2014:	Known Members – Living	731
	Known Members – Deceased	602
	Known Members – Missing	25
	Misc. / Unknown if Initiated	17 / 298
	Total Count of Known TBI's	1,358

TBI Alumni Association Officers for 2013 - 2014

President: Charles Hillberry (304) 366-3903
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Two TBI's celebrate a Milestone Anniversary

For the first time in the history of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity, we have two Brothers who reached the milestone of having 80 years membership in TBI.

Brother John F. Laughlin, Jr. of Salina, KS is a member of the Spring 1934 Pledge Class, and Brother Harold S. "Deacon" Duvall of Rock Lake pledged in the Fall of 1934. Laughlin is also our oldest living member.

John Laughlin is a 1937 graduate of Fairmont State and taught electrical engineering at WVU before joining General Electric. John returned to Fairmont as an electrical engineer for Westinghouse in 1946 working in their fluorescent engineering department. In 1966, Laughlin was promoted to supervisor of fluorescent engineering and oversaw all engineering operations at Westinghouse's Salina, KS fluorescent manufacturing plant.

"Deacon" Duvall graduated from Fairmont State in 1938 and after teaching locally, began his career at the College in 1952 as a Physical Ed. instructor and Football Coach. Brother Duvall coached the Falcons until 1971, claiming 8 of the school's 17 WVIAC Conference Championships in football and Fairmont State's only National Championship (NAIA) in 1967.

Congratulations to both of you. We wish you and the other "Silver Haired" TBI's who each have 70 or more years' membership in the Fraternity, good health and many more years enjoying TBI's Brotherhood & Fellowship.

21st Annual TBI Elimination Dinner

Saturday, March 29th, 2014
Westchester Village – Grand Ballroom
1825 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV

Tickets on sale now – get yours before they are gone!

\$1,000 Grand Prize – only 200 tickets will be sold
\$50 to the 1st and every 25th number drawn

Buffet Dinner / Open Full Bar

Social at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Drawing starts at 8:00 p.m.

Dance after drawing until 11:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per ticket, good for up to 2 people

For tickets or more information: Josh Schrader (304) 657-0202

Congratulations Are In Order

Newlyweds: Craig & Crystal Howell

New Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Garrett - girl
Dan Garvin & Kelly Miller - boy
Mr. & Mrs. Louie Mabin - girl
Zach Morton & Elana Slaubaugh - boy

New Brothers of the Fall 2013 Pledge Class:

Jacob Scott Combs	Moorefield, WV
Jacob Scott Davisson	Weston, WV
Travis Ryan Eanes	Taneytown, MD
John Henry Messer	Montrose, WV
John Ronald Clark Nichols	Looneyville, WV
Bradley Lane Reichard	Tariff, WV

Our newest “Silver Haired” TBI’s, honoring 70 + years of membership (we missed mentioning our “new” guys since we began this in 2011)

Louis “Jiggs” Marra - Spring 42
Kyle Wilson - Fall 42
Robert Tuerffs - Fall 43*
William Skidmore - Fall 44
Richard Pollock - Fall 44
Anthony Camele - Fall 44*
George Kolar - Fall 44 *
Marshall Harvey - Fall 44*

The “Silver Haired” TBI’s (currently there are 20) are admitted free to all TBI events aside from the Elimination Dinner. Those above who are marked with an “*” were drafted into military service while pledging.

TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship awarded

The TBI-Turley Wallman Scholarship for 2013-2014 was awarded to Brothers Mike Frush and Derek Hamilton, each was awarded \$500 by the Scholarships Committee. Congratulations Brothers.

Founders Day Dinner & Memorial Service

Wednesday, March 5th, 2014

Three Ways Inn

Rt. 250 South, Fairmont, WV

Join us and celebrate 88 years of TBI Brotherhood

MENU: Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, & Cash Bar
(Ash Wed. Special: Flounder stuffed w/ crab, same price - MUST RSVP)

Social at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Service after Dinner

Cost: \$10 per person before Feb 24th / \$20 at the door

TBI's ONLY – NO GUESTS

For tickets or more info: Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

Costs to operate Alumni Association are Increasing

We don't like to talk about money but there are a few financial realities that the Alumni Association feels need brought to the attention of the Brothers.

As you are aware we offer a discounted price to RSVP in advance for all events. This price is BELOW the actual cost of the event and the difference is absorbed by the Alumni Association. We feel this has been beneficial by increasing attendance and having a more accurate headcount with 80-90% now paying in advance. This results in fewer unused meals going to waste. As an example; we have around 75 attend the Stag Picnic, about 70 pay in advance, that meal is discounted \$8 per person for a total of \$560 paid by our Treasury. The same goes for golf, the socials, Founders Day, and the Christmas Party. Also the Homecoming Tent is free. Our only sources of income at this time is our cut (50%) of the tip money from the Elimination Dinner, the double your money hole at golf, and any tips we sell during the year. We need to increase revenue from these or do an another fundraiser.

With the increased cost of paying for postage on the TBIAN, the newsletter costs \$1 per copy to print and mail to all 731 Brothers. We would like to ask if each Brother could send in a \$3 annual donation it would cover your subscription (2 editions per year) and leave a little left over to help fund the Alumni Association and cover the RSVP price for YOU to attend an event.

TBI Memorial Roll

Since the last TBIAN was printed, we have been notified that the following Brothers were summoned from the earthly chapters of TBI and now dwell in the eternal presence of the Almighty.

NAME	AGE	PLEDGED	DIED
James Ewing Walton	83	Fall 1946	4/7/2013
Tom Junior Cunningham	90	Fall 1940	9/16/2013
Donald Wilbur Satterfield	80	Spring 1954	10/20/2013
Glenn Little III	68	Spring 1964	11/5/2013
Donald Gene Suplita	78	Spring 1960	12/2/2013
David Anderson Rowand	94	Spring 1938	1/2/2014

Let us also remember our family members and loved ones who have passed away since the last newsletter.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

TBI Christmas Party Cancelled

Due to a lack of response, the 2013 TBI Christmas Party was cancelled.

The event was to be held at the Field Club on December 5th. Notices of the event were sent out well in advance and by the discounted payment deadline we received RSVP's from 5 Brothers for a total of 8 meals.

For all TBI's with e-mail

If you are receiving the TBI e-mails (minutes, event announcements, etc.), your record is current. If you have stopped receiving our e-mail, please check your spam / junk mail folder in case it went there.

Due to costs, we only did one supplemental mailing this fall to those we don't have an e-mail address for. If you received that mailing and **DO use e-mail**, please send us your e-mail address so we can update your file. If you **DID NOT receive** the printed mailer, it means we have an e-mail address on file for you and we assume it to be good. If any of your contact information needs changed call Chuck at (304) 366-3903 or email alumnipresident@TBIfraternity.com to update your records.

A Letter from the TBI Active Chapter President

Dear Brothers;

I want to start by saying that we have had a successful year thus far.

During the Fall of 2013, six new Brothers obtained membership in our Lodge. We are really proud of the dedication and involvement they are putting into the Fraternity.

I am also planning on getting us more involved as a fraternity with supporting the sports teams on campus; during the fall we did tailgate at some of the home football games which were all successful events and other people attending did recognize our presence. I hope that we can do the same in the spring and get involved at the basketball games.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Elimination Dinner this year.

Fraternally yours,

T. Koda Leshen
President
Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

Change made to TBI-Turley Wallman Scholarship

We received feedback concerning the TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship that some otherwise eligible family members did not apply as they were unsure by the May 1st submission deadline if their final grades at the end of the spring semester would meet the 3.0 GPA requirements of the scholarship.

At the 2013 Convention's Annual Meeting, this was discussed and it was voted to move the deadline to June 1st. This will be after the semester ends and should not interfere with the Scholarships Committee having time to evaluate the applications before Convention.

Copies of the application for the TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship (due June 1st) and the TBI Alumni Association Scholarship (due February 1st) are available on the fraternity website www.TBIfraternity.com/scholarships

TBI Active Chapter Officers for Spring 2014

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TBI Active Chapter Calendar for Spring 2014

The Active Chapter has not released a Calendar of events for the Spring Semester.

The weekly business meeting remains on Sunday evening. Pledging is expected to begin sometime in mid-February.

If you wish to attend a meeting or activity, please contact President Leshen at (304) 841-3440 in advance to confirm the date, time, and location of all fraternity events.

Address Change Form

Please notify us if any of your contact information changes. If we don't know where you are, we can't keep you informed about what TBI has going on!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YEAR PLEDGED _____ YEAR GRADUATED _____

PHONE () _____ - _____

CELL () _____ - _____

E-MAIL _____

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Form also available
on web site
www.TBIfraternity.com

Fraternities Receive More Support from School

Spring 2014 Fraternity Rush will take place in early - mid February and once again be aided by the Office of Retention (Greek Life advisors). The office is working to not only grow Greek Life, but ensure that recruitment practices are conducted in a more efficient manner by the chapters, increase the level of advertising for Greek Life recruitment, and to promote an improved public image of the fraternities (campus-wide and beyond).

A webpage specifically dedicated to FSU Greek Life has been developed www.fairmontstate.edu/GreekLife. The page includes Greek photos, videos, accolades, etc. with the goal of reaching a larger pool of potential recruits.

Alumni are welcome to visit the page at any time and should take note that each semester's rush/recruitment schedule is published there in detail.

Please refer potential pledges to the site for information on rush, this allows the Office of Retention to announce schedule updates at a single location as needed. Again, please watch that site for the rushing schedule (including date, time, and location of Fraternity Smokers), and other Greek Life events.

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