
THE DELTA CHI FRATERNITY



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INTRODUCTION

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The Big Brother Ceremony was created to ensure all Delta Chi members have the same experiences during their time as an associate member. One of the most significant milestones in a member's Delta Chi career is receiving his big brother. Likewise, when a student member receives his little brother, a new chapter of his membership experience is opened. The purpose of this ceremony is to provide an open and formal big brother/ little brother introduction while emphasizing the importance of this special bond. Being a big brother is a privilege reserved for those members who are in good standing, display strong academics and most thoroughly exemplify the ideals of a Delta Chi. During the associate membership period, the big brother's role is to become a mentor by providing feedback and guidance to his little brother. The relationship that is formed should not cease upon one's initiation or graduation, but in fact, should grow and solidify over the years.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES ON PRESENTATION

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3 *While this ceremony is designed to be an open ceremony, allowing associate, student and alumni*
4 *members of Delta Chi to bear witness, it is recommended that the room used for this ceremony be*
5 *closed from public view. The closed room is designed to enhance the bond among brothers and to*
6 *emphasize the seriousness of the relationships being formed. These relationships are a unique*
7 *opportunity for developing well-rounded members of Delta Chi.*

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9 *To the extent possible, the ceremony should take place within one week following the presentation*
10 *of the Associate Member Ceremony. It may be necessary to perform this ceremony multiple times*
11 *during the associate member process, in order to ensure all members receive their big brothers*
12 *within one week of participating in the Associate Member Ceremony.*

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14 *All members present, including and especially those participating in the ceremony, should be*
15 *dressed in appropriate business attire. Please refer to the Cornerstone for guidelines for*
16 *appropriate business attire. Initiated members should wear their badges and associate members*
17 *should wear their associate member pins. It is the job of the “F”, or his designee(s), to ensure the*
18 *dress code is met and to not permit the attendance of any student, associate or alumnus member*
19 *not properly dressed or qualified for the occasion.*

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21 *To serve as a big brother, a student member must be in good standing with his chapter. It is also*
22 *recommended that the chapter adhere to the minimum standards (see Big Brother **BRIEF**) for*
23 *serving as a big brother. The opportunity to serve as a big brother is a high honor, and should be*
24 *reserved only for those student members who are deserving of the honor. This will help assure*
25 *each associate member receives a high level of mentoring support. Members will not be*
26 *permitted to consume alcohol prior to, during, or immediately following this ceremony. The Big*
27 *Brother Ceremony is a solemn ceremony and must remain devoid of any hazing or inappropriate*
28 *behavior.*

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30 *When performing the ceremony for only one big brother/little brother combination, the individual*
31 *associate member’s name can often be substituted for the term “associate members.” Likewise,*
32 *the individual big brother’s name can often be substituted for the term “big brother(s).” The room*
33 *should be set up in the following manner: A single table shall be at the head of the room, with the “A,”*
34 *“B,” and “AMC” standing behind it. (The “AMC” starts outside of the room with the associate*
35 *members and moves to the table once the associate members have taken their place in front of the*
36 *table. The “F” will stand behind and to the side of the “A” to oversee order and security during the*
37 *ceremony. Associate members will begin outside of the room and will be instructed to enter the room*
38 *to a standing position in front of the table. Chapter members not participating in the ceremony*
39 *should be seated or standing in such locations where they are able to view the exchanges between the*
40 *officers, big brothers and little brothers.*

1 *The single table will be covered in white and will hold two large candles (one lit to represent*
2 *brotherhood, and one unlit), a representation of the associate member pin and the coat of arms of the*
3 *Fraternity.*

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5 *Only white candles are to be used during this ceremony. At all times during the ceremony, there*
6 *must be a fire extinguisher available in the room. The “F” must ensure the fire extinguisher is*
7 *operable and that brothers are familiar with the operation of the extinguisher.*

THE ROOM

“F”

“A” “B”

Table Contains:
Large Lit White Brotherhood Candle,
Large Unlit White Candle,
Delta Chi Coat of Arms
Representation of the AM Pin
(table covered in white)

(associate members)
(standing)

(big brothers)
(standing)

Entrance

Fire Extinguisher must be available in the room

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4 *(The ceremony is intended to be performed with the participants standing. The room will be set up*
5 *with the little brother(s) outside of the room – the “AMC” will instruct him (them) to enter the room,*
6 *proceed to the table and face the “A.” The big brother(s) and chapter members will already be*
7 *seated inside the room and waiting for the little brother(s) to enter. Little brothers WILL NOT be*
8 *blindfolded or have their vision impeded in any way. The waiting brothers will be humming the bond*
9 *song.)*

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11 *(The “AMC” will open the door and before leading the candidates inside the room, say...)*

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13 **“AMC”:**

14 **GENTLEMEN. PLEASE ENTER AND APPROACH THE TABLE BEHIND WHICH YOUR**
15 **CHAPTER (COLONY) “A” IS STANDING. PLEASE FACE THE “A” AND REMAIN DOING SO**
16 **UNTIL OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.**

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18 *(After the associate member(s) enter(s) the room and take(s) his (their) place in front of the “A,” the*
19 *“AMC” shall take his place beside the “A” and “B”. At this point, the “A” will signal the brothers to*
20 *cease humming the bond song, and he will begin the ceremony.)*

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22 **“A”:**

23 **MR. (S) _____ (State last names of AMs). YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE FIRST,**
24 **FORMAL STEP IN BECOMING A DELTA CHI. THE CHAPTER (COLONY) HAS BEEN**
25 **IMPRESSED WITH YOUR CONDUCT THUS FAR AND RECOGNIZES YOUR POTENTIAL TO**
26 **BECOME A STUDENT MEMBER OF DELTA CHI. YOU MAY HAVE EVEN BEGUN TO LEARN**
27 **ABOUT AND UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES AND VALUES OF DELTA CHI –**
28 **PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP; DEVELOPING CHARACTER; ADVANCING JUSTICE; AND**
29 **ASSISTING WITH THE ACQUISITION OF A SOUND EDUCATION.**

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31 **“A”:**

32 **TODAY, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR BIG BROTHER – A STUDENT MEMBER WHO WILL**
33 **SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO HELP YOU THROUGH YOUR ASSOCIATE**
34 **MEMBER TRAINING. HE WILL NOT ONLY WATCH OVER YOU AND SERVE AS AN**
35 **ADVISER DURING YOUR TIME AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, BUT ALSO AS YOU**
36 **PROGRESS THROUGH YOUR TIME AS A BROTHER IN DELTA CHI.**

1 **“AMC”:**

2 **THE BIG BROTHER/ LITTLE BROTHER RELATIONSHIP IS ONE THAT WILL FORM NOW,**
3 **WHILE YOU ARE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, AND IT WILL CONTINUE LONG PAST YOUR**
4 **INITIATION INTO DELTA CHI. THE MAN WHO BECOMES YOUR BIG BROTHER WILL**
5 **BECOME ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS. HE WILL BE THE ONE YOU CALL WHEN YOU**
6 **NEED HELP OR ADVICE, AND HE IS THE ONE TO WHOM YOU WILL GO FOR SUPPORT**
7 **DURING THE VARIOUS TRIALS IN YOUR LIFE. BIG BROTHER(S) FOR THIS ASSOCIATE**
8 **MEMBER CLASS, PLEASE APPROACH AND STAND BEHIND YOUR LITTLE BROTHER(S).**

9
10 **“A”:**

11 **LITTLE BROTHER(S), PLEASE TURN, SHAKE THE HAND, AND SEE THE FACE OF THE MAN**
12 **WHO WILL BE YOUR BIG BROTHER. THIS IS THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU WILL AFFIRM**
13 **AN OATH, AND WHO WILL BE HELPING YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH YOUR ASSOCIATE**
14 **MEMBER PERIOD.**

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16 *(Short pause while brothers turn and grasp hands)*

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18 ***PLEASE TURN BACK TO FACE ME.*** (say only if required)

19
20 **“A”:**

21 **WE WILL NOW ADMINISTER AN OATH THAT WILL HELP BIND THE BIG AND LITTLE**
22 **BROTHER(S) INTO A LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP. IT CONTAINS NOTHING THAT WILL**
23 **CONFLICT WITH ANY DUTY YOU OWE TO YOUR GOD, YOUR COUNTRY OR YOUR**
24 **FAMILY, AND WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH YOUR MORAL INTEGRITY. WITH THIS**
25 **UNDERSTANDING, IS IT STILL YOUR DESIRE THAT WE PROCEED WITH THIS CEREMONY?**

26
27 *Associate members and big brothers respond*

28
29 **“A”:**

30 **THE SINGLE LIT** *(gesture to lit candle)* **CANDLE BEFORE YOU IS THE ‘BROTHERHOOD**
31 **CANDLE.’ IT SIGNIFIES AN OPEN BOND BEING CARRIED BY YOUR BIG BROTHER SINCE**
32 **YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH DELTA CHI. THE UNLIT** *(gesture to candle)* **CANDLE**
33 **REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT DELTA CHI BOND THAT YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING. THE**
34 **OATH OF BROTHERHOOD WILL NOW BE ADMINISTERED.**

35
36 **“A”:**

37 **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND BIG BROTHERS, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, SAY “I”,**
38 **PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME, AND THEN REPEAT AFTER ME: “I, _____,**
39 **VOW ON MY WORD OF HONOR/ THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO/ WORKING WITH**
40 **EACH OTHER/ AS A BIG AND LITTLE BROTHER / TO ACHIEVE OUR FULLEST**
41 **POTENTIALS./ THAT WE WILL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A STRONG FRIENDSHIP/ BY**
42 **TREATING EACH OTHER WITH THE UTMOST DIGNITY AND RESPECT./ WE WILL TREAT**
43 **EACH OTHER AS EQUALS/ AND EXPECT TO LEARN AND GROW THROUGH OUR**
44 **INTERACTION./ WE WILL WORK TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE OUR PERFORMANCE./**
45 **WE WILL STRIVE TO TACTFULLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY/ OFFER CRITICISM WHEN**

1 **APPROPRIATE/ AND TO AVOID PUBLIC RIDICULE OF ANY MISSTEPS./ WE WILL ALSO**
2 **BE FREE WITH PUBLIC ENCOURAGEMENT/ WHEN PRAISE IS DESERVED./ ALL OF THIS**
3 **DO WE FAITHFULLY AFFIRM. ”**

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5 **“A”:**
6 **PLEASE LOWER YOUR HANDS.**

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8 **“F”:**
9 **I AM WITNESS TO THE OBLIGATIONS TAKEN BY THESE MEN.**

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11 *(The “A” will take the unlit candle and light it from the brotherhood candle while describing its*
12 *significance)*

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14 **“A”:**
15 **THE LIGHTING OF THIS CANDLE NOW SIGNIFIES THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS CREATING**
16 **THE BOND BETWEEN BIG AND LITTLE BROTHERS.**

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18 **“A”:**
19 **BIG AND LITTLE BROTHERS, PLEASE TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO BROTHER**
20 **_____ (the “B”), WHO WILL FURTHER INSTRUCT YOU ABOUT WHAT THE BIG**
21 **BROTHER/LITTLE BROTHER RELATIONSHIP ENTAILS.**

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23 **“B”:**
24 **LITTLE BROTHERS, THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION IS TO**
25 **PREPARE YOU TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING A STUDENT MEMBER IN**
26 **DELTA CHI AND TO DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL TO MEET LIFE’S EVERYDAY**
27 **CHALLENGES. YOUR BIG BROTHER WILL PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS**
28 **EDUCATION; AN EDUCATION THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BE**
29 **PRODUCTIVE IN LIFE – NOT ONLY AS A FRATERNITY BROTHER BUT, ULTIMATELY, AS A**
30 **CITIZEN.**

1 **“B”:**

2 **THE MERE EXISTENCE OF YOUR BIG BROTHER DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU OR**
3 **THE CHAPTER WILL SUCCEED. YOU MUST BOTH BE MINDFUL OF EACH OTHER, AS THIS**
4 **BOND IS NEVER ONE WAY. WHILE YOUR BIG BROTHER IS EXPECTED TO EDUCATE YOU**
5 **INTO THE BOND OF DELTA CHI, SO TOO ARE YOU EXPECTED TO CHALLENGE HIS**
6 **PRECONCEPTIONS AND HELP HIM TO GROW AS A MENTOR.**

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8 **“B”:**

9 **BIG BROTHERS, REMEMBER THAT TIME WHEN YOU WERE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER.**
10 **REMEMBER TOO, THE ANXIETY AND EXCITEMENT THAT CAME WITH LEARNING ABOUT**
11 **DELTA CHI AND WORKING TOWARD YOUR OWN INITIATION. HELP YOUR LITTLE**
12 **BROTHER AVOID THOSE PLACES WHERE YOU MAY HAVE STUMBLER. BE OPEN TO THE**
13 **QUESTIONS HE MAY HAVE. JUST AS EACH PERSON IS AN INDIVIDUAL, EACH BIG**
14 **BROTHER/LITTLE BROTHER RELATIONSHIP WILL DEVELOP IN ITS OWN WAY. GUIDE**
15 **YOUR LITTLE BROTHER AND STAND AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A**
16 **DELTA CHI.**

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18 **“B”:**

19 **PLEASE REDIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO BROTHER _____ (the “A”) WHO HAS**
20 **SOME FINAL WORDS.**

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22 **“A”:**

23 **LITTLE BROTHERS, YOU WILL LEARN MANY THINGS WITH DELTA CHI. REMEMBER THIS**
24 **IS A PLACE TO GROW, DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITY AND ACHIEVE A LEVEL OF**
25 **SELF-CONFIDENCE THAT WILL REMAIN WITH YOU LONG AFTER YOUR TIME AT**
26 **COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY) HAS ENDED. JUST AS MEMBERSHIP IN DELTA CHI DOES NOT**
27 **END WITH GRADUATION, NOTE THAT THE TWO OF YOU WILL NOT CEASE TO BE BIG**
28 **BROTHER AND LITTLE BROTHER AFTER YOU ARE INITIATED. IT IS A RELATIONSHIP TO**
29 **BE CULTIVATED AND CHERISHED FOR LIFE.**

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31 **“A”:**

32 **I CONGRATULATE BOTH THE BIG AND LITTLE BROTHER(S) AND RECALL THAT OUR**
33 **PREAMBLE REMINDS US OF OUR CORE VALUES – THE BASE BY WHICH OUR**
34 **BROTHERHOOD GROWS. I NOW ASK THAT EVERYONE RISE AND RECITE THE**
35 **PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

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37 (All Members Recite Preamble)

1 WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE DELTA CHI FRATERNITY, BELIEVING THAT GREAT
2 ADVANTAGES ARE TO BE DERIVED FROM A BROTHERHOOD OF COLLEGE AND
3 UNIVERSITY MEN, APPRECIATING THAT CLOSE ASSOCIATION MAY PROMOTE
4 FRIENDSHIP, DEVELOP CHARACTER, ADVANCE JUSTICE, AND ASSIST IN THE
5 ACQUISITION OF A SOUND EDUCATION, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS
6 CONSTITUTION.

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8 **"A":**

9 **BIG BROTHERS AND LITTLE BROTHERS, I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT DURING**
10 **THIS MEANINGFUL STEP IN YOUR GROWTH IN DELTA CHI FRATERNITY AND AS**
11 **INDIVIDUALS; AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR NEW RELATIONSHIP.**