

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROGRAM

DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

2019-20
Section Seven:
Assist in the Acquisition of a Sound
Education and Promote Friendship

AMC Guide

NAME: _____

SECTION SEVEN ASST. IN THE ACQUISITION OF EDUCATION AND PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP



TIME

60 minutes



SUPPLIES

- Associate Member Workbook
- Cornerstone
- “Education and Friendship” PowerPoint
- Panelist for the Alumni Panel



OBJECTIVES

- 1) AMs will be able to articulate the importance of alumni membership.
- 2) AMs will be able to identify how Delta Chi can contribute to their professional development.
- 3) AMs will be able to identify ways of showing a lifetime commitment to the Fraternity.



HOMEWORK/READING

- Complete “Assist in the Acquisition of Education and Promote Friendship” Personal Development Plan

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WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Associate Member Workbook
- Cornerstone

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE?

- Complete “Assist in the Acquisition of Education and Promote Friendship” Personal Development Plan

▶ What I need to prepare for this week:

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FACILITATOR NOTE (5 MIN)

Promoting friendship while in college and beyond, is an important aspect of being a member of Delta Chi. Membership in Delta Chi is lifelong and gives us an opportunity to build friendships in unique ways.

Membership, or association with Delta Chi looks different depending on where you are in your life. While we have all (or will, in your case) made an oath to live up to principles of the fraternity, it is important for us to recognize the different types of membership within Delta Chi.



ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS (10 MIN)

- Discuss the membership cycle of Delta Chi.

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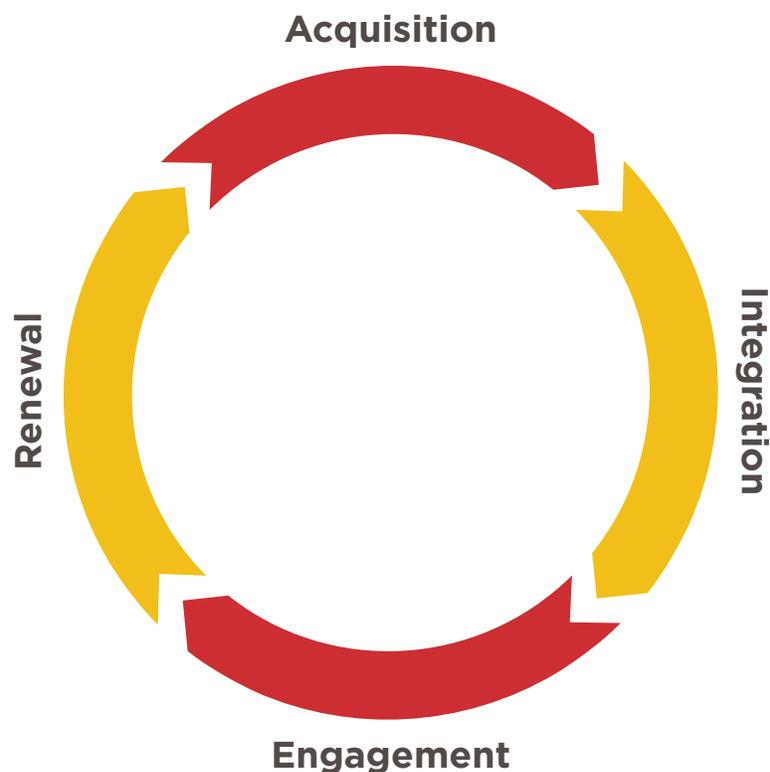
PART 1 CYCLE OF MEMBERSHIP IN DELTA CHI

Acquisition: The learning or development stage, commonly known as potential new membership. During this stage, one may express interest about the organization through attending an event or having an informal interaction, through social media, via a previous connection to the fraternity, or a structured recruitment process.

Integration: The stage in which one thing is combined with another, more commonly referred to as the associate member process. During this stage, one learns about the fraternity in both formal and informal settings. This allows him to understand the fraternity's history, its purpose, and the expectations bestowed on him as an associate member.

Engagement: The stage at which one participates or becomes actively involved, also known as active or college membership. During this stage, one experiences college through the Delta Chi lens by expanding his network, developing his skills and characteristics, and contributing to the world around him.

Renewal: The stage at which you re-establish your commitment to Delta Chi, or more commonly referred to as the alumni membership. During this stage, one searches for continued opportunities to give back to the organization via their newly developed lifestyle.



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The “Renewal Stage” is an important part of our organization, because it allows members to find continuous ways to live a lifetime commitment to Delta Chi. Founder Peter Schermerhorn Johnson said, “The Fraternity man never graduates. He receives his diploma and leaves his Alma Mater for the larger affairs of the world, but as long as his Chapter stands, he is as much a part and parcel of it as in undergraduate days. He belongs to the family for life...” No one should ever say, “I was a Delta Chi.”

We are now going to discuss four of the most common ways that members stay involved with Delta Chi after they graduate.

- **Staying Informed:** One of the most important things any member of Delta Chi can do it remain engaged with Delta Chi by keeping their contact information updated. This allows Delta Chi (and the local chapter) to keep alumni informed with what is going on in the fraternity. This could include inviting them to events and programs, sending out updates (including alumni newsletters and the Quarterly), and providing opportunities to increase their affinity towards our brotherhood.
- **Alumni Rededication Ceremony:** This ceremony was created in an effort to have our members make an additional commitment to being involved in the Fraternity. Men who participate in this ceremony are no “more of a Delta Chi” than any other, but wish to stand up and be counted on to make an even great effort to help Delta Chi be a better Fraternity. Any member of Delta Chi within six months of graduation, or who is already an alumnus, is eligible to participate in the Alumni Rededication Ceremony. It is important to know that this ceremony does not grant alumni status, it is an opportunity for our Brothers to reaffirm their lifelong commitment to the Bond of Delta Chi.
- **Alumni Chapters:** One of the easiest ways to remain involved in Delta Chi is to become a member of an Alumni chapter. These chapters are comprised of Delta Chis from different chapters who care about the Fraternity and continuing its legacy. Each chapter is focused around a city or

geographic region, rather than being focused on a particular campus. An alumnus can join an Alumni Chapter, regardless of where they were initiated. Since a job, graduate school, or life in general might take you to a place that is far from this campus, you can still remain involved in Delta Chi.

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** While the Fraternity has a professional staff in Iowa City, the importance of volunteers within Delta Chi is immeasurable. There are many ways to volunteer for the Fraternity.
- Discuss various volunteer opportunities; be sure to give examples of people who the participants would know and what roles they participate in.

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PART 2 LIFETIME COMMITMENT

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ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS (30 MIN)

- Introduce the purpose of the alumni panel and how it contributes to promoting friendship and assisting in the acquisition of a sound education.
- Have the panelist introduce themselves and provide pertinent information to the participants such as name, major in college, when they joined, where they live now and their professional job.
- Use questions in the workbook as sample questions to start the conversation.
- Open it up to participants to ask additional questions. If time allows, feel free to split the panelists up with a small group of participants for intimate conversation.



Note: Keep in mind that technology could be useful for the purposes of this video (depending on the access that you have to alumni in your area). Consider video conferencing with alumni if their schedules do not permit in an-person visit.



CLOSING (5 MIN)

- Each participant should share one think that was meaningful to them during this session.
- Thank the participants for participating in today's meeting and remind them of upcoming events and expectations.
- Use the remainder of this time to answer any questions.
- Close with singing the bond song.

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PART 3 ALUMNI PANEL

The lifetime commitment of being in Delta Chi is one that evokes much pride but also requires a great deal of responsibility. Membership in Delta Chi is more than just during college; it is for a lifetime.

- ▶ What was your most memorable moment in college as a Delta Chi?
- ▶ Are you still connected to any of your brothers from your chapter?
- ▶ What do you believe benefits of Greek life are?
- ▶ What will someone like me get out of being in Delta Chi as opposed to other groups?
- ▶ Additional Questions are welcomed and encouraged.

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