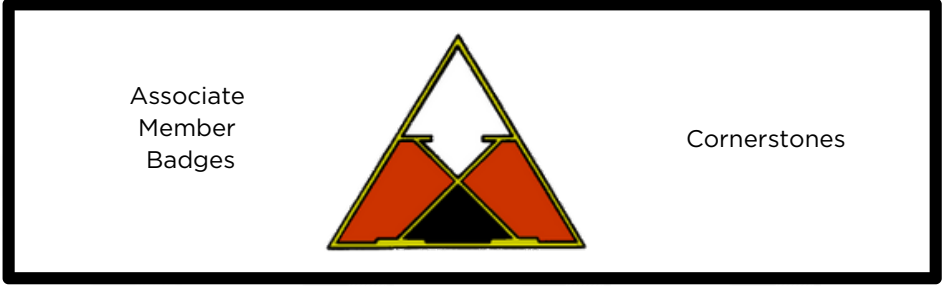


## Associate Member Ceremony

<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand Delta Chi's four cardinal principles.</li> <li>• Set personal and group expectations for the onboarding journey.</li> <li>• Begin building friendships within the Associate Member class</li> </ul>
<b>ROOM SETUP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table, tablecloth, and replica AM Badge (see below)</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="509 485 1446 768" data-label="Image">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table should be set with Associate Member Pin and Cornerstone for each AM</li> <li>• Seating for all AMs, members, and guests (AMs seated at front)</li> <li>• "A", "B", "C", "F", and AMC standing behind table with printed copies of the ceremony script</li> <li>• "C" should have prepared list of the first and last names and hometowns for each AM</li> </ul>

### CEREMONY PROCEDURES AND DRESS CODE

Begin with the public AM Ceremony, the date of which should be determined well in advance and with guests (family, university administrators, etc.) invited to attend. A "BB" - Chapter Advisor, ABT member, Local Alumnus, or other noteworthy Delta Chi should be invited to give the AM Oath - if none are available, this is done by the AMC.

All members (active and alumni) should wear their Fraternity badge and appropriate business attire, including a coat, as noted in the Cornerstone, during this ceremony. Associate Members should have to wear at least a dress shirt, tie, dress pants, dress socks, and dress shoes. "A" and AMC should wear a white carnation.

Following the ceremony, chapters should take photos and connect with guests. Prior to the end of the event, the "C" and AMC should ensure that all AMs have been appropriately registered in MyDChi and the Grade Verification Form has been completed.

AMs should also be instructed on the cadence of regular meeting times (either once or twice per week) and the expectation of participation in the *In the Bond* program.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER CEREMONY OF THE DELTA CHI FRATERNITY, INC.

**“A”:**

Our chapter has been favorably impressed with you and your apparent potential as a member of The Delta Chi Fraternity. We believe you have the same qualities of character which we admire and promote in our chapter.

It is my privilege to assist you in taking your first formal step towards membership in our Fraternity. This ceremony will make you an Associate Member in The Delta Chi Fraternity.

There is a threefold obligation that you must take before becoming an Associate Member. It is the same obligation that many other men of Delta Chi have taken before you. This oath contains nothing that will conflict with any duty you owe to your God, country, family, or moral integrity.

With this understand, is it your desire that we proceed with this ceremony?

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S):

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**“C”:**

The following men are to become Associate Members in The Delta Chi Fraternity:

Name

Home Town

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etc.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNSELOR:

In concert with The Delta Chi Fraternity, our chapter has an Associate Member program designed:

- To prepare Associate Members for full and committed undergraduate membership in Delta Chi.
- To inspire undergraduate men to participate in Delta Chi.
- To develop a commitment to the philosophy of involved Delta Chi membership.
- To encourage our Associate Members to progress through college as initiated members and officers in our chapter, and ultimately become loyal alumni, participating in the affairs of our Fraternity.
- To ensure the richness of fraternity realized from “Personal Growth through Brotherhood.”
- To ensure an enduring Fraternity for posterity.
- To assist the Associate Members in better developing their individual potential and ultimate contribution to society.

**“A”:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ will now administer the statement of your allegiance to our Fraternity.

*Note: “BB” - Chapter Advisor, a distinguished Delta Chi alumnus, local successful businessman, or faculty member should do this. If none are available, then the Associate Member Counselor should be asked to administer this oath.*

### ALUMNUS OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNSELOR:

Raise your right hand, say "I", pronounce your name, and then repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ vow on my word of honor, / as an Associate Member in the Delta Chi Fraternity, / to keep inviolate / the secrets of Delta Chi. / I promise to accept and uphold / my responsibilities as an Associate Member in Delta Chi. / I will conduct myself with honor / and as a gentleman / so as to reflect credit upon myself / and esteem upon my Associates. / This threefold obligation / will be my constant thought / until I have gained sufficient knowledge / to be initiated into full membership / as a Brother in the bond of Delta Chi.

Thank you, you may now lower your right hand.

**"F":**

I am witness to the obligation taken by this (these) candidate(s).

**"A":**

The Associate Member Counselor will now disclose the symbolism of our Associate Member Pin. Note that the pin forms a perfect triangle. As you wear it, the pin should be a constant reminder of this ceremony and of your three-fold obligation.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNSELOR:

*(The "B" assists by indicating, in turn, the three equal apexes of the triangle.)*

This first point on the triangle symbolizes your promise to keep our secrets as they are revealed to you from time to time as you realize personal growth through brotherhood in Delta Chi.

The second point represents your responsibility to the Fraternity, both morally and financially. This obligation accepted by both Associate and Initiate members alike, is essential if true lifetime brotherhood in Delta Chi is to be achieved.

This third point on the triangle symbolizes your promise to continue to conduct yourself as a gentleman with honor, integrity, and courage.

The white enamel on the pin stands for the purity of purpose, the unselfishness, with which you approach our brotherhood.

The red enamel typifies your courage to accept the responsibilities as an Associate Member in Delta Chi.

The black enamel represents the mysteries and secrets of true brotherhood which you seek to obtain in Delta Chi.

The golden letters symbolize your integrity, your sense of honesty and justice, and all other worthwhile qualities of character upon which your membership in Delta Chi will be built.

The triangular rim of the pin symbolizes Delta, the first letter of the Greek word "Dios" (DEE-OS), meaning God. May He be your constant companion and greatest inspiration in making the most of your talents and life in the service to your fellow man through the promotion of justice.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNSELOR:

The Chi is the first letter of the Greek word "Xaris" (KHAR-IS), meaning love - love of your fellow man - the most potent driving force in life.

#### "A":

You, the Associate Member Counselor, and all those present, have stood here with me, exemplifying that Delta Chi stands with you always, to help build your character, to strengthen your courage, and to give you constant assurance of her care, her protection, and her fellowship. Your Associate Member pin will now be presented to you.

*The Associate Member Counselor or other guest should plan the pin on the shirt or lapel of each Associate Member. When this has been completed, the "A" should continue.*

#### "A":

This pin which you have received is for you to wear proudly - so that the world may know of your affiliation and symbolizes your first step in your lifetime of brotherhood in Delta Chi.

#### "B":

The Cornerstone will now be presented to you by \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Associate Member Counselor or other guest should hand the Cornerstone to each member. When this has been completed, the "B" should continue.*

#### "B":

The Cornerstone is for you to use while you are an undergraduate and to keep as an alumnus:

- To be a collection of the many facts and traditions of Delta Chi.
- To enhance your fraternal experience.
- To be a significant influence in establishing your professional and ethical philosophy.
- To assist Delta Chi in becoming a meaningful and beneficial experience that enhances your Personal Growth through Brotherhood.
- To strengthen the continuing bond of lifetime brotherhood.

Membership in Delta Chi precludes membership in any other college social fraternity.

The Preamble to our Constitution reminds us of our purpose. It states:

We, the members of Delta Chi Fraternity, believing that great advantages are to be derived from a brotherhood of college and university men, appreciating that close association may promote friendship, develop character, advance justice, and assist in the acquisition of a sound education, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

#### "A":

Now, to conclude this ceremony, let us all sing the Bond Song of The Delta Chi Fraternity.  
(*Everyone sings*)

Would the members now join me in welcoming our new Associate Member(s) into Delta Chi - the Brotherhood of a Lifetime.

(*The "A", Associate Member Counselor, and the members of the Chapter shake the hand(s) of the Associate Member(s).*)