

# ΦΔΘ *Alumni Induction Ceremony*

This ceremony was created to formally represent the transition from the status of undergraduate member to alumni status within Phi Delta Theta.

- Perform this ceremony near the end of the semester or shortly before Commencement.
  - Make sure the proper arrangements have been made to make this a memorable and enjoyable experience.  
*There are a few things you will need:*
    - **Senior roll book** or alumni registry containing the signatures of members inducted as alumni
    - **Recognition pins** (small pin of coat-of-arms or Greek letters commonly worn on the lapel of sport coats and suits)
    - **The Bond** if the ceremony is being conducted in private and with members only in attendance. If the ceremony is not closed to members only, another selection appropriate for the occasion should be selected.
  - Ensure that the chapter president and alumni representative have access to a copy of this ceremony; if not, make the necessary copies and distribute.
  - The chapter should have copies of *The Eternal Pledge* as outlined in the ceremony.
  - Please conduct the ceremony as described below.
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## ***Alumni Representative:***

“Brothers, we are met this evening, in accordance with our annual custom in Phi Delta Theta, to honor the men, who by completion of their college courses, are leaving the undergraduate ranks of our Fraternity. Brothers, let us repeat our open motto.”

## ***Chapter responds:***

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## ***Alumni Representative:***

“Its meaning.”

## ***Chapter responds:***

“We enjoy life by the help and society of others.”

## ***Alumni Representative:***

“Brothers, let us be ever mindful of our obligations to one another to continue to work together in the spirit of the Fraternity and to always be mindful of the teachings of *The Bond*. Attend now to the reading of *The Bond*.”

[ *An alumnus reads The Bond or an appropriate selection.* ]

[ *Alumni representative introduces the Chapter President or undergraduate representative.* ]

## ***Chapter President:***

“Brothers of the graduating class, we, who during the years have leaned upon you for guidance and enjoyed the fruits of the deeds you have brought to Phi Delta Theta, are gathered here in this valedictory service of respect and gratitude to you. We shall miss you sorely in our chapter councils; but we pledge ourselves to take up your work and carry it on for Phi Delta Theta. As you have worked for us, so shall we strive for those Brothers who are to follow in our footsteps.”



***Alumni Representative:***

“Brothers, let us form the Delta and cross and clasp hands with one another. At this time let us make a renewed pledge to Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, a pledge similar to the one we gave that day our association with the Fraternity began.”

*[ The brothers form the shape of a delta or triangle and The Eternal Pledge is recited by members — copies made available. ]*

“I, *[ state your full name ]*, now declare that I pledge myself and my services to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity / and that I will discharge faithfully the duties devolving upon me as an alumnus / that I will promote the welfare of the Fraternity / and that I will always be mindful of the basic principles of the Fraternity. / I will strive in all ways to transmit the Fraternity to those who follow after, / not only not less, but greater than it was transmitted to me.”

***Alumni Representative:***

“The better to assure your success, we admonish you most solemnly to keep your interest in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and in (chapter designation) as keenly alive during the years to come as it has been during your undergraduate days. We ask that you inscribe your name in the Senior Honor Roll, as a lasting record of this event and as an ever-present reminder that, though we be separated by distance, we are forever united in *The Bond*. Before affixing your name to the Roll Book, we invite you to say whatever is on your mind or in your heart as you prepare to move from undergraduate to alumni standing.”

*[ Each Brother is asked to say a few words before signing the Honor Roll. The recognition badge is presented. ]*

***Alumni Representative:***

“Brothers, let us pledge to uphold the honor and dignity of Phi Delta Theta everywhere and at all times. We ask that each of us leave an inspiration to those who will carry on the sacred ideals of our Fraternity. Our obligation to one another and the Fraternity is renewed this evening by our very presence and witness here today. We welcome you as Alumni Brothers of Phi Delta Theta.”

*[ The chorister may wish to lead the members in a song. ]*