



— PHI DELTA THETA

# The Code of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

Containing The Code and General Statutes



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# The General Council, 2023–25



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## Chief Executive



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NOTE: The Constitution which follows was adopted by the 1970 Convention and ratified by the 1972 Convention. The General Statutes were also rewritten and approved by action of the 1970 Convention. Sections which have been amended by succeeding Conventions are indicated by the date of the meeting in parenthesis, ie (1978).

# Order of Proceedings for Chapters

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Calling the Roll
3. Reading and Adopting the Minutes
4. Initiation, Affiliation or Reception Ceremony
5. Literary Exercises
6. Proposals for Membership
7. Reports of Officers
8. Reading of Correspondence
9. Election or Installation of Officers
10. Reports of Committees
11. General Business
12. Anniversary, Valedictory, or Memorial Ceremony
13. Calling the Roll
14. Closing Ceremony

This order may be changed by a majority vote.

## Use of the Gavel

One rap (•) of the president's gavel directs the members to stand; two raps (••) call them to order and direct them to be seated; three raps (•••) enjoin silence.

# The Constitution of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

## Preamble

We, who have accepted *The Bond* of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, recognizing it as a basis of union, and desiring to derive its benefits, do ordain and establish for the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity the following Constitution:

## Article I—Objects

1. *Relation to Bond.* The objects of this Fraternity are to instill, in all members, the high principles of *The Bond of Phi Delta Theta* and to attain an organized brotherhood that will assist all its members to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with these principles.

## Article II—General Convention

2. *Powers.* Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, supreme legislative and judicial powers are vested in the General Convention, composed of delegates from chapters and alumni clubs, of general officers of the Fraternity and such other officers as the General Statutes may designate.
3. *Statutes.* The General Convention shall enact Statutes for the government of the Fraternity, in accordance with this Constitution.
4. *Ritual.* The General Convention shall adopt a ritual for the use of the Fraternity, which shall be in harmony with *The Bond* of the Phi Delta Theta.
5. *Next Convention.* The General Council shall determine the time and place of the next convention. Not more than three years shall intervene between such conventions, except, in the event of a state of war existing, the General Council may deem the holding of such convention inadvisable.

## Article III—General Council

6. *Officers.* Each General Convention shall elect a General Council composed of a president and four additional members.
7. *Duties.* The General Council shall be the legal representative of the Fraternity and custodian of the property of the Fraternity. The General Council shall interpret and administer all laws of the Fraternity and make such policies and appointments as may be necessary to promote the general welfare of the Fraternity.
8. *Vote Required.* Every decision of the General Council shall require a four-fifths ( $\frac{4}{5}$ ) affirmative vote, except as provided in Section 9—Replacement of a Council Member.
9. *Replacement of Council Member.* Any member of the General Council may be removed from office for cause by the unanimous vote of the other four members. Any vacancy on the General Council, including the office of president, may be filled by a unanimous vote of the remaining members.

## Article IV—Chapters

10. *Where Located.* Chapters of the Fraternity shall be established and maintained only at accredited colleges and universities.

## Article V—Alumni Clubs

11. *Where Established.* Alumni club charters may be granted by the General Council upon petition of alumni residing in a particular locality.

## Article VI—Membership

12. *Qualifications.* Each chapter shall select its members from among the male students who are in regular attendance at the college or university at which it is established, except in special cases as approved by the General Council. Those chosen by the chapter must be men who exemplify Friendship, Sound Learning, and Rectitude. (1996)
13. *Voting.* A person pledged to this Fraternity shall be chosen by the active members of the chapter in which he is proposed for membership, in accordance with the bylaws of that chapter.
14. *Obligation.* Every person, on being admitted to membership, shall accept *The Bond of Phi Delta Theta*, and the Constitution and laws thereon based, shall not cheat, wrong, or defraud a brother Phi, a chapter of Phi Delta Theta or the Fraternity in general, and shall never unite with a similar fraternity.

## Article VII—Insignia

15. *Badge.* The badge of the Fraternity is made of gold or platinum, and consists of a shield, with a scroll bearing the letters of Phi Delta Theta over the fesse and nombril points, an eye over the honor point, and a sword attached by a chain from the sinister chief point to the hilt. The sword shall always be worn with the shield, and both may be made of one piece, the sword appearing to pass diagonally back of the shield from the sinister chief point to the dexter base point. On the reverse the initials, the Bond number of the owner, and the title of his chapter shall be inscribed. The badge may be jeweled, and the scroll may be enameled in white and the eye in black.
16. *Colors.* The colors of the Fraternity are blue and white, or azure and argent.
17. *Open Motto.* The open motto of the Fraternity is: Εις ανηρ ουδειξ ανηρ.
18. *Coat of Arms.* The coat of arms of the Fraternity is emblazoned as follows:<sup>†</sup>  
Escutcheon: Azure, on a bend argent, between six mullets of the second, a sword proper point downward.  
Helmet: Proper, affrontee, visor closed, mantling of the first and second.  
Crest: A dexter arm embowed vambraced hurling a javelin all proper.  
Motto: Εις ανηρ ουδειξ ανηρ.
19. *Seal.* The great seal of the Fraternity consists of the escutcheon of the coat of arms, with the legend: “Great Seal of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,” and the figures “1848” in a circle about the same.
20. *Patron Goddess.* Pallas, Goddess of Wisdom, is recognized as the Patron Goddess of Phi Delta Theta.
21. *Secret Work.* The Fraternity’s secret motto, grip, raps, passwords, test words and signs of recognition shall be transmitted orally and in no case may be reduced to print or writing except as the General Council shall provide. At each General Convention the General Council shall designate some member of the Fraternity who shall exemplify the unwritten work of the Fraternity.

## Article VIII—Communications<sup>‡</sup>

22. *Communications.* The General Council shall determine what communication vehicles are to be developed by the Fraternity and provide for the production and distribution thereof. (2002)

## Article IX—Amendments

23. *Amendment of Constitution and Ritual.* This Constitution and the ritual of the Fraternity may be amended only by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of any two successive General Conventions.
24. *Amendment of General Statutes.* The General Statutes may be amended only by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of any General Convention.
25. *Proposed Amendments.* Proposed amendments to the Constitution, ritual and General Statutes must be presented to the Convention in writing or print.
26. *Time of Vote.* A vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and ritual of the Fraternity can be taken no sooner than a session of the Convention on the day following their introduction. A vote on proposed amendments to the General Statutes may be taken on the day of their introduction.

<sup>†</sup> When depicted in colors the field is blue, the stars silver, the sword, helmet, mail on the arm and javelin gold, the hand flesh color, the mantling blue and silver, the wreath blue and silver, the motto of black letters on a white scroll.

<sup>‡</sup> The 2000 and 2002 Convention revised Article VIII—Publications, giving it the new title as listed and making modifications to broaden the language given the increased use of technology in communications.

# The General Statutes of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

Laws of general application enacted by the General Convention based on, and subordinate to, the Constitution of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

## Title I—General Convention

27. *How Composed.* The General Convention shall consist of the following delegates: General Council members, one member of Pallas Athena Holdings, one member of the Walter B. Palmer Foundation Incorporated Board of Trustees, one member of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation, one member of the Canadian Foundation, one member of the Live Like Lou Foundation Board of Trustees, and one member of the Frank J. R. Mitchell Scroll Fund Board of Trustees, the province presidents, or in their absence, the assistant or acting province presidents, Past Presidents of the General Council, the members of the Survey Commission, the Diversity and Inclusion Commissioner, the Education Commissioner, the Fraternity chaplain, the Fraternity warden, and any other such commissioners as appointed by the General Council and official delegates of chapters and alumni clubs. (2023)
28. *Votes of Delegates.* Each delegate shall have one vote, but a delegate holding more than one office shall have only one vote. Voting by proxy is prohibited.
29. *Privileges of Visitors.* Members of the Fraternity not delegates to the convention shall be admitted thereto and may speak but may not vote or offer motions.
30. *Election of Delegates.* Every chapter in the Fraternity shall send an official delegate to each General Convention. At a regular meeting of the chapter in the university or college term immediately preceding the Convention, each chapter shall elect from its active members who will be in attendance during the following term, a delegate and an alternate. The chapter vice president shall immediately forward to the General Headquarters of the Fraternity the names and classes of the delegate and alternate elect; and shall send like notice of any subsequent change.
31. *Credentials.* Delegates from chapters and alumni clubs shall present credentials. No delegate shall be seated from a chapter which is delinquent in money payments or required reports, except by majority vote of the convention.
32. *Rules of Order.* The General Convention shall be governed by parliamentary rules defined in Robert's Rules of Order, except where they conflict with the Constitution or statutes of the Fraternity, or the rules of order adopted by the convention.
33. *Quorum.* A quorum of the General Convention shall consist of a majority of the delegates present and entitled to vote.
34. *Ayes and Nays.* On a motion to revoke a charter, the ayes and nays shall be recorded. On any vote to amend the Constitution, General Statutes, or ritual, the ayes and nays shall be recorded. On demand of twenty-five of those entitled to vote, the ayes and nays shall be recorded on any question before the Convention.
35. *Officers.* The president of the General Council and the executive vice president of the Fraternity shall be *ex officio* the chairman and the secretary of the General Convention. The president shall appoint wardens who shall have charge of the approaches of the convention and shall admit no person not entitled to enter. (1972)
36. *Committees.* The General Council shall appoint such Convention committees as it may deem necessary.
37. *Resolutions and Motions.* The chairman of the General Convention may require any resolution or motion to be in writing.
38. *Effective Date of Legislation.* Unless otherwise specified, every enactment of the convention shall take effect upon the adjournment of the General Convention at which enacted.
39. *Printing and Distribution of Proceedings.* The General Council shall arrange for the printing and distribution of the *Journal of Proceedings* of the General Convention. The original manuscript of the *Journal* and reports shall be preserved.

## Title II—General Council

40. *Appointment of Nominating Committee.* The General Council shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than seven members, at least one of whom shall be a Past President of the General Council and one of whom shall be an undergraduate delegate to the Convention. This committee shall be appointed

at the first meeting of the General Council in the academic year following the Convention except that the undergraduate member shall be appointed before the Convention. The committee shall make recommendations on the nominees for the General Council. Each province president shall be an advisory member of the committee, as well as any member in good standing in Phi Delta Theta.

The list of nominees for the presidency of the General Council and membership on the General Council shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the General Convention hall before the first general session of the General Convention.

A name or names may be added to these lists on the written application of at least twenty-five delegates, who are entitled to vote, presented to the Convention within twenty-four hours of the opening of the first general session of the General Convention. (1994)

41. *Election of President.* The Convention shall, by written ballot, first elect a president from the final list of nominees for president. If upon the first ballot any one person shall receive a vote of over 50 percent of the total vote cast, such person without further ballot shall have been elected president. If, however, on such a first ballot no person shall have received a vote of over 50 percent of the vote cast, the two persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be considered the nominees and another ballot taken and the one of these two nominees receiving the higher vote shall be elected president. If there is only one nominee for president, the Convention may elect a nominee by acclamation, and a written ballot shall not be required. (2006)
42. *Election of Other Council Members.* The Convention shall then elect, by written ballot, four additional members to the General Council from the final list of nominees for the General Council which shall include any unsuccessful candidates for president.  
If the number of nominees is equal to the vacancies on the General Council to be filled, the Convention may elect that slate of nominees by acclamation or a voice vote, and a written ballot shall not be required.

Upon the first ballot, if four or more nominees each receive more than 50 percent of the total votes cast, the four nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the General Council. In the event four nominees are not so elected, any nominee(s) receiving more than 50 percent of the total votes cast shall thereupon be elected to the General Council. Upon the second written ballot and all subsequent ballots, the Convention shall drop the nominee with the least number of votes after each ballot so long as there is then remaining at least one more nominee than the remaining number of vacancies on the General Council to be filled, it being necessary to obtain more than 50 percent of the total vote cast to be elected to this office. (2006)

43. *Term of Office.* The term of office of the president and members of the General Council shall be until their successors have been duly elected and installed.
44. *Installation of General Council.* The General Council elect shall be installed not later than the last session of the General Convention.
45. *Duties of President.* The president shall be responsible for directing the affairs of the Fraternity during his term of office and shall preside at all meetings of the General Council.
46. *Organization of the General Council.* The General Council shall elect one of its members to serve as treasurer, one as reporter, and two as members-at-large. The treasurer shall supervise the finances of the Fraternity. The reporter shall supervise the publications of the Fraternity. The members-at-large of the General Council shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them individually by the General Council.

The General Council shall appoint trustees of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and such other foundations and trusts which may from time to time be created.

The Frank J. R. Mitchell Scroll Endowment Fund, the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and any similar funds or foundations heretofore created and maintained by the General Convention or the General Council shall continue in existence and be maintained and administered in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes and any other relevant documents in existence and effective on August 25, 1970. In addition, the General Council shall have the power and authority to alter or amend any such provision, create additional provisions regarding the creation or administration thereof and to terminate and direct the distribution

of assets of any such fund or foundation provided such distribution of assets would not conflict with the provisions of any other relevant documents pertaining to such fund or foundation. (1992)

47. *Eligibility for Re-election.* The president of the General Council shall be ineligible for re-election as president or as member of the General Council for the term next succeeding the term for which he was elected as president.

### **Title III—General Headquarters**

48. *Establishment.* The Fraternity shall maintain a General Headquarters at the birthplace of the Fraternity, Oxford, Ohio.
49. *Executive Vice President.* The General Council shall employ an executive vice president who shall be in charge of the General Headquarters and who shall discharge the following duties:
- a. To act as secretary to the General Council.
  - b. To prepare and distribute supplies among the chapters and officers of the Fraternity.
  - c. To collect all monies due the General Fraternity.
  - d. To keep all accounts of receipts and disbursements.
  - e. To visit active chapters and alumni clubs.
  - f. To act as business manager of Fraternity publications.
  - g. To employ sufficient clerical help to carry on the work of the Fraternity.
  - h. To serve as a member *ex officio* of the Survey Commission.
  - i. Such other duties as the General Council may direct. (1990)
50. *Assistants.* The General Council may employ a member or members of the Fraternity to assist the executive vice president. (1990)
51. *Retirement.* The General Council shall establish terms and conditions for the retirement of qualified employees of the Fraternity.

### **Title IV—Provinces**

52. *Division and Names.* The General Council shall divide the chapters into as many provinces as may be desirable for administrative purposes.
53. *Appointment and Qualifications of Province Presidents.* The General Council shall appoint a president for each province who shall serve for a two year term or until his successor is appointed. The General Council, through the General Headquarters, shall request the chapters within the province for a vote approving this appointment. If a majority of chapters vote against this appointment, the General Council shall withdraw such appointment and submit another appointment. The General Council may appoint assistants to any province president. (1992)
54. *Duties of the Province President.* The president of each province or his assistant shall have special charge of the interests of the Fraternity therein, and it is his duty to encourage and aid all chapters, chapter advisory boards, alumni clubs, and house corporations therein and promptly notify the General Headquarters of any matters which may require the attention thereof and shall act as an advisor to the Survey Commission concerning colleges or universities located within the bounds of his province. The province president or his assistant shall perform other duties as the General Council may order or request. (2006)
55. *Province Meetings.* The president of a province may call a province meeting at such a time and place as may be agreed upon. The expenses of holding a province meeting shall be borne by the chapters in the province.

### **Title V—Establishment, Installation and Withdrawal of Chapters**

56. *Appointment of Survey Commission.* The General Council shall appoint a Survey Commission composed of not less than three members, at least one of whom shall be a Past President of the General Council. This commission shall be appointed at the first meeting of the General Council in the academic year following the convention. This commission shall make recommendations on the establishment of emerging chapters and the granting and withdrawal of charters. The executive vice president or his representative shall be *ex officio* a member of this commission, and each province president shall be an advisory member of the commission concerning colleges or universities located within the bounds of his province. (2021)

57. *Achieving Chapter Status.* A group formed at an approved institution must first serve a period of time as an emerging chapter prior to a charter being granted. (2021)
58. *Establishing of an Emerging Chapter.* An institution shall be approved for the establishment of an emerging chapter by the unanimous vote of the Survey Commission, the approval by the president in whose province the institution is located, and the approval by of the General Council. Thereafter, the General Council may declare that either an existing group at the institution be granted emerging chapter status, or may direct the Survey Commission to form an emerging chapter at the institution so approved. (2021)
59. *Granting of Charters.* The province president and the Survey Commission shall monitor the progress made by an emerging chapter. Upon successful completion of all General Council prerequisites, the province president may recommend that a charter be granted. The recommendation must be approved by:
- a. Three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of all chapters in the province in which the institution is located. Where there are three chapters, two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) will be required.
  - b. The Survey Commission.
  - c. The General Council.
- After all approvals have been given, a charter shall be granted. (2021)
60. (1990)
61. *Date and Names on Charter.* A charter shall bear the date on which the chapter was installed, and shall be signed by the General Council then in office. Chapters shall be entitled by the names of the states and Greek letters in alphabetical order according to the date of the establishment.
62. *Installation of Chapter.* A charter having been granted, the chapter shall be installed under the supervision of the General Council. The applicants having been initiated, the charter and copies of *The Bond*, Constitution, General Statutes, ritual and other necessary books and papers shall be placed in their keeping, and they shall receive all needed instructions for organizing and conducting a chapter.
63. *Charter Revocation.* A petition for the revocation of a charter shall be referred by the General Council to the Survey Commission. The Commission shall make full investigation and report thereon to the next General Convention, which shall then have power to revoke the charter for cause. Such revocation shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the General Convention.
64. *Charter Suspension.* The General Council, after full investigation and for just cause, shall have power to withdraw from a chapter the right to exercise all or any of its functions, including the usage of any Fraternity names, trademarks, signs or other indicia, except representation in the next General Convention. Such suspension shall not extend beyond the next General Convention. Representation of the suspended chapter at the General Convention shall include the right of members of the suspended chapter to be admitted to the General Convention and to speak, but no representative of the suspended chapter may vote or offer motions. (2021)
65. *Title Permanent.* In case of the revocation of a chapter for any cause, it shall not lose its title or chronological order in the records of the Fraternity.
66. *Charter Withdrawn.* When a charter is revoked or suspended, such charter shall be delivered to a person named by the General Council, together with all archives, books, membership records, and paraphernalia.

## **Title VI—Alumni Clubs**

67. *Name.* Alumni clubs shall be named after their localities.
68. *How Established.* A petition for the establishment of an alumni club at any place having been signed by not less than ten members of the Fraternity, shall be granted by the General Council.
69. *Alumni Club Membership.* Each alumni club may make reasonable regulations regarding admission of its members. No alumni club may suspend or expel a member from the fraternity, but where it learns that a member of the Fraternity is under suspension or is in financial arrears with his chapter or the General Fraternity, it shall not only refuse to admit such member to its membership, but shall refuse to retain such member in its membership. For failure to pay dues assessed by the club for its own support or other sufficient cause, the name of a member may be dropped from the roll of an alumni club.
70. *Officers.* Each alumni club shall have a president, vice president, treasurer, and such other officers as it may desire, said officers to be elected annually.
71. *Alumni Club Dues to General Fraternity.* During the fiscal year beginning July 1, each alumni club shall pay to the General Fraternity annual dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). (1992)

72. *Club Dues.* Every alumni club shall have the power to impose dues on its members for its own support.
73. *Meetings.* Every alumni club shall meet as often as it may decide but at least three meetings shall be held annually, one each in the fall, winter, and spring quarters. Founders Day shall be observed on or about the fifteenth day of March by each club, either individually or with other clubs.
74. *Letters to The Scroll.* The vice president of every alumni club shall promptly forward to the editor of *The Scroll* an account of the club's observance of Founders Day, and of other notable meetings during the year to meet published deadline dates for various issues. He shall also send to the editor personal items about the members, notices of deaths, and suggestions for possible feature articles.
75. *Delegate to Convention.* Every officially recognized alumni club which has conducted regularly stated meetings during the college year next preceding a General Convention, and which has paid its annual dues for the preceding biennium, may elect a delegate to the General Convention who, on payment of the regular convention fees, shall be entitled to one vote.
76. *Qualifications of Delegate.* No alumnus shall represent any alumni club in a General Convention unless he is a member of the club and a resident of the locality wherein it is established, and no active chapter member shall represent any alumni club.
77. *Withdrawal.* The charter of any alumni club may be withdrawn or its rights suspended in like manner as in the case of active chapters.

## **Title VII—Chapter Meetings and Operation**

78. *Regular Meetings.* Each chapter shall hold regular meetings conducted according to the ritual at least once every week while college is in session. For sufficient reasons the president of the chapter may postpone any regular meeting to a time not exceeding two weeks from the last regular meeting; in which case, the warden, unless another member be appointed instead, shall notify all active members of the time fixed.
79. *Special Meetings.* The president shall call special meetings whenever he or three other members may deem it advisable, and the warden, unless another member be appointed instead, shall notify all active members of any special meeting. It shall be the duty of active members to attend all regular and special meetings.
80. *Meetings Secret.* Meetings of chapters shall be secret, but the memorial ceremony may be in open session.
81. *Quorum.* A quorum in any chapter shall consist of a majority of the active members who are entitled to vote. This shall be sufficient for the transaction of business other than that specifically provided for in chapter bylaws, or the Constitution and General Statutes Sections 13, 151 and Title XVI. (1982)
82. *Order of Proceedings.* The order of proceedings of chapter shall be as follows:
  - a. Opening ceremony.
  - b. Calling the roll.
  - c. Reading and adopting the minutes.
  - d. Initiation, affiliation or reception ceremony.
  - e. Literary exercises.
  - f. Proposals for membership.
  - g. Reports of officers.
  - h. Reading correspondence.
  - i. Election or installation of officers.
  - j. Reports of committees.
  - k. General business.
  - l. Anniversary, valedictory, alumni day or memorial day ceremony.
  - m. Calling the roll.
  - n. Closing ceremony.

This order, except as to opening and closing ceremonies and roll calls, may be changed by a majority vote.

83. *Pro Tempore Officers.* At the opening of meetings vacancies among the officers shall be filled *pro tempore* by the president. In case of the permanent absence of any officer, the chapter shall choose his successor.
84. *Founders Day Meeting.* Each undergraduate chapter shall meet on or about the fifteenth day of March to celebrate Founders Day. When convenient a college chapter and alumni club shall meet together.
85. *Chapter Dues and Assessments.* Each chapter shall fix its own initiation dues and affiliation dues, and have power to impose dues and assessments on its members for its own support. (1994)

86. *Guarantee Deposit Plan.* The General Council may require any chapter to operate under the guarantee deposit fund plan.

## **Title VIII—Chapter Equipment**

87. *Fraternity Supplies.* The supplies of the Fraternity, such as copies of the Constitution, General Statutes, ritual, blank forms, etc., shall be distributed in such manner as the General Council may prescribe.
88. *Restrictions Concerning The Bond.* On the establishment of each chapter, the executive vice president shall furnish it with a copy of *The Bond*, written in a durable book. Neither *The Bond*, nor any portion thereof, shall ever be written, typewritten, printed, engraved or otherwise reproduced, except by a member of Phi Delta Theta, under the direction of the General Council. (1972)
89. *Distribution of Constitution and General Statutes.* The Constitution and General Statutes shall be printed and distributed in accordance with the directions of the General Council.
90. *Distribution of Rituals.* The ritual of the Fraternity shall be printed and distributed in accordance with the directions of the General Council.
91. *Custody of Books.* During the collegiate year, the president of the chapter shall always keep *The Bond* and Rituals under secure lock and key, except when they are in use during meetings.
92. *Custody of Books and Records During Vacation.* At the last regular meeting in the collegiate year, each chapter shall determine what members shall have charge during vacation of *The Bond* and ritual.
93. *Chapter Paraphernalia.* Each chapter shall provide itself with all the paraphernalia required by the ritual.
94. *Approved Suppliers.* The General Council may select an approved supplier or suppliers who, in the manufacture of badges, Fraternity jewelry, stationery, paraphernalia and other Fraternity supplies, shall agree to conform to the designs or styles authorized and the standard of material and workmanship established by the General Convention or the General Council. The General Council may suspend the approval of any such approved supplier or suppliers for making an unauthorized design or style, failing to maintain a creditable standard of material and workmanship, or in any manner failing to conform to the requirements established by the General Convention or the General Council.

The General Council may grant permission to any manufacturer or processor to use any of the Fraternity insignia or symbols in or upon jewelry, clothing, glassware, or article or commodity of any character or kind.

## **Title IX—Chapter Houses**

95. *Chapter House Corporations.* No chapter shall become incorporated, but an association connected with a chapter but controlled by alumni of the Fraternity may be incorporated under applicable state, provincial or federal laws for the purpose of owning property for the benefit of the chapter, subject to the following considerations: (1) neither the name of the Fraternity nor the title given by the Fraternity to the chapter shall be used as the legal name of the corporation; (2) the chapter president and such other member of the active chapter as the said chapter may designate shall be non-voting members of the corporate board; and (3) the corporate charter and bylaws may contain provisions that in the event the charter of such local chapter is suspended or revoked, all assets will be preserved for the purposes of the chapter for a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner. Such provisions may, but need not necessarily or exclusively, contain provisions directing that in the event the charter of such local chapter is revoked, all assets of such corporation shall thereupon be transferred to the trustees of Pallas Athena Holdings. (2021)
96. (2021)
97. *Chapter House.* Every chapter shall have the right to rent either from its own chapter house corporation, or other lessor, a house for its members to live in.
98. *House Rules.* Every chapter occupying a chapter house must adopt strict rules for the government thereof, which are consistent with the Fraternity's risk management policies, and shall, among other things, prohibit all forms of vice in the chapter and which shall prohibit the use or presence of intoxicating liquors and all gambling in the chapter house where such use or presence is contrary to the rules and regulations of the college or university where the chapter is established. The use or presence of hallucinatory drugs or marijuana in any form is prohibited.

These house rules shall promote maintenance therein of a good moral atmosphere and provide for the preservation of good order and for the establishment of fixed and regular hours of study, adequate for the

scholastic needs of its members. A printed or typewritten copy of the house rules shall be posted in the chapter house. (1992)

99. *House Occupancy.* During occupancy of the chapter house by the chapter as such, rooms may not be rented to anyone except members and Phikeias of the chapter who are enrolled as students in the college, except upon written permission of the province president and Chapter Advisory Board chairman. (1998)
100. *Pledged Men in Houses.* Pledged men may live in the chapter house for a period not to exceed one year preceding their initiation, provided that they be always carefully excluded from the ritualistic portion of the chapter meetings. (1976)
101. *Removal of Alumni or Phikeias.* The province president shall have the authority to remove any alumnus or Phikeia from the house or property for cause, and such act of the province president shall be final. (1992)

## **Title X—Finance**

102. *Dues and Assessments.* The General Convention shall provide for the payment by active members at the time of their initiation of such initiation dues as may be necessary for the support of the Fraternity; but in case of emergency, a special per capita assessment may be levied upon them by the General Convention or by the General Council. (1994)
- 102.1 *Dues Adjustments.* The General Council shall present to each General Convention a recommendation as to whether or not any adjustments should be made to initiation dues, Phikeia dues, annual membership dues, as well as the amounts to be collected for the Convention and Leadership Conference funds. (2004)
103. *General Fraternity Initiation Dues.* (a) The chapter treasurer shall forward to the General Fraternity the sum of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) with each Phikeia's biographical data submission within ten days after Phikeia induction. (b) The chapter treasurer shall forward to the General Fraternity the sum of \$255.00 for each initiate within ten days after initiation. (2016)
- 103.1 *Annual Membership Dues.* Each chapter of Phi Delta Theta shall pay to the General Fraternity the sum of one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00) per active member, per year. (2023)
104. *Allocation of Payment.* Of the said sum paid for each initiate, the General Council shall provide the initiate with a life subscription to *The Scroll* and *Palladium*, and shall in its discretion allot portions thereof to the following funds: The Walter B. Palmer Foundation Incorporated Fund, the Contingency Fund, or the General Fund. (1998)
105. *Voluntary Contributions.* The General Council shall solicit voluntary contributions from each alumnus member of the Fraternity. These contributions shall be distributed into the different funds of the Fraternity at the discretion of the General Council. (1980)
106. *Officers' Expenses to General Convention.* Each member of the General Council, each province president, Past Presidents of the General Council, and any other General Officers so designated by the General Council shall be reimbursed for convention expenses. (1988)
107. *Delegates' Expenses to Convention.* Each chapter shall pay to the General Fraternity a sum not to exceed \$250.00 as deemed necessary by the General Council, on April 15 and October 15 of each year, to be placed in a special fund and applied solely toward defraying the expenses of the active chapter delegates to, at, and from the meetings of the General Convention. Prior to each convention, the General Council shall determine the basis on which expenses of the delegates from chapters not delinquent in money payments to the General Fraternity shall be paid. Due notice of such delinquency shall be given by General Headquarters. (1998)
108. *Delegates' Expenses to Leadership Conference.* Each chapter shall pay to the General Fraternity a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) on April 15 and October 15 of each year to be placed in a special fund and applied solely toward defraying the expenses of the active chapter delegates, chapter advisory board chairmen, and other officers of the Fraternity to, at, and from the meetings of the Leadership Conferences.

Each chapter in the Fraternity shall send an official delegation to a Leadership Conference. (1998)

109. *Meeting Attendance Required.* In the event that a delegate from an active chapter to a General Convention or Leadership Conference fails to remain in constant attendance at its sessions, or withdraws from the meeting before the final session thereof without first having obtained the consent of the General Council, the amount provided for his expenses shall be declared void and if a portion has been advanced to him,

that portion shall become an obligation to the General Fraternity on the part of the delegate's chapter. If the amount so assessed is not paid by the chapter within six months from the date of the convention, the executive vice president shall so report to the General Council for such action as may be deemed advisable. (1972)

110. *Officers' Expenses.* The members of the General Council and other General Officers shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.
111. *Salaries of Employees.* The General Council shall determine the compensation to be given to employees of the Fraternity.
112. *Official Audit.* All financial accounts of the General Fraternity shall be audited annually by certified public accountants employed by the General Council, and reports thereof shall be made to the General Council and to the succeeding General Convention. Special funds must be audited at least biennially.

## **Title XI—Officers of Chapters**

113. *Officers.* The officers of each chapter shall be a president, vice president, alumni secretary, secretary, treasurer, warden, Phikeia educator, recruitment chairman, historian, chaplain, chorister, librarian, awards chairman, scholarship chairman, philanthropy chairman, community service chairman, and risk management chairman. (2018)
- 113.1 *Eligibility for Office.* Officers from each chapter shall be elected from the active members thereof. Members with scholastic delinquencies as stipulated in Section 149 of the General Statutes or members who are financially delinquent shall not be eligible for election to office or continuance in office. (1984)
114. *Terms of Office.* The treasurer, vice president, historian, and alumni secretary shall be elected for one year and the other officers may be elected for each term in the year. (1972)
- 114.1 *Election Procedures.* The elections shall be at regular chapter meetings. Officers, convention delegates or other chapter representatives shall be elected by majority vote, by written ballot, except where there is but one nomination. Voting shall be under the direction of two tellers appointed by the president, one of them being the warden, unless for personal reasons, he should be excused. (1972)
115. *Installation.* Officers shall be installed at the regular meeting next after their election, and they shall hold office until their successors are installed, when each shall surrender to his successor all the books, records, receipts and other property of the chapter in his possession. By a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of those present, officers may be installed before adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected.
116. *President.* The president of a chapter shall preside at all meetings thereof, and, within the chapter, shall enforce the laws and rules of the Fraternity. He shall be charged with the custody of *The Bond*, Constitution, General Statutes, rituals, and bylaws, and shall deliver them to his successor.
117. *Vice President.* The vice president shall, in the temporary absence of the president, assume the full responsibilities of the president; serve as chairman of the executive committee and coordinate the activities of all the officers. He will be responsible for the preparation of all special reports as assigned by the president and shall supervise the secretary in the preparation of all the routine correspondence and reports. (1996)
- 117.1 *Risk Management Chairman.* The risk management chairman shall make the chapter aware of the risk management policies of the General Fraternity, the house corporation, and the university/college, and frequently report his activities to the president. (1996)
118. *Alumni Secretary.* The alumni secretary shall keep such a record of the alumni members of the chapter as shall be specified by the General Council, and shall transmit copies of all changes in data to the General Headquarters of the Fraternity. He shall endeavor to maintain close and cordial relations between the chapter and its alumni by correspondence, and supervision of chapter publications.
119. *Secretary.* The secretary shall prepare a permanent record of the proceedings of every meeting and shall record each roll call therein, one copy to be placed in the president's file and one to be maintained by the chapter.

The secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the chapter; give an account thereof at each meeting; preserve all official communications, and write newsletters for *The Scroll*.

120. *Treasurer.* The treasurer shall collect all monies due the General Fraternity and the chapter, giving receipts therefore, and shall disburse the same according to generally accepted accounting procedures. He shall

make all payments to the General Fraternity, and shall keep proper account books as prescribed by the General Council. He shall render a statement of the financial condition of the chapter monthly, to the province president, to the Chapter Advisory Board chairman, and to his own chapter.

The province president may engage a certified public accountant or other qualified accountant to make an audit, compilation, or review. In such event, the expense of employing such auditors shall be paid by the General Fraternity and by it charged to the chapter whose books are so audited and shall be collected by the General Fraternity from the chapter in the same manner as other monies owing the General Fraternity. (2010)

121. *Warden*. The warden shall serve official notices, attend to the keeping of the chapter rooms, ensure that all required ritual paraphernalia is in proper order, and be responsible for the care of all chapter room equipment. He shall oversee and assist with all ritual activity of the chapter and he shall ensure *The Bond* is read and ritual ceremonies reviewed during a regular chapter meeting once each month. (1992)
- 121.1 *Phikeia Educator*. The Phikeia educator shall be responsible for the super-vision of Phikeia group activities, including their meetings and learning program. He shall uphold the laws and rules of the Fraternity regarding Phikeia education. (2002) A complete personal and biographical record, pertaining to each Phikeia, and prepared on such standard form as may be prescribed by the General Council, shall be forwarded to General Headquarters within ten (10) days after formal pledging. This record is to be supplemented during the membership of the individual with such additional data as shall be furnished by the chapter at the time of his initiation, graduation and other significant events.

Within ten days of initiation, the Phikeia educator shall forward to the General Headquarters, without delay, the names and Bond numbers together with the date of initiation of all new initiates on the standard form prepared for that purpose. (2012)

- 121.2 *Recruitment Chairman*. The recruitment chairman shall be responsible for developing and facilitating a year-round program for educating the chapter membership on methods of effective recruitment. He shall chair the chapter's recruitment committee and shall uphold the laws and rules of the Fraternity regarding enlistment of new members.
122. *Historian*. The historian shall write a history of the chapter for the collegiate year that he holds office. At some meeting within the first four weeks of the following year, the history shall be read and, on approval by the chapter, transcribed in a durable book.
123. *Chaplain*. The chaplain shall conduct the religious exercises of the chapter.
124. *Chorister*. It shall be the duty of the chorister to improve the efficiency of the chapter in singing the songs of the Fraternity.
125. *Librarian*. It shall be the duty of the librarian to develop and maintain a chapter library. Such library shall contain *The History of Phi Delta Theta*, *Catalogue of Phi Delta Theta*, *The Manual of Phi Delta Theta*, copies of *The Scroll*, *The Palladium*, and such other Fraternity publications and literature that it may be possible to obtain.
- 125.1 *Awards Chairman*. The president shall appoint, or the chapter shall elect, an awards chairman. It shall be the responsibility of the awards chairman to make the chapter aware of awards granted by the General Fraternity, university, community, and chapter, and he shall be responsible for coordinating and forwarding the awards reports. (1980)
- 125.2 *Foundation Representative*. The president shall appoint, or the chapter shall elect, a Foundation Representative. It shall be the responsibility of the Foundation representative to act as liaison between the Phi Delta Theta Foundation of the United States or the Scholarship Foundation Canada and the chapter. He shall be responsible for making the chapter members aware of the Foundation's support programs, including the availability of financial grants, as determined from year to year. He shall help coordinate the scholarship award nominations. (1990)
- 125.3 *Scholarship Chairman*. The scholarship chairman shall appoint such number of members he considers necessary to constitute a scholarship committee. It shall be the duty of this committee, with such assistance as it deems necessary, to promote the scholarship of the entire chapter. (1992)
126. (2021)

127. *Executive Committee.* Each chapter shall have an executive committee which shall consist of the president, vice president, treasurer and such other members as deemed necessary by the chapter. It is the duty of this committee to prepare an agenda for chapter meetings prior to such meetings and generally to direct the activities of the chapter.
- 127.1 *Risk Management Committee.* Each chapter shall have a risk management committee which shall consist of the risk management chairman, the Phikeia educator, the member responsible for social activities of the chapter, the member responsible for management of the chapter facility, and the president. It is the duty of this committee to assist in the education of the chapter on risk management issues in all areas of operations. (1998)
- 127.2 *Recruitment Committee.* Each chapter shall have a committee composed of the recruitment chairman and at least three other members of the chapter whose duty is to organize and execute a sound program for the enlistment of new members. (2002)
128. *Finance Committee.* Each chapter shall have a finance committee which shall consist of the treasurer, an executive officer of the Chapter House Association or interested alumnus, and such other members as deemed necessary by the chapter. The duty of the finance committee will be to prepare a budget covering all the necessary expenses of the chapter for the coming year, including all fixed charges on the chapter house property and such payments on the principal of the chapter house indebtedness as the terms of the obligation or obligations of such indebtedness may provide for, or in the absence of such definite terms, such payments as conservative financial policies may dictate. This budget must be approved by a majority vote of the chapter. In addition, the finance committee shall assist the treasurer in the performance of his duties, particularly the collection of accounts receivable. (1992)
129. (1992)
130. *Vacancies Declared by Chapter or General Council.* By a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of those present a chapter may declare any of its offices vacant. For neglect of duty, the General Council, the province president concurring, shall have power to declare any office in a chapter vacant. Such vacancies shall be promptly filled by election.
131. *Chapter Advisory Board.* The province president shall select a Chapter Advisory Board chairman for each chapter in his province from alumni members and constituents. A candidate for Chapter Advisory Board chairman will be mutually agreed upon by the province president and the chapter. Candidates for the Chapter Advisory Board will be mutually agreed upon by the province president, chapter, and Chapter Advisory Board chairman, unless the Chapter Advisory Board chairman position is vacant. A Chapter Advisory Board chairman or members of the Chapter Advisory Board may be removed by the General Council with the concurrence of the province president. Interim appointments of the Chapter Advisory Board chairman or members necessitated by any vacancies will be made by the province president with the concurrence of the active chapter. In case of long and satisfactory service a chapter may confer upon an adviser the honorary title of emeritus but without further advisory obligations. (2010)
132. *Duties of Chapter Advisory Board.* It shall be the duty of the Chapter Advisory Board to visit the chapter frequently, to counsel with the chapter about its interests, to act generally for the Fraternity in bringing important matters officially to the attention of the chapter. They shall also be invited to the province meetings. (2010)

## **Title XII—Eligibility for Pledging**

133. *Proposals for Pledging.* The Fraternity does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), national origin, sexual orientation or disability. When any person is proposed to a chapter for membership, every active member of the chapter shall be required to investigate the qualifications of that person for membership in the Fraternity and his worthiness as a future member of the Fraternity. Every member of the chapter shall be entitled to give a full expression of opinion as to the qualifications and worthiness of the person proposed for membership. No person shall be pledged to or become a member of the chapter until the chapter is satisfied of the worthiness of the person and that he meets the requirements for membership in the Fraternity, and until the active members of the chapter at the time the vote is taken, vote in accordance with their chapter's bylaws to extend to that person a bid to become a member. After a vote to extend such a bid, it shall promptly be extended to that person by the president or other designated officer of the chapter and shall remain open for acceptance by him for a reasonable period of time as determined by the chapter. Until any such bid has been accepted by the person proposed, the bid may be withdrawn and nullified by a vote of the active chapter in accordance with the chapter bylaws at the time

said vote is taken. If a bid to a person proposed for membership is nullified and withdrawn by such a chapter vote, that person may not thereafter become a member of the Fraternity unless he thereafter again receives the membership vote of the chapter as stipulated by that chapter's bylaws, extending to him a bid for membership. (2016)

134. *Further Information.* If any member of a chapter requests further information about a person proposed for membership before voting on the question of extending a bid to that person, the taking of the vote may be delayed for a reasonable length of time and the chapter may require the warden to obtain the information .
135. *Phikeia Education.* No chapter of Phi Delta Theta shall indulge in any physical abuse or undignified treatment of its Phikeias or members; any violation shall be punishable by the General Council. (1994)
136. (1972)
137. *Title of a Pledge.* A person who has been pledged to join the Fraternity shall be known as a Phikeia (pronounced Fi-ki-a).

## **Title XIII—Eligibility for Membership**

138. *Time of Initiation.* No person shall be initiated unless eight weeks, or more if required by the institution at which the chapter is located, shall have expired from the date upon which he shall have pledged to join the Fraternity except that the General Council shall have the right in special cases to permit a shorter period of time.
- 138.1 *Depledging.* A person may be depledged at any time preceding initiation by a vote of all members of the chapter in accordance with its bylaws. (1972)
139. *Fraternity Examination.* No person shall be eligible for membership until he has successfully completed his Phikeia training and has passed an examination testing his knowledge of all aspects of the Fraternity and the chapter. Such examination shall be conducted by the Phikeia educator or any other person or persons appointed by the chapter and shall be based on the questions and materials in the current Fraternity Phikeia manual and such other matter as may be appropriate. The Phikeia educator or other such appropriate persons shall report the results of such examination to the chapter at the regular meeting following such examination. (1998)
- 139.1 *Completion of Pledgeship.* Upon receipt of the aforementioned report, the chapter shall determine whether the Phikeia has satisfied the requirements of the chapter with respect to term of residence, scholarship, finances and conduct during the period of pledgeship. The chapter shall determine whether the Phikeia has satisfied the above requirements by a vote of members of the chapter, in accordance with its bylaws. Upon completion of such a vote, a successful Phikeia may be initiated. (1994)
140. *When Initiated.* A preparatory student may be pledged to join this Fraternity, but shall not be initiated until he shall have entered an accredited college or university. A Phikeia who has failed to meet the necessary requirements for initiation within one year from date of pledging shall be automatically depledged and shall not be eligible for repledging until another full term has elapsed, at which time he must again receive the membership vote of the chapter in accordance with its own bylaws. (1994)
141. *Graduate and Professional Students.* A person pursuing a graduate or graduate professional course where a chapter is established may be initiated.
142. *Initiation of Petitioning Group Members.* The General Council may authorize the initiation into Phi Delta Theta of members of any petitioning group which has been granted a charter by this Fraternity, provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to confer on any such member the right to demand initiation into Phi Delta Theta.
143. *Membership in Other Societies.* When any person is considered for an invitation to unite with the Fraternity, he shall be required to name all secret societies of which he is or has at any time been a member or pledge.
144. *Double Fraternity Memberships Prohibited.* No person who is or has been a member of a general college fraternity similar to Phi Delta Theta shall be eligible to membership in Phi Delta Theta. A college organization of a strictly local character recognized by the college or university at which it was established is not construed to be a similar fraternity. However, no member of Phi Delta Theta may be a member of such a local organization as defined above at the same institution.
145. *Membership in Local Societies.* No member of Phi Delta Theta shall join any general or local society existing at the institution where his chapter is established, in case his chapter shall have adopted a bylaw or passed a vote forbidding its members to join such society; and should internal dissensions be caused by membership in such societies, the General Convention or the General Council shall have the power to prohibit members of Phi Delta Theta from joining such societies at particular institutions.

146. *Literary and Honorary Societies Excepted.* Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a member of Phi Delta Theta from uniting with a strictly literary society, or an open and purely honorary fraternity.

## **Title XIV—Rights and Obligations of Membership**

147. *Chapter Members.* Every person initiated shall be an active member of the initiating chapter so long as he shall pursue an undergraduate course of study at the institution where said chapter is established, unless he is expelled, suspended or is permitted to resign in accordance with the laws of the Fraternity. If an active member receives an undergraduate degree, or completes four full years of undergraduate study, or enters upon graduate study, graduate professional study, or any similar advanced course of study, he may elect to remain an active member, enjoying all privileges and obligations thereof, so long as he shall pursue said studies and comply with all the laws of the Fraternity.
148. *Rights and Obligations.* Every active member shall be required at all times to conduct himself in accordance with *The Bond of Phi Delta Theta* and the highest principles and traditions of the Fraternity. He shall be liable for all dues and assessments levied by his chapter. He is required to attend all meetings of his chapter and privileged to make motions, to vote and to hold office in his chapter subject to any section inconsistent herewith, except that no provision of this section or any other section of the Constitution and General Statutes shall be so construed as to forfeit the right of any member to vote on the question of membership, including pledging, depledging and separation from membership in the Fraternity. An alumnus member shall have the same right as an active member to attend meetings of his chapter and to speak on any motion.
149. *Scholarship.* Any active member of Phi Delta Theta, who, for one academic year, attains an average scholastic rating that is below the average scholastic rating required by the college or university for graduation, shall be deprived *ipso facto* of the privilege of voting in the chapter except on the question of membership, including pledging, depledging, and separation from membership in the Fraternity, until such time as his rating is above the rating required by the college or university for graduation.
150. *Name of Fraternity in Business Prohibited.* No member of Phi Delta Theta may use the name of the Fraternity or the name of any chapter in connection with any business enterprise.

## **Title XV—Affiliation**

151. *Affiliation in Another Chapter.* Should a member withdraw from a college or university where he is a chapter member and enter another institution where there is a chapter, he may become formally affiliated with the latter chapter under the following conditions:
1. He has been in attendance in the latter institution at least one term.
  2. His grade point average at the latter institution is equal to or above that required for initiation.
  3. He has obtained from the former chapter and presented to the latter chapter an affiliation certificate which shall be granted by the former chapter if he is in good standing.
  4. The chapter affiliating the member has voted to do so by a vote in accordance with the bylaws of the chapter. (1972)
152. *Where Affiliation Certificate Is Refused.* If, for any reason, a member should be refused affiliation in another chapter, he shall not be permitted to attend the meetings of that chapter or to live in its house or lodging. (1978)

## **Title XVI—Discipline and Loss of Membership (1982)<sup>+</sup>**

153. *Loss of Membership.* No member's connection with Phi Delta Theta may be severed except by expulsion as herein provided or by voluntary resignation made in writing by the member and accepted by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the General Council. (1982)
154. *Discipline by Chapter.* A chapter may discipline an active member of the chapter by:
- a. Expulsion from membership;
  - b. Suspension from membership for a stated period of time not to exceed twelve (12) months;
  - c. Fine. (1982)

155. *Cause for Discipline.* An active member of the chapter may be disciplined by the chapter for any one or more of the following causes:

- a. Financial delinquency;
- b. Violation of *The Bond*, Constitution or General Statutes of the Fraternity;
- c. Conduct unworthy of a member of Phi Delta Theta. (1982)

156. *Procedure for Discipline by the Chapter.* A chapter shall exercise its powers of discipline only after full investigation and for just cause. The active member sought to be disciplined shall be given notice in writing by the warden of the alleged cause for his discipline and of the time and place at which a meeting of the chapter will be held to consider the matter. The notice in writing to the member sought to be disciplined shall be delivered no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting of the chapter and shall be hand delivered by the warden to the member sought to be disciplined or mailed to the member's last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested or emailed to the member's last known email address. A copy of the email containing the date and time transmission shall be deemed sufficient to establish notice. When said notice to the member sought to be disciplined is by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery shall be deemed to have been made the date the notice is placed in the mail. When said notice to the member to be disciplined is by email, delivery shall be deemed to have been made the date the email is sent by the warden. The members of the chapter shall likewise be given notice by the warden no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting of the chapter by posting the notice in such a place where notices to members of the chapter are customarily posted. A meeting of the chapter shall then be held to decide upon such discipline and any vote to discipline the member shall only be effective if passed by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of members of the chapter who are present, provided that at least a majority of the active members who are entitled to vote are present. The president of the chapter shall promptly report any action of discipline in writing to General Headquarters.

Any member may initiate the procedure for discipline by a chapter by request made either verbally or in writing to the executive committee of that chapter.

The executive committee shall decide whether the matter should be brought before a meeting of the chapter. If the executive committee decides that the matter should not be brought before a meeting of the chapter, it shall report this decision and the reasons therefore to a meeting of the chapter. If the executive committee decides that the matter should be brought before a meeting of the chapter, it shall take all necessary action to do so and may, if it considers it advisable, appoint a special committee to investigate the matter and report to the meeting of the chapter held for the purpose of deciding upon any discipline. (2008)

157. *Reconsideration and Appeals.* A chapter may, by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of members who are present, reconsider any decision imposing discipline on an active member or former member and reach the same or a different decision, provided that at least a majority of the active members who are entitled to vote are present. Any such action resulting in a different decision shall be promptly reported in writing to General Headquarters and to the province president by the president of the chapter.

An active member, or former member, who has been disciplined by a chapter may appeal such decision to the General Council or the next succeeding General Convention if the decision has been sustained by the General Council. (1982)

158. *Discipline of an Alumnus Member by the General Council.* An alumnus member may be disciplined for any one or more of the causes set out in Section 155, by action of the General Council after full investigation and for just cause. A four-fifths ( $\frac{4}{5}$ ) vote of General Council shall be necessary for such discipline. General Council may act to discipline an alumnus member upon the written request of an active chapter and with the approval of the province president. (2000)

158.1 *Discipline of an Alumnus Member by the Chapter.* After seeking advice from and consulting with the province president, a chapter may discipline an alumnus member of the chapter for any one or more causes set out in Section 155 by those means set out in the Section 154 (a) or (b). The chapter shall act only after full investigation and for just cause.

The alumnus sought to be disciplined shall be given notice in writing of the alleged cause for his discipline and he shall be entitled to appear before or make written representations to the chapter. This notice in writing shall be delivered no later than ten (10) days prior to the date on which the action shall be taken by the chapter and shall be forwarded via certified mail, return receipt requested, or emailed to the last known email address of member sought to be disciplined. Delivery shall be deemed to have been made the date the notice is placed in the mail. When said notice to the member to be disciplined is by email, delivery shall be deemed to have been made the date the email is sent by the warden. Any vote to discipline an alumnus shall only be effective if passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of the chapter who are present, provided that at least a majority of the active members who are entitled to vote are present.

The chapter shall forward a report of disciplinary action taken to the Province President and the General Headquarters. An alumnus member, or former member, who has been disciplined by a chapter may appeal such decision to the General Council or the next succeeding General Convention if the General Council has sustained the decision. (2021)

159. *Discipline by General Council.* An active or alumnus member may be disciplined by the General Council in the manner set out in Section 154 and for the causes set out in Section 155. The General Council shall exercise its powers of discipline only after full investigation and for just cause. The member sought to be disciplined shall be given notice in writing of the alleged cause for his discipline and he shall be entitled to make written representations thereon to the General Council. The notice in writing shall be delivered no later than ten (10) days prior to the date on which action shall be taken by the General Council and shall be forwarded via certified mail, return receipt requested, or emailed to the last known email address of the member sought to be disciplined. When said notice to the member sought to be disciplined is by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery shall be deemed to have been made the date the notice is placed in the mail. A four-fifths ( $\frac{4}{5}$ ) vote of General Council shall be necessary for such discipline. (2016)
- 159.1 *Discipline by Province President.* After full investigation, a member may be disciplined by a province president for the causes set out in Section 155. The province president may suspend a member from membership for a stated period of time not to exceed twelve months and shall report his actions immediately to the General Council and the reasons therefore. He may recommend expulsion of a member to the General Council. Any appeal by an active or alumnus member, or former member, of a decision on discipline made by the province president, shall be decided by the General Council only after full investigation and for just cause. (1986)
160. *Reconsideration by General Council and Appeals.* General Council may by a four-fifths ( $\frac{4}{5}$ ) vote, reconsider any decision imposing discipline on an active or alumnus member, or former member, and reach the same or a different decision.

An active or alumnus, or former member, who has been disciplined by General Council may appeal such decision to the next succeeding General Convention. (1982).

161. *Procedure on Appeals to the General Convention.* Any appeal by an active or alumnus member, or former member, of a decision on discipline made by a chapter or the General Council shall be decided by the General Convention only after full investigation and for just cause. For this purpose, the General Convention may delegate to a committee the power to investigate and report. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of a quorum of the General Convention shall be necessary to decide any matter of discipline. (1982)
162. *Reconsideration by the General Convention.* The General Convention, by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of a quorum of the General Convention may reconsider any decision imposing discipline on an active or alumnus member, or former member, and reach the same or a different decision. Such reconsideration shall not take place except at the General Convention next succeeding that General Convention when the original decision was made. (1982)
163. *Effect of Expulsion from Membership.* A person expelled from membership in Phi Delta Theta shall forthwith surrender to the General Council, or its representative, his badge and all Fraternity property in his possession. Expulsion from membership terminates absolutely all rights, privileges and immunities of membership in Phi Delta Theta. (1982)

\* The 1982 Convention totally revised Title XVI—Loss of Membership, giving it the new title as listed and replacing Sections 153–173 with new Sections 153–164.

164. *Effect of Suspension from Membership.* A person suspended from membership in Phi Delta Theta shall lose all rights, privileges and immunities of membership in Phi Delta Theta during the period of his suspension. He may not hold office, vote or attend chapter meetings. He may not reside in the chapter house without the written permission of the province president and the Chapter Advisory Board chairman. (1998)
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## Title XVII—Alumni Members

174. *Alumni Members.* Any member who has withdrawn from the institution in which the chapter of his initiation is located or has been graduated therefrom shall be an alumnus member of the chapter of his initiation.

## Title XVIII—Insignia

175. *Use of Badge Design.* The manufacture of articles bearing the badge is prohibited, except as specially authorized by the General Convention. The General Council may authorize the manufacture and sale of such articles bearing the letters “ΦΔΘ” or a monogram of them, or the coat of arms of the Fraternity or other suitable emblematic design.
176. *Badge—How Worn.* Every member shall wear the badge at all appropriate times while he is attending college, the proper place for it being over the heart. The badge shall not be worn except by members of the Fraternity or their mothers, wives, daughters, sisters or fiancées. A penalty of up to one year’s suspension from all rights and privileges of the Fraternity may be imposed on the member violating this latter section. (1980)
177. *Undue Display Prohibited.* Use of the crest, badge, or other symbols of the Fraternity in such a way as to bring discredit to the organization shall be prohibited.
178. *Fraternity Flag.* The Flag of the Fraternity consists of three perpendicular bars of equal width; the outer bars of blue and the inner bar of white material; each of the outer bars charged with three white five pointed stars; and the middle bar charged with the letters ΦΔΘ in blue; the stars and letters being arranged vertically; the hoist of the Flag on the staff being two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the fly; the staff having a spear-shaped head, the head, cord and tassels being silvered.
179. *Fraternity Banners.* The Fraternity banner has the form of an equilateral triangle and bears across the body the word “Miami” over the figures “1848”; above the left “Φ”; below “Δ”; and above the right “Θ”. The body is of blue material, the lettering in gold; the standard, if one is used, bar, cord and tassels being silvered. The banner for each chapter is similar except that for “Miami” and “1848” are substituted the name or initials of the institution at which the chapter is established and the year when the chapter was chartered.
180. *Phikeia Button.* The Phikeia button of the Fraternity is square, with slightly rounded corners, and is enameled in blue, with a bend enameled in white; on the bend, the letters “Phikeia” in gold; above the bend, three five pointed stars in gold, and as many below.
181. *Golden Legion Button.* The Golden Legion button shall be of such design as the General Council may approve. (1978)
- 181.1 *Silver Legion Button.* The Silver Legion button shall be of such design as the General Council may approve. (1992)
182. *Alumnus Charm.* The Alumnus Charm is of the same design as the pledge button, except, however, that the Greek letters of Phi Delta Theta replace the word “Phikeia.”
183. *Recognition Button.* The recognition button is a small gold, silver or platinum button in the form of a coat of arms or the Greek letters ΦΔΘ





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