Membership Education Program

2nd Edition

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Introductory Note:
If you’re reading this, you’re a New Member. For whatever reasons that you’ve decided to become a brother of the Theta Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Delta, I commend you. This is the largest fraternity in the New York area and you have an excellent leadership opportunity to distinguish yourself from your peers. Just remember that you’re only a New Member. You’re not a brother just yet! You have to pass the Membership Education Program.

The purpose of this is to create a bond between your new brothers. You are expected to conduct activities that will give you the opportunity to become more familiar with the brothers of the chapter, alumni, NYU and the Italian heritage of Alpha Phi Delta. If there are any circumstances where you feel overwhelmed please go to either Justin Chae, Jesse Gutierrez or Henry Perez-Tlatenchi.

Important Information:
• Everything you will be responsible to know will be uploaded on Google Drive and shared with you. The doc’s name is “Mike’s Study Guide,” and it make’s your life easy!
• The dokime is your life. Whatever says memorize in this syllabus, you have to know word for word!
• If you are to drop, you must hand in your New Member pin and dokime. Also, you have to email the head of Greek life- David Gonzalez and schedule an interview to discuss why you dropped.
• Guard your New Member pins, new member books and dokimes. Once you lose them, it will be hard to replace!
• If a brother of the chapter touches your pin, you have to do a private assignment for him. Usually you’ll have to research information about Alpha Phi Delta, alumni or the Theta Beta chapter.
## Week 1 Assignments

**Theme: Unity, Unity, Unity (0-7)**

1. **New Member Book/Journal:** buy a 5 x 7 inch notebook. Number the last 30 pages of the book, front and back, from the last page (starting at one, flipping forward to 30). (15 pages totally) Draw a diagonal line from the top left hand corner of your pledge book and color the top half white and the bottom half purple. You all must have IDENTICAL notebooks!

2. **New Member Interviews:** you are required to interview each one of your fellow new members. In Week 2 you will be quizzed on what you find. The interview should focus on the following:
   - Major
   - Current GPA
   - Siblings? (name, age, etc.)
   - Hometown? (any moving around?)
   - Phone number and address?
   - Likes and dislikes? (this is the most important part!)
   - Birthday?
   - What high school they attended? (any special memories?)
   - Any interesting facts

Dedicate a whole side-of-a-sheet per New Member.

3. **Dokime Reading:** memorize the New Member's Oath. Memorize the edition number, year and primary editor for every edition of the dokime.
   - Review Section 1
   - Review the Greek Alphabet, which is the last page of the dokime)
   - Review Definition of Chapter

## Week 2 Assignments

**Theme: Academics Above All (8-14)**

1. **Reminder:** memorize the entire Greek Alphabet. You have to be able to sing it! Know everything from before: Oath, Membership Doctrine, Keynote, Editions, and most importantly, one another.

2. **Brothers of the Chapter Interviews:** interview each brother of the chapter and record it in the back of your New Member book.

3. **Memorize:**
   - 10 Objectives | 3 Aims of the New Member Period | 8 New Member Responsibilities

4. **Dokime Reading:**
   - Review Sections 2-3
   - Review Definition of District
5.) **Important Notes and Questions you Should Know the Answers to:**

### Section 2 | The American Fraternity System
- 1776 Phi Beta Kappa est. at College of William & Mary (1st Fraternity)
- Kappa Alpha Society, Sigma Phi, and Delta Phi founded at Union College (1825-1827)
  
### Section 3 | History of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity
- Know basic dates and what happened
- 7 friends’ names that began Il Circolo Italiano
- November 5th 1914 at Syracuse
- Which college is Beta Chapter?
- A merger in 1916 with what fraternity?
- When was Central Office established?
- What were the five procedures followed by the founding fathers at Syracuse & Columbia?

6.) **Find the answer to “Are you Weak?” & memorize the response**

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<th>Theme: Responsibility &amp; Respect (15-21)</th>
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<td>1.) <strong>NYU Explorer:</strong> On the 31st page on the back of your New Member book, answer these questions:</td>
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<td>- When was your college founded?</td>
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<td>- Who is the president of your college?</td>
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<td>- What degrees are conferred by your college?</td>
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<td>- What is the name of the governing board of your college?</td>
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<td>- Who is your college’s academic dean (or VP of Academic Affairs)?</td>
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<td>- Who is the athletic director of your college?</td>
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<td>- What is the name of your main campuses Library? Approximately how large is its collection?</td>
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<td>- How many credits are required to graduate with a BS or a BA degree?</td>
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<td>- Excluding basketball, name three varsity sports at your college?</td>
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<td>- What is the approximate enrollment of your college?</td>
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<td>- How many other social fraternities exist on your college’s campus?**</td>
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<td>- Did your college have a different name at the time of its founding? If so, what was the college’s name?</td>
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<td>2.) <strong>Delegate officers to create a “mini-chapter” out of your New Member class-</strong></td>
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<td>assigning the following positions:</td>
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<td>- President: Leads the New Member class</td>
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<td>- Reminds everyone of responsibilities</td>
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<td>- Coordinates closely with New Member educator.</td>
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<td>- VP: coordinates with alumni</td>
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- **Secretary**: records important information | reports to the president
- **Treasurer**: keeps track of expenditures
- **Historian**: takes pictures | keeps a daily/log of the progress of the chapter | asks brothers and alumni questions and shares facts his New Member class
- **Chaplain**: moral support for the group | reports any disputes to New Member Educator
- **Talent Scout**: recruit the next New Member class | go to clubs and market APD to potential candidates | takes down phone numbers and important info | reports findings to chapter brothers
- **Director of IT**: maintain Facebook page and group me

3.) **Memorize**: Seven Founding Fathers | historical events in Alpha Phi Delta history | The Procedures | Chancellor James R. Day
   - You will also be quizzed on all previous material

4.) **Dokime Reading**:
   - Review Section 4
   - Review Chapter-specific materials

5.) **Reminders**:
   - **Time Management**: when you wake up and before you go to bed, devote 5 minutes to reading your dokime. Make flash cards if you have to. Study hard for your midterms! Organize your studying and allot yourself time to complete “sub-goals” within the entirety of “studying.” For example: If your math midterm is upcoming and you know it covers chapters 1 and 2, make subgoals: review notes, complete exercises, go to professor, read things in the textbook. Next, assign how long to spend on each subgoal and, the most important part, assign yourself specific times when you will complete each subgoal.
   - **Unity**: you are one unit
   - **Hit up your Big**
   - If you have any questions or are feeling under the bus, contact any brother right away!

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**WEEK 4 Assignments**

1.) **Complete the Riddle Assignment**

2.) **Memorize**: (from Section 4) The Creed | Obligations | Fraternal Values and Virtues | Chapter names and colleges in NYC district (West and East)

3.) **Dokime Reading**:
   - Review Section 5. Pay special attention to:
   - Symbols of Alpha Phi Delta and their meanings | Faciamus | Elements of the Coat of Arms (6)
   - Song titles “Our Fraternity” | “Fraternity Sweetheart” | “APD Rose” - know the authors and which chapter they are from
- The name of the fraternity prayer, who made it and which chapter he is from

4.) **New Member Paddles**: order New Member paddles, the letters, paints, etc.

5.) **Reminders**:
   - Study for your midterms, tests & quizzes
   - Unity: you are one unit
   - Hit up your Big daily or every-other-day.
   - Talk to your New Member Educator

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**WEEK 5**  
(29-35)  

**Theme: Undisputed Underdogs**

1.) **Task**: Prepare a dinner for the brothers of the chapter. Split into two teams and prepare multiple dishes.

2.) **Memorize**: This week you are fully responsible for section 5 & 6.
   - **Section 5**: The symbols of Alpha Phi Delta | Faciamus | Coat of Arms | Songs | Prayer
   - **Section 6**: Pay attention to: “The Parliamentary System” | “Composition of the National Council” | “The Committee System” | “National Officers” | “Districts & Governors”

3.) **Dokime Reading**:
   - You’ll be tested on everything from the beginning, but there’s more emphasis on the things from last week and this week.

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**WEEK 6**  
(36-42)  

**Theme: Finals**

1.) **Assignment**: Know everything from before. Focus on District Officers’ Names as well as District Governors’ because they will be at your induction. Memorize alumni associations, which you can find on [www.apd.org](http://www.apd.org)

2.) **Dokime Reading**:
   - Review Section 7 paying attention to: “Chapter Officers” | “District Convention” | “Chapter” | “Alumni Association” | “National Convention” | “Awards Banquet” | “Alumni Clubs & Associations”
   - Read through section 8

3.) **Induction**: All that I have taught you and all that you have learned from the Dokime and from one another will be put to the test as you stand together, united, in front of the ruthless district governors and national officers. There will be a written exam and a final New Member meeting where the VP of Expansion or another national officer acts as the PM.