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May 1, 2009

The International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta:

Re: Chi Lamda Colony of Phi Gamma Delta: Recommendation for Charter

Dear Brothers:

It is my honor and privilege to recommend that the Chi Lamda Colony be admitted as the next shining star to the constellation of chapters in the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. I do so without any reservation or qualification.

It is fitting that this recommendation is made to the Fraternity today on Founders Day as it was exactly two (2) years ago when the Delta Club (the predecessor interest group) formally submitted its Petition to the Archons requesting Colony status. That application was approved by the Archons on August 19, 2007, and the Colony completed its first formal rush in January, 2008.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the official Club Sponsor, Colony Organizer and first Purple Legionnaire for the Delta Club and Colony. Although I am currently without a title, I have regularly attended the Colony meetings and I attended 3 of the 4 formal rush events for the Spring Rush which recently concluded in mid-April. I know each and every pledge and active personally, and I have corresponded with or met most of their parents as well.

It has also been my honor and privilege to be actively involved with the Fraternity for many years. In addition to my service as Purple Legionnaire (2), BCA Chairman, Section Chief (3), and Archon (Counselor and Secretary), I have remained current on the status of our fraternity, her chapters and brothers as the Chairman of the Amendment of Laws Committee for the past 12 years.

In light of my background and experience with the Chi Lamda Colony and our Fraternity, I believe that I understand the standards of the Fraternity in granting a Charter, and I can make a reasoned judgment on whether the Colony has met those standards, thus qualifying it for a Charter.

On that basis, I judge this Colony to be ready to become a Chapter, and I believe our Fraternity will be better for it.

The Colony has prepared its Petition and I have had the opportunity to review much of it, at least in draft form. I know Chi Lamda recently finished in the top 3 for scholarship, philanthropy and recruitment. It probably now ranks in the top 3 in membership, and the Brothers are committed to growing it even more in the next academic year.

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But rather than talk about the specific benchmarks which I am sure will be provided by the Petition, Field Secretary reports and Headquarters statistics, I want to briefly describe this Colony's greatest strength – the Brotherhood.

Friendship, indeed, is the sweetest influence.

The Chi Lamda brothers embody this principle perhaps more than any other Colony or Chapter that I have known in my experience in Phi Gamma Delta, including my undergraduate years at the University of Arizona.

Their commitment to Phi Gamma Delta and to each other is borne out of their *love* of same, and is repeatedly reflected in how they interact and care for each other on a daily basis. This bond cannot be imitated. It is truly genuine. And it makes me proud to be associated with them on a daily basis.

I therefore recommend to the Archons and Chapters of Phi Gamma Delta that the Chi Lamda Colony of Phi Gamma Delta be granted its Charter at the next and earliest opportunity for the question to be considered, and that a formal chartering be held in San Diego, California, on or about November 7, 2009.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please feel free to call me via cell phone at: 602.312.1172

With kind and personal regards, I am  
Very Fraternally Yours,

Ken Sobel (Arizona '75)

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