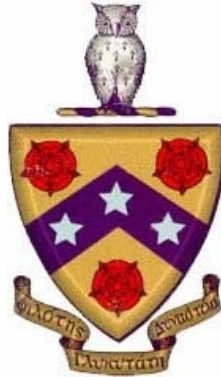


# Welcome to the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta

XA Colony University of California, San Diego



## Pledging Syllabus

Our goal is to see you become an initiated brother in Phi Gamma Delta.

If you fail to initiate, someone has failed both you and the chapter. The goal of seeing you become a brother is a mutual responsibility between the pledge and the members of the chapter. This Fraternity is a brotherhood. We are all here to support each other and to grow as individuals. We are here for your support when you want and need it.

Here are some ways you can do your part...

- Make a commitment to learn the history, traditions and organization of our chapter and the Fraternity
- Learn, understand and live by the values of Phi Gamma Delta.
  - **Friendship:** How well do you get along with all people, in and out of the Fraternity? This will apply for the rest of your life...
  - **Knowledge:** GPA
  - **Service:** Philanthropy Hours, service to the Fraternity, Involvement in your Pledge Class

- **Morality:** As gentlemen of quality, we must do what is right as individuals and as a group. Moral behavior is the basis of our society's existence.
- **Excellence:** It is attained only when we fulfill our total potential. Mankind benefits when each of us becomes all that we can be.
- Take a sincere interest in your chapter and its members.
- Place the Fraternity above any selfish interests and commit to setting a higher standard for your chapter.
- Most importantly, make certain your academic performance more than qualifies you for initiation.

**We have high expectations of you. We require academic success. We demand morality. We expect brotherly feelings in both act and word.**

Understand that this pledging period is a way to get to know you on a deeper level, since we have only known you for a week. The pledging period is a way to evaluate you. Take pride in your accomplishments and show everyone how great you can become!

Over 160 years have passed since our six founders started Phi Gamma Delta, and over 150,000 men have been initiated and influenced by this Fraternity and what she teaches. In order for you to fully appreciate Phi Gamma Delta's greatness, it is important that you are knowledgeable of her history. Understanding fully how Phi Gamma Delta was founded will greatly enhance your experience in Phi Gamma Delta.

### **Reading**

- Assigned weekly at meeting
- Each exam will be held in the following meeting

### **Biographies**

- Chapters:
  - School
  - Founding Date
  - Age
  - Chapter Name

- Number of Brothers
- Anything else interesting
- Brothers:
  - Draw names out of hat
  - Name
  - School
  - Grad Year
  - Major
  - Grad School? Law School? Etc.
  - Occupation(s)
  - Summary of Achievements
  - Bring a picture of him
  
- Other Fraternities
  - Founding Date
  - School founded at
  - Age
  - Some Famous Graduates
  - Summary of History

### **Exams**

- Based on reading assigned the week before
- 5 exams, covers all 10 chapters

### **Philanthropy Hours**

- 5 hours each

### **Fundraising**

- Fundraise \$1000
- Come up with a fundraising method

### **Study Hours:**

- Study and record 6 hours per week.
- Log hours on a facebook group that your class creates.
- Make the group secret so others cannot see it.

### **TxtBlaster:**

- This is the communication system our chapter most often uses.
- You will have a separate account from the actives for your pledging period.
- Instructions for signing up will be given at the first meeting.

### **Resources:**

- [www.phigam.org](http://www.phigam.org)
- **Wikipedia: Phi Gamma Delta**

“If I didn’t follow through on a commitment, it didn’t just affect me. What I did (or didn’t do) affected 30 to 40 guys who were depending on me.” pg. 31

### **Interviews:**

- Interviews are according to class, since we are now getting to be a reasonably large Fraternity.
- This will also help you differentiate between the classes of our Chapter for the future.

### **Interview Questions:**

- ◇ General:
  - Name

- Major/Year/College
- Hometown
- Parents/Professions
- Siblings, Age
- Sports/Hobbies
- Pledge Class
- Do you have a position currently in Fiji? What do you do?
- Fiji Family Name, Little/Big
- Any advice to give?

#### ◇ Alpha Class

- How did you hear about Fiji? Who brought you in? How did you know/ meet that person?
- What are your earliest memories of Fiji?
- Describe Camp Fiji/ What was it like for you?
- Was there a particular moment when you felt that Fiji became **your** Fraternity, instead of just being a recruit, or was it something that just developed over time? (although Alpha class started Fiji, surely they were recruited into the core group by someone).
- Why did you decide to start Fiji instead of just rushing another fraternity?
  - (Other fraternities were already well established and well known, were having exchanges with the best sororities, and were operating relatively smoothly. It would have been much less complicated, wouldn't it?)
- How did you feel when you heard you had been approved as a Colony?
- What was Delta Club?
- What was it like getting your first pledge class?
- Was it weird bringing new people into your already tight-knit group?
- What are some of your best memories from the early Fiji (pre-Beta Class)?
- What positions have you held in the past, what position do you hold now?

- Were you the first in the fraternity to hold any of those positions?
- If so, what was it like developing the standards of your committee and position?
- Have you ever felt that you've put the fraternity over yourself at one point to see this fraternity grow?

#### Beta Class

- How did you hear about Fiji? Who brought you in? How did you know/ meet that person?
- What are your earliest memories of Fiji?
- What was it like to be the first pledge class of Fiji?
- How was your experience with rushing and pledging?
- Was there a particular moment when you felt that Fiji became **your** Fraternity, instead of just being a recruit, or was it something that just developed over time?
- Was it hard to get pledge missions done having so few members in your pledge class?
- From your experience, do you have any advice about pledging?
- Have you ever felt that you've put the fraternity over yourself at one point to see this fraternity grow?

#### Gamma Class and on...

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- What are your earliest memories of Fiji?
- Was there a particular moment when you felt that Fiji became **your** Fraternity, instead of just being a recruit, or was it something that just developed over time?
- Have you ever felt that you've put the fraternity over yourself at one point to see this fraternity grow?

