

FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP

GUIDELINES FOR NEW MEMBER EDUCATION



GUIDELINES WITHIN MANDATED FRATERNITY CURRICULUM

- **The Preparation for Brotherhood (P4B) program must begin within 72 hours of the recruit receiving his bid.**
- New member education must be entirely consistent with the ideals and spirit of our Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, and Governing Laws.
- A man does not pledge to be in servitude to an individual brother or chapter. He aspires to be a member of the Chapter and the General Fraternity.
- If something is designed to make a man “a good pledge” rather than to make him a good brother or to see “how much he wants to become a member,” it is not appropriate.
- Ask yourselves, “If an activity became known, publicized, or even videotaped, could it be explained, justified, understood or appreciated by parents, university officials, pledges, or the media?” If not, it should not be done.
- The fact that “we’ve always done it” does not justify the continuance of any activity that could be considered hazing.
- Forced unity or “unity-at-any-cost” can result in resentment or exaggerated competition within the chapter and conflict with the later integration of the pledge class into the chapter, creating a caste system. Unity will occur naturally from positive and shared experiences.
- Pledges are not allowed to spend the night together as a pledge class or in clusters, whether at the chapter house or offsite locations. The **ONLY** exception is the night before Initiation.
- Links or tangible representations of a pledge’s progress or failure are prohibited. If our purpose is to prepare men for brotherhood, then everything we do in our pledge programming should directly correlate to what we do as initiated members.
- Pledges are recommended to take their weekly pledge exams individually within the eLearning and away from the group session.
- The goals outlined in *The Jordan Standard* requires us to allow each student time for his academic responsibilities, reasonable sleep, diet, and campus involvement.



PREPARATION FOR BROTHERHOOD

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

WEEK 0: Commencement / Formal Pledging

- Big Brother Program - Big Brother Training session before pinning
- Big Brother selection, pairing, responsibilities

WEEK 1: Runkle / Courage / Jordan Trail

WEEK 2: Bell & Lockwood / Wisdom & Integrity / Illumination

WEEK 3: Jordan & Cooper / High Ambition & Self Control / Building True Brotherhood

WEEK 4: Scobey & Caldwell / Reflections / Personal Creed - Coat of Arms

RITUAL BRIDGE

WEDNESDAY: The Man in the Glass

THURSDAY: Seven Candles / Final Candle Pass / Magister Closing

FRIDAY: Candidate's Dinner / Candidate's Letter to the Chapter

THE GOVERNING LAWS OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY...

ALL PLEDGESHIP AND PREPARATION FOR BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE.

- No Preparation for Brotherhood pledge education program shall exceed five (5) weeks, excluding time when school is not in session or during midterm exams.
- The five-week pledge program shall begin with the formal pledging/big brother ceremony, and chapters must deploy the big brother program starting in the first week of the Foundational Leadership Certificate and the Preparation for Brotherhood (P4B) program.
- All new members must be initiated before the commencement of final exams.
- If a host institution requires a shorter term for a pledge program, a shorter, prescribed version of the model P4B program shall be used in its entirety.
- No Ritual for Life new initiate program may exceed five (5) weeks in length.

CEREMONIES OF INITIATION



SIGMA CHI Ritual for Life

PROGRAM OUTLINE

PRE-SESSION E-LEARNING:

- Intro to R4L
- Three Eras
- Evolution of the Ritual
- Ritual and Leadership
- Ritual and Recruitment
- How to Use the Ritual Book
- Enlightenment

GROUP SESSION 1: Ritual Introduction

GROUP SESSION 2: Ritual Interpretation

GROUP SESSION 3: Ritual For Life