## **NEW MEMBER EDUCATION**

**Component** Documentation

New Member Education/Orientation program does not exceed eight (8) weeks in length and adheres to all Fraternity policies. Program should serve as a facilitation guide for New Member Educator by providing a detailed breakdown of the entire process.

100% of New Members complete GreekLifeEdu.

- 1. Copy of New Member Education program including:
- An outline of new member meetings, events, and any expectations for new members
- Weekly learning objectives at minimum
- Lesson plans utilized by New Member Educator for facilitating new member education program.

## **About This Component**

In any organization, the orientation of new members determines their preparedness for full engagement as an initiated member. This component addresses certain standards adopted by North American fraternities and encourages chapters to develop a process that takes into account the respect for man and his engagement in the chapter afterward.

Many issues that many of our members face, including apathy and a misunderstanding of how the chapter operates, can be addressed through an orientation process focused on preparing men for the day-to-day expectations of brotherhood and citizenship.

## **Best Practices**

- Write your lessons like a script. As time passes, individuals may not interpret your instructions as you would. It is important that little room is left for improvisation. This way, the integrity of your program will last for generations of membership.
- Utilize the Fraternity's online curriculum. It is our expectation that all new members go through The LAMP to complete forms necessary to be a registered member of the Fraternity; don't miss that element of membership!
- Incorporate the wider brotherhood into new member education. In most careers, employees are expected to undergo some form of annual training. This is a great time for general members to re-experience the history and principles of Delta Sigma Phi.
- Host a session after initiation to discuss the ritual, symbols and history of the Fraternity indepth. Many men don't catch all of the ins and outs of Delta Sigma Phi when they experience initiation.