

# Brotherhood Report

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*It's been a tradition of Psi Chapter that each new pledge of the fraternity writes a report about what the term 'brotherhood' means to them, and then chapter votes on which one best reflects everyone's feelings for submission. The approach this year has been different as the entire class of 20 pledges worked together on **one** report to align our chapter with the greater goals of the fraternity. Here's what they came up with...*

**"Let us each honor PHI DELTA CHI."** *Brotherhood is not just another ordinary word in the dictionary. As members of the Psi chapter pledge class, we've learned that brotherhood embodies more than what we expected before we made the commitment. Brotherhood gives a new, stronger definition to the meaning of family and provides motivation to strive to one's full potential as future pharmacists through a carefully created support system. As brothers of Phi Delta Chi, we are always reminded of our obligations to progress pharmacy as much as is within our power and to build a sense of affinity and responsibility towards it. The end result is giving without expectation or the thought of reward, in hopes that everyone remembers and acts upon what Phi Delta Chi has given us. What makes our fraternity unique compared to others is the composition of many different personalities, and what makes our chapter unique is the impossibility to not develop as a person in the brotherhood. This is why we honor Phi Delta Chi.*

**"Let us do good because it is a pleasure."** *Brotherhood is like trick or treating. The night before Halloween we dressed up in costumes and went door to door to collect canned goods to donate to the Salvation Army. Instead of the mountains of candy, our goods brought more inner fulfillment and fewer cavities. In the company of our brothers, the ability to change the purpose of trick or treating in order to help others is truly a better pleasure than chocolate or lollipops.*

**"Let us practice the virtues and war against vice."** *Brotherhood is like having an ever present role model. Every member in our Psi family has been in our places, as pledges, new actives, or seasoned veterans. From them, we enter a habitual cycle where we learn to selflessly get involved with not only our chapter, but our community, and our school as well. Our older brothers teach us how to stay focused on our dreams and goals and to ignore the temptation to give into indifference.*

**"Let us keep burning the light of wisdom."** *Brotherhood is like the Olympic torch. The Olympic torch is a symbol of integrity, hard work, and determination. Each Olympic year, the torch is passed by a leader from country to country in order to bring unity to a diverse group. Similarly, every fall there is a new group of pledges invited to become a part of Phi Delta Chi. Just like the passing of the torch, the older brothers pass along their wisdom and past experiences in all aspects of life in order to bring together the group as one fraternal community.*

**"Let us respect the aged and instruct the young."** *Brotherhood is like a beehive. With the ultimate goal of making sweet honey, each busy bee, no matter how big or small, must do their part within their society and make a difference. They must learn from each other and work together. Although there is an inherent hierarchy, each member is equally important in order to continue the traditions of Phi Delta Chi and pass down the secrets and morals that make us the prestigious fraternity that we have become known as.*

**"Let us cherish family."** *Brotherhood is like a rock band. Even though we all play different instruments and notes, work the lights, cater to others, or strike the set, we all come together on the stage in order to*

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harmonize like a family in a symphony of pharmacy. Each member is needed in order to keep the band together because every individual member has their own unique strengths that are quintessential to creating a melody worth repeating in years to come.

**“Let us be true brothers.”** *Brotherhood is like type O blood.* With this characteristic, you can always donate to any brother in need and give the symbolic gift of life. Paralleling blood brothers, we are always there for one another, always committed, and always sacrificing. Whether it is picking them up if they fall along the rugged journey to a PharmD or acknowledging their hard work, brotherhood allows us to be an intricate and strongly woven life support system.

**“Let us refrain from excess.”** *Brotherhood is like a balloon.* If you put too much air in a balloon, it pops, but if you don’t put enough air, the balloon won’t float. Our brothers and our inner-chapter families surround us, helping us to maintain a balanced life preventing us from going “POP”. Our mantra, with the help of our chapter, has become ‘work hard, play hard.’

**“Let us hear much, speak little, and act well.”** *Brotherhood is like classical, coming of age novels.* As teenagers we believe we are infallible, indestructible. As we grow older we slowly begin to realize that we have much more to learn in life. By joining Phi Delta chi, we gather information from one another and through this process, we mature as an ensemble. We learn to demonstrate these newfound revelations through benevolent actions and good-intentions.

**“Let us be just.”** *Brotherhood is like reliving kindergarten.* Rather than being a line leader or a bathroom buddy, we take charge of the different committees that form such as professional, service, social and fundraising. Instead of sharing crayons and colored pencils, we share the responsibilities of making sure we do our part within the chapter to lessen the load for everyone and simultaneously give back to the pharmaceutical community. Within our brotherhood, we are given the opportunity to fail and to be forgiven, and this freedom allows us to have success.

**“Let us give our best efforts to our Brothers.”** *Brotherhood is like being a member of Robin Hood’s Merry Men.* We must all band together and sacrifice any selfish needs in order to succeed as a chapter. In addition, each member of our brotherhood is rich with different positive attributes and must be willing to share that wealth and use it for the betterment of the fraternity. Therefore, in order to be a true brother of the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity, one must be willing to demonstrate the aforementioned qualities. As the Psi chapter, we believe that there is so much more to brotherhood than the stereotypical definition. One must possess integrity, loyalty and above all, a true, passionate dedication to the underlying meaning behind *Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget*.