



# Characteristics of an Ideal Brother

## 1. KNOWLEDGE OF PHI SIGMA PI

Each Member should possess a commanding knowledge and understanding of the National Fraternity, its purpose, goals, regulations and policies.

## 2. DESIRE TO SERVE

Every Member will be an asset to the group if there is a deep sense of commitment to the welfare of the organization.

## 3. DEVOTION OF TIME AND ENERGY

Each Member must be willing to sacrifice and make time for the advancement of the organization.

## 4. ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

By accepting the responsibilities of membership, each Member can make positive contributions to the group.

## 5. WORK WITH OTHERS IN TEAM SPIRIT

Cooperation is the key to success for any group. Remember that this is a democracy. Even though you may not agree with a decision of the majority, you are committed to supporting it. Stubbornness only creates problems. Cooperative efforts build wider friendships.

## 6. DILIGENCE AND MOTIVATION

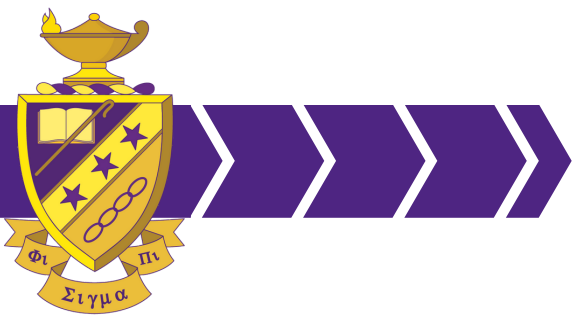
When duties are assigned, Members must see that their part is accomplished thoroughly, and in a timely manner. Forgetting or procrastinating weakens a Chapter. Reach deep inside yourself and find self-motivation.

## 7. LEARN TO TAKE CRITICISM

No person in a position of authority is immune from criticism. You must learn to sort out the constructive (from which you can learn) from the malicious (which you must ignore).



*The founding class of the Eta Xi Chapter (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) learned all about what it takes to be an Ideal Brother during their first term as a Chapter.*



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## 8. ABILITY TO FACE ADVERSITY

Things will not always go well. Failures will happen. A good leader learns to take things in stride and learn from these experiences.

## 9. DELEGATE AUTHORITY WHEN NECESSARY

Each Member who holds authority must be able to give power to others to gain trust and foster motivation and productivity

## 10. MAKE DECISIONS

Leadership involves making decisions - sometimes tough decisions - on a regular basis. Be prepared to take a stand for the good of the Chapter.

## 11. FREEDOM FROM PREJUDICES

Narrow-mindedness can present serious roadblocks to success.

## 12. PRAISE, SHARE AND GIVE CREDIT WHEN CREDIT IS DUE

Sharing the credit and praising others will increase Members' enthusiasm and pride

See page 131 of the *Ceremonies and Ritual Book* for discussion questions related to the *Characteristics of an Ideal Brother*.

## 13. CONCENTRATE UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS

A leader must remain calm and keep the Chapter's goals in mind when all others seem to forget.

## 14. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR MISTAKES

Humility is strength, not weakness. Others respect this quality in a leader.

## 15. GROW AND LEARN

Leadership cannot be cultivated where there is stagnation.

## 16. PASS ON WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

Chapters should not have to reinvent the wheel each year. Give new Members the opportunity to learn from the experiences of older Members so that the Chapter is never at a disadvantage.

## 17. MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Problems and tasks seem much easier to deal with and accomplish when you have the proper attitude. Others prefer being near those who are optimistic and enthusiastic.