

RENAISSANCE OF BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

Any chapter can participate in the Renaissance of Brotherhood Program anytime during the academic year.

The Renaissance of Brotherhood Program allows men that live up to the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon to be part of the Fraternity even though they may not have had the opportunity during their college years. As much care should be used in selecting a renaissance brother as is used to select an undergraduate member.

According to Resolution 16 passed by the Grand Chapter at the 45th Grand Chapter Conclave:

Renaissance brothers will be defined as those who are over 25 years of age or deceased, who have received an undergraduate degree or currently are not enrolled as undergraduate students at a college or university, who are not a members of another national fraternity, and who express values and ideals consistent with the cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. The Renaissance ceremony will include the new member ceremony, the preparation and education of the candidate, the Ritual, the Interpretation, and a reception in honor of the candidate.

When selecting a candidate, strive to find a man who, through his actions, has proven that he lives his life in accordance with our three cardinal principles: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. This man could be a local community leader, outstanding member of the college or university community, or even a father of an undergraduate brother. (The only stipulation is that your candidate not be a member of another national social fraternity).

After identifying your candidate, contact him and arrange a meeting to invite him to join the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon. It is suggested that the chapter president and counselor extend this invitation and, at that time, answer any questions that the candidate might have regarding Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Ritual ceremony. You may even want to give him a copy of *The Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood* to review. (It is important to note that an invitation to join Sigma Phi Epsilon through the Renaissance of Brotherhood Program is an honor bestowed upon the person you choose; therefore, this person is not subject to the same member development process as other members.)

If your candidate accepts the invitation to join and a date for the Ritual ceremony is agreed upon, your next step is to plan a reception after the ceremony where undergraduate brothers, alumni, and friends can meet and welcome our new brother into Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The fee for the Renaissance of Brotherhood Program is \$25. This is normally paid by the chapter and accompanies the lifetime membership form sent to Headquarters.

Some of Sigma Phi Epsilon's most outstanding brothers have been Renaissance brothers, and many have gone on to leave positive, lasting impressions on our Fraternity. One such brother was the late Dr. U.G. Dubach, longtime National Scholarship Chairman for Sigma Phi Epsilon, a past member of our National Board of Directors, and a recipient of Sigma Phi Epsilon's highest honor — the Order of the Golden Heart.