



AN EDICT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHI KAPPA PSI  
REGARDING “LEGACY” MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

A Chapter has no obligation to offer Fraternity membership to a potential new member on the basis of his relatives or recommendations. Rather, it should treat him with the same concern, interest, and attention as any other potential new member. By the same token, a Chapter should not assume a legacy or recommended potential new member will automatically accept an offer of membership. Simply put, all potential new members should be treated the same.

However, when a potential new member who had been recommended by a Fraternity alumnus is not extent an offer of membership, Chapter’s Recruitment Chairman, with the aid of the Chapter’s Corresponding Secretary, must send a note to the alumnus explaining the situation and thanking the alumnus for the recommendation.

Following these steps will give the Chapter the confidence to act fairly and honestly with potential new members, while maintaining the sense of cooperation with alumni.

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