

## **THE ADVISOR'S PURPOSE**

### **-Advise, Don't Dictate...-**

By agreeing to serve an Advisor to the chapter, you exemplify what every chapter member should strive to one day be — a loyal, dedicated, alumnus member of an organization whose membership lasts a lifetime.

Chances are your higher education experience was positively influenced by an individual older than you. You respected and admired this individual and held him or her in high regard. Keep this individual in mind as you fulfill your responsibilities as an advisor. Hopefully, undergraduate chapter members will think of you in the same way. While serving as an advisor, you will have opportunities to positively impact the lives of many individuals.

A chapter is only as strong as its alumni support. With this in mind, justification is given for the following statement: The chapter is as strong as its Alumni Advisors. Your consistent presence at weekly chapter meetings, lending a hand when able, and ability to advise and consult will play a dynamic role in the chapter and its success.

The advisor does, indeed, have a place in the chapter. While the job of the advisor may be a thankless job at times, the need for alumni support and guidance is always present.

As an Advisor, you should exercise tact, sound judgement, and wise diplomacy in working with today's college student. A large part of the undergraduates' learning experience in the Fraternity is that they must function as the leaders and voting members of the chapter. The undergraduate chapter members themselves must be held responsible for their actions and decisions. Likewise, the undergraduate chapter members must hold one another responsible. Alumni Advisors cannot make decisions for the undergraduates. Instead, the alumnus advises and reminds the members about the importance of responsibility.

As an advisor, you must allow your chapter's members to learn, while empowering them to make decisions on their own. Your role is to advise, not dictate every aspect of chapter operations.

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