

Brotherhood Is... What Do Your Actions Say About Brotherhood?

Brotherhood is one of the many attributes a fraternity offers, and might be the one individuals value most when making their decision to join. This sense of family, unity, and companionship is something that organizations continue to pride themselves on year after year. However, along with the positive aspects, we are all aware of the negative elements that are sometimes rationalized as done in the name of brotherhood. Whether this comes from personal experiences or a headline in the newspaper, we are all aware of those issues that can shine negative attention on something that should be a great strength.

Use this poster and the following discussion guide to facilitate conversations on what your actions say about brotherhood and how we can continue to hold members accountable for fulfilling their commitment to true brotherhood.

Brotherhood:

What is brotherhood?

What makes a great brotherhood?

What are the strengths of our brotherhood?

What areas need to improve in our brotherhood?

What are ways we diminish our brotherhood?

- Social media posts
- Members' actions during events (socials, IM sports, philanthropic events, etc.)

What are ways we use brotherhood as a crutch for our poor decisions?

How can we hold members accountable for living up to what brotherhood is meant to be?

Values:

What are values?

• Values: core beliefs or desires, which guide or motivate attitudes and action.

Why is it important to have values?

Do you follow the value of our founders and consistently recruit men who aspire to do so as well?

Why are values and brotherhood often conjoined?

What is the value of brotherhood?

Resources:

- <u>Team Building Activities</u>
- Best Practices Library