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Dear Brothers of the Southwestern Region:

By now, I am sure that you have heard that during the 105th Anniversary Convention, the convention delegates approved the continuation of an expanded "pilot" of the new Initial Membership Development Process (IMDP) until the 2013 General Convention in Austin. In the interim period, it is important for chapters to remember that we are still in a period of "targeted" national intake. Therefore, intake will continue to be approved by me on a case by case basis. Chapters interested in participating in Fall 2011 intake must secure approval from me no later than September 16, 2011. These requests for approval must be presented by your respective District Director or his designee (Area Director). Criteria that will continue to be used as a part of my review include the following:

- Any chapter with disciplinary violations within the past three (3) years will NOT be allowed to participate in membership intake;
- Delegate strength registered and in attendance for the 105th Anniversary Convention in Chicago;
- No Outstanding debt to the National office, the Southwestern Region or your respective District;
- 2011-2012 Chapter Directory must be submitted via Alphanet no later than September 1, 2011; and
- For Chapters that participated in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 intake, proof of Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 neophyte registration(s) for the 2011 Southwestern Regional Convention or documentation of excused absence; and
- All chapter officers must be in good standing with the chapter and via Alphanet; and
- For College chapters, evidence that your Spring 2011 grade report has been provided to your District leadership along with evidence that your chapter's current overall cumulative GPA is at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale; and

For those chapters that are approved for Fall 2011 Membership Intake, additional requirements include:

- Chapter members participating in intake must prove that they have completed the revised Risk Management training since August 2010 or must undergo new risk management certification in advance of the leadership weekend.
- Chapters must request and receive written consent from my office to conduct an Alpha Awareness seminar. These requests must be presented by your respective District Director (or Designee). Each Alpha Awareness Seminar must have a district and/or area legal counsel (preferably a brother) on the program to discuss the legal ramifications of hazing. No awareness seminar is to be conducted without prior written authorization.

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- All newly initiated members are required to register for the 2012 Southwestern Region Convention and participate in a region-wide neophyte training session which will be conducted during the Convention. Registration for the 2012 Southwestern Region Convention must be completed before the start of the intake process (Targeted or IMDP). **New initiates cannot serve as delegates for the Southwestern Regional Convention.**
- The chapter must have a satisfactory Southwestern Regional Chapter Assessment form on file with the Southwestern Regional Vice-President. Assessments must include evidence of participation in national programs, satisfactory academic progress, participation in district/regional competitions and college/alumni partnerships. This form is available through the Area Directors and District Directors.

We need the full cooperation of all Brothers as we go through this transitional membership intake period. As such, I am asking that the following aspects be made a priority by all Brothers: 1) maintain strict adherence to the rules and parameters which have been established to govern this process; 2) avoid risky behavior at all costs; and 3) maintain the true spirit of Brotherhood amongst ourselves and with those who have an interest in joining our illustrious organization.

As with the past two years, Bro. Willie Edwards, SWR Chief Pharaoh/Dean, will serve as the regional point of contact for this process. Area Directors, Chapter Advisors, Chapter Presidents and Membership Intake Coordinators will receive additional information from him on “next steps” as well as training requirements.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or need additional information. I’m counting on every Brother to ensure that we have an incident-free intake season.

Fraternally,



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