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To the Parents of

"BROTHERS ALL"

Sing a song of brotherhood
and Friendships far and wide,
Tell about the memories
Of those of us who died,
Let the dear and honored name
Serve ever as your guide.
For SIGMA ALPHA RHO.

Chorus

Honor, truth, and wisdom
Built our great Fraternity
Perserverance over all our
Benedictory
Shout it to the Skeptical
Who don't believe in thee,
Dear SIGMA ALPHA RHO.

Chorus

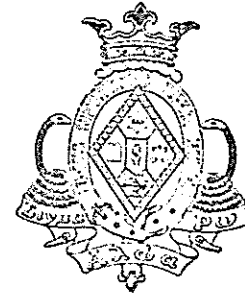
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GUIDE

to

SIGMA ALPHA RHO





"If I were to advise a young initiate into the fraternity, it would be to throw himself into the work of Sigma Alpha Rho without reservation, to work zealously, ardently, religiously for the progress and dissemination of our principles; he need not fear of reward, it will appear in his own soul. It has proven so with others, it will be so for him — let him remember — 'the recompense is great!'"

LEON S. ROSENTHAL





A GUIDE TO SIGMA ALPHA RHO

for
BROTHERS and PARENTS

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PREFACE

TO MY BROTHERS AND THEIR PARENTS:

It has been my hope in writing this book that I convey to every Brother and Parent the message of Sigma Alpha Rho. My purpose is to tell of Sigma Alpha Rho's programs, hopes and goals and spread the word that Sigma Alpha Rho is the finest possible organization ever conceived. I ask you to read this book carefully so you can absorb the full understanding of Sigma Alpha Rho.

Joel Hollander, *Editor*

What Sigma Alpha Rho Will Mean to Your Son

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF SIGMA ALPHA RHO?

Sigma Alpha Rho's purpose is multifold. We, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Rho, feel that we have a deep responsibility to the American Jewish community. We must live up to the reputation that young Jewish men should always have; devotion to our family, religion and country. Sigma Alpha Rho gives us many of the opportunities we cannot grasp as individuals. The following are but a few of Sigma Alpha Rho's purposes:

TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR JEWISH YOUTH —
We believe that our organization is one capable of providing these activities on a group basis. Through a very competitive awards system, we are encouraged to work in varied fields in both our religious and regional communities. Several chapters have allied themselves with Jewish Community Centers throughout the country while every chapter devotes part of its service program to various charities. We try to make every inductee realize that Sigma Alpha Rho is not just a social group, but an organization devoting much of its time to worthy causes and religious activities.

TO KEEP JEWISH YOUTH OFF THE STREETS — Sigma Alpha Rho strives to erase the conditions which cause Juvenile Delinquency. Although this has never been a great problem in the Jewish community, our leaders are becoming more concerned every year. Sigma Alpha Rho, through a consistently active and wholesome program, removes the hazard of a street corner, bowling alley or movie which may serve as a hangout for unoccupied boys.

TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT WITHIN FINANCIAL SCOPE OF EVERY HIGH SCHOOL BOY — We realize the limited cash reserve of a high school boy, and through a complete social program (to be discussed in full later) we strive to provide affairs which cost little and provide a great deal of wholesome fun. We strive to maintain a balance of affairs to provide the maximum enjoyment for every boy in every chapter.

TO TEACH RESPONSIBILITY — It is not easy to describe how much Sigma Alpha Rho means in teaching responsibility. The boys run the affairs themselves and are responsible for everything involved with each affair. The brothers plan well thought out budgets for dances, take the incentive for making arrangements for these affairs, and are fully willing to accept the possibility of a loss. They do these things by themselves,

without the aid of adult supervision. We are proud to say that Sigma Alpha Rho teaches boys to be men far earlier than other youth groups in our community.

TO ENCOURAGE RELIGION — Because we were founded in the wake of religious prejudice, we have always felt a deep reverence and dependence upon our religion. Our affiliations with Jewish Community Centers throughout the country have loosened our ties with the Jewish Community. We maintain a regular program of Friday evening Services in several areas of the Country, and have developed several close friendships with local Rabbis. We have always been a 100% Jewish Fraternity and so we shall always be.

TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS — A full program of charity drives has been an integral part of the programs of every chapter in Sigma Alpha Rho. We have consistently participated in the following activities: March of Dimes, United Jewish Appeal, Muscular Dystrophy, Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer Society and Leukemia. At Convention '72, the Fraternity passed legislation which designated the months of November and December as Teens Against Leukemia Months in which we raised and donated \$4,000.00 to the Leukemia Society of America and Canada. Community Service is one of the programs which counts most heavily in our competitive awards system.

WHY SHOULD YOUR SON BELONG TO ANY YOUTH GROUP?

TO MAKE FRIENDS — Friendship is important in the normal development of every boy. It is necessary that each boy try to obtain as many close friends as possible, so that he may grow up under normal conditions. Sigma Alpha Rho says that friendship is getting together with the "guys", to bowl, to go to a party or just to sit and talk. Where else can a boy make so many friends, but more important, so many good friends, than in an organized youth group. The programs planned by the boys themselves provide a varied schedule, and the number of different affairs provide a diversified program for the diversified desires of youth.

TO LEARN TO GET ALONG WITH ADULTS — Too often, the teenage boy resents being treated as an inferior because of his age. Several youth groups try to teach their young men to overcome this resentment, but always with the guidance of an adult supervisor. Only Sigma Alpha Rho requires a boy to deal intelligently and maturely with those who are older than he is. Our policy of having the Brothers run their own affairs, with a minimum of adult supervision, forces them to plan carefully to avoid problems, and to deal wisely with those with whom they must transact business. Sigma Alpha Rho teaches the young man to act like an adult. Also it teaches him to take the full responsibility for his actions and teaches him to absorb the wisdom of those who have more experience than he.

TO USE SPARE TIME CONSTRUCTIVELY — How much time does your son spend in front of the television at night or on weekends? "Too much", you say? Sigma Alpha Rho's chapters plan their activities so that your son can utilize his spare time doing something constructive. Many weekend hours are spent collecting for charities, or writing letters to brothers

in distant cities, or participating in sports for our fraternity . . . these same hours that normally would have been spent in front of the television. Again, it must be made clear, that every affair is supervised by the boys themselves, and great pains are taken to make every affair a success.

TO MATURE SOCIALLY — Sigma Alpha Rho has many programs which contribute to the proper social maturation of its boys. The complete social program is designed to allow the boys to meet a great many (Jewish) girls and make the maximum number of friends. Every facet of the chapter program is designed to bring the boy into the hub of activity, and each discourages him from being a "loner". It cannot be said that without Sigma Alpha Rho, a boy will not mature socially, but it can be said that this organization can add much more to your son's social life.

TO LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS — One of the basic purposes of any youth group is to teach young men to grow up into responsible adults in their community. The boys must be taught to respect authority, to revere certain institutions and to conduct themselves properly with their neighbors. The Community Service Program teaches the boys their responsibility to the less fortunate, and also their duties as members of the community.

TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE — The group can do much more than the individual. The group's social and athletic programs can be more expanded than the individual's, because of the group number alone. The planned athletic schedules provide for every boy what was once open only to the high school athlete. The social program, because of our relations with sororities and youth groups, provide diversified activities at a relatively low cost. In other fields, such as publications, the boys can have the opportunity of developing their talents in writing and art. There are no assigned topics, but every boy is encouraged to participate in his chapter's publications program. This type of activity was in the past only open to the journalist of the high school paper. A youth group can offer more to your son, far more than he can obtain on his own.

TO INSPIRE AMBITION — In every organization in which there is spirit, there is ambition. In order to move up in the organization, the boy must do more work for his organization, and the harder he works, the higher he moves. The more he gives to the organization, the more he gets from it. Just as in the High School Student Government, each boy must be elected on his respective merits, as a man, not only as a worker. The youth group teaches the individual that it is possible for anyone to move up and that no man can be denied his right to advance. Greed is not good for the young boys, but ambition can be a virtue when it is based on honest and sincere devotion to a cause or organization. Sigma Alpha Rho inspires ambition through this spirit previously mentioned. We are devoted to our organization, and strive to make it better. The spirit we use in making it better, inspires men to go higher and higher. Sigma Alpha Rho has grown great in the past because of this combination of spirit and ambition, and shall continue to grow larger day by day.

TO TEACH RESPECT — A youth group cannot be a good group unless it teaches respect for parents, community and authority. Programs such as "Public and Parental Relations" and "Community Service" both of which this booklet is a part, encourages increased communication between the boys and their parents. The youth group must be respected before it can teach respect, and a group such as Sigma Alpha Rho, with its fine Alumni, has long been a respected member of the Jewish Community. We feel doubly proud about being respected, because we have gained respect on our own, as responsible youth, not as a "model" youth group run by salaried adult supervisors.

Why Should Your Son Join Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity Above All Other Organizations?

SIGMA ALPHA RHO IS WELL ORGANIZED — Sigma Alpha Rho is a smooth running organization. Our leaders have been chosen by the boys themselves, and they are the finest men that any fraternity could hope for. Our diversified programs on the International, Council and Chapter levels are carefully planned and developed, and innovations are instituted constantly. Sigma Alpha Rho has chapters spanning North America from Montreal to New Orleans and from New York to Los Angeles. The important thing about our organization is that the boys do everything by themselves, and even more important is that they do it well.

SIGMA ALPHA RHO HAS A LONG AND PROUD HISTORY — Founded in 1917 because of religious prejudice, Sigma Alpha Rho has overcome this prejudice to become the world's largest INDEPENDENT High School Fraternity. With its roots in Philadelphia, the national organization mushroomed into an enormous and complicated group. By 1964, the fraternity had grown to 75 chapters through North America, with several thousand members. Sigma Alpha Rho's history has been marked by high and low points in its fifty-six year life, and the 1960's have been the years of tremendous progress. Beginning slowly with one chapter, Phi in West Philadelphia, Sigma Alpha Rho's program has had such appeal that growth has been rapid and steady. Sigma Alpha Rho is a vibrant organization, that is proud of its heritage and background, but is always looking to the future for ideas.

SIGMA ALPHA RHO HAS MANY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI — If you read the newspapers, you can be sure that many of the leaders of the Jewish and civic organizations have been in Sigma Alpha Rho. Noted alumni include, Mr. Bernard G. Segal, Past President of the American Bar Association, representing hundreds of thousands of lawyers; Mr. Emil F. Goldhaber, former president of the Philadelphia Bar Association and Assistant Attorney General for the state of Pennsylvania, now a Federal Referee in Bankruptcy for the Eastern District Courts of Pa., Mr. Arlen Adams, Associate Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Phila.; Mr. Robert A. Rovner, former Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia and now a prominent Senator in the Penna. State Legislature; Mr. Sid Davidoff, former administrative Assistant for Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York City; Mr. S. Robert Jacobs, current Administrative Assistant to Mayor Frank L. Rizzo of Philadelphia; Allan Yasnyi and Jack Grapes of the Theta Theta Chapter in New Orleans who now host a Television Program in the

Los Angeles area; Mr. Brian Feldman, former writer of The Philadelphia Bulletin, now the Transportation Coordinator for the City of Philadelphia; Mr. Eugene Roth, prominent attorney and President of the Wyoming Valley Jewish Community Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Jerome N. Krader, Real Estate Specialist, teacher, and a member of the Cherry Hill School District Executive Board and Park Commission; Mr. Sidney Sullum, prominent Businessman in Wilkes-Barre; Joseph N. Grossman, respected member of the medical profession; Nathan Horrow, Vice President of the Central High School Alumni of Phila. There are many many others who are prominent lawyers, doctors, teachers, etc., and we are most proud of our Alumni, who will never forget the organization they loved as boys.

ALL AROUND PROGRAM — Sigma Alpha Rho offers the most all around program for your son. In the preceding paragraphs we have tried to give you a rough look at our program, now I shall give you a detailed description of the many aspects our organization can offer your son.

A. *ATHLETICS* — During the year there are athletic programs which encompass every major sport and provide an opportunity for every boy in every chapter to participate. The most important thing about our athletic program is that the boys enjoy themselves, yet even more, the part of the program helps to generate the two things Sigma Alpha Rho relies heavily upon . . . Brotherhood and Spirit.

B. *SOCIAL* — In Sigma Alpha Rho there are three types of social affairs, the stag . . . the social and the dated social. The stag gives the boys the opportunity to get to know each other better. The type of stag available is unlimited, and in the past they have ranged from golf stags to pizza stags. The social is the affair which is most popular with the boys. Usually it is held in conjunction with a sorority or other youth organizations. The dated social is just what the name implies, and it is usually built around a theme, such as Hawaiian Lua, Hootenany, Magician. Besides these chapter affairs there are affairs run on a Council level. Held at monthly intervals, these affairs range from informal to formal dances, three day conclaves to Council socials. This full program is further supplemented by the Conclaves run by chapters outside of the chapter's home city. The two highlights of the year are Theta Theta's Conclave (In New Orleans from December 25th to January 1st), and Convention (held every year over Labor Day weekend in a different city). There is always something to do for the Sigma Alpha Rho man.

C. *CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE* — As stated before, the Chapters are very involved in an active religious and service campaign. During the past year several chapters have become affiliated with synagogues, while others have built Succoths, run Passover Sedars, contributed Scholarships, donated rooms and otherwise strengthened our ties with the Jewish Community. The Community Service Program includes working for the various charities, already enumerated and doing work whenever called upon. During the past years, chapters have gained recognition in drive after drive. For the Jewish and Cultural Affairs and Community Service Awards, these are two programs which are highly valued by the men of Sigma Alpha Rho.

D. PUBLICATIONS — The boys seem to take a tremendous amount of pride in their publications. Hours and hours of planning and work go into the printing of each newspaper and flyer. The paper gives every brother an opportunity to write about something his chapter has done. The papers are very colorful and amusing, but they serve the purpose of letting everyone know how the chapter is progressing. The flyer, is usually a one or two page bulletin which gives the highlights of the week in a compact form. Again, it is important to understand that every man in Sigma Alpha Rho takes pride in the publications, and is only too glad to display his chapter's wares. Publications are one of the most inspiring parts of Sigma Alpha Rho's program.

A Chance to Work in Fields As Preparation for the Future

Sigma Alpha Rho inspires its members to participate in many fields. These could some day lead to a field of occupation. For this purpose, the National Organization has published a booklet entitled "College and Career — A Guide to Vocations" which explores the many fields open to the young men of today. No other youth group has ever attempted such a program on such a large scale, and no other group has done it with such vitality. Sigma Alpha Rho's leaders have the profound hope that all of the fraternity's men can become successes, and the Counseling Program, begun in 1963, has provided them with a starting place.

The Rathblott Scholarship Fund

Founded in 1947, as a tribute to Past Supreme Exalted Ruler, IRVING RATHBLOTT, who was killed during World War II, this is the most wonderful thing our Fraternity can offer. The boys have an opportunity to help their brothers go through college. From their hearts they donate money so that the Scholarship Fund may continue to grow. Last year over \$4,600 was donated for scholarships and given to almost 20 brothers. The scholarships which are given, after careful consideration, by the Judicial Tribunal (The Supreme Court of Sigma Alpha Rho consisting of Past Supreme Exalted Rulers, Harold B. Weissman, Gil Abramson, Jerry C. Schaefer, Charles J. Bogdanoff, Jerome N. Krader, and Chief Justice, Emil F. Goldhaber) are based on three factors: (1) need (2) grades and (3) fraternal participation. We, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity, are most proud of the Scholarship Fund, and contributions keep pouring in. We are glad that we can help our brothers, especially in memory of one of the greatest men that Sigma Alpha Rho has ever had the privilege to call its leader.

How Much Does Sigma Alpha Rho Really Cost?

Not much, really, when you think of the huge and diversified program it presents. The costs of the individual chapter socials are nominal. All in all, the basic cost of the fraternity runs about \$20.00 per year. This is paid in small installments every month, and covers all the affairs which the chapter runs. International Fraternity Taxes are taken from the dues, so are Council Taxes. The sum does not include participation in the Fraternity's Inter-Fraternal Travel Program, which is on a voluntary basis and is completely up to the boys and their parents. Sigma Alpha Rho realizes that its members are mostly high school boys of average means, and the boys usually do very well in managing their monies.

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Brotherhood

What you have just been reading is a look at Sigma Alpha Rho from the inside. I believe we have covered every aspect of our Fraternity except one . . . BROTHERHOOD. The love and the respect that the Brothers of Sigma Alpha Rho have for each other is just undescrivable. I don't think it is necessary to devote a long passage to this subject. Just take a look at your son. He is a better young man because he knows what it means. Let him pursue it further so that he may further exemplify the basis for Sigma Alpha Rho's growth — "HONOR, TRUTH AND WISDOM BUILT OUR GREAT FRATERNITY." May it continue to grow, with the blessings of the parents of every one of their sons.

JOEL H. HOLLANDER, *Chairman*
International Parental
Relations Committee 1973

What Every Brother and Neophyte Should Know from the Handbook

A. HISTORY

1. Date and place where S.A.R. was founded
2. Type of organization it was before it became a Fraternity
3. Number of men who started the Fraternity
4. Symbol of the Fraternity
5. Colors of Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity
6. Name of the 1st Chapter in Sigma Alpha Rho
7. Name of the 1st Supreme Exalted Ruler of Sigma Alpha Rho
8. Name of Sigma Alpha Rho's Newspaper
9. Name of Sigma Alpha Rho's Yearbook
10. Importance of Irving Rathblott, who was a Past Supreme Exalted Ruler
11. Name of the Scholarship Fund
12. Name of the Fraternity slogan

B. CONSTITUTION (INTERNATIONAL)

1. What is the International Executive Council (I.E.C.)?
2. What is the Supreme Board of Chancellors (S.B.C.)?
3. Titles of the International Officers?
4. What are the names of the Supreme Board of Chancellors?
5. What are the names of the International Committees?
6. What is the Judicial Tribunal and who are its officers?
7. What are the names of the District Councils and their officers?

C. CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

1. Titles of the Chapter Officers
2. Present Chapter Officers
3. Chapter Committees (names and purposes)

D. AWARDS (What are they for?)

1. Edward Ross Abramson Memorial Award
2. Harold J. Pastner Memorial Award
3. Saul Medoff Memorial Award
4. David L. Rifkin Memorial Award
5. Bernard Defren Memorial Award
6. Howard B. Pastor Memorial Award
7. Jerry C. Schaefer Award — (Awarded to the best Newly-Inducted Chapter)
8. Max Bogdanoff Memorial Award — (Awarded to the Chapter judged the best in the Area of Flyers)
9. War Memorial Award
10. Herbert Heft Memorial Award (Athletics)
11. Nathan Sherman Memorial Award

E. BROTHERHOOD

1. Four points to become a Brother
2. Five statuses of a Brother
3. Rho Trial
4. Fraternity Courtesy
5. The New Direction

F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

1. Addressing the Chair
2. Quorum
3. Appeal
4. Point of Information
5. Point of Order
6. Proxy Vote
7. Motions

8. ORDER OF A MEETING

Honorary Status Granted by Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity, International, to Deserving Brothers

I. CHAPTER HONORARY ACTIVITY

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Working untiringly and performing outstanding service to the Chapter
2. Performing outstanding service for the Chapter, but not given until 2 years after the Senior Year.

B. BENEFITS

1. The Brother becomes a voting delegate in all Chapter Meetings.
2. He is invited as a guest to *all* Chapter affairs, except when there is a definite per capita.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Brother must be elected at a Chapter Meeting.
2. Each Council sets different qualifications for Honorary Activity in their member Chapters.

II. COUNCIL HONORARY ACTIVITY

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Working untiringly for the Council and given at the end of his term of office, whether the Brother is Member-at-Large or Exalted Ruler.

B. BENEFITS

1. The Brother is a voting delegate in all Council Meetings.
2. He is a guest at all Council Affairs, except when there is a definite per capita and is considered Honorary Active in all Council Chapters.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Brother must be elected at a Council Meeting.
2. Each Council sets different qualifications for Honorary Activity on the Council level.

III. ROYAL ORDER OF THE GLEAMING EYE

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Granted to a Brother who has rendered outstanding service to the Fraternity in the capacity of a Supreme Board Member, for at least 2 years and is a non-Supreme Exalted Ruler.

B. BENEFITS

1. The Brother is a delegate to the International Executive Council — he's allowed to speak but cannot vote.
2. The Brother is a guest at all Fraternity Functions but not necessarily called upon to speak.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Brother must be elected by the International Executive Council.

IV. INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ACTIVITY

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Usually granted to a Brother at the end of his successful term as Supreme Exalted Ruler.
2. Granted to a Brother who has worked untiringly for Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity on the Supreme Board for at least 3 years but was not a Supreme Exalted Ruler — only 5 Brothers have been granted International Honorary Activity in this status.

B. BENEFITS

1. The Brother is a voting delegate at all International Executive Council Meetings.
2. The Brother is a guest to all Fraternity Functions and is called upon to speak.
3. The Brother is considered Honorary Active in all Sigma Alpha Rho Chapters.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. A Brother is made International Honorary Active at International Executive Council Meetings.

With Help From
Past Supreme Exalted Ruler
CHARLES J. BOGDANOFF

Fraternity Courtesy and Manners

1. Always rise and applaud when a Past or Present Supreme Exalted Ruler or an International Honorary Active Brother arrives at a function or addresses a Fraternity group.
2. All members of the Fraternity should be addressed as "Brother" in correspondence and at meetings.
3. Always address the chair and the Brothers present — such as "Brother Sigma Rho and Brother" — when speaking at a Chapter Meeting, "Brother Exalted Ruler and Brothers" — when speaking at a Council Meeting, "Brother Supreme Exalted Ruler and Brothers" — at an International Executive Council Meeting.
4. When running election meetings or inductions, Council or Chapter, it is customary to allow the highest Fraternity officer present to preside. The highest Fraternity Officer present should be called upon to render the invocation at any Chapter, Council, or International function at which an invocation is proper.
5. Supreme Board Members are always guests of a Chapter or Council at a Meeting. They should always be called upon to address the group. Representatives from other Chapters are considered guests at a Chapter Meeting. They should be called upon for a Chapter Report. Generally, they do not have the privilege of discussion or voting on Chapter business, although any matter directly affecting both Chapters may be discussed without any violation of Parliamentary Rules of Order by both Chapters.
6. Supreme Board Members are always guests of a Chapter or Council at affairs and social functions except when there is a definite per capita cost to the group. Financial obligations of Board Members at such affairs are optional to the Chapter or Council.
7. All International Honorary Active men shall be accorded the same rights, privileges, and courtesies as Past Supreme Exalted Rulers.
8. If, by any chance, a meeting of a Chapter is interrupted by a non-Fraternity member (such as a parent of the Brother in whose home the meeting is being held), all business should cease immediately, and the Chapter should rise as a body at the entrance of such visitors. Business is resumed upon their departure.
9. When a visiting Chapter is present at another Chapter's Meeting because business is to be transacted which affects them (such as transfers or releases), such business should be taken up as soon as possible after their entrance to the Meeting.
10. Complimentary tickets to Chapter-run affairs should be *accorded* to all Exalted Rulers, Council Board Members and Sigma Rhos.
11. Fraternal courtesy is no different than social courtesy. The best rule is a person's judgment. Remember always to be courteous and kind, not only to your Brothers, but their parents and friends, and all others with whom you should come in contact.

Recent Constitutional Amendments

1. Brothers training for established Chapters shall be designated as "Neophytes" and Brothers training for newly-established Chapters shall be designated as "Trainees"; (September 1, 1972).
2. There should be a mid-year International Executive Council Meeting (1970).

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ERIC SKVERSKY,
International Rho Committee
1972-1973



Jewish Affairs

It is suggested that each chapter follow the guidelines below:

1. *Affiliation* with a synagogue or Jewish Community Center
 - a. It affords the chapter a place to hold meetings and affairs.
 - b. It gives the chapters a source for new Brothers.
 - c. It keeps the chapters in close contact with the Jewish Community.
2. *Attendance at services for Jewish Holidays*. For the few holidays a year, it is important that we as Jews show the world that we do respect our religion. If we don't no one will.
3. *Oneg Shabbat* — Most chapters run Friday evening affairs, however, there is no reason why the chapters cannot put together a short service before the affair. It need not be a traditional service, it may be very modern and in stride with the feeling of young people today.
4. *Fund Raising* — Much can be done by aiding the Allied Jewish Appeal and other organizations which protect Jews around the world.
5. *Speaking out against Soviet treatment of Jews*. This can be done through rallies, boycotts, or any other means. Things won't change until we make them.
6. *Establishing a penpal in the Soviet Union*. The Fraternity has made all the information available to you. These letters sensitize Soviet officials.
7. Chapters should organize a *Jewish literature committee* which would make books and articles on our heritage available to the Brothers.
8. *Attending lectures and study groups*. The area synagogues often have very interesting and well known people lecture in seminars. They also run study groups which can be very enjoyable.
9. *Boycotting* certain items. In the past, certain major companies have refused to sell to Israel. One way to combat this is to boycott their products here at home until these companies change their policy. Believe me, this works.
10. Most important, is to somehow bolster chapter interest in our religion. If the fraternity is to survive, this must change once again, to where our religion is meaningful to our fraternal years. How this is done is the responsibility of the individual chapters.
I hope these guidelines will be of some assistance in your effort towards readjustment.

JAY DASH, *Chairman*
Jewish Affairs Committee
1972-1973

Guide for Community Involvement Programs for Individual Chapters

The purpose of this guide is as an aid in preparing your chapter for meaningful community service projects; in other words — COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. As implied by term "guide" this is not advising you what to do, only HOW to go about doing it correctly.

1. CHOOSING A PROJECT

A. THE IDEA

It is the responsibility of every Brother in Sigma Alpha Rho to sensitize himself to the needs of his individual community*. What causes of concern remain untouched? Is the community visibly lacking something? Is there an organization lacking funds? Disease, charity to be aided?

B. PRESENTATION

Once the individual Brother or group of Brothers have conceived an idea for a program, it is their job to prepare their proposal for a chapter business meeting in the form of an audio-visual presentation. This may take the form of films, guest speakers, or prepared thesis. In this way the chapter will be able to knowledgeably decide whether they are prepared to totally commit themselves to the cause, whatever it may be. If the proposed motion is passed then See Step 2.

2. EDUCATION

In order to promote a more meaningful Fraternal community involvement program, it has been suggested by the Community Service Committee that education play a paramount role. Before actually venturing into the project or long term program, the Brothers should spend time (1 to 2 months) studying the background of the organization, disease, or charity with which they will be involved. A true and thorough understanding can be reached in the following suggested ways:

1. Films
2. Lectures given in area Universities and schools.
3. Presentation by an informable person in the field example: Public Relations Director of Leukemia Foundation.
4. Scheduled visits to hospital, clinic, office, etc. for first hand view into problem.
5. Assigned readings in the field to all Brothers.
6. Interaction within chapter prompted by the above.

It is the responsibility of the Community Involvement Committee Head in each chapter to determine when and if the right time occurs for their program to commence. By this point he is to have notified his council Community Involvement Committee Member of the Chapter's undertaking.

3. THE PROGRAM ITSELF

Remaining as general as possible, your program shall consist of *anything* you decide. Don't be afraid to ask adults and informative people in the field you are exploring about what to do and suggested ways to go about it. Further, if organizing problems occur, feel free to contact the heads of the Community Involvement Committee in your council or the International Committee Involvement Chairman.

4. PERPETUATION

The final aspect in the program is its continuance. Even if this is not carried out by the chapter itself, the program, in order to become truly a successful one, should be one which will remain as a relatively permanent contribution to the community. Remember, the greatest gift our Fraternity can give to its' community is long term programs and projects, not single-day drives. Hopefully, the days of the half-hearted canning drive are over.

*Community Involvement may be interpreted as neighborhood, area of city, province, or Country.

RONALD JACOB, Chairman
Community Involvement Workshop
Convention 1971

The New Direction

Convention 1970 marked an important turning point for Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity International. After years of debate the Fraternity adopted a comprehensive new program to meet the needs of changing Jewish youth. The time-tested ideals of the Brotherhood remained constant but the agenda of activity was augmented by adding "The New Direction."

1. POSITIVE JEWISH INVOLVEMENT

Sigma Alpha Rho recognized the obligation of modern Jewish Youth to make their mark in the struggle for Justice, Humanity and the message of our sacred Torah. A strongly identified Jewish organization working as Jews to enrich mankind now became a guiding principle of the Brotherhood. Pride in the Hebraic heritage and dedication to and understanding of its lofty ideals are the key to the Fraternity's new effort.

2. INTERNATIONAL JEWISH YOUTH COMMITMENT

Direct contact with world-wide Jewry will be established with special emphasis upon non-American Jewish Youth. A complete program of letters and floating tapes will be initiated.

Visit-study programs will be encouraged in order to provide a strong bond among Jewish Youth and to forge new areas of understanding. Intercontinental trips featuring residence in volunteer homes together with hospitality by S.A.R. Brothers and their families will act as a first step toward eventual affiliation of these non-American Jewish Youth with the organization.

3. ABOLITION OF PLEDGESHIP

The concept of a superior Brother and an inferior candidate for membership in Sigma Alpha Rho was abolished. The purpose of the pre-induction period was changed to focus upon teaching and training rather than attempts to degrade, punish or otherwise harass the prospective Brother.

4. COMMITMENT PROJECTS

This Fraternity's dedication to Justice, Humanity and Torah ideals has now passed from the stage of discussion to *action*. Each Chapter will adopt projects designed to implement S.A.R. leadership in matters of public concern. Particular projects in each field will be tailored to local conditions and issues. Mere lip-service or support by Chapter Resolution is not considered real action. Every Chapter will adopt a project in each of the following areas:

A. POLITICAL

Chapters may endorse a Candidate for public office and aid his campaign in a meaningful way. They might elect to support some public issue or to lobby for needed legislation.

B. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Action programs here might include ecology, inner-city rehabilitation, crime prevention, senior citizen aid, health care and educational opportunity development.

C. JEWISH-ISRAELI CAUSES

Matters of local international concern together with active support for the State of Israel suggest their attention. This field might also include religious, ethical and philosophical understanding.

D. FORUM SPONSORSHIP

Cultural activity must be broadened to include lectures, debates, discussion groups and educational addresses which treat matters of vital Community interest. This area is aimed at the promotion of such activities rather than attendance only.

E. CHARITABLE

Long the forte of traditional Jewish concern, fund-raising and commitment to organized public charities and institutions must receive additional emphasis.

5. RECOGNITION INCENTIVE

Apart from the system of international awards that has played such a large role in S.A.R. history, a new type of international recognition program was inaugurated. This new area is designed to highlight outstanding achievement by Chapters and Brothers in one or more of their commitment projects. This new attention will include:

- A. Monthly international publication to each active man principally directed to Chapter Commitment Project Achievement.
- B. Recognition affairs and ceremonies (including both Awards and Rewards) focusing on projects. These activities will be held at such times and places so as to include Community and Parental participation.
- C. Developing a working relationship with the local Jewish and mass circulation media.