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*"In order to have a better world, we must first have a world of better men."*  
- Herb Scobie minn32

## Triangle Fraternity New Chapter Expansion Document

### **Colony:**

The first level of recognition is a Colony. Colonies should only be in existence for two academic years and operate as a fully functional student organization. Colonies can pledge members but cannot host an initiation ceremony.

### **Colony Member Financial Obligations:**

- \* Each new member must pay the National Pledge Fee (\$90) [*one-time fee*]
- \* Each member must pay the National Initiation Fee (\$250) [*one-time fee*]
- \* Each member must pay the National Active Fee (\$305 for 2015-16 school year, \$320 for 2016-17 school year, and \$345 for 2017-18 school year and beyond)
- \* Each member must pay the Local Dues as determined by the undergraduate members
- \* The organization is billed for the annual Colony fee of \$525 in the second year of existence
- \* The organization is billed for liability insurance at \$154 per man in the second year of existence
- \* The organization must be prepared to pay the National Installation Fee of \$1,500 and purchase Ritual equipment (estimated at \$1,500)

### **Chapter:**

The second level of recognition is a Chapter. This status is granted in two stages: first during a closed, members-only Ritual ceremony when a member of the National Council grants all rights and privileges of a Triangle Chapter; and second during a public celebratory event when the Charter and other Fraternity insignia are presented to the undergraduates and alumni advisory board.

### **Chapter Member Financial Obligations:**

- \* Same as Colony, minus the annual Colony fee, National Installation Fee, and purchase of Ritual equipment
- \* The Chapter pays a Chapter fee of \$1100 per year for the active organization and a fee of \$420 per year for the alumni organization. This pays for two actives and one alumnus to attend National Convention.

## Step 1 – Becoming a Colony of Triangle

The criteria to form a Colony are:

1. The group has a minimum of 20 to 25+ men who are eligible for initiation into Triangle (*majoring in engineering, architecture, or the sciences*).
2. The group has met with the campus administrator in charge of Fraternity & Sorority Life. During the meeting, the group learns what steps they must take to become a recognized student organization at the college or university. The group follows those steps and becomes a recognized student organization. This may include developing a constitution and by-laws.
3. The group has secured a member of the teaching faculty or staff to serve as their on-campus advisor.
4. The group has reviewed the Fraternity's Code of Ethics and agrees to abide by those.
5. Each of the men interested must meet the following criteria for membership:
  - a. Enrolled in a qualified major
  - b. Full-time students at the University/Institution
  - c. Cumulative GPA of 2.70 or above
  - d. Involved in at least one other student organization
  - e. Willing to participate in at least 10 hours of community service each semester
6. The group conducts weekly meetings.
7. The group has designed and implemented a regular dues-paying system and develops a budget each term.
8. The group has established a relationship with the University Greek Advisor or the administrator acting in that capacity.
9. If allowed, the group has met with and participates in the Interfraternity Council (*IFC*) or similar council at the institution.

## Step 2 – Becoming a Chapter of Triangle Fraternity

A Colony is expected to reach Chapter status within two years. Chapters may pledge and initiate new members without assistance. The National Council will consider a Colony's petition for Chapter status upon fulfillment of the following criteria:

1. The Colony meets all criteria listed under "*Becoming A Colony of Triangle*".
2. The Colony has existed at least six months.
3. The Colony has at least 38 members who are returning next term, with suitable class balance. Petitions with a minimum of 30 members will be considered on a case by case basis.
4. Each initiated member has demonstrated a general understanding of and adherence to the precepts of Triangle.
5. The grade point average of the Colony is 2.70 or higher (*on a 4.0 scale*) and there are at least 30 members who have a grade point average of 2.70 or higher.
6. The Colony is incorporated in the state in which it operates.
7. The Colony has a reserve bank account with funds sufficient to pay the National Installation Fee and to purchase Ritual equipment at the time of installation.
8. An appropriate financial accounting system is in use and the finances of the Colony are monitored by the alumni organization.
9. When applicable, the organization is recognized by the university as a registered student organization and is a member of the local IFC or similar council.
10. A petition for Chapter status is submitted to National Council at least 90 days before the desired date of installation. The petition shall contain at a minimum:
  - a. An adopted constitution and bylaws,
  - b. A copy of the articles of incorporation,

- c. A brief history of the Colony,
  - d. A brief history of the university,
  - e. A list of all members and officers of the active organization and their majors,
  - f. A list of all officers of the alumni organization,
  - g. A written recruitment program for membership selection with detailed criteria and procedures,
  - h. Written programs for new member and continuing member education,
  - i. Letters of recommendation from the Faculty Advisor, Dean of Engineering, Greek Affairs Advisor, alumni organization president, and any others as appropriate,
  - j. Long-range goals (3-5 year range) and objectives,
  - k. Confirmation that the organization has met all criteria listed under "*Becoming a Colony of Triangle*" and "*Becoming a Chapter of Triangle Fraternity*".
11. All fees to National Council, both individual and group, are paid in full when the petition is submitted. National Installation Fee is \$1,500.
12. The Colony has purchased Ritual equipment from the National Headquarters.