

Kappa Delta Rho

Spring Rush 2010



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The Credo of Kappa Delta Rho

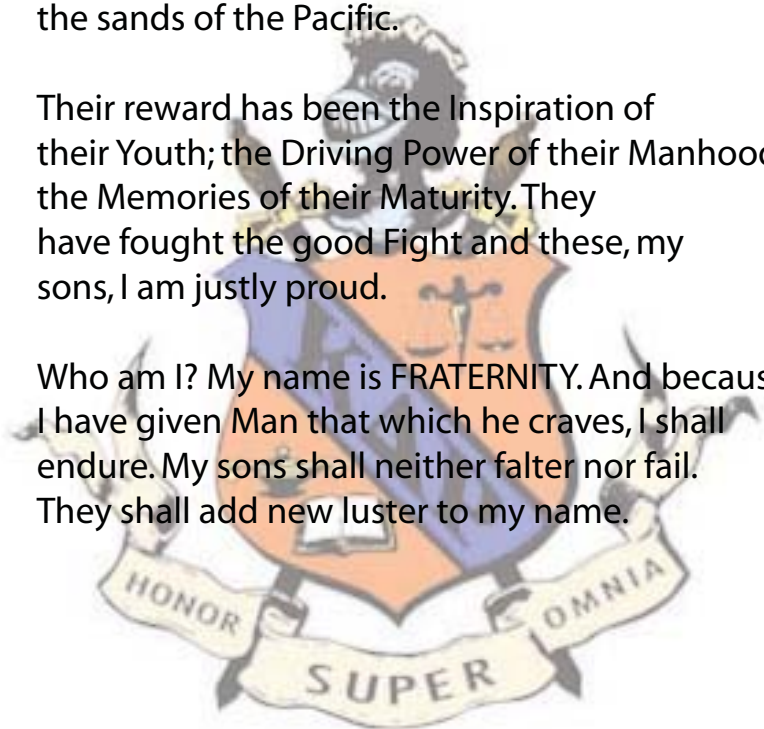
Since the Beginning, wherever men have come together, there have I been.

My membership is legion. From the humble home and from the stately mansion; from the rolling farms and from the noisy factories; from the East and West and North and South have my followers come.

They who understand my meaning have followed in the footsteps of the Man of Galilee. In peace, they have been their brother's keeper, and in the agony of war, their blood has enriched the Fields of Flanders and reddened the sands of the Pacific.

Their reward has been the Inspiration of their Youth; the Driving Power of their Manhood; the Memories of their Maturity. They have fought the good Fight and these, my sons, I am justly proud.

Who am I? My name is FRATERNITY. And because I have given Man that which he craves, I shall endure. My sons shall neither falter nor fail. They shall add new luster to my name.





Welcome to KΔP!

Dear Friends:

The Kappa Delta Rho Pathfinder states that the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity is a lifetime brotherhood, dedicated to the continuing character development of its members through fellowship, leadership, scholarship, service, and tradition.

We of the Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho are committed to developing our brothers beyond the education that Cornell University offers and to molding them into Men of Honor. For, as indicated by our Latin motto "Honor Super Omnia", we hold Honor Above All Things.

As young men enrolled at Cornell University, we commit ourselves to scholarship, using each day to educate ourselves in our chosen field. However, though the rigors of college education develop us academically, our potential for growth goes beyond those lessons taught in the classroom. This is where the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity plays an important role in the growth and development of young men at Cornell.

Being a brother of Kappa Delta Rho signifies much more than simply being a member of a national social Fraternity. Though one of the goals of the fraternity is the social development of her brothers, there is a much larger perspective to Kappa Delta Rho, especially at the Beta Chapter.

We are men who feel a bond beyond that of friendship. We have come down the long path of life to a point that is critical to our future. College life is often hectic and stressful. By himself, a person may feel lost or unable to find himself socially, academically, or mentally. By joining as brothers, we become a family, working together to develop our relationships with each other, with our university, and with the world. Guided by fraternal spirit, we aid each other in our growth as men.

In addition to personal growth, we are here to help the community around us. Therefore we also commit ourselves to community service and the betterment of those around us. We recognize the need to take responsibility for our actions, and as Men of Honor who follow this path. We stick to our word, we stick to our friends, and we stick to our brothers.

In sum, Kappa Delta Rho is a fraternity dedicated to developing young men into leaders, friends, and men of Honor. We strive to be men who are held accountable for our actions, men who learn and adhere to responsibility, men who are considered gentlemen, and men who give back to society through our actions.

We hope that all who join us in the fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, Beta Chapter, will hold to our ideals and, through experience with our fraternity, become a different man: a better man, a man with vision and purpose, and above all things, a man of Honor.

Fraternally,

Sid Nadkarni '10
Worthy Consul (President)



What is Formal Rush?

Formal Rush at Cornell is a longstanding institution that takes place in January the week before spring classes begin. It is a week long, from January 18-23rd, and gives you the opportunity to take a look at the large number of Greek houses that Cornell has to offer. With over forty fraternities on campus, it may seem a daunting task to make a choice. That is what Formal Rush is all about. It is a chance to find a fraternity that is right for you. During Rush you will get to see many fraternities and meet the men who make them what they are. You can then decide which house is right for you.

This may seem a bit dull, but Formal Rush is fun, first and foremost. The week is full of events ranging from Paintball to Poker Tournaments. You may choose to go on a road trip to Syracuse for a great meal, or just sit by the fire and chat in sunny old Ithaca. It is your chance to have fun and, more importantly, to meet interesting new people, especially the men of KDR.

Interspersed throughout Rush Week are important and slightly more serious events of Formal Rush. The first of these are Smokers. Smokers are casual open houses that get their names from the good old days where cigars would be offered to the rushees. At a smoker houses offer tours, the opportunity to interact with brothers and most importantly, lots of free food. This is your opportunity to meet the brothers and see the environment in which they live. From then on you can decide early which houses you are interested in and narrow your focus amidst the sea of events going on as the week progresses.

Contacts are specific times the IFC (Inter Fraternity Council) asks you to remain in your rooms. The goal of this is for you to meet with a small group of brothers on your own turf. This personal, comfortable setting allows you to ask questions and be more frank about any concerns of reservations you might have. It is also a good time to continue to get to know the brothers.

At the end of Formal Rush, if the brotherhood gets to know you well enough and feels you would be a positive addition to the Kappa Delta Rho brotherhood, you will receive a bid. A bid is a formal invitation to join the fraternity. A bid at KDR is good for life and may be accepted at any time during your Cornell career. To accept a bid you simply have to sign it and return it to us. Acceptance of a bid means you will enter into a period of implementation (more on this later) after a formal ceremony.

While Formal Rush may seem a bit chaotic, it serves a very specific purpose. Simply stated, Formal Rush is a fun setting that allows you to get to know the brothers of fraternities. The most important thing you can do during Rush Week beyond simply attending events is to really interact with brothers and forge real connections with a brotherhood, which will ultimately lead you to make the right decision: to join a house where you belong.

What is Pledging?

Kappa Delta Rho is proud to offer a Pledge Program that is both educational and fun for our pledges. It is the aim of our new member educators to construct a program that will form lasting bonds between the new members and the rest of the brotherhood. This 8 week program is designed to prepare the pledges for entry into the brotherhood, as well as educate them in what it means to be a true KDR gentleman. This program is indeed a commitment, but not an unreasonable one.

Each of our new members has a big brother who serves as his mentor, not only during his time as a pledge, but for the rest of his collegiate years. The big brother introduces his little brother to the ways of the house and supports him in times of need. The big brother also acts as a liaison between his little and the brotherhood. A big brother acts as the primary link to the house during the new member program and takes it as his duty to ensure that his little brother successfully fulfills his academic responsibilities in addition to his responsibilities to the house.

The new member program is filled with exciting events for new members and the brotherhood as a whole. Our new members can expect to join brothers in activities such as intramural sports, road trips and social events. In fact during the program the new members are expected to plan and host a social event of their choosing. In addition, they are expected to spend time with the brotherhood by attending our house dinners during the week (more on this later).



KDR Pledges catch a photo with "Happy Dave" as part of a Pledge Event

The program also includes education on the history of the fraternity and its traditions, as well as information about the active chapter. The new members also have to “interview” each current member of the house. These interviews are informal and take the form of a conversation. The goal of the interviews is to ensure that every new member knows



every active brother by the end of the program. These requirements allow the new members to learn about the fraternity, its members, and each other on their path to becoming full members.

Above all, Kappa Delta Rho stands by her near century-old tradition of treating her pledges with *respect*. New members will never be forced to do anything with which they are uncomfortable. Our program is intended to be both fun and educational. New members are also expected to maintain excellence in academics while participating in the new member program in the hope that they will learn to strike a balance between the academic and social aspects of college life.

Every man who has joined the Beta Chapter of KDR fondly recalls his pledging as one of the best times of his college career. Indeed this is the reason that brotherhood participation in the program is so high. The biggest thing to remember about our program is that it seeks to enhance the positive qualities of our prospective members so that they may advance our fraternity’s motto, “Honor Super Omnia” (Honor above all things).

Patrick Jackson '11
Junior Tribune
(New Member Educator)

How Much Does Joining a Fraternity Cost?

One of the most common misconceptions about the Greek system is that it is more expensive to join a house than to live on campus. Below are the cost comparisons between living in KDR, living on campus, and living off campus in Collegetown. As you can see, living in KDR is significantly less expensive than the other options. Of course, you can also join KDR and live elsewhere.

KDR

Rent	\$533 x 9 mo	\$4,800
Meals	~\$10/day for 2-5 days/week	\$400-1,600
Parking	<i>Free</i>	
Laundry	\$30/Semester	\$60
Monthly Dues	\$200 x 9 mo	\$1,800
Annual National Dues		\$220
Insurance Fee	\$360 – One Time	\$360

Total
\$8,840

On-Campus

Rent	On-Campus Double	\$7,210
Meals	Bear Traditional Meal Plan	\$4,900
Parking		\$660
Laundry	~\$3/load	\$90

Total
\$12,860

Collegetown

Rent	\$600 x 12 mo	\$7,200
Meals	~\$20/day	\$4,200
Parking	\$150/mo	\$1,500
Laundry	~\$3/load	\$90
Utilities	~\$30/mo	\$360

Total
\$13,350

Will My Grades Suffer if I Go Greek?

Another common misconception about fraternities is that one has to sacrifice academics to be a member. This is far from the truth as at most universities the All-Fraternity average is higher than the All-Men's average. Kappa Delta Rho currently ranks in the top 10 in GPA among fraternities at Cornell and consistently beats the All Men's average.

The chapter also has a Scholarship Chair who supervises the academic state of the house, and procures books and magazines for the brotherhood library. Our current subscriptions range from *Time* to *Backpacker*. Our library is a room in the house dedicated to quiet study. It houses a large variety of textbooks, a house-networked printer and a desk for work. The Scholarship Chair is also responsible for maintaining our exam file, which catalogues past exams from courses.

However the most important academic resource the house has to offer is an

unofficial one. Because our members are very diverse in fields of study, most new members find it particularly useful to find homework help from brothers who have already taken their courses. If more formal help is needed, there is also the opportunity to obtain tutors.



Brotherhood Dinners

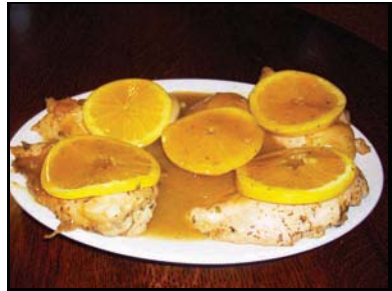
One of the most appealing aspects of Kappa Delta Rho is our family-style dinners. Dinner at KDR is served 6:15 every weeknight and is prepared by our beloved chef and brother, Phil LaRocca. Every night is a treat, and we encourage brothers, friends and anyone else to come as much as possible. Dinners include salad, fresh Italian Bread, a main course and dessert. Phil's repertoire is extensive ranging from Chicken Parmigiana to Pizza with Wings to Salmon Puttanesca to Chicken Stir Fry. Vegetarian alternatives are always available each night upon request. Phil himself is a very interesting man and always makes it a point to get to know every brother in KDR. He also tells jokes at special occasions. There are several such dinners during Rush Week, and they are certainly worth checking out!



Above: A typical dinner at KDR.

Left: Phil tells a joke.

Below: Gourmet strawberry cheesecake (L) and orange vodka chicken (R), two of Phil's many specialties!



The Brotherhood



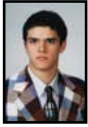
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Pontifex (Brotherhood Chair)
Rochester, NY
Plant Science: Enology & Viticulture



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Centurian (Seargent at Arms)
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Material Science & Engineering



Douglas Deutsch '11
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Chemistry & Biochemistry



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Psychology



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Government & History



Sid Nadkarni '10
Worthy Consul (President)
Orange, CT
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Engineering



The Precepts of Kappa Delta Rho

As a Brother of the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, I have but one aim: to lead an honorable life.

To this end, I am bound by my words and actions to:

Embrace the principles and spirit of the KDR Gentleman, treating all those I encounter with dignity and respect;

Work diligently in the pursuit of my education, understanding that I am a student first and that the quest for knowledge will last a lifetime;

Meet all of my obligations to the Fraternity in a timely manner, so as to ensure that I am doing my share and that I am not a burden to my brothers;

Engage in the service of mankind, not for the praise or recognition that such service may bring, but because it is the right thing to do;

Serve as my brothers' keeper, holding them accountable for their actions as they hold me accountable for mine, and

Support my Alma mater, that she may view Kappa Delta Rho as a partner in the development of her students.

I understand that membership in Kappa Delta Rho is a lifelong privilege that is contingent upon my willingness to incorporate the values of the Fraternity into my daily life and uphold the oath I have sworn. As I speak these words I once again affirm to my brothers, and all who hear me, that I am a KDR Gentleman and I will place Honor Above All Things.

Honor Super Omnia!



Honor Super Omnia

Since 1905

2010 Rush Week Event Schedule

Monday

Dinner @ KDR 5:30pm

Meet the Greeks @

Helen Newman 7:30pm

Poker Tournament 9:00 pm

Late Night Food *after poker*

Tuesday

Smoker / BBQ 12-3pm

Big Lebowski Screening 3pm

Chinese Buffet Party 6pm

International Night 8:30pm

Broomball 11:30pm

Wednesday

Smoker / Chili Cookoff 3-6pm

Dinner @ KDR 6pm

Contacts 8pm

Base 21 10pm

Wingz *after Base 21*

Thursday

Smoker 12-3pm

Semi-formal Reception and

Dinner 6pm

Bowling 8:15pm

Go-Karts 10:45pm

Friday

Paintball in Syr. 10am-1 pm

Smoker 2-4 pm

Contacts 4pm

Dinner @ KDR 5:30pm

Tournament of

Champions 10pm

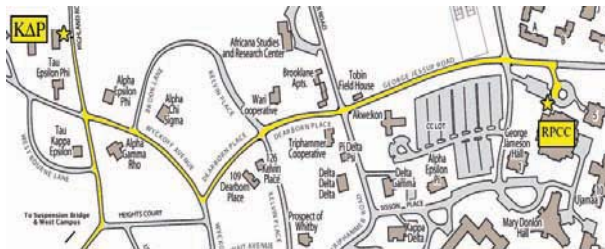
Fry Anything 12am

Saturday

Syracuse Road Trip 1pm

Dino BBQ *in Syr.*

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