

STATEMENT of POSITION on INTER-CHAPTER VISITATION PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, Beta Theta Pi has survived nearly 150 years with 125 chapters across the United States and Canada; and,

WHEREAS, this relationship between our chapters could not have survived without the goodwill and respect for one another;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Miscellaneous Affairs Committee of the 148th General Convention in Asheville, North Carolina, August 18-21, 1987, that the following be adopted as inter-chapter visitation protocol:

1. There must be at least one week's notice given by the chapter which is intending on visiting. The prospective host chapter has the right to denial of a requested visit if it feels unable to accommodate properly another chapter at such time.
2. If the requested visit is accepted, each chapter must designate one active member as its spokesman prior to the visit. Upon arrival, the visiting chapter's spokesman must report to the host chapter's spokesman, during which any ideas or further guidelines can be discussed and/or implemented.
3. A general itinerary of events for both chapters should be drawn up and exchanged prior to the visit. An effort should be made at this point to create an inter-chapter function which would promote good feelings between the chapters.
4. The visiting chapter is obligated to assist the host chapter in any appropriate activities which concern the interaction of the two chapters.
5. No demands may be made of the other chapter's pledges without the consent and approval of an active member of the pledge's chapter.
6. Any problems or conflicts which arise during the visit must immediately be addressed through the respective spokesmen of the chapters.
7. At the termination of the visit, the spokesman must meet and assure that the condition of the host's chapter house is the same as at the start of the visit. If the condition of the house is any worse at the termination of the visit, due to the actions of the visiting chapter, the visiting chapter must improve the condition of the house to the level at which it was at the time of its arrival.
8. If any problem remains unsettled between the chapters after the visit, the respective District Chiefs should be notified immediately, and due process will be taken.