



ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY to BETTER the MAN.

SILENCE FACILITATOR DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening:

The To Better The Man Manual defines Silence as:

“He has the strength to embrace silence and the will to build an interior life founded upon an honest desire to truly listen to others. Trust in silence transcends the gulf that is created when men feel the need to compete in action or rhetoric. He is introspective and self-reliant. “

Silence includes keeping the secrets of the fraternity, and knowing when to speak up. Within the mystic circle, brothers can voice things they might otherwise not be able to, as it is known that their secrets will be kept.

Questions:

Why might this have been important to the early Brotherhood?

In the modern era where everyone can share and see everything, what does having a place with privacy and secrecy mean to you? Have you ever shared something privately with someone and they told others about it? How did you feel? What are some reasons someone would violate the trust of secrecy?

Most hours in the day, people are either talking, or listening to something like music or TV. When, if ever, do you engage in silent contemplation? What sorts of things do you think about? Do you mentally reflect on your future, both short or long term, or on relationships?

During a career, in what ways would your demonstration of the value of Silence be important to your employer or other organizations? How would it affect you if you had a reputation of NOT demonstrating Silence in a corporate or military or counseling environment?

In what ways or examples would Silence complement the other values? When would it conflict with other values?

Does Silence mean you should never reveal non-public information that some want to keep hidden? What would you do if you knew a brother committed a crime? Would you break silence? Would that be a violation of fraternity values?

Our philanthropy matching Silence is RAINN. How does the value of Silence relate to sexual assault?

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