

To: My fellow brothers and members of the Archonate of the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta,

My name is Richard Z. Minassian, a Graduate Brother of Phi Gamma Delta from the Sigma Nu Chapter at Syracuse University. I served my Chapter as president, treasurer, and pledge trainer and in various other capacities. However, during the last eighteen months, I have had the opportunity and distinct pleasure to work as the Purple Legionnaire alongside the brotherhood of the Delta Colony at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina.

We all are aware that the "Four Points of the Diamond" are quite significant in Phi Gamma Delta. They are what we base our values on, in terms of a Chapter's performance and success. The Petition for Chartering that comes before you surely highlights this colony's successes in all of these areas of significance. The record is clear that from the beginning this group of young men have been dedicated in desire and persistent in cause to build a highly successful Colony. And they have done so not just with the intent of becoming a Chapter in Phi Gamma Delta, but rather, with the intensity to become one of the very best within our beloved fraternity. As you consider with faith their destiny, please recognize that it has been persistence in teamwork and a supportive attitude toward one another that has catapulted them to being one of the most successful fraternities on the College of Charleston campus.

You should be aware; the Delta Colony has become quite strong in terms of undergraduate membership. It as well, boasts a GPA well above the all Men's and all Fraternity averages. They actively participate in numerous leadership positions, across a variety of campus organizations. They have earned a number of campus honors, and held many successful community service and philanthropic events. The College of Charleston's expectations of a fraternity have been driven ever higher because of our Colony's presence and activities. . It is a wonderful feeling, that aura of success....but Delta Colony understands it is still young....only soon, with your learned approval, the birth of a chapter on the rise. It understands not to rest on its laurels, its past successes.... it recognizes that it must strive to move forward with that which they have been given for if they do not move forward, then surely they will fall back. They recognize the positives that have been entrusted to them must be worked further ... honed and sharpened, for to do otherwise would be an injustice not only to themselves but to all future brethren. I see in Delta Colony a highly motivated and energized group that has and will continue to utilize their abilities wisely....Perhaps even more worthy to note, is that I do not see any glaring flaws or faults. There is nothing that could be classified as a "red flag" or that sticks out like a "sore thumb". There is nothing that draws attention and calls out to be fixed.....only good beginnings to improve upon.

But I do not wish to reiterate that which can be surmised from the record. Rather, I hope instead to reveal another more abstract success, that being in the area of brotherhood. Because apart from all their successes, they continue building lifetime bonds of brotherhood with each other. I have seen it in my observations during meetings, some of which have contained more heated issues than others. And in dealing with a brother whom they believe is not performing to his capabilities. There is a level of maturity and integrity in the issues they

discuss. And they do not offend each other in discussion. Rather, they have always been respectful and supportive. And while I cannot speak firsthand of the Colony road trips, special weekend gatherings and parties, I have observed the planning of such and overheard the brotherhoods conversations shortly after these events have taken place. From this I can clearly see a camaraderie that has taken hold. These are surely friendships that will only grow and last a lifetime.

And now as Purple Legionnaire, I hereby humbly and proudly ask for your full support of the Delta Colony at the College of Charleston in becoming the newest chapter of our beloved fraternity.

It has been an honor to work with these fine young men and I look forward to the day they are full brothers of our fraternity.

Fraternally,
Rick Minassian
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