

You have won! Now, what?



Are you going to keep those promises made during your campaign to lead the District and Fraternity into a new era of progressive thoughts and programs? Are you going to employ the leadership skills you stated you possessed in your campaign material to make the voters (your Brothers) happy, satisfied and proud that they elected you? Or will you rest on your newfound laurels as MANY of our former "leaders" have; satisfied and happy with your title, position and recognition as you attend various Chapter and District events on your Brothers' and District's "dime", posing and pretending during your photo opportunities? Yes, I will stand, applaud, recognize and commend you and your position as you walk into the room because I have Faith. However, my NEXT thoughts are "What will YOU be doing for the members of this Fraternity and where are YOU leading us? As a member of this great Fraternity, all I ask is that you, the victor of your campaign, give us the opportunity to say:

1. "Wow! That is a progressive idea and I can see where you are trying to lead the District or Fraternity",
2. Make me feel like I am a client worthy of receiving the value (your campaign promises) for the currency (my vote) I spend at the polls, conferences and events AND
3. YOUR promise NOT to "check out" months before the end of your term; using the well-worn excuse of "It's a hard position to perform in and the Brothers make it difficult to work". We know this, but you KNEW this would be the case when you decided to run for the position.

Now that you are in the leadership seat and make decisions at the leadership table, I care about what YOU ARE and WILL be doing; NOT what the small percentage of non-financial Brothers (and others) who are bringing down the Fraternity are doing. What are YOU doing for the members who are doing the right thing?

I am tired of spending money on the myriad conferences and meetings of this District and Fraternity ; getting less while watching these events increasingly cost more! I am also tired of the dismissive excuse "It costs to be a member of the Fraternity". It may "cost more", but why do our leaders feel that Brothers MUST pay any price to attend these conferences and meetings while officers like yourselves sit on your hands and not devise plans to create revenue streams that will defray these costs for our District brethren? Simply stated it's NOT "O.K." to continue to financially gouge our District's Brothers. I am still waiting for some revenue generating policy or plan to be created as we continue to sit in meetings such as the annual Shirtsleeve Conference, our four annual Council Meetings, the Leadership Conference and the District Conference. If we are having these meetings to fellowship then let it be fellowship; NOT a scheme to bilk the Brothers of their finances under the guise of conducting business. Every year I hear the same thing but EVERY year, little or no action from the "results" of these meetings.

I'd like to thank the past and present District and National Officers who have stepped up to the plate to make a positive change in our District and the Fraternity. I would also like to commend all the Brothers who do the work of the Fraternity but do not wish to deal with the distasteful politics

of the Fraternity. I am promising to stay active financially and participate in the Fraternity's meetings and events as long as I can. You do NOT have to have a title to LEAD.

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