

# GRADUATE CHAPTER PURPOSE & BENEFITS

In 1880, when Phi Gamma Delta first sanctioned graduate chapters as official groups of the Fraternity, the intended purpose was to assist in the overall growth of Phi Gamma Delta.

Today, our graduate chapters mainly seek to connect graduates with one another. A common theme that runs through the stated purpose or mission statement of most graduate chapters is: “to promote the general welfare and good name of Phi Gamma Delta”, and another theme: “to continue the spirit of brotherhood among brothers in our city.”

Brothers participating in graduate chapters tend to enjoy a variety of benefits. Not the least of which is the new/renewed friendships made, but many also stay better connected with the general Fraternity, increase their local professional network and find opportunities to “give back” locally.

Graduate chapters also provide a great benefit to the Fraternity at-large; it is in the Fraternity’s best interest for brothers to be connected and engaged to one another locally, demonstrating our longstanding belief that Phi Gamma Delta is “*Not for College Days Alone*.” Graduate chapters also prove to be a source of updates and news on graduate brothers, a willing body to assist with local International Fraternity and Educational Foundation functions and, in many cases, a pool of brothers willing to lend additional support to local undergraduate chapters.