## Constitution of the National Philosophy Honor Society 'Phi Lambda Phi'

Philosophy for All

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And all of those who swear to this constitution

## ARTICLE I – Foundations

- 1. All members of Phi Lambda Phi are to be dedicated to the mission of spreading philosophical thought among their peers, educators, and broader community, and are to, or to have greatly, contributed to this mission.
- 2. The requirements outlined in the previous section are all that is necessary for induction. If one is to abandon this mission, they are no longer to be considered members of the society.
- 3. Members are to organize regularly; at a minimum, they are to organize for at least one day a week.
- 4. If members choose to organize in-person, it is strongly recommended that they do so with an adult or mentor, otherwise, it is generally not required for a group to be considered an adequate chapter. This is true, however, under the unconditional requirement that members are to be in safe conditions at all times when they organize, otherwise, they should not organize at all.
- 5. While organizing, members are not to engage in disorderly conduct, or in general, conduct that is beneath neutral and beyond not adhering to the mission outlined in the first section.
- 6. Although, should a group itself not adhere to the mission outlined in the first section for a multitude of meetings, they are to be considered an abolished chapter until they resume proper activity.
- 7. For a term of exactly one year, there is to be one person appointed to the position of chapter leadership.
- 8. Duties of the chapter leader include ensuring the chapter remains in activity, and ensuring that its mission is upheld through educating their peers on a topic in formal philosophy each meeting, and generally organizing the

- creation of events and activities to help bolster philosophical knowledge and engagement within their community.
- 9. The chapter leader is to be the only official position of leadership in the chapter. The creation of other positions is at the discretion of the current chapter leader and the desires of the chapter.
- 10. The appointment of chapter leadership is at the discretion of the members of the society, with the exception that, upon a chapter's founding, its founding member(s) can personally decide who takes this position, whether it be themselves or a trusted colleague. If a chapter's members remain undecided, and the chapter is surveyed by an adult or mentor, the decision of appointment for chapter leadership is left to the adult or mentor in question.

## ARTICLE II – Events

- Events and activities are to be coordinated among members of the chapter.
   In general, a chapter should engage in one major community-wide event per season.
- 2. Ultimately, it is at the discretion of the chapter leader to initiate and approve the planning of certain events in coordination with members of the chapter.
- 3. Events and activities must align with the core mission mentioned in Article 1. Section 1. Any suggested events that deviate from this mission are to be disapproved by the chapter leader.
- 4. At the end of each term for a chapter, it is required that all members are to have completed an essay individually that relates to a subject in formal philosophy, with help and mentorship from the chapter leader. The chapter leader is to ensure that this is completed by each member by the end of the term, so as to measure philosophical progress and aptitude.
- 5. Chapters should keep a general record of all events that they have organized, as well as a collection of the yearly essays by members. Access to this log is generally provided to chapter leaders and should be passed down from a chapter leader to the next. Besides this, the discretion of further sharing access to this record is left to the leader's discretion.

## **ARTICLE III – Formalities**

1. The organization in question is to be officially recognized as 'Phi Lambda Phi' or the 'Philosophy Honor Society'... in greek, the organization is to be recognized via the letters 'Phi', 'Lambda', and 'Phi', in the exact order presented.

- 2. As a national honor society, the organization is to recognize students for successful achievements in philosophy education (see Article 1. Section 1.)
- 3. The official colors of the organization are Black, White, and Gold; Black and White to represent the juxtaposition and contrast of natural order, and gold to recognize the beauty that comes from this juxtaposition.
- 4. All chapters that are properly registered are to be officially recognized as under the national 'Phi Lambda Phi' intiative.
- 5. Chapters that are nationally recognized are to have access to all 'Phi Lambda Phi' events and services present at the national level.
- 6. Members of chapters are to be sworn in with the assumption that they will obey this constitution in its entirety. During the membership initiation process, they are to, visually and audibly, swear by adhering to this constitution for the rest of their term being in membership with the 'Phi Lambda Phi' initiative.