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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

- *John F. Kennedy*

"If you have always done it that way, it is probably wrong."

"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."

- *Charles Kettering*

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC – CHANGE

Fraternalities are notorious for their traditions. Some are good, others are bad. However, there is a difference between tradition and never changing. For example, Notre Dame has had a winning football tradition for decades. However, the way Notre Dame plays the game today is very different than 50 years ago. They had to change and adapt to keep the winning tradition. When ND didn't change with the game (1997-2004), they stopped winning. The lesson is, as a Fraternity, we will always have to change and improve. The Chapters that are most successful are the ones that have adapted as new challenges present themselves. What's one thing you wish you could change about your Chapter?

It may seem like an overwhelming task to change this, but don't get intimidated by the magnitude. The important thing is to get started. Fraternities have a lot of inertia...but they will change. Do not get discouraged when you run into resistance, or if change does not occur as quickly as you would like. Big, Chapter-wide changes can sometimes take a semester, a year, or even longer to finally take hold. Often the change occurs gradually as older members graduate and new members come in and move up the ranks.

Suggested Reading from ***The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership***:

Chapter 16 - The Law of the Big Mo: Momentum Is a Leader's Best Friend

TIP OF THE WEEK

Break the change you want to see in your Chapter down into much smaller levels of change (at least five) and start there. You should be able to do one of the smaller levels of change this week.