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ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #08: Overt Mottos of the ΔKE Fraternity and Chapters

Overt mottos of the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapters with translations and commentary are presented.

Engraving of the ΔKE arms taken from 1895 DePauw University student yearbook, *The Mirage*, VI, p. 111 (Greencastle IN: Class of 1896): Louis Dreka, Philadelphia, courtesy of Archives and Special Collections, DePauw University.

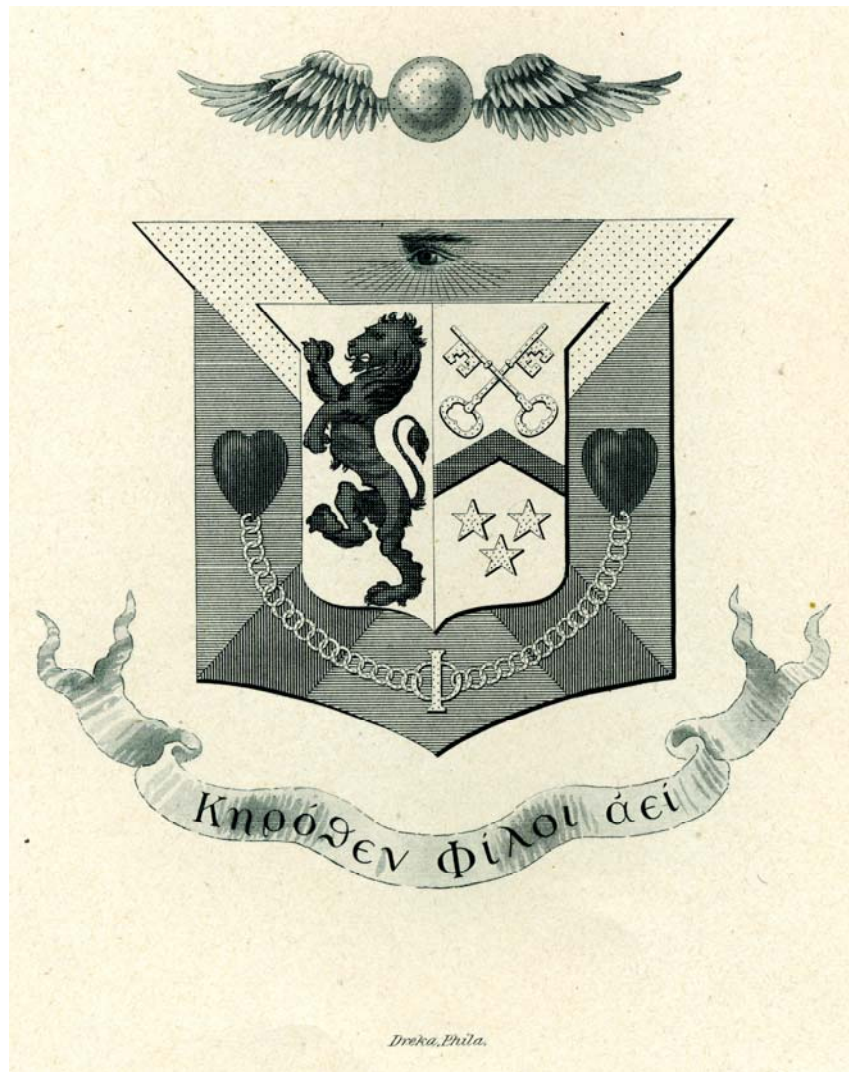


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Δ KE Fraternity Motto

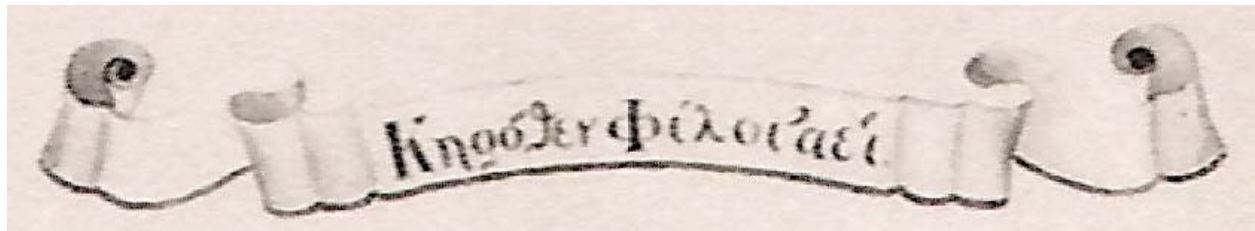
The Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity motto dates from the founding of the mother chapter, Φ , in No. 12, Old South Hall, at Yale College on 22 June 1844. Cf. Bartlett (1883).

Kηρόθεν Φίλοι αεί Kêrothen Philoi aei
From the heart, friends forever, or Friends from the heart forever.

“Our Aegis,” *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly (DKEQ)*, I, #1 (1883), p. 2: scroll of the ΔKE Fraternity arms.



Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE FRATERNITY.

Arms.—Azure, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper or and lower gules, as many men's hearts of the last, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Φ gold; in chief an eye proper, radiated of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, a lion rampant sable, langued gules, impaling argent, a chevron between two keys endorsed saltierwise in chief sable, and three mullets, two, one, in form of a triple star in base, the first azure, second gules, third or.

Crest.—A globe or, winged argent.

Motto—Κηρόθεν Φίλοι αεί.

Scroll from contemporary ΔΚΕ Fraternity Arms. Note the error in the spelling of Κηρόθεν.



Whiton (1871): κηρόθεν —adv. *meaning from the heart*, p. 376. LSJ: φίλοι —n. pl. meaning *friends*; αεί—adv. meaning *ever, always*.
Cf. Fogle (2006, #06)..

Chapter Roll and Mottos

Chapter mottos are taken from Lantz (*DKEQ*, 1887) unless otherwise noted. Dates and circumstances regarding chapter charters, deactivations and revivals are taken from the ΔKE web site. Transliterations are based on the “Alphabet Table,” *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* (G. & C. Merriam Company, 1979) p. 32. Lexicon entries are from Liddell, Scott & Jones (LSJ, 1940) unless specified otherwise.

1. Φ —Phi

Yale College (f. 9 October 1701 as the Collegiate School of Connecticut in Killingworth CT, renamed in 1716 as Yale College and moved to New Haven CT, and renamed Yale University in 1887), New Haven CT.

Founded on 22 June 1844 as a protest against the unjust selections of the two fraternities then present (Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon). Phi of ΔKE is the only fraternity chapter at Yale which has never gone inactive. The mottoes of the ΔKE Fraternity and the Φ chapter are the same; the arms differ slightly.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Φ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Φ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, a lion rampant sable, impaling argent a chevron between two keys endorsed saltierwise in chief and a man's sinister ear in base sable.

Crest.—A globe or, winged argent.

Motto—*Κηρόθεν Φίλοι ἀεί.*

2. Θ —Theta

Bowdoin College, Brunswick ME

Founded on 4 November 1844 as the fourth fraternity on campus through the efforts of Elisha B. Shapleigh and Thomas D. Sherwood of Yale, who worked with John S. H. Fogg, Bowdoin '46 to recruit the original 11 members.

Ἰσταμεν ἐν Πρώτοις
We stand among the foremost.

Istamen en Proterois

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Θ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Θ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence; argent, a lion rampant sable.

Crest.—A demi-lion rampant sable.

Motto—Ἰσταμεν ἐν πρώτοις.

1888 Bowdoin College student yearbook, *Bugle*: scroll from the Homer Lee Banknote Company engraving of the Θ arms, courtesy of Special Collections and Archives, Bowdoin College Library.



Slater: ἱστάμει —v. meaning *halt, come to a halt, stand*. LSJ: ἐν —prep. meaning *in the number of, amongst*; πρότερος and πρότερος —meaning *the first men (of the state), the first, above all, foremost*.

Tompkins (1991a and 1991b): the above translation is taken from this letter.

Oxford Universal Dictionary, *foremost*: "Foremost to stand against the thunderer's aim," Milton, *Paradise Lost*, ii.28.

3. Z —Zeta

College of New Jersey (renamed Princeton University in 1896), Princeton NJ.

Chartered on 15 September 1845 as the third fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1846 due to anti-fraternity pressures.

Reactivated on 17 March 1852.

Deactivated in 1857.

Reactivated on 6 November 1987.

Bailey (1991): "To the best of our knowledge, Zeta never had a crest or motto. The Chapter went inactive in 1857, and finally revived in 1987."

4. **Ξ —Xi**

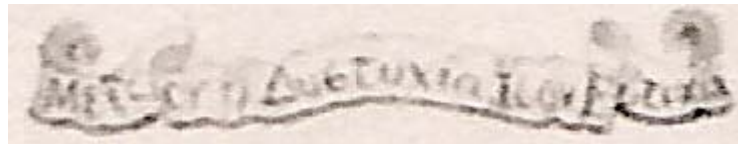
Waterville College (renamed Colby University in 1867 and Colby College in 1899), Waterville ME.

Chartered on 25 June 1846 as the first fraternity at Colby.

Μεῖζόν ἢ Δυστυχία Ἰσον Εὐτυχία

Meizon e Dystychia Ison Eutychia

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Ξ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower argent, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Ξ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, two keys endorsed in saltier or.

Crest.—A mullet argent.

Motto—*Μεῖζόν ἢ Δυστυχία Ἰσον Εὐτυχία.*

Chase & Phillips (1961), pp. 204, 7 and 202: *μεῖζων*, -ον (ονος) — adj. meaning *larger*; ἢ —indefinite article (fem. sing.) meaning *the*; and *ἴσος* -η -ον —adj. meaning *equal*.

LSJ: *δυστυχία*, -ή —n. meaning *ill luck, ill fortune*; and *εὐτυχία*, -ή —n. meaning *good luck, success*.

Harbottle (1958), Hesiod, *Works and Days*, 707, p. 419: "Μηδέ κασιγνήτω ἴσον ποιείσθαι ἑταῖρον —Ne'er count thy comrade equal to thy brother."

Gonda (2006): "I think it is a philosophical quotation that is meant to be puzzling —a little paradox. It means, 'The greater misfortune is like good fortune.' This would mean, for instance, that a crisis could lead to a person making better decisions afterwards and thus securing a better chance for happiness."

Platter (1991): "Bad fortune [seeks] more than its share, good fortune an equal amount."

Tompkins (1991b): "Misfortune is a greater thing, good fortune is an equal (equivalent) thing."

5. **Σ —Sigma**

Amherst College, Amherst MA

Chartered on 1 November 1846 as the third fraternity on campus.

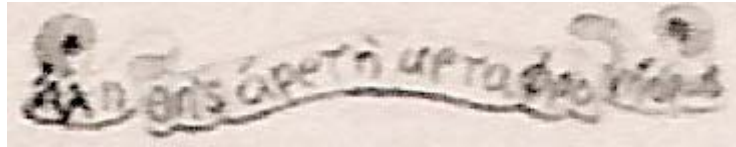
Deactivated in 1982 over the issue of female membership.

Reactivated on 1 February 1986 following an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the college to suppress fraternities altogether.

Ἀληθὴς Ἀρετὴ Μετὰ Φρονήσεως
True virtue [comes] with wisdom.

Alethes Arete Meta Phroneseos

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

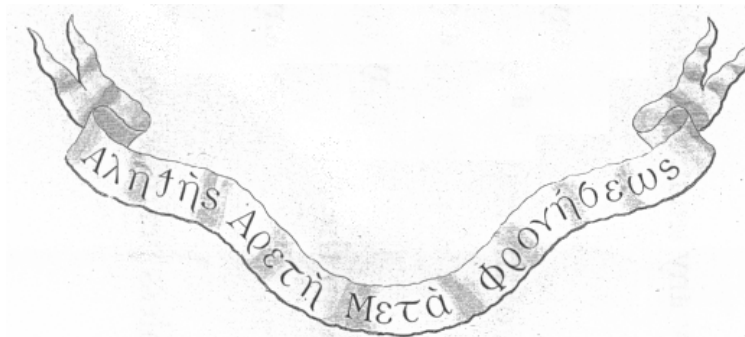
THE Σ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Σ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a tilting spear erect argent.

Crest.—An arm rested and embowed, cooped at the shoulders, brandishing a sabre sable.

Motto.—Ἀληθὴς Ἀρετὴ μετὰ Φρονήσεως.

1906 Amherst College student yearbook, *The Olio*, facing p. 80: scroll from the Louis Dreka engraving of the Σ arms, courtesy of Archives and Special Collections, Amherst College Library.



LSJ: ἀλήθεια —n. meaning *truth, truthfulness, sincerity*; ἀρετή —n. meaning *goodness, excellence, virtue*; μετά —meaning *in pursuit or quest of*; φρόνησις phron-êsis, eôs, hê, —n. meaning *purpose, intention (thought, sense, judgment, arrogance, pride), practical wisdom, prudence in government and affairs*.

Platter (1991): "Wisdom accompanies true excellence."

Sinos (2005): "True virtue [comes] with wisdom."

Tompkins (1991a): "The virtue of truth [exists only] through thought."

6. Γ —Gamma

University of Nashville, Nashville TN, and later Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN.

Chartered on 19 April 1847 as the first fraternity on the campus of the University of Nashville.

Inactive from 1850 to 1855 when university activities were suspended. The chapter name "Gamma" was given to Harvard in 1851 but restored to Nashville in 1855.

Inactive from 1861 to until revived on 16 October 1889 at Vanderbilt University.

7. Ψ —Psi

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL

Chartered on 20 June 1847 as the first fraternity on campus.

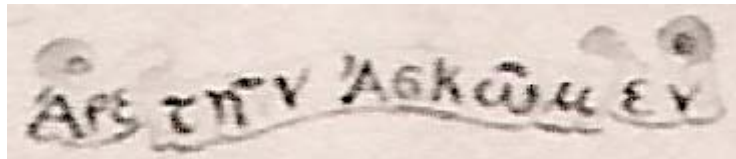
Deactivated on October 1856 due to faculty opposition and the Civil War.

Reactivated on 19 November 1885.

Ἀρετὴν Ἀσκῶμεν
We practice virtue.

Areten Askomen

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Ψ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Ψ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, the stump of a tree couped and erased argent.

Crest.—A magnolia branch slipped proper.

Motto—' Ἀρετὴν Ἀσκῶμεν.

Detail from engraving of the Psi arms, 1895 University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa yearbook, *The Carolla*.



LSJ: ἀρετή —n. meaning *goodness, excellence, virtue*; ἀσκημα —v. *to exercise, practice*.
Lantz (1887): Ἀσκώμεν is misprinted as Ἀσχώμεν. There may be a further error: ἀσκῶμα
— *leather padding or lining of the hole which served for the rowlock*.
Tompkins (1991a): the above translation is taken from this letter.

8. X —Chi

University of Mississippi, Oxford MS

Chartered on 14 April 1850 as the first fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1861 due to the Civil War. Reactivated on 6 January 1865.

Deactivated in 1912 because of a state anti-fraternity law that was later repealed.

Reactivated in 1928.

Deactivated in 1985 as the result of a hazing incident.

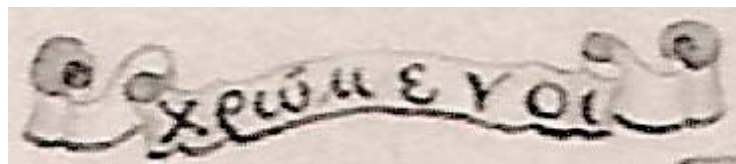
Reactivated as a colony on 23 March 1999 with the approval of the Ole Miss Student Life Committee.

Χρώμενοι

Chromenoi

Needing [or using, or practicing].

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE X CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter X of the second, and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a saltire argent.

Crest.—An eagle's head couped sable.

Motto—Χρώμενοι.

LSJ: χρώμα —meaning *skin*, esp. of the human body; *colour*, esp. of the skin or body, *complexion*; generally, *colour*.

Tompkins (1991a): the above translation is taken from this letter with the note that Χρώμενοι is “a very elastic word.”

9. **Υ —Upsilon**

Brown University, Providence RI

Chartered on 25 July 1850 as the fifth fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1963 due to a hazing accident.

Συνεργοὶ εἰς Ἀνδρείαν

Sunergoi eis Andreian

Working together toward manliness.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Υ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men’s hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Υ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a cross argent.

Crest.—An eagle volant affronté, holding pendent from his beak an anchor proper.

Motto—Συνεργοὶ εἰς Ἀνδρείαν.

LSJ: συνεργός, ὄν —ger. meaning *working together*, *joining*, *helping in work*, and as subst., ὁ, ἡ, *helper*; εἰς —prep. meaning *to*, *toward*; ἀνδρείαν —n. meaning *manliness*, *manly spirit*.

Tompkins (1991a): “Workers together toward manliness,” or “Fellow-workers toward manliness.”

10. **Β —Beta**

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC

Chartered on 5 April 1851 as the first fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1861 due to the Civil War.

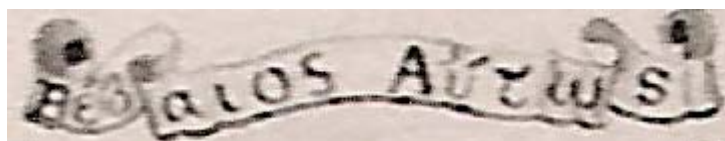
Reactivated on 19 March 1887. During the 1861-87 period of inactivity, a chapter at Columbia University had been given the name Beta so the North Carolina chapter

was named Beta Alpha until after the 1887 convention when the Columbia chapter took the name Gamma Beta.

Βέβαιος Αὔτως
Steadfast still.

Bebaios Autos

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *B A* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the two Greek letters *B* and *A* interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, two firebrands in saltire sable, inflamed proper.

Crest.—A cornucopia argent.

Motto—Βέβαιος Αὔτως.

1912 student yearbook, *Yackety Yack*: scroll from the B arms, courtesy of North Carolina Collection, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



LSJ: βέβαιος —adj. meaning *firm, steady steadfast*; αὔτως —adv. meaning *in this very manner, even so, just as before, as it was, still, unceasingly*.

Tompkins (1991b): “Strong as always.”

11. A —Alpha

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Chartered on 15 October 1851.

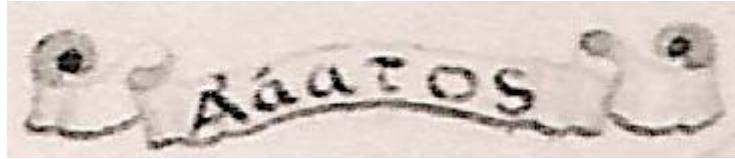
Inactive during the period, 1857-60.

Charter withdrawn 1891.

Ἀάατος
Inviolable.

Aaatos
—Homer, *Iliad*, 14.271

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE A CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter A of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a book displayed argent.

Crest.—A goat's head couped proper.

Motto—'Ἀάατος.

LSJ: ἄατος —adj. meaning *not to be injured, inviolable*.

Murray (1924), Homer, *Iliad*, 14.270-75: "So spake she, and Sleep waxed glad, and made answer saying: Come now, swear to me by the inviolable water of Styx, and with one hand lay thou hold of the bounteous earth, and with the other of the shimmering sea, that one and all they may be witnesses betwixt us twain, even the gods that are below with Cronos, that verily thou wilt give me one of the youthful Graces, even Pasithea, that myself I long for all my days."

Tompkins (1991a): "insatiate" or "brave."

12. K —Kappa

Miami University, Oxford OH.

Chartered on March 8, 1852 as the fourth fraternity on campus.

Inactive from 1856 to 1859 after the chapter was split when six brothers (Bell, Caldwell, Cooper, Jordan, Runkle and Scobey) were expelled in April 1855 and went on to found the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Cf. Collett (1955) and Johnson (1972).

Inactive again from 1873 to 1889 when the school was closed due to financial difficulties.

Revived on 16 October 16, 1889.

Deactivated in 1985 when university recognition was withdrawn as the result of alcohol violations.

Reactivated on 15 April 1989.

13. **Δ —Delta**

South Carolina College, Columbia SC.

Chartered on 5 May 1852 as the second fraternity on campus.

Inactive since 1861 because of the Civil War.

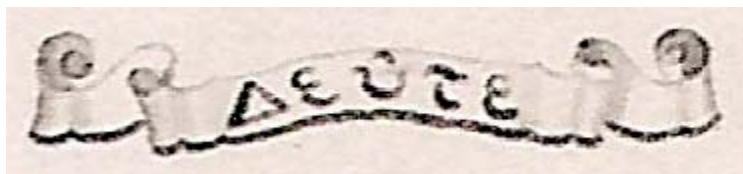
See entry #40 for ΔΔ.

Δεῦτε

Deute

Come Hither!

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Δ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Δ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a trefoil slipped, argent.

Crest.—A salamander in flames proper.

Motto—Δεῦτε.

LSJ: δεῦτε —adv., as pl. of δεῦρο, meaning *come hither!* Homer, *Iliad*, 13.481: "δεῦτε, φίλοι."

Tompkins (1991a): "Come hither."

14. **Λ —Lambda**

Kenyon College, Gambier OH.

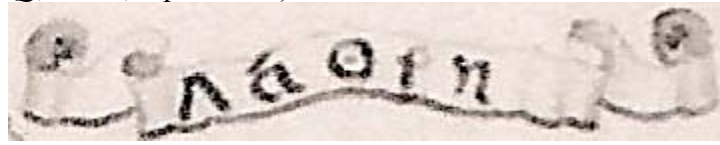
Chartered on 5 June 1852 as the first fraternity on campus. In 1854 Lambda chapter built the first fraternity lodge in America on a wooded site about a mile away from the campus.

Λάθρη

Lathre

By Stealth

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Λ CHAPTER.

Arms—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Λ of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, a chevron sable.

Crest.—A ragged staff bendwise sable.

Motto— $\Lambda\delta\theta\rho\eta$.

LSJ: $\lambda\acute{\alpha}\theta\rho\eta$ —adv. meaning *secretly*, *by stealth*.

Warren (1910), p. 560. "At that time (ca. 1852) a law existed in Kenyon against secret fraternities and certain expulsion awaited all who should be discovered connected with them. This very fact only rendered membership more desirable. Brother [William Henry] Tunnard '56 gives us a beautiful and inspiring description of the stealthy midnight enclaves in which the members gathered to discuss and formulate plans for the infant chapter. The meetings were held sometimes in the old college belfry, sometimes in an unused log hut, a mile east of the college, sometimes in the house of a friendly farmer who was in on the secret. For more than a year this secrecy was maintained and not until the class of 1854 graduated with their pins prominently displayed for the first time, did the faculty have a suspicion of what was going on."

Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, p. 386, #20, Alexander Pope (1688-1744), *Paradise Lost*, *Epilogue*, *Dial.* i, l. 136: "Let humble Allen, with an awkward shame, /Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame."

Tompkins (1991b): "By stealth," or "Secretly."

15. Ω —Omega

Oakland College, Oakland MS.

Chartered in 1852 as the first fraternity on campus.

Inactive since 1861.

16. H —Eta

University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA.

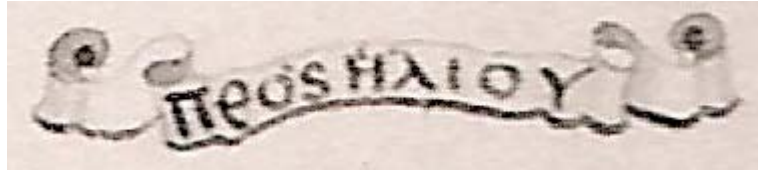
Chartered on 26 November 1852 as the first fraternity on campus.

Inactive during the Civil War, 1861-65.

Πρός Ηλιον
Towards the Sun.

Pros Héliion

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE H CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *H* of the second, and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a sun rising from behind a body of clouds in sinister base proper.

Crest.—An olive branch slipped argent.

Motto.—Πρὸς Ὁ Ἡλιον.

LSJ: πρὸς —prep. meaning *on the side of, in the direction of, towards*. ἡέλιος —n. meaning *sun, day, sunshine, brightness*.

Tompkins (1991b): "Toward the sun."

17. Π —Pi

Dartmouth College, Hanover NH.

Chartered on 14 July 1853 as the fourth fraternity on campus.

Deactivated and charter withdrawn in 1970 as the result of disciplinary violations.

Ποιῶμεν
Let us act.

Poiōmen

Lantz (1884): Homer Lee Banknote Company engraving of scroll from the Π arms.



Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *II* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *II* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a stag's head caboshed argent.

Crest.—Out of a ducal coronet or a plume of five ostrich feathers, three sable, two argent.

Motto—Ποιῶμεν.

LSJ: ποιωτός —adj. meaning *endowed with quality*; ποιωτίζομαι —v. passive meaning *to be endowed with quality*; ποίεω —v. meaning *to make or do*.

Tompkins (1991b): “Let us do (or act, or make).”

18. **I —Iota**

Centre College, Danville KY.

Chartered in 1854 at Kentucky Military Institute, Frankfort KY as the second fraternity on campus.

Inactive from 1861-84.

Revived in 1884 at Central University of Kentucky, Richmond, KY.

Relocated in 1901 to Danville KY when Central University merged with Centre College of Kentucky.

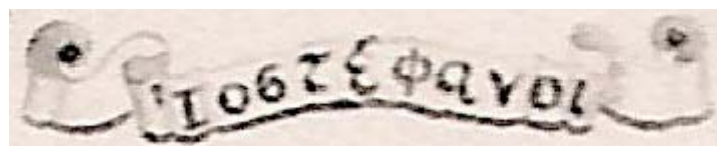
Charter withdrawn due to a hazing incident.

Ἰοστέφανοι

Iostephanoi

Violet-crowned.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE I CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoin, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain; the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *I* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, a stalk of Kentucky blue grass bladed and slipped proper.

Crest.—A shield battered as in combat argent, thereon a Greek letter *I* sable.

Motto.—Ἰοστέφανοι.

LSJ: ἰοστέφανος —adj. meaning *violet-crowned*, an epithet of Aphrodite, of the Muses and of Athens.

The motto presumably refers to the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau surrounding Danville KY.

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (2002), p. 66, #10, Pindar (c. 518-438 B.C.), *Fragment 76*: "O bright and violet-crowned and famed in song, bulwark of Greece, famous Athens, devine city!"

Farnell (1930), p. 321, Pindar, *Fragment 76* (In Praise of Athens): "Hail, renowned Athens, city of shining streets and violet crowns, great theme for the singers, Bulwark of Hellas, city filled with spirit divine."

Kirkwood (1982): p. 331, Pindar, *Fragment 76*, Note #1: "ἰοστέφανοι: while garlands of violets befit Dionysaic celebration and a dithyrambic chorus (cf. *Fragment 75*, 11.6 and 17), there is no reason to reject the idea that Pindar means also the violet hue of Mt. Hymettus at sunset, a conspicuous adornment of Athens, a violet crown."

Rogers (1910), p. 98, Aristophanes, *The Acharnians*, l. 636 note: "'The violet,' observes Mitchell, in a note to his translation, 'was the favorite and distinguishing flower of the Athenians. Ionians in their origin, they saw in the *ion* or violet an allusion to the name of their founder. While Sparta therefore was characterized as the *Dorystephanos* or javelin-crowned city, the Athenians took pride in being called *io-stephanoi*, or violet-crowned.'"

Tompkins (1991a): "Violet-crowned."

19. AA —Alpha Alpha

Middlebury College, Middlebury VT.

Chartered on 19 September 1854 as the second fraternity on campus. Originally named Alpha, the chapter was named Alpha Prime (A') with the revival of the Harvard chapter, and was renamed Alpha Alpha at the 1887 Convention.

Deactivated in 1969.

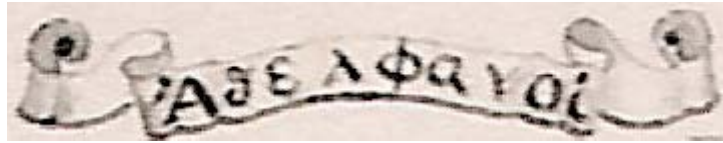
Reactivated on 27 April 1985.

Ἀδελφοί

Adelphoi

Brothers.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Α CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons centrepoin, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letter Α accented prime of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a wyvern, argent.

Crest.—A pine tree or.

Motto.—Αδελφανοί.

LSJ: ἀδελφος —n. meaning *brother, kinsman, colleague, associate*; ἀδελφοί *are properly sons of the same mother*.

Tompkins (1991a): the Lantz (1887) text providing the form, Αδελφανοί, is likely a printing error.

20. O —Omicron

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI.

Chartered on 24 February 1855 as the fourth fraternity on campus.

One of three chapters with a separate meeting hall, "The Shant," a brick structure built in 1878, is now used to house the ΔKE Archives and for educational purposes under the auspices of The Rampant Lion Foundation.

Κτήμα ἐς αἰ

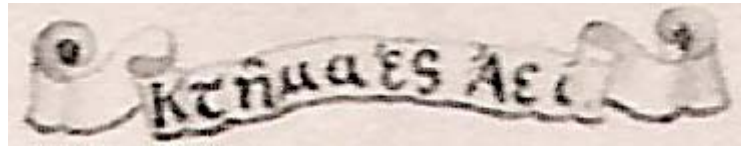
A Possession Forever.

Ktêma es aei

Lantz (1884): scroll from the Homer Lee Banknote Company engraving of the O arms.



Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *Θ* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *Θ* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a chain of seven links in form of a circle, argent.

Crest.—An American eagle rising proper.

Motto.—Κτήμα ἔς ἀεί.

LSJ: κτήμα —n. meaning *possession*; ἀεί —adv. meaning *ever, always*. L&S (1889): ἔς ἀεί —adv. meaning *forever*.

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (2002), p. 73, #16, Thucydides (c. 460-400), *Peloponnesian War*, i.22.4, tr. Richard Livingston: "My history has been composed to be an everlasting possession, not the showpiece of an hour."

Oxford Dictionary of Quotations (1955), p. 547: Thucydides (b. c. 471 B.C.), i.22, "κτήμα ἔς ἀεί —A possession for ever."

Ramage (1895), p. 507, Thucydides, i.22: "Κτήμά τε ἔς ἀεί μαλλον ἢ ἀγώνισμα ἔς τό παραχρήμα ἀκούειν νόγκειται —My history is presented to the public as a possession for all times, and not merely as a rhetorical display to catch the applause of my contemporaries."

Tompkins (1991a): "A possession for always."

21. E —Epsilon

Williams College, Williamstown MA.

Chartered on 25 March 1855 as the ninth fraternity on campus.

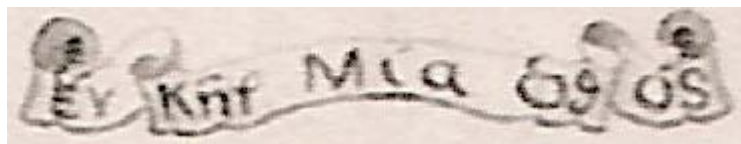
Inactive since 1961 when the college banned all fraternities.

Ἐν κήρ Μία Ὀδός

En ker Mia Odos

One heart, one journey.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *E* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *E* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a caduceus erect, argent.

Crest.—The cap of Hermes placed sidewise, or, winged argent.

Motto.—^α*Εν κῆρ Μία Ὁδός.*

Program, Menu and History Pamphlet for the Centennial Dinner of Epsilon at Delta Kappa Epsilon, (Williamstown MA: The McClelland Press), call number 5215.D4 (1955): engraving of E scroll, courtesy of Archives and Special Collections, Williams College.



Chase & Phillips (1961), p. 168 & p. 205: *έν* —cardinal number (masc.) meaning *one*; *μία* —cardinal number (fem.) meaning *one*; *ὁδός* —n. meaning *road, way, journey*.

LSJ: *κῆρ* —n. meaning *heart*; *ὁδός* —n. meaning *way, road, journey, voyage*.

Atherton (2006): “The Greek means ‘One heart, one road/way/path/journey’. The last word (pronounced *hodos*) can mean any of these. As it's the motto of a group, I take it the sense is something like ‘We, with a single intent, make one journey together.’ Hermes (the Roman Mercury) was, as messenger of the gods, the patron-god of travelers and ambassadors (and of many other types —conjurers and tricksters, for example!), and his staff or *caduceus* is the staff of a traveler or of an ambassador or legate, so that fits with the description of the coat-of-arms, insofar as I understand it.”

Lantz (1887): *κῆρ* is misprinted as *χῆρ* and *ὁδός* is misprinted as *Ὁθός*.

22. P — Rho

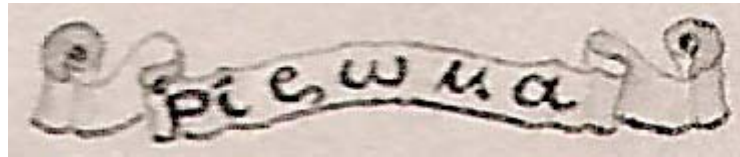
Lafayette College, Easton PA.

Chartered on 15 October 1855 as the second (and oldest surviving) fraternity on campus.

Ρίζωμα
Root.

Rhizôma

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *P* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *P* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a bend, argent.

Crest.—The head of General La Fayette in profile argent.

Motto.—‘*Ρίξωμα*.

L&S (1889): *ρίζωμα* —n. meaning *a root*; metaph. a stem, race. LSJ: *ρίζωμα* —n. meaning *the mass of roots* of a tree.

Tompkins (1991a): “Root, race, stem.”

23. T — Tau

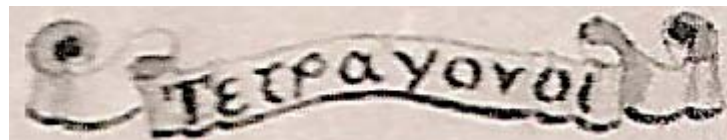
Hamilton College (f. 1812), Clinton NY.

Chartered on 15 January 1856 as the sixth fraternity on campus.

Τετράγωνοι
Squares.

Tetragōnoi

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

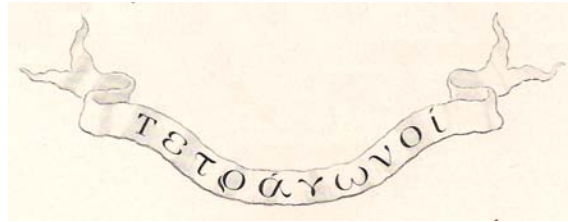
THE *T* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *T* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a bust of Minerva affronté, wearing her helmet and ægis, argent.

Crest.—An owl argent.

Motto.—Τετράγωνοι.

1899 Hamilton College student yearbook, *Hamiltonian*, v. 42, facing p. 74: scroll from the Louis Dreka engraving of the *T* arms, courtesy of Hamilton College Library Archives.



LSJ: τετράγωνος —adj. *meaning with four angles*, but usu. *square*. In tactics, a body of men drawn up in square. Metaphorically, *square*, i.e. *perfect as a square*. Possibly a reference to the lozenge shaped ΔKE badge.

24. M — Mu

Madison University (renamed Colgate University in 1890), Hamilton, New York.

Chartered on 1 March 1856 as the second fraternity on campus. Alpha Delta Phi had remained on campus less than a year in 1850, and Mu was to exist another ten years before the next fraternity was chartered. During this period there were intensive efforts made by the school to have the chapter eliminated. Mu maintains a separate structure for meetings, the Mu Temple.

Ἀδελφοί Ἐφ' ἑστίῃ Κοινῇ
Brothers at a common hearth.

Adelphoi Ephestie Koine

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *M* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *M* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, an altar or, with fire proper.

Crest.—A mask argent.

Motto.—'Ἀδελφοί 'Εφ' ἑστίῃ Κοινῇ.

Temporary note: Colgate's yearbook has always been called The Salmagundi. I believe the name was inspired by Washington Irving's book of the same title. Best, Carl Peterson, Univ. Archivist

LSJ: ἄδελφος —n. meaning *brother, kinsman, colleague, associate*; ἄδελφοί *are properly sons of the same mother*; ἐφέστιος —meaning *at one's own fireside, at home, by the hearth*; κοινός —meaning *common, shared in common, a common altar*.

Tompkins (1991b): "Brothers at a common hearth."

25. N —Nu

City College of New York (C.C.N.Y., formerly known as the Free Academy), New York NY.

Chartered on 1 August 1856 as the second fraternity on campus.

Inactive since 1973.

Νικώμεν
We prevail.

Nikomen

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *N* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letter *N* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, three hag's heads conjoined on one neck and coupé, argent.

Crest.—A beaver sable.

Motto.—*Νικάμεν.*

LSJ: νικάω [nikaô] —v. meaning *to conquer, prevail, vanquish, win a victory, win it.*

Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, p. 378, #14 Pheidippides (Φειδιππίδης, c. 490 B.C.) according to Lucian, *Pro Lapsu in Salutando*, para iii, tr. by Fowler: "Χαίρετε, νικάμεν —Joy, we win." Having run to Athens with the tidings of Marathon, he died upon delivering his message. Frequently and incorrectly attributed to Herodotus of Halicarnassus (Ηροδοτός, ca. 484-425 BC).

Lantz (1887): Νικόμεν is misprinted as Νιχώμεν.

Tompkins (1991a): "We are conquering" or "Let us conquer."

26. **BΦ —Beta Phi**

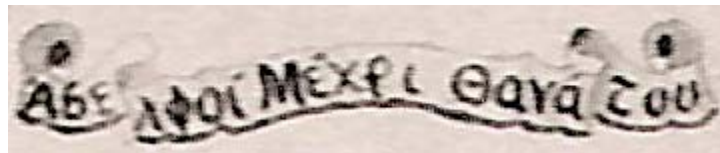
University of Rochester, Rochester NY

Chartered on 1 November 1856 as the fourth fraternity on campus.

Αδελφοί Μέχρι Θανάτου
Brothers Until Death.

Adelphoi Mechri Thanatou

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *B Φ* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point form of the Greek letters *B* and *Φ* with laced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a crescent moon, the horns toward the dexter corner of the shield, argent.

Crest.—A man's skull argent.

Motto.—'Ἀδελφοί Μέχρι Θανάτου.

LSJ: ἀδελφός —n. meaning *son of the same mother, brother*; μέχρι —meaning *as far as, even to, until, as long as*; θάνατος —n. meaning *death*.

Geier (2005): "Brothers until death."

Tompkins (1991a): "Brothers unto death."

27. ΘΧ —Theta Chi

Union College (renamed Union University in 1873), Schenectady NY.

Chartered on 25 November 1856 as the ninth fraternity on campus.

Inactive since 1861. Charter withdrawn in 1869 when the Civil War left the chapter too weak to compete on campus.

28. ΚΨ —Kappa Psi

Cumberland University, Lebanon TN.

Chartered on 16 March 1857 as the first fraternity on campus.

Inactive 1862-66, and although revived after the Civil War it was so weakened that it became inactive after 1874.

29. ΑΔ —Alpha Delta

Jefferson College, Cannonsburgh PA

Chartered on 10 June 1858.

Inactive 1862

30. ΤΔ —Tau Delta

Union University, Murfreesboro TN.

Chartered in February 1861 as the third fraternity on campus.

Inactive due to the Civil War by the spring of that year. Transferred in name and re-chartered to become the chapter at University of the South, Sewanee, TN, in 1969.

31. ΖΖ —Zeta Zeta

Louisiana State University, Jackson LA.

f. 30 January 1858

Inactive 1862—

Chartered January 30, 1858 at Centenary College of Louisiana, Jackson, Louisiana as the second fraternity there.

Inactive from April 7, 1861 to April 7, 1923 when it was revived at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Friars Club, a local society, petitioned 14 years for the revival, and members of Zeta Zeta, in testament of this continuing endeavor, are permitted to wear the Friars' pin in addition to the standard DKE badge.

32. ΦΧ —Phi Chi

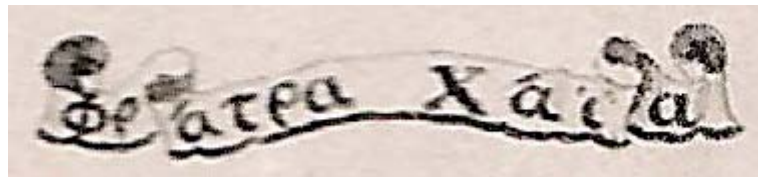
Rutgers College (renamed Rutgers—the State University), New Brunswick NJ
Chartered on 14 February 1861 as the fourth fraternity on campus.

Φράτρα Χάια

Phratra Chaïa

True brotherhood.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Φ Χ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters Φ and Χ interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, on a mount in base an oak-tree, sable.

Crest.—A horse's head couped sable.

Motto.—Φράτρα Χάια.

LSJ: φράτρα —n. meaning *brotherhood*; χάιος —adj. meaning *genuine, true, good*.

Coughanowr (1991): "True (genuine) brotherhood."

Tompkins (1991a): "True brotherhood."

33. ΚΦ — Kappa Phi

Troy University, Troy NY

Chartered in May 1861 as the first fraternity there. Both college and chapter failed to survive the Civil War.

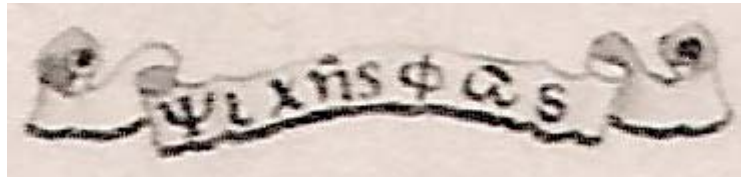
34. ΨΦ — Psi Phi

Indiana Asbury University (renamed DePauw University in 1884), Greencastle IN
Chartered at on 8 November 1866 as the fifth fraternity on campus.

Ψυχῆς Φῶς
The light of life.

Psychês Phos

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Ψ Φ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters Ψ and Φ interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a pyramid, argent.

Crest.—An Egyptian sphinx sable.

Motto.—Ψυχῆς Φῶς.

LSJ: ψυχή —n. meaning *life*; φῶς (contr. of φάος) —n. meaning *light*; gen. of φωτός meaning *of man*.

Tompkins (1991a): “The light of life (or, of the soul).”

35. ΓΦ — Gamma Phi

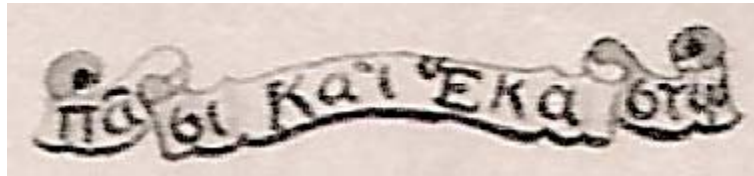
Wesleyan University, Middletown CT

Chartered on 18 January 1867 as the sixth fraternity on campus. Some of the members of the charter group had been members of the Owl and Wand Chapter of the Mystic Seven, which disbanded at Wesleyan the same year.

Πάσι καί Ἐκαστῷ
To all and to each,

Pasi kai Ekasto

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Γ Φ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters Γ and Φ interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a gorgon's head affronté, argent.

Crest.—A globe or.

Motto—Πᾶσι καὶ ἑκάστῳ.

LSJ: πας —*all, the whole, every*; ἑαστος —meaning *each*.

Lantz (1887): καὶ and ἑκάστῳ are misprinted as καί and ἑχαστῳ, respectively.

Tompkins (1991a): “To all and to each.”

36. HA —Eta Alpha

Washington College (renamed Washington and Lee University in 1871), Lexington VA.

Chartered on 4 June 1867 as the sixth fraternity on campus.

Inactive since 1876.

37. ΨΩ —Psi Omega

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (f. 5 November 1824 as the Rensselaer School, renamed as the Rensselaer Institute in 1833 and renamed as the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1861), Troy NY.

Chartered on 14 November 1867.

Inactive 1965-1991.

Ψυχομαχέομεν Ὁρασιν
Forever Striving.

Psychomacheomen Ὁρασιν

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

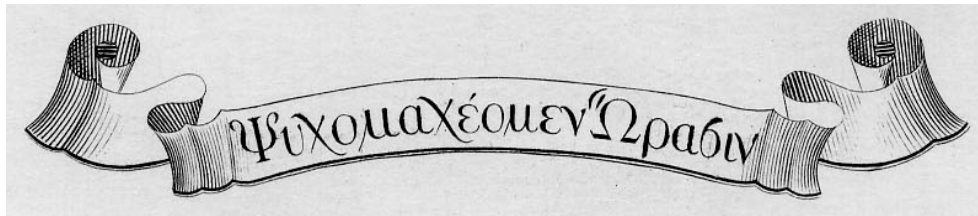
THE Ψ Ω CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters Ψ and Ω interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, a bend counterimbattled, sable.

Crest.—A cross patonce argent.

Motto.—Ψυχομαχέομεν Ὠρασιν.

RPI ΔΚΕ/ ΨΩ /Student Life Collection, MC50: scroll from the Homer Lee Banknote Company, New York City, engraving of the ΨΩ arms, courtesy of RPI Institute Archives & Special Collections, Folsom Library.



LSJ: ψυχομαχέω —v. meaning *fight to the last gasp, fight desperately* (Polybius *Histories* 1.58.7, 6.52.7, 10.39.7); ψυχομαχία —n. meaning *desperate fighting* (Polybius *Histories* 1.59.6); ὦρασιν —adv. meaning *in season, in good time*.

Coughanowr (1991): "To fight to the last in season (in good time)."

Paton (1960), p. 1963, Polybius, *Histories*, 59.6: "The attempt was indeed of the nature of a struggle for existence."

Pedech (1969), p. 99, Polybius, *Histories*, 59.6: "Ἦν δέ τῆς ἐπιβολῆς τό πλείον ψυχομαχία."

Polybius (ca. 203-120 BC, Πολύβιος) was a Greek historian of the Mediterranean world famous for his book called *The Histories* or *The Rise of the Roman Empire*, covering the period of 220 BC to 146 BC. He used ψυχομαχία in his description of the First Punic War: I.58 and I.59. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polybius>

Shuckburgh (1962), p. 67, Polybius, *Histories*, 59.6: "Nevertheless it was essentially an effort of despair."

Strachan-Davidson (1888), p. 102, note #7: "ψυχομαχοῦσι 'who sustain the fight by their spirit after their strength is exhausted,' [and] 'who do not know when they are beaten.'" P. 103, note #13: "ψυχομαχία 'In this undertaking resolution had to supply for the most part the want of material resources.'"

Tompkins (1991b and 1991c): "We fight to the last in good time." Cf. *Psychomachia* (Battle of Souls), a poem by Prudentius (Roman, b. 348 A.D.).

Walbank (1957), I, p. 123. I.59.6 note: "Psychomachia means fighting by the aid of the psyche, not to save it (as Paton, who translates 'a struggle for existence'). The source for

this characterization may well be Fabius; but the concept appears elsewhere in Polybius, e.g. II.30.7 (on the Celts) and III.9.7 (on Hamilcar)."

Warren (1910), p. 972: "In conclusion, I would say that the whole history of Psi Omega can be summed up in two words (our motto), 'Forever Striving.' It is this that we have followed, and teach to those who come after us to follow. It is this that has made Psi Omega what she is."

38. **BX —Beta Chi**

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland OH.

Chartered on 17 November 1868 as the fourth fraternity at Western Reserve College in Hudson, Ohio. The charter members of the chapter had been members of Beta chapter of Beta Theta Pi but broke away to form the new ΔKE chapter. The college moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1882, became a university, and in 1967 joined with Case Institute of Technology to become Case Western Reserve University.

Inactive since 1970.

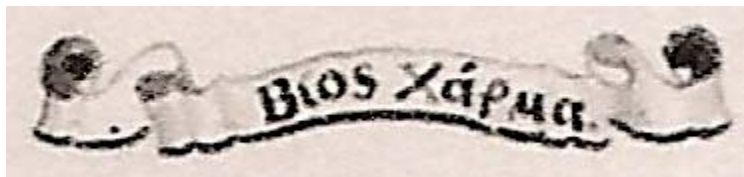
Reactivated in 1990.

Βίος Χάρμα

Life [is a] delight.

Bios Charma

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *B X* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters *B* and *X* interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, an eagle with two heads displayed, sable.

Crest.—A fleur-de-lis sable.

Motto—*Βίος Χάρμα.*

1890 student yearbook, *The Reserve*, p. 95: scroll from U/I engraving of the BX arms, courtesy of University Archives, Case Western Reserve University.



LSJ: βίος —n. meaning *life*; χάρμα —n. meaning *source of joy, delight*.

Coughanowr (1991): "The joy (of battle) cry."

Tompkins (1991a): "Life is a delight."

39. ΔΧ —Delta Chi

Cornell University (f. 27 April 1865), Ithaca NY

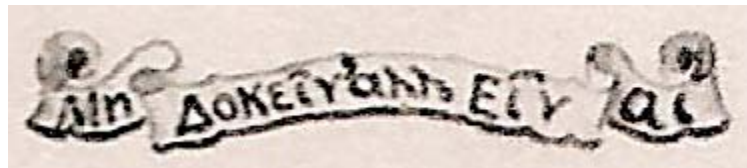
Chartered on 11 February 1870 as the eighth fraternity on campus.

Μή δοκεῖν ἀλλ' εἶναι

Mê dokein all' einai.

Not to seem, but to be.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE Δ Χ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters Δ and Χ interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence argent, a sun or, rising over a triple mount beyond an expanse of water in base, sable.

Crest.—An esquire's helmet argent.

Motto—Ὁὐ Δοκεῖν ἀλλ' Εἶναι.

U/I Cornell University student yearbook, *The Cornellian*: scroll from the Homer Lee Banknote Company engraving of the ΔX arms.



Scroll from the Birk artwork.



Detail, Memorial Window, Cornell Deke House, Ithaca NY. Cf. Fogle (2006, #05)



LSJ: μή —meaning *not*; δοκέω —v. meaning *to seem, pretend*; ἀλλά —conj. meaning *otherwise, but*.

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (2002), p. 65, #2, Aeschylus (525-456 B.C.), *The Seven Against Thebes*, l. 592: “His resolve is not to seem, but to be, the best.”

Ramage (1895), p. 13, Aeschylus, *The Seven Against Thebes*, l. 592: “Οὐ γάρ δοκεῖν ἀριστος ἀλλ' εἶναι θέλει —For he does not wish to seem, but to be, the noblest.”

Refer to ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #06, “Chapter Coat of Arms and Motto,” for further analysis.

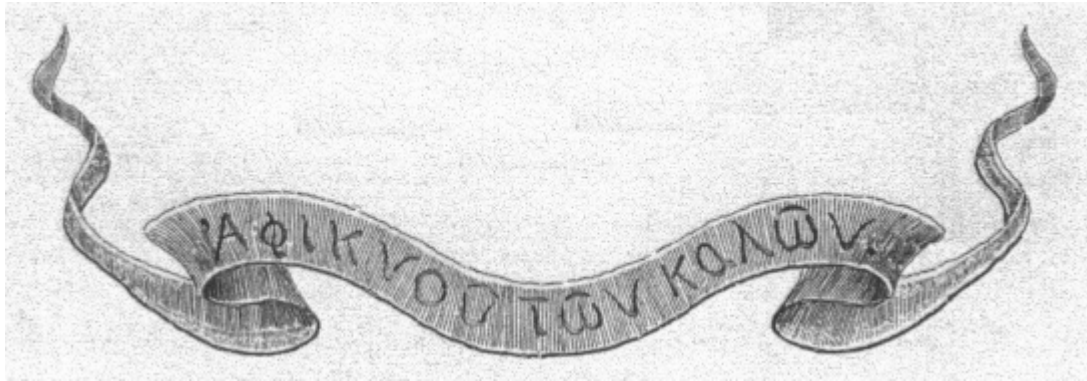
40. ΔΔ —Delta Delta

University of Chicago (1857-1885), University of Chicago (f. 1 July 1891), Chicago IL.
Chartered on 22 May 1870 as Delta chapter, the fourth fraternity at the old University of Chicago.

Deactivated in 1885 when the old University closed.
 Reactivated in 1893 as the Delta Delta chapter after new University of Chicago opened.
 Deactivated in 1951.
 Reactivated on 22 April 1989.
 See entry #13 for Δ.

Ἀφικνοῦ τῶν καλῶν Aphiknoy ton kalon

1903 University of Chicago student yearbook, *Cap and Gown*, v. VIII: scroll from A. C. McClurg & Co. engraving of the ΔΔ arms, courtesy of the Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.



Chase & Phillips (1961), pp. 197, 158, 203: ἀφικνέομαι, ἀφίξομαι, ἀφικόμην, ἀφίγμαι—v. meaning *come, arrive*.; τῶν —def. art. (fem., gen., pl.) meaning *the*; καλός, -ή, -όν—adj. (1st decl.) meaning *good, beautiful, noble* (-ών, gen. pl. ending).

41. ΦΓ —Phi Gamma

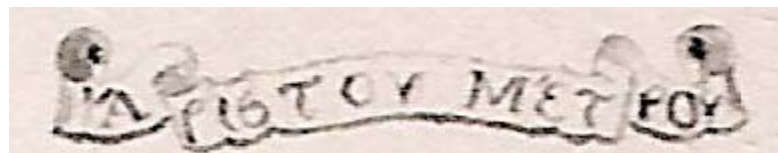
Syracuse University, Syracuse NY.

Chartered on 17 November 1871 as the first fraternity on campus. The chapter had its origins with a group at Genesee College in Lima, New York, which preceded Syracuse. The charter was granted to a group that had been part of the Pen and Scroll Chapter of the Mystic Seven, a fraternity that merged with Beta Theta Pi in 1890.

Ἀριστον Μέτρον
 Moderation is best.

Ariston Metron

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

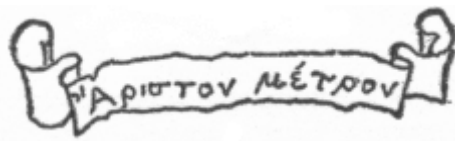
THE Φ Γ CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters Φ and Γ interlaced; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a serpent, erect in form of an S, or.

Crest.—A phoenix sable, in flames, proper.

Motto—*Ἀριστον Μέτρον.*

Butterfield (1931): scroll from the $\Phi\Gamma$ arms.



LSJ: *ἄριστον* —meaning *morning meal, breakfast, later midday meal*; *μέτρον* —meaning *that by which anything is measured, measure, rule*.

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (2002), p. 88, #10, Terence [Publius Terentius Afer], *Andria* (*The Lady of Andros*), I.61: "Moderation in all things."

Coughanowr (1991): "Measure (balance) is best."

Oxford Dictionary of Quotations (1955), p. 541, #27, Terence (c. 190-159 B.C.). *Andria*, 61: "Id arbitror/ Adprime in vita esse utile, ut nequid nimis —My view is that the most important thing in life is never to have too much of anything."

Stevenson (1948):

μέτρα φυλάσσεσθαι και δ' ἐπὶ πάσιν ἄριστος —Observe moderation: proportion is best in all things. Hesiod, *Works and Days*, I.694. (c. 800 B.C.) The literal meaning of μέτρον is the mean between two extremes.

μέτρον ἄριστον —Moderation is best. Cleobulus of Lindus, one of the seven wise men of Greece, who died 579 B.C. This was his maxim, and is said to have been inscribed on the wall of the temple of Apollo at Delphi. The Latin form is "Optimus modus." See Diogenes Laertios, *Cleobulus*. Bk, i, sec. 93. Ausonius. *Ludus Septem Sapientium*, 1.152, quoting Cleobulus, gives both forms in one line, "ἄριστον μέτρον an sit optimus modus?" (Is not "ariston metron" "moderation is best"?).

Tompkins (1991a): "The mean (moderation) is the best thing."

42. $\Gamma\beta$ —Gamma Beta

Columbia University, New York NY.

Chartered on 15 October 1874 as the Beta chapter and the ninth fraternity on campus.

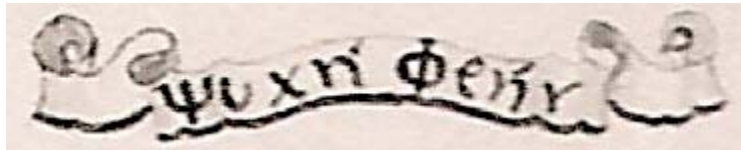
The chapter name was changed to Gamma Beta at the 1887 Convention after the revival of Beta chapter at North Carolina.

Inactive since 1935.

Ψυχή Φρήν
Life [of the] mind.

Psyche Phren

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *B* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter *B* of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, the royal crown of England, or.

Crest.—An arm in armor, embowed, couped at the shoulder, the hand in a gauntlet holding a dagger fesswise, point to dexter, all argent.

Motto—Ψυχή Φρήν.

LSJ: ψυχή —meaning *life*; in Homer, *departed spirit, ghost*; the immaterial and immortal *soul*, the *conscious self* or *personality* as centre of emotions, desires, and affections; φρήν —meaning *heart*, as seat of the passions, e.g. of fear; *mind*, as seat of the mental faculties, perception, thought.

Tompkins (1991a): “Life (or, soul) [is the] mind.”

43. ΘΖ —Theta Zeta

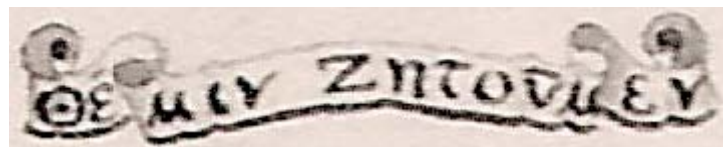
University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley CA

Chartered on 8 December 1876 as the fourth fraternity on campus and ΔKE's first West Coast chapter.

Θέμιν Ζητούμεν
We seek justice.

Themín Zetoumén

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (October 1887):

THE θ Z CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepoint, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters θ and Z interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, three crescent moons interlaced, one with the horns downward and two toward the sides of the shield, argent.

Crest.—A grizzly bear passant regardant, sable.

Motto— $\theta\acute{\epsilon}\mu\iota\nu$ Ζητοῦμεν.

1887 Berkeley student yearbook, *The Blue and Gold* (Berkeley CA: Junior Class), courtesy of the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley CA, 308S B6.



LSJ: $\theta\acute{\epsilon}\mu\iota\varsigma$ —meaning *justice, right, that which is laid down or established, law* (not as fixed by statute, but) *as established by custom, customary laws, ordinances*; $\zeta\eta\tau\acute{\epsilon}\omega$ —meaning *to inquire for, to seek, seek for, search after*.

Coghanowr (1991): “We seek righteousness.”

Tompkins (1991a): “We seek the law.”

44. AX —Alpha Chi

Trinity College, Hartford CT.

Chartered on 5 May 1879 as the fourth fraternity on campus. The founders were members of the local “Clio” society.

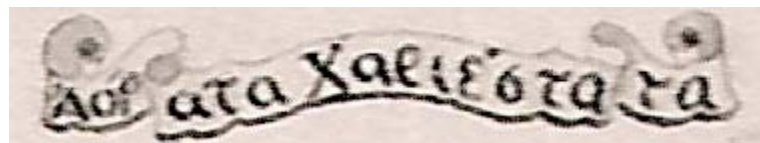
Inactive since 1990.

Αόρατα Χαριέστατα

Aorata Chariestata

The most beautiful things are unseen.

Composite (*DKEQ*, V. #3, April 1887):



Lantz (*DKEQ*, October 1887):

THE *A X* CHAPTER.

Arms.—Or, between two chevrons contrepont, the upper gules and lower azure, as many men's hearts, issuant thereout, and pendent over all a chain, the link in the base point in form of the Greek letters *A* and *X* interlaced of the second; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, sable, three mullets, argent.

Crest.—Three annulets interlaced in triangle or.

Motto—*Αόρατα Χαριέστατα.*

Lantz (1884): scroll from the Homer Lee Banknote Company engraving of the AX arms:



LSJ: *ἀόρατος* —meaning *unseen, invisible, the unseen world*; *χαριείς* —meaning *graceful, beautiful, elegant*.

New Testament: “For the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal.” —2 Corinthians 4:18.

Coughanowr (1991): “Unseen (are) the most gracious (beautiful) things.

Macro (2005): “Unseen are loveliest things,” or “Things [that are] unseen are loveliest.”

Tompkins (1991a): “Unseen things are most pleasing.”

Cf. Plato's Theory of Forms, *Phaedo* 85e.

45. **ΦΕ —Phi Epsilon**

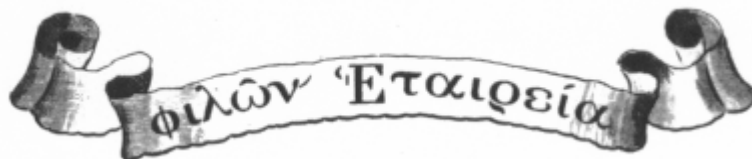
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN.

Chartered on 16 October 1889 as the seventh fraternity on campus. Twelve of the twenty charter members had been members of the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta and had broken away from that fraternity when the chance to form a DKE chapter became a possibility.

Φιλὼν Ἑταιρεία
Brotherhood of friends.

Philon Etaireia

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly: scroll from the Homer Lee Banknote Company engraving of the ΦΕ arms.



LSJ: φίλως —n. meaning *dear one, friend*; ἑταιρεία —*association, brotherhood, a social group*. Cf. ἑταῖ —n. meaning *clansmen*, i.e. *kinsmen and dependents of a great house*; ἑταῖρος *comrade, companion*, in Hom. esp. of the followers of a chief, *comrades-in-arms*

Krevans (2005): “Brotherhood is not literal, but it is perfectly acceptable. A 'hetaireia' is a society or association. These English words are perhaps a little impersonal, especially since 'society of friends' usually refers to the Quakers in American English. The word 'brotherhood' also helps get away from the modern associations of the word 'hetaira' (female companion = courtesan), a well-known Greek cognate of the abstract noun hetaireia. The grammar of the translation is perfectly accurate. φίλων = 'of friends', plural. hetaireia = 'society, association' (feminine singular, nominative).”

46. ΣΤ —Sigma Tau

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA.

Chartered on 14 November 1890 as the tenth fraternity on campus. The founders were members of a local society, Alpha Gamma Kappa, that had been established to petition for a DKE charter.

Σοφία Τεχνη
Wisdom [and] Skill.

Sophia Techne

LSJ: σοφία —n. meaning *skill in matters of common life. sound judgment, intelligence, practical wisdom, learning*; τεχνη —n. *art, skill, cunning of hand, craft*.

Warren (1910), p. 1126. "Sigma Tau was selected as the name of the new chapter in recognition of the support and encouragement given by General [Francis Amasa] Walker '60, president of the institute and an alumnus of the Sigma chapter, and by Professor Charles Livermore, member of the Tau chapter. Σοφία Τεχνη (Wisdom and Skill) was chosen as her motto to express her aspirations."

47. ΤΛ —Tau Lambda

Tulane University, New Orleans LA

Chartered on 17 November 1898 as the eleventh fraternity on campus.

48. ΑΦ —Alpha Phi

University of Toronto, Toronto ONT

Chartered on 17 November 1898 in response to a petition from the “Caduceus Club.”

This expansion made ΔΚΕ an international fraternity.

49. ΔΚ —Delta Kappa

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA.

Chartered on 16 November 1899 as the seventeenth fraternity on campus.

50. ΤΑ —Tau Alpha

McGill University, Montreal QUE.

Chartered on 15 November 1900 as the fifth fraternity on campus. A local society, Alpha Phi Epsilon, and another local group combined under the name of Tau Alpha Society to receive the charter.

51. **ΣP —Sigma Rho**

Stanford University, Palo Alto CA.

Chartered on 12 December 1901 as the thirteenth fraternity on campus. Founding members had originally been part of the Lambda Epsilon chapter of Phi Gamma Delta that had given up its charter in a dispute with the national fraternity.

52. **ΔΠ —Delta Pi**

University of Illinois, Champaign IL

Chartered on 17 November 1904 as the thirteenth fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1965.

Reactivated on 17 May 1969.

Deactivated in 1986 after years of financial problems and dwindling membership.

53. **ΡΑ —Rho Delta**

University of Wisconsin, Madison WI.

Chartered on 15 November 1906 as the twenty-fourth fraternity on campus.

Inactive 1954-1991.

54. **ΚΕ —Kappa Epsilon**

University of Washington, Seattle WA.

Chartered on 18 November 1910 as the thirteenth fraternity on campus.

Inactive 1965-1991.

55. **ΩΧ —Omega Chi**

University of Texas, Austin TX.

Chartered on 6 December 1912 as the fifteenth fraternity on campus. A local group, the Capital Club, which had been in existence for ten years, received the charter.

56. **ΑΤ —Alpha Tau**

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg MAN.

Chartered on 27 March 1925 as the second fraternity on campus.

57. **ΘΡ —Theta Rho**

University of California, Los Angeles CA.

Chartered on 13 February 1932 as the twenty-eighth fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1950 for want of membership.

Reactivated in 1992.

58. **ΔΦ —Delta Phi**

University of Alberta, Edmonton ALTA

Chartered on 30 December 1932 as the fourth fraternity on campus.

59. **ΔE —Delta Epsilon**
Northwestern University, Evanston IL
Chartered on 27 February 1948 as the twenty-fifth fraternity on campus.
Inactive since 1959.
60. **ΛΔ —Lambda Delta**
Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX.
Chartered on 27 March 27 1948 as the twelfth fraternity on campus.
Deactivated in 1961.
61. **ΦA —Phi Alpha**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC
Chartered on 26 February 1949 as the thirteenth fraternity on campus in response to a
1948 petition of the local Beta Chi fraternity.
62. **ΚΔ —Kappa Delta**
University of Maryland, College Park MD.
Chartered on 16 February 1952 as the twenty-fourth fraternity on campus.
Inactive since 1960.
63. **ΡΛ —Rho Lambda**
University of Oklahoma, Norman OK.
Chartered on 21 February 1954 as the twenty- third fraternity on campus.
Deactivated in 1977.
Reactivated in 1990.
64. **ΤΔ —Tau Delta**
University of the South (renamed Sewanee: the University of the South), Sewanee TN.
Chartered on 22 February 1969 as the twelfth fraternity on campus and given the chapter
name formerly used by Union University in 1861 (the only example of a duplication
in the DKE Chapter Roll).
65. **ΨΔ —Psi Delta**
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem NC.
Chartered on 18 March 1970 as the eleventh fraternity on campus.
66. **ΣA —Sigma Alpha**
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg VA
Chartered on 6 February 1971 in response to a petition from the local fraternity, Delta
Kappa Sigma, founded on 21 April 1941.
67. **ΦΔ —Phi Delta**
University of Western Ontario, London ONT
Chartered on 1 June 1972 as the ninth fraternity on campus.

Deactivated in 1977.
Reactivated in March 1989.

68. **ΣΦ —Sigma Phi**
Villanova University, Bryn Mawr PA.
Chartered on 23 January 1973, this was DKE's first chapter at a Catholic institution of learning.
69. **ΠΒ —Pi Beta**
Troy State University. Troy AL
Chartered on 8 April 1976. This was the first chapter to be named for an individual (Oliver W. "Pi" Brantley, Psi '38, an early supporter of the chapter).
Deactivated and charter withdrawn by the DKE Board in 1986 after a decade of effort to develop the chapter, and in the face of financial, rushing and operational difficulties.
70. **ΑΜ —Alpha Mu**
Glassboro State College (renamed Rowan College of New Jersey in 1992 and Rowan University in 1997), Glassboro NJ.
Chartered on 4 May 1982, the chapter was the result of close association between Glassboro undergraduates and members of the Phi Chi chapter at Rutgers University.
71. **ΕΡ —Epsilon Rho**
Duke University, Durham NC.
Chartered on 17 April 1983 as the culmination of a colonization effort dating from 1979.
The chapter letters are those of Duke's official motto, "Eruditio et Religio".
72. **ΝΖ —Nu Zeta**
Pace University, Pleasantville NY.
Chartered on 24 April 1983 as the first fraternity on campus and named, in part, for the Nu chapter (C.C.N.Y.) whose alumni were instrumental in establishing the chapter.
73. **ΑΩ —Alpha Omega**
Louisiana Technical University, Ruston LA
Chartered on 19 May 1984.
Deactivated in 1998.
74. **ΘΥ —Theta Upsilon**
Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
Chartered on 13 April 1985, this is the fraternity's first Southwestern chapter.
75. **ΙΜ —Iota Mu**
Fordham University, New York NY.
Chartered on 1 December 1990 as the second fraternity on campus. This was ΔKE's second chapter in a Catholic university.

76. **AP —Alpha Rho**
Temple University, Philadelphia PA.
Chartered on 1 December 1990.
Inactive.
77. **ZY —Zeta Upsilon**
University of California at Davis, Davis CA.
Chartered on 12 January 1991.
78. **$\Phi\Sigma$ —Phi Sigma**
Bryant College (renamed Bryant University in 2004), Smithfield RI.
Chartered on 26 January 1991.
79. **$\Phi\rho$ —Phi Rho**
Pennsylvania State University, State College PA.
Chartered on 16 February 1991.
80. **XP —Chi Rho**
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg PA.
Chartered on 16 February 1991.
81. **$\Pi\Delta$ —Pi Delta**
Washington College, Chestertown MD.
Chartered on 27 April 1991.
82. **ZX —Zeta Chi**
Bentley College, Waltham MA.
Chartered on 28 April 1991.
83. **$\Omega\Omega$ —Omega Omega**
University of Arizona, Tucson AZ.
Chartered on 26 June 1993.
Inactive.
84. **ΣB —Sigma Beta**
University of California, Santa Barbara CA.
Chartered on 26 June 1993.
Inactive.
85. **$B\Gamma$ —Beta Gamma**
New York University, New York NY
Chartered on 12 June 1994.

86. **BΔ —Beta Delta**
University of Georgia, Athens GA.
Chartered on 25 February 1995.
87. **AB —Alpha Beta**
DePaul University of Chicago, Chicago IL
Chartered on 8 August 1998.
88. **ΣK —Sigma Kappa**
Michigan State University, East Lansing MI.
Chartered on 8 August 1998.
89. **ΔT —Delta Tau**
Ohio State University, Columbus OH
Chartered on 6 July 2000.
90. **ΑΔ —Alpha Delta**
Northwestern University, Evanston IL
Chartered on 6 July 2000.
91. **ΔΨ —Delta Psi**
Indiana University, Bloomington IN.
Chartered in 2001.
92. **ΨX —Mu Chi**
Maryville College, Maryville TN.
Chartered in 2001.
93. **ΥΩ —Upsilon Omega**
University of South Alabama, Mobile AL
Chartered in 2001.
94. **ΚΩ —Kappa Omega**
Lake Forest College, Lake Forest IL.
Chartered in 2001.
95. **PB —Rho Beta**
University of Richmond, Richmond VA.
96. **ΦB —Phi Beta**
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches TX.

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				25. Ν —Nu Νικώμεν				
		44. ΑΧ —Alpha ChiΑόράτα Χαριέστατα				26. ΒΦ —Beta Phi Άδελφοί ΜέχριΘανάτου		
	43. ΘΖ —Theta Zeta Θέμιν Ζητούμεν		21. Ε —Epsilon Έν κήρ Μία Οδός		7. Ψ —Psi Άρετήν Άσκώμεν		24. Μ — Mu Άδελφοί Έφ'έστίη Κοινή	
42. ΓΒ —Gamma BetaΨυγή Φρήν		20. Ο —Omicron Κτήμα ές άεί		1. Φ —Phi Κηρόθεν Φίλοι άεί		9. Υ —Upsilon Συνεργοί εις Άνδρείαν		22. Ρ —Rho Ρίζωμα
	19. ΑΑ —Alpha Alpha Αδελφοί						10. Β —Beta Βέβαιος Αύτως	
41. ΦΓ —Phi Gamma Άριστον Μέτρον		5. Σ —Sigma Άληθής Άρετή Μετά Φρονήσεως		ΔΚΕ Κηρόθεν Φίλοι άεί		2. Θ —Theta Ίσταμεν έν Πρώτοις		23. Τ —Tau Τετράγωνοι
	18. Ι —Iota Ίοστέφανοι						8. Χ —Chi Χρώμενοι	
13. Δ —Delta Δεϋτε		17. Π —Pi Ποιώμεν		4. Ξ —Xi Μειζόν ή Δυστυχία Ίσον -Εϋτυχία		16. Η —Eta Πρός Ηλιον		32. ΦΧ —Phi Chi Φράτρα Χάια
	39. ΔΧ —Delta Chi Μή δοκειν άλλ' είναι		14. Λ —Lambda Λάθρη		11. Α —Alpha Άάατος		35. ΓΦ —Gamma Phi Πάσι καί Έκαστω	
		38. ΒΧ —Beta Chi Βίος Χάρμα		37. ΨΩ —Psi Omega Ψυχομαχόμεν Όρασιν		34. ΨΦ —Psi Phi Ψυχής Φώς		

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