

INFORMATION PLEASE!



KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY

GREETINGS!

Your presence here indicates your interest in fraternities and in fraternity living. Since you have chosen to become a prospective practitioner of the time-honored profession of pharmacy, it is important that you further develop your person as well as your knowledge. Becoming a fraternity member is one of the best ways of accomplishing this. Kappa Psi has prepared this booklet of information on the fraternity system and has included some material on its own background to help you better to acquaint yourself with us. With the help of this information, we sincerely hope that you will be better able to choose the fraternity into which you best fit. Carefully weigh the advantages and opportunities offered you by each fraternity and then make your choice.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF KAPPA PSI the oldest national pharmaceutical fraternity

Kappa Psi Fraternity was founded on May 29, 1879 at the Russell Military Academy in New Haven, Connecticut. Initially it was a literary Greek-Letter Society which evolved into a medical-pharmaceutical fraternity and continued as such until 1924. At that time, by mutual agreement, the members of both professions decided to separate into two distinct groups. The medical group became Theta Kappa Psi. the pharmaceutical group retained the name of Kappa Psi.

Today, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity has over 32,000 members, 58 Collegiate Chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States and 29 Graduate Chapters in the various cities and states. Many men prominent in pharmaceutical circles, both locally and nationally, are members of Kappa Psi. Thousands of Kappa Psi members are actively serving in all areas of their chosen profession: in teaching and research, in colleges and in industry, in the U. S. Public Health Service, the Armed Forces and government agencies, as well as in hospital and community pharmacy. You will find Kappa Psi men in every state and in almost every important city in the country as well as foreign countries.

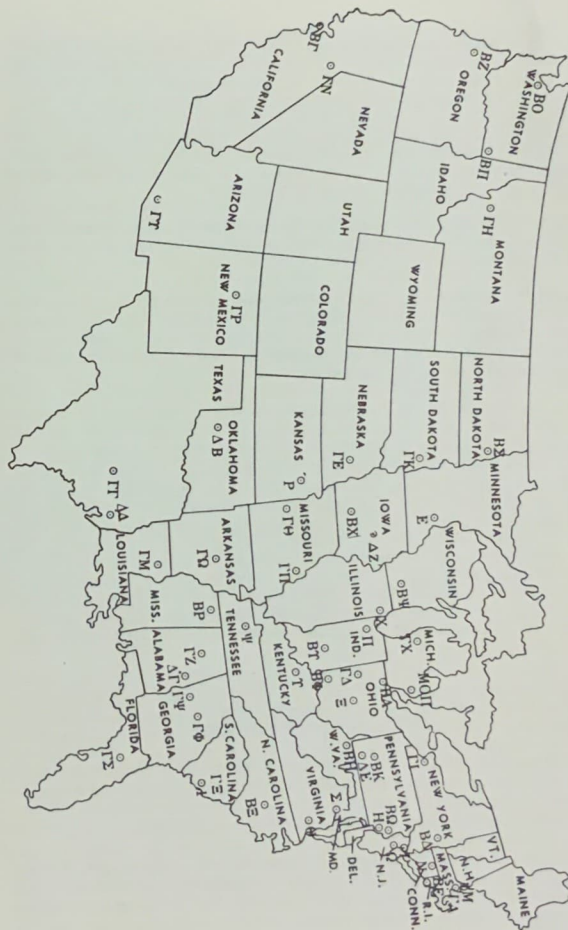
Not only was Kappa Psi the first national pharmaceutical fraternity, it is the world's largest pharmaceutical fraternity.

RUSHING AND PLEDGING A FRATERNITY

In order to obtain new members, each fraternity periodically extends an invitation to eligible male students to visit with its members. This is known as "Rushing". On most campuses, an Interfraternity Council, or a similar organization, sets up rules for rushing and determines the "rush period". The purpose of "rushing" is to allow the rushees and the brothers to get to know more about each other.

Following this "rush period", if the rushees and the brothers prove to have common interests and objectives, an invitation may be extended to the rushee to become a prospective member. Upon acceptance of the invitation, the prospective member now is referred to as a "pledge".

Map Showing Distribution of Collegiate Chapters of Kappa Psi, 1970



Any male student enrolled at an accredited school or college of pharmacy at which a Collegiate Chapter of Kappa Psi has been established is eligible for membership provided that he is in good standing and meets the requirements of the school or college and of the local Chapter of Kappa Psi. However, membership in Kappa Psi is not available to those students who are members of any other professional pharmacy fraternity [except in the case of Honorary Membership], or who have been expelled from another pharmacy fraternity. You may be a member of a social fraternity or honor society and still become a member of Kappa Psi.

Members of Kappa Psi are selected on the basis of personal qualifications and no person may be precluded from membership because of race, creed or religious beliefs.

Kappa Psi maintains a serious atmosphere through its professional programs and thus supplies the intellectual stimulus so essential in pursuing college work in pharmacy. Because of the emphasis on high scholastic performance, professional fraternities are well accepted by most schools and colleges of pharmacy and their faculty members.

The "pledge period" is a probationary period during which the pledge is instructed in the history, aims and ideals of his chosen fraternity. During this period he begins to experience the true meaning of fellowship, both with his fellow pledges as well as with his prospective brothers. Also during this period, the brothers may require him to perform certain chores, the proper fulfillment of which will demonstrate his perseverance and maturity. These assigned chores should be intelligent and prudent in nature, and must not constitute "hazing". Hazing includes, but is not limited to, the imposition of disagreeable tasks on a pledge for the purpose of humbling or humiliating him. Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity has outlawed any act which might be classified as hazing for these acts have no place in an organization of professional persons and mature individuals. A pledge period is intended to develop and strengthen a pledge's character, and not to build a relationship of subservient discipline.

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a "Professional Fraternity"

The American college fraternity system is composed of general or social, professional and honorary fraternities. The last group are often called honor or recognition societies. Each of these type of fraternities maintains different requirements for membership and vary in their activities.

Honor fraternities or societies exist for the purpose of recognizing excellence in scholastic achievement. Membership is usually open to both men and women who meet the scholastic requirement. Social and extra-curricular activities are usually not emphasized.

Recognition societies are composed of those organizations whose membership requirements and activities do not coincide with those of the professional, social or honorary fraternities. Membership is contingent upon

proficiency or interest in a special activity or an individual academic subject such as art, drama, languages, literature, music, etc. and is usually open to both men and women.

General or social fraternities initiate male students from any of the respective curricula and usually require only a passing grade for membership. A chapter house is almost always maintained and social and extra-curricular are emphasized.

The professional fraternity is unique in that it makes available all of the benefits of fraternal affiliation and offers, in addition, the opportunity for attainment of greater professional competency and achievement within one's chosen field. The professional fraternity limits its membership to those studying for a particular profession such as pharmacy, law, dentistry, medicine, etc. The professional fraternity requires a certain level of scholastic achievement of each prospective member and then provides an environment conducive to continued scholarly pursuits. Professional fraternity activities include regularly scheduled business meetings, professional meetings and social activities, as in a social fraternity. Members of a professional fraternity usually find a closer relationship with faculty members, alumni members and practitioners of their profession.

The social functions and contacts, and the opportunity to develop those qualities of leadership so necessary to the growth and development of a young man are readily available in Kappa Psi as in any other fraternal organization. Some of the strongest professional chapters found in Kappa Psi across the United States are those that also offer a wide range of social and extra-curricular activities.

THE STATUS OF THE PLEDGE OF KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY

When a young man formally agrees to join the Fraternity he is known as a pledge. A pledge should realize that he has been selected for membership in Kappa Psi because the active members believe he possesses the necessary attributes to uphold the aims and ideals of the Fraternity and the profession of pharmacy. The pledge should be aware that he has accepted certain responsibilities and should make every effort to fulfill the trust that has been placed in him by the members of the Fraternity.

The Kappa Psi pledge does not relinquish any of his moral or religious ideals, social or legal rights, political beliefs, or his family or personal relationships. Prospective members must learn as much as possible about the Fraternity and take an active part in all ventures of the Fraternity in which pledges are permitted to participate. It is well to remember that the approach to membership should be one in which the pledge is prepared to work hard for the betterment of the Fraternity and pharmacy rather than the expectation of personal gain.

Kappa Psi has modest national initiation fees and dues which are adjusted

to the financial status of the average pharmacy student. Local Chapter dues may vary widely and the prospective member should inquire as to the amount of the dues for which he will be responsible.

During the pledge period the pledge has the opportunity to evaluate himself and the brothers-to-be and to have any doubts or questions cleared-up before he takes the oath of membership. The pledgeship is a trial period, and during this time the pledge is required to submit to the authority of his more experienced brothers. One of the chief purposes of the pledge period is to teach all prospective brothers the necessity for respecting and obeying the regulations and laws of organized groups which are established for the good of their members.

MEMBERSHIP IN KAPPA PSI

Each Chapter of Kappa Psi is essentially an autonomous unit. While it is governed by its own By-Laws, these must conform to the national Constitution. Chapters participate actively in the national government of the Fraternity through delegates who attend the biennial meeting or convention of the Grand Council, the supreme authority in Kappa Psi. This develops a close bond between the members of the Collegiate and Graduate Chapters throughout the United States. To offer further opportunity for the exchange of ideas and the practice of good fellowship, the country is divided into ten regions, called provinces, which meet in the interim between the national conventions of the Grand Council.

A man becomes a member of Kappa Psi for LIFE, not just the duration of his college years. Upon graduation, many members of Kappa Psi maintain an active relationship with the Fraternity through membership in one of the Graduate Chapters which are established throughout the United States. The Graduate Chapters are formed as a result of the friendships and fraternal ties made while in college. These Chapters are chartered in the same way as are Collegiate Chapters, and assist nearby Collegiate Chapters in any way they can. Thus, the members of Kappa Psi can enjoy their Fraternity even after leaving their collegiate group.

The national organization encourages and recognizes high scholarship by making annual awards of two types. One is the Grand Council Gold Key for outstanding achievement [awarded to the Kappa Psi man graduating first in his class] and the Scholarship Honors Certificate awarded to men in Kappa Psi who achieve a B average or better in their fourth or fifth year.

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