

MAY WE GIVE
YOU A HAND?



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. With the help of this information, we sincerely hope that you may be better able to choose the fraternity into which you best fit. Weigh the advantages and opportunities offered you by each fraternity and then, on a more sound basis, make your choice.

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What Is a College Fraternity?

A college fraternity is an intimate association of men having similar interests, ideals and objectives. These men are bound together by voluntary bonds which create a united brotherhood—usually for life. As brothers, they learn to live together, work together and assume the responsibilities of a free society. A true fraternity will develop a person scholastically, socially and politically by creating an atmosphere stimulating to intellectual achievement, and by giving him a concentrated experience in human association.



What Is a Professional Fraternity?

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, music, etc. The professional fraternity requires a certain level of scholastic achievement of each prospective member and then provides an environment conducive to continued scholarly pursuit. Members of a professional fraternity will usually find a more intimate relationship with faculty members, alumni members and with practitioners of the profession. Professional fraternities of recognized standing are members of the Professional Interfraternity Conference. Kappa Psi was the first pharmaceutical fraternity to affiliate with this conference.



What Is Meant By Rushing And Pledging?

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 similar organization sets up rules for rushing and determines the "rush periods." The purpose of rushing is to allow the rushees and the brothers to get to know more about each other.

Following this initial period, if the rushee 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 is now called a "pledge" or "pledgee."

The "pledge period" is a probationary one during which the pledge is instructed in the history and 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.



What About Hazing ????

Hazing implies the imposition of disagreeable tasks on the pledgee for the purpose of humbling and humiliating him. There was a time when many fraternities mistakenly resorted to this practice. The extent of the practice depended to a large degree on the traditions of the particular campus as well as on the fraternity itself. The National Organization of Kappa Psi has always frowned on hazing and takes the position that this practice has no place in a professional fraternity.



How Much Will It Cost ????

The cost of fraternity membership varies from one campus to another and even from one chapter to another. Kappa Psi has a standard national initiation fee which includes the initiation charge and a subscription to its quarterly publication, THE MASK. In some chapters a lapel pin or badge is included. In addition there is a nominal monthly per capita assessment payable only during the school term. Some chapters may also require a house tax or social fees. As a prospective pledge it is wise to inquire just what the total cost of membership in a given fraternity will be.

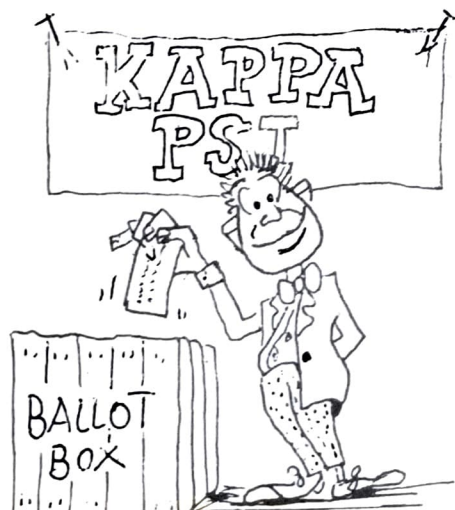


What Does Membership In Kappa Psi Mean?

Each chapter of Kappa Psi Fraternity is essentially an autonomous unit. While it is governed by its own By-Laws, these must conform rather closely to the national constitution. Chapters participate actively in the national government of the fraternity through delegates who attend the biennial meetings or Grand Council Conventions. This develops a close bond between the members of the more than fifty collegiate chapters of Kappa Psi throughout the United States. To offer further opportunity for the exchange of ideas and the practice of good fellowship, the country is divided into some eleven regions, called provinces, which meet in the interim between conventions.

Upon graduation, many members of Kappa Psi maintain an active relationship with the fraternity through membership in one of the more than twenty graduate chapters. Through graduate chapter membership they serve their fraternity and the profession in numerous ways.

The national organization encourages and recognizes high scholarship by making annual awards of two types. One is a gold scholarship key for outstanding achievement, the other a scholarship honors certificate for those who attain a certain scholastic level of achievement.



Kappa Psi The Oldest National Pharmaceutical Fraternity

Now that we have answered a few of your questions about the fraternity system and no doubt raised other questions which the members will be glad to answer for you, perhaps you would like to know a bit about the history of our fraternity.

Kappa Psi Fraternity was founded on May 30, 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 Kappa Psi.

Today Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity has over 23,000 members, 54 collegiate chapters at colleges and universities throughout the Nation, and 22 graduate chapters in various cities and states. Many men prominent in pharmaceutical circles, both locally and nationally, are members of Kappa Psi. Hundreds 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 our country.

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