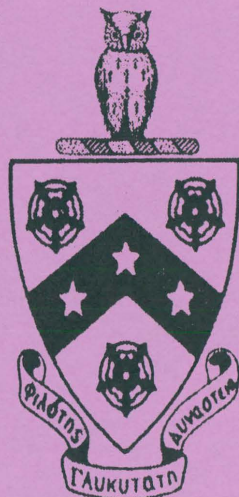


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# Phi Gamma Delta

at Florida International University

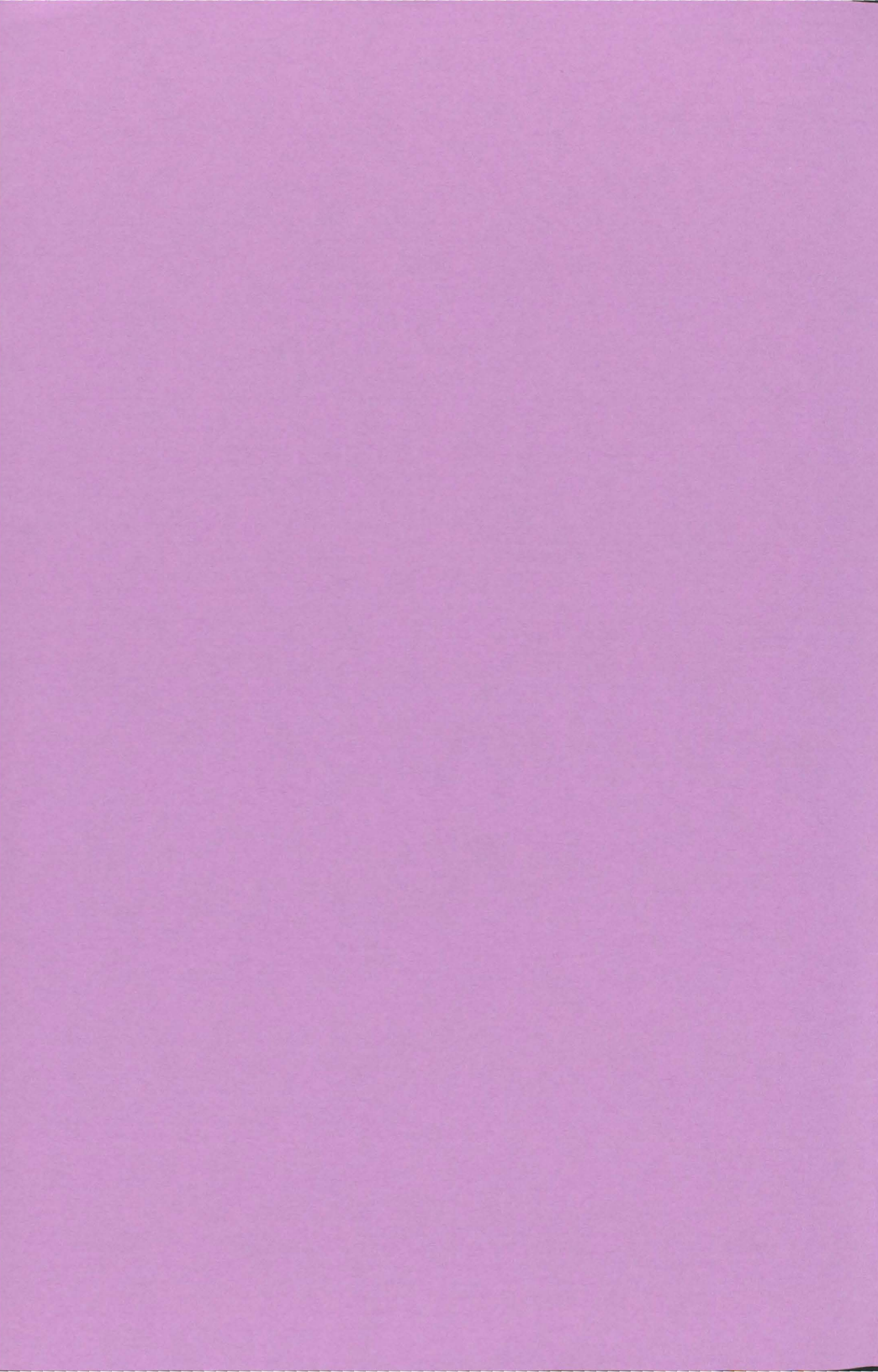


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## HISTORY OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

American College Fraternities, unique among the educational system of the world, had their genesis almost coincident with the founding of the American Republic itself and in their growth have kept pace with the robust nation and with Canada. Only five months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Phi Beta Kappa was founded by five students at the College of William and Mary in ancient Williamsburg, VA, on the night of December 5, 1776.

### FIRST GREEK LETTER SOCIETY

It is generally believed that this first Greek-letter society grew out of an antecedent organization known as the "Flat Hat Club," which had existed at William and Mary since about 1750. The Phi Beta Kappa of the late Eighteenth Century had all the earmarks of our present-day social fraternities: the charm and mystery of the secrecy, a ritual, oath of fidelity, a grip, a motto, a badge for external display, high ideals of morality, scholastic achievement and fellowship. The ancient society soon determined to extend its values to other institutions and within eleven years had established chapters at Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth.

Because of increased military activity in Virginia during the Revolutionary War, the parent chapter of Phi Beta Kappa became dormant in 1781 and the fraternity did not expand further for many years. In 1831, influenced by a nation-wide agitation against secret societies, the Harvard chapter voluntarily disclosed its secrets; thenceforth the entire organization became an honorary society in which membership was conferred solely for distinguished scholarship. Following this change of policy, Phi Beta Kappa emphasized the honorary nature of its membership and no longer considered itself in competition with social fraternities.

Phi Beta Kappa today is more widely distributed than any other Greek-letter society and remains purely honorary in character. Yet the fraternities of 1776-1831 were the progenitor of our whole species of college fraternities and its numerous offspring bear all of its essential features.

### UNION COLLEGE - "Mother of Fraternities"

The Kappa Alpha Society, popularly known as Northern K.A., was organized at Union College, Schenectady, NY, in the autumn of 1825 and is the oldest of the existing social fraternities. Like many others that have followed, its formation was due either to imitation of or opposition to an antecedent society. It was patterned after Phi Beta Kappa, which had placed a chapter at Union College eight years before. The fraternity idea caught the fancy of the Union men of that generation and two years later in 1827-Sigma Phi and Delta Phi both appeared on the scene. These three pioneer fraternities, known as the "Union Triad," were the pattern for the American fraternity system.

Three other fraternities were later established at Union College: Psi Upsilon in 1833, Chi Psi in 1841, and Theta Delta Chi in 1847. Union properly bears the title of "Mother of Fraternities."

Sigma Psi was the first of the "Union Triad" to expand. It placed a chapter at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, in 1831. A rival fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, sprang up on the Hamilton campus in 1832. Kappa Alpha and Delta Phi first expanded to Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1833 and 1834, respectively. Almost immediately a coalition of anti-secret groups, the progenitor of Delta Upsilon, arose to oppose them.

### THE "MIAMI TRIAD"

What of fraternity expansion westward? In 1833, one year after its founding at Hamilton College, Alpha Delta Phi established its second chapter at Miami University, Oxford, OH. Displeased with Alpha Delta Phi's control of campus leadership at Miami, another group of students banded together in 1839 to establish Beta Theta Pi, the first fraternity to be founded west of the Alleghenies.

Phi Delta Theta, founded at Miami, owes its origins to a student prank, the famous "snow rebellion," which started as a frolic and ended in open defiance of the college authorities. The students packed enormous quantities of snow in the entrances to the college buildings, thus preventing the faculty from entering the classrooms for two days. Expulsion of more than twenty students followed, including all the Alpha Delta Phi but one and all of the Beta Theta PIs but two. Thus both fraternities became inactive at

Miami and remained so until 1852. Meantime, Phi Delta Theta was organized in December 1848, and gained a foothold before her rivals could reestablish themselves.

Miami University is likewise the birthplace of a third general fraternity, Sigma Chi. Six men who have been members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, which has entered Miami in 1852, founded it in 1855, after its founding at Yale in 1844. These six students had disagreed with their chapter over the election of a representative in a college oratorical contest and walked out to start a fraternity of their own.

Thus Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi form the "Miami Triad."

#### THE "JEFFERSON DUO"

During the years proceeding the founding of fraternities at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, PA, two literary societies existed at Jefferson. These were known as Franklin and Philo. Both were founded last in 1797 and heated oratorical contest typified the keen rivalry that existed between them. Phi Gamma Delta was founded in May of 1848 from the Franklin Society. The six founding fathers were John Templeton McCarty, Samuel Beatty Wilson, James Elliott, Jr., Ellis Bailey Gregg, Daniel Webster Crofts, and Naaman Fletcher.

Four years after the founding of Phi Gamma Delta, an epidemic of typhoid fever struck the student body at Jefferson College and those who were not prostrated by the disease ministered to their comrades. The warm friendships formed among certain men in such trying times ripened into the sentiment which led to the founding, in 1852, of Phi Kappa Psi, the only other fraternity existing today which had its origins at old Jefferson. These two-Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi- comprise the famed "Jefferson Duo." A third fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda, also had its genesis at old Jefferson College, where it was established in 1862, spreading to nine other colleges. The fraternity became extinct in 1874.

#### SOUTHERN FOUNDINGS

In 1849, one year after Phi Gamma Delta's genesis at Jefferson, the first distinctively Southern fraternity originated at the University of Mississippi. It was known as the WWW or "Rainbow" and its founding was thought to have been influenced by expansion of the now extinct "Mystical Seven" (founded in 1837 at Wesleyan University) into Emory College in Atlanta in 1841 and into the parent college of what is now the University of Georgia in 1844. The Rainbow Society expanded to a known total of 13 chapters, only two of which were active when the society was absorbed by Delta Tau Delta in 1886.

Other existing fraternities founded in the South prior to the War Between the States were Sigma Alpha Epsilon, arising at the University of Alabama in 1856; Chi Phi, the second of the three orders to bear the name, founded at the University of North Carolina in 1858, and Delta Tau Delta, established at Bethany College, WV, in 1859.

In brief, it may be said that when the Civil War began there were 26 American College Fraternities. Of these, 20 had been founded north of the Mason and Dixon Line and six south of it. By the year 1861, these fraternities are reliably reported to have established a total of 379 chapters, of which 142 has been distributed throughout 39 Southern colleges. Within a few months after the beginning of the war, many of the chapters in the South has succumbed and within a year none was in existence, unless the nominal life maintained by one chapter each of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi be considered active operations.

When the arms were finally laid down, some of the northern fraternities showed courage and fraternal spirit in attempts to revive their fallen Southern chapters. For the most part, however, the state of affairs in the South was so uncertain that the reestablishment of chapters by the northern fraternities was undertaken slowly or not at all. Their tardiness or unwillingness to reclaim old fields naturally presented opportunities for new fraternities to be created in answer to the need; thus the so-called Southern fraternities came into existence, many during the very throes of the dying Confederacy and especially at institutions made prominent by their military character. At Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, Alpha Tau Omega was born in 1865 and Sigma Nu in 1869.

Kappa Alpha (Southern) was founded at Washington and Lee University, also in Lexington, VA, in 1865. Two years later Kappa Sigma originated at the University of Virginia, where in 1868 the Southern filed, was again adequately occupied by flourishing fraternities.

#### A PANORAMA OF GROWTH

Approximately 40 college fraternities had been founded by the beginning of the Twentieth Century. The development of new national fraternities, however, has been so rapid that those founded since 1900 almost outnumber those established during the whole of the 124 preceding years. Simultaneous with the creation and spread of younger fraternities has been the notable expansion of the "old-time" Greek-letter groups.

To be sure, the cavalcade of American college fraternity system from its humble beginning to its present position as an indispensable part of higher education has not been without trials and tribulations. Wars, depressions and legislatures have all left their scars. The wounds and fatalities inflicted by the Civil War and Reconstruction Era created trying times indeed, they have already received our attention. The blow dealt fraternities in the United States by World War I was less disastrous in comparison, because of the relatively short duration of America's participation therein, and the relatively greater human and financial resources upon which the fraternities, by their seasoned organizations, could draw. At a time when student were enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps and when fraternity houses were taken over by the government to be converted into barracks, a subordinate in the War Department issued an order prohibiting all secret assemblages, including fraternity meetings and initiation. Had it not been for the timely countermand of Phi Gamma Delta Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, who recognized the detrimental effects such edict would have on fraternities, the toll of dead chapters might have been far greater.

While not unduly calamitous for fraternities, the war had done things to the youth of the country. Millions of them had been transported all over this continent and Europe—they had seen beyond countless new horizons—they had tasted education through travel and association with their fellow men; it was inevitable that they should seek to pursue their newfound concepts at the institutions of higher learning. They do authorities explain in part the phenomenal increase in college enrollments which began in the early 1920s.

Hand in hand with rapid growth of this continent's colleges and universities marched the fraternities. Older Greek-letter groups established more and more chapter while several new fraternities came into existence almost overnight. The average size of chapters increased from 25 to 40 members within a few years. With the economic boom came large-scale building for fraternity houses to accommodate the unprecedented influx of students.

Then came the financial crash, which struck colleges and their fraternities with terrific force. Construction of new fraternity houses virtually ceased for several years. Some fraternity chapters perished in the storm, which a few entire national fraternities merged with other national or disbanded outright. On many campuses, local fraternities which has flourished for years succumbed with scarcely a murmur; others petitioned general fraternities for charters or merged with struggling chapters of national organizations on the same campus. Through it all, however, the number of losses failed to equal the gains. Consequently, the general fraternities were able to enlarge their list of chapters thought the depression, so that in 1946 there were approximately 2,500 chapters maintained by some 60 fraternities with an aggregate all-time membership of more than 1,000,000 undergraduates and alumni. It is of interest to note that an average of 35% of the students in the 261 institutions where fraternities were represented in 1946 took the vows of membership in some Greek-letter social body.

Within the past 80 years the legislatures of three states—South Carolina, Arkansas and Mississippi—had passed acts to prohibit fraternities but, thanks to the cooperative efforts of resident fraternity men and efficient committees of the Intrafraternity Conference, the prohibitory legislation was happily repealed, resulting in the reestablishment to many old chapters.

At one time or another, principally during the Nineteenth Century, various colleges have forbidden the existence of fraternities. Prior to 1880 and in a few cases afterwards, the fraternities evaded antifraternity rules and operated sub rosa chapters. There are not few male or coeducation institutions of importance that prohibit fraternities. No fraternity of consequence now permits sub rosa chapters.

Some interesting figures compiled by one of the country's leading fraternities illustrate part of the growth

university campuses in the United States and Canada. As of June 1, 1991, there were over 5,400 active chapters on more than 810 campuses, -- a gain of over 74 percent in number of chapters. Thus, despite opposition and hard times, the fraternity system has prospered and its amazing growth continues. More than ever, the real value of fraternities as educational institutions supplemental to academic progress on the North American continent has become apparent. Indeed, fraternities are a far-reaching influence in virtually every walk of life today.

#### WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

The development of "sororities," as they are more commonly called, has followed a course parallel to the chartered by men's organization. It should be noted that there is but one women's sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, the word "sorority" being based on Latin for "sister." All the other groups are "fraternities," the word being based on Greek, "phratar," meaning member of a group. The first such group, the I.C. Sorosis, was organized at Monmouth College, Illinois, in 1867, but did not assume its Greek name of Phi Beta Phi until 1888. Thus the first Greek-letter women's fraternities were Kappa Alpha Theta, founded at what is now DePauw University, in Indiana, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, organized at Monmouth College, both in 1870. Delta Gamma first appeared at Oxford, Mississippi and Alpha Phi at Syracuse University, both in the year 1872. These early successes caused competition that resulted in the founding of Gamma Phi Beta at Syracuse two years later, Alpha Chi Omega at DePauw in 1885, and Delta Delta Delta at Boston University on 1888. Two literary societies founded in the early 1850s at Wesleyan College, Macon, GA, -- the oldest chartered college for women in the United States-assumed Greek names in 1904 and become national women's fraternities at Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu.

The 26 college "sororities" which belong to the National Panhellenic Conference, with their founding dates are as follows: Alpha Chi Omega, 1885; Alpha Delta Pi, 1851; Alpha Epsilon Phi, 1909; Alpha Gamma Delta, 1904; Alpha Omicron Pi, 1897; Alpha Phi, 1872; Alpha Sigma Alpha, 1901; Alpha Sigma Tau, 1899; Alpha Xi Delta, 1893; Chi Omega, 1895; Delta Delta Delta, 1888; Delta Gamma, 1874; Delta Phi Epsilon, 1917; Delta Zeta, 1902; Gamma Phi Beta, 1874; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1870; Kappa Delta, 1897; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1870; Phi Mu, 1852; Phi Sigma Sigma, 1913; Pi Beta Phi, 1867; Sigma Delta Tau, 1917; Sigma Kappa, 1874; Sigma Sigma Sigma, 1898; Theta Phi Alpha, 1912; Zeta Tau Alpha, 1898.

#### PROFESSIONAL AND HONORARY SOCIETIES

There are many college organization, known as professional or honorary societies, which bestow their membership in recognition of distinction in selected fields. Honorary societies are generally those, which confer membership as an honor on students who, have distinguished themselves in campus activities, scholarship and/or prominence in a field. The majority of these have followed the pattern of Phi Beta Kappa, membership in which is limited to these students who have distinguished themselves in liberal arts studies. Further examples are found in Sigma Xi, enlisted largely from graduate students attaining distinction in scientific research; Tau Beta Pi, which honors outstanding achievement in engineering studies; Phi Kappa Phi, which elects on the basis of scholarship without reference to the field of study; Phi Eta Sigma, the roster of which is made up of freshmen excelling in scholarship, irrespective of department; Alpha Zeta, limited to outstanding agricultural students, and Blue Key and Omicron Delta Kappa, which recognize leadership as evidenced by prominence in campus activities, plus good scholarship. Most of these groups are not secret societies and are open to members of social fraternities as well as to other deserving students. Virtually every department of college endeavor has its own organization to regard merit in its particular field.

#### MEMBERSHIP

As a rule, members of college fraternities are chosen from all four undergraduate college classes, through in the early days only upperclassmen were admitted and on two or three campuses that custom still prevails. The unfortunate scramble and haste of "rushing season" on most campuses have made advisable the deferring of initiation of pledged members until certain scholastic prerequisites are attained. Most fraternities have provisions for faculty memberships. Membership in two social college fraternities is now universally prohibited, although some years ago it was not uncommon. Membership in a "social" fraternity does not affect one's eligibility for membership in one or more professional or honorary societies.

#### NOMENCLATURE

Names of fraternities are made up of combinations of two or three Greek letter - as Psi Upsilon or Phi Gamma Delta - which usually represent a secret motto indicating the aims or purposes of the group. The different chapters of each fraternity are given distinguishing titles and the methods used in naming chapters vary with the fraternity. Sometimes they are named from the letters of the Greek alphabet in the order of the chapters' establishment, as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, and when the alphabet is exhausted other combinations are employed. A common meaning of showing that they alphabet is being repeated is to use it again, as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, or to annex the symbol "Deuteron (meaning 'the second')," as Alpha Deuteron, Beta Deuteron, etc. Using Greek letters in no apparent order, as Gamma Beta, Sigma, Delta Rho, in which case the letters may represent a code or motto, makes some designations peculiar to the chapter. Yet other chapters receive their name from the institution in which they are situated, as Ithaca Chapter, Lexington Chapter, Berkeley Chapter. Several of the fraternities use the "state system." Naming the first chapter established in a state the Alpha of the state, the second the Beta, as Virginia Alpha, Virginia Beta.

#### INSIGNIA

The Distinctive badges of the fraternities fall into three general types: (1) a shield or plate of gold displaying upon it the fraternity name, together with symbol of general or peculiar significance, which may be worn as a pin or as a key pendant from the watch chain; (2) a monogram of the Greek letters making up the fraternity name; (3) some symbol representing the name of the fraternity or some of its degrees such as a skull, key, star, diamond, harp, cross, etc.

#### FRATERNITY HOUSING

In the early days, there were no chapter houses. Groups were small and usually met in some student's room, in a vacant classroom or even in some secluded spot in the woods. The prototype of the modern fraternity house was a log cabin built, by the University of Michigan chapter of Chi Psi, in 1846 in the wood near Ann Arbor, as a place where meeting could be held peacefully and secretly. The first known instance of fraternity ownership of real estate came when Kappa Alpha Society purchased a lot and dwelling at Williams College in 1864. As sizes of chapter are increased, fraternities began to rent halls and houses, a few even buying them outright. About the turn of the century the housing movement began to spread in earnest. By 1915, approximately 600 chapters owned houses of some descriptions, mostly private dwellings adapted to their use. These were a feeble contrast to modern, made-to-order fraternity houses which boast luxurious common rooms, libraries, recreation rooms, complete kitchens and dining rooms, as well as sleeping and studying accommodations of 20 to 80 members. A great boom in fraternity construction has swept the country in the past quarter century and millions of dollars have been invested by the fraternities in their buildings and furnishings.

Information about Greek Letter Organizations reprinted with premission from Phi Gamma Delta.



## ***What is a Fraternity?***

This question was answered by Phi Gam Brother Newton D. Baker (John Hopkins '92, Washington and Lee '94.)

A Fraternity is an association of men, selected in their college days by democratic processes, because of their adherence to common ideals and aspirations. Out of their association arises a personal relationship which makes them unselfishly seek to advance one another in the arts of life and to add, to the formal instruction of the college curriculum, the culture and character which men acquire by contact with great personalities, or when admitted to partnership in great traditions.

A fraternity, too, is of such character that after men have left college they delight to renew their own youth by continued association with it and to bring their richest experiences back to the younger generation in part payment of the debt which they feel themselves to owe the fraternity for what it gave them in their formative years.

## ***What does Phi Gamma Delta have to offer me?***

There is no simple answer to this question because what we have to offer varies from individual to individual. In general the question can be answered by looking to the values of our Fraternity: Friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence. These values are the guiding light for the members of Phi Gamma Delta. We look to develop friendships, not only among members but with all we encounter. We promote the pursuit of knowledge, it is the reason for our being in college and it leads to a much more fulfilling life. We encourage service. It is how we are able to give back to our fellow human beings. We believe in morality. It is the basis of society's existence. We strive for excellence because mankind benefits when each of us becomes all that we can be. To all men Phi Gamma Delta offers the abilities and opportunities to fulfill each of the five values.

## ***Will I have to change to become a member?***

Simply put, No. Phi Gams pride themselves on a having a diverse membership. No organization is bigger than its members and we recognize that simple fact. We know that in order for our fraternity to grow and further its pursuit of the five values we must not only accept diversity; we must seek out and encourage diverse ideas and people.

## ***Is this just another fraternity based on partying and drinking?***

No. Mindless drinking and endless partying are not what we are about. We do accept that having social events and responsible drinking are a part of college life we know that these are things that are subsequent to more important aspects of college. Among them are scholastics and service. Our focus on scholastics is best exemplified by our 3.1 Colony GPA which is above all other Fraternities. Our attitude towards service is shown by our actions. Since beginning in February of 1998 we have volunteered for numerous causes including Dance Marathon (to raise money for the Miami Children's Hospital), People with AIDS Coalition, Horses and the Handicapped, Habitat for Humanity, and the Cape Florida Restoration Project. Also, we have two of the founders, the current and past Coordinator and several site leaders for the Alternative Spring Break Program which takes college students to volunteer throughout the United States for their spring break.

## ***What do I have to do to become a Brother in Phi Gamma Delta?***

In order to become a Brother in Phi Gamma Delta you will be required to undergo a pledge education program. This program consists of learning the history of our Fraternity, learning how our chapter and fraternity operates, and getting to know the members of the Fraternity. **In no way will you be required to do anything that is demeaning or mentally or physically harmful to you.** (commonly referred to as hazing) We have a strong belief that forcing a person to do things that are demeaning or harmful does not build a Brother or a strong foundation for a lasting friendship.

## ***How can I get more information about Phi Gamma Delta?***

The easiest way is to ask any of the Brothers you see around campus. You can also get information from our website at [www.fiu.edu/~fiji](http://www.fiu.edu/~fiji) or our International Headquarters website at [www.phigam.org](http://www.phigam.org).

# The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta

**Name:** Phi Gamma Delta

**Nickname:** FIJI or Phi Gam

**Founding date:** May 1, 1848, Jefferson College, Canonsburg, PA

**Size:** 130,000 initiated brothers since 1848. Currently, 6500 undergraduate brothers in 122 chapters and 4 Delta Colonies in the United States and Canada. 2,000 new brothers each year.

**Mission Statement:** "Phi Gamma Delta exists to promote lifelong friendships, to reaffirm high ethical standards, and values, and to foster personal development in the pursuit of excellence. Phi Gamma Delta is committed to provide opportunities for each brother to develop responsibility, leadership, scholarship, and social skills in order to become a fully contributing member of society."

**Famous Brothers:** Calvin Coolidge - President of the United States, 1923-29  
Kenneth Blanchard - author of "The One Minute Manager" & other leadership/motivational books  
Jack Nicklaus - Professional Golf Champion  
Bob Kerrey - U.S. Senator & former Governor of Nebraska  
Admiral William Crowe - former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Norman Vincent Peale - world-renowned theologian  
Gene Cernan - US Astronaut  
Phillip Knight - Founder, Owner, & President of Nike Corporation  
Johnny Carson - Former host of The Tonight Show  
Roger Penske - Auto Racing Champion  
Bobby Rahal - Auto Racing Champion  
Dean Smith - Head Basketball Coach, North Carolina Tarheels

## Membership Benefits:

- ◆ *Leadership Development* Pledge and member education courses employ professional leadership training programs which teach valuable skills for undergraduate and post-graduate life.
- ◆ *Academic Assistance:* the Fraternity encourages and enhances academic performance through tutoring and study skills education.
- ◆ *Scholarships:* the Fraternity's Educational Foundation offers numerous scholarships which you can apply for right away as a Delta Colony member.
- ◆ *Career Development:* graduate brothers in the Miami area offer real-world education in a variety of career fields; some offer internships and employment networking.
- ◆ *Philanthropy:* the Fraternity places a strong emphasis on serving others. Our faculty Advisor is Sean Kramer, the Coordinator for FIU's Volunteer Action Center.
- ◆ *Housing on campus:* in a very short time, Phi Gamma Delta will construct a state-of-the-art living facility on the FIU campus. It will be an alcohol-free home...a clean, comfortable place where academic pursuits are fostered.
- ◆ *Publications:* the quarterly magazine entitled "The Phi Gamma Delta" is sent to brothers to update them on the activities of the Fraternity on an International scale.
- ◆ *Conventions:* a summertime gathering called the Ekklesia is held every two years to amend the bylaws of the Fraternity; this summer we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Phi Gamma Delta at our Ekklesia in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In summers between Ekklesiai, the Fraternity hosts a leadership conference called the "Fiji Leadership Academy" to teach brothers leadership and management skills.

- ◆ *International Brotherhood*: no matter where you go, Phi Gamma Delta has chapters across North America. You will enjoy the advantages of brotherhood as an undergraduate and as a graduate.
- ◆ *Fun!!!* Being a Phi Gam is a blast...from formal events to informal outings...brotherhood is a lot of fun!!!
- ◆ **Pledge Education**
- ◆ There is no hazing allowed in Phi Gamma Delta at any time, for pledges or brothers.
- ◆ The program consists of an 8 week process of learning how to operate the Fraternity. Meetings are held weekly for this purpose, and are taught by brothers.
- ◆ You will learn from the "Purple Pilgrim," our book about the Fraternity's history and basic characteristics.
- ◆ A retreat will be held on a Saturday within the first month of pledging to chart the course for the future.
- ◆ Pledges are required to achieve a 2.5 cumulative GPA in order to be initiated; a 3.0 is preferred to pledge now and in the future. We intend to have the highest academic rank among all campus organizations. Currently we have a collective average of 3.1 which is the higher than all other Fraternities.

#### **Other great things about Phi Gamma Delta:**

- ◆ *Values & Ethics*: We were founded 150 years ago as an organization that would include only men who are committed to the values of **friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence**. Today, those values are just as important, if not more so. Everything about our organization is rooted in these principles.
- ◆ *Graduate Involvement*: There are hundreds of Fijis in the South Florida area who are here to help the Delta Colony. A specific group of them, known as the Board of Colony Advisors, will be with the Colony on a regular basis to offer assistance and guide the Colony in the right direction.
- ◆ *Parental Involvement*: We encourage the involvement of parents. The concept of *family* is extremely important to our Fraternity, especially since Phi Gamma Delta is a man's "home away from home" during his collegiate years.
- ◆ *Risk Management*: Phi Gamma Delta is adamant about following the laws of the State of Florida and the U.S.A. when it comes to the consumption and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages. 21 is the law! Alcohol was not a founding principle of the Fraternity and it will not be a major aspect of Phi Gamma Delta at FIU.
- ◆ *Zero Tolerance*: Phi Gamma Delta does not permit illegal drug use in any way, shape, or form. Drugs and Fiji don't mix, so any man who is discovered to have involvement with drugs will be immediately expelled.
- ◆ *International Headquarters Support*: The Delta Colony at FIU will receive special attention from the International Headquarters staff in Lexington, Kentucky. Brothers from Headquarters will visit regularly at FIU and will be in communication weekly with the Delta Colony.
- ◆ *More Phi Gams nearby*: There are Phi Gamma Delta chapters at the University of Central Florida, Jacksonville University, and Florida State University. They have already pledged their support to the FIU Delta Colony and will be willing advisors at any time. Another interesting point: Phi Gamma Delta will probably be establishing a Delta Colony at the University of Florida in Gainesville in the fall of 1998.

**Phi Gamma Delta**

Scholarship ◆ Fraternity ◆ Self

# Say What?

## Quick Facts about the Phi Gamma at FIU

- Phi Gamma Delta is one of the newest Fraternities at FIU but it celebrates 150 years of tradition this year
- In terms of on campus leadership on campus we currently hold the SGA position of Business Representative, The Student Programming Council Chair, and the Chair, Treasurer, and Events Director for the Student Organizations Council along with numerous club officer positions.
- We have Brothers at chapters at Jacksonville University, Florida State University, and University of Central Florida (All of which we will be visiting within the next year)
- We have trips planned for Gator Growl At UF, Mardis Gras, Spring Break, and Halloween Horror Nights.
- We will be having social events with sororities from FIU, UM, St. Thomas and Barry this next year.
- We will be doing various community service activities throughout South Florida.
- All men who join Phi Gamma Delta and receive a 3.0 GPA during their pledge program will get a \$250 scholarship.
- Some of our Famous local grads are Jimmy Cefalo (Sportscaster and ex-Dolphin), R. Kirk Landon (CEO of American Bankers insurance Group) Phil Casso (VP Merrill Lynch) Ron Shuffield (CEO of EMI Realty)
- Fiji's will be one of the first fraternities to have a house on campus.
- We offer exciting networking opportunities with our South Florida Graduate Chapter.

# PHI GAMMA

# DELTA

FRIENDSHIP IS THE SWEETEST  
INFLUENCE

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**PHI GAMMA DELTA CANDIDATE PROFILE**

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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in College:      Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

Status:                  Full time      Part time      Transfer from: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

SAT or ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ High School/FIU Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies and Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Activities (College or prior): \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel you would have to offer this new fraternity? \_\_\_\_\_

What benefits do you hope to gain from fraternity membership? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe yourself using three adjectives (organized, honest, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

## Persistence

"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." Calvin Coolidge, President 1924-9 (Phi Gamma Delta Class of 1894, Amherst College)

**Phi Gamma  
Delta**

**TWO GREAT NAMES  
ONE GREAT  
FRATERNITY**

**FIJI**



