

ORGANIZATIONAL SNAPSHOT & GLOSSARY (UPDATED AUGUST 2015)

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Founding: December 10, 1904 College of Charleston

Charleston, SC

Founders: Andrew Alexander Kroeg Jr.

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Headquarters: Kelley A. Bergstrom Leadership Center

Charlotte, NC

Convention: Supreme Chapter

Next Convention: Chicago, IL (July 26-29, 2018)

Leadership Schools: Pi Kapp College for Emerging Leaders (est. 1959)

Pi Kapp College for Chapter Officers (est. 1983)

Philanthropy: The Ability Experience

* Pi Kappa Phi is the only fraternity to maintain its own philanthropy

Magazine: The Star & Lamp (est. 1909)

Official Colors: Gold and White

Blue as an auxiliary color

Public Symbol: The Bell

Logo: The Star Shield

GLOSSARY

Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP) - the goal of ASTP is to educate Pi Kappa Phi members about alcohol-related behavior while increasing members' interest in critically examining their drinking patterns and eventually implementing the skills they learn

Alumna - a sorority member no longer in college (plural: alumnae)

Alumnus - a fraternity member no longer at college (plural: alumni)

Alumnus Initiate - a member who is initiated after attending college

Archon - the president of a chapter of Pi Kappa Phi

Associate Chapter - a group of men (usually not initiated) seeking to gain a charter from the fraternity to become a fully-functioning chapter

Associate Member - a man who has made a pre-initiation commitment to Pi Kappa Phi; this term is preferred over the word "pledge"

Chaplain - an officer elected to safeguard and coordinate activities involving ritual, primarily initiations

Chapter Advisor (CA) - an alumnus or friend of the fraternity appointed by the National President who directly advises the chapter

Council of Advisors (COA) - a group of usually three local advisors to serve a chapter in its operations; the Chapter Advisor is the chairman of the COA

Executive Council (Exec or EC) - the committee comprised of the seven elected officers of a chapter

Housing Corporation - a group of alumni legally registered to manage the permanent assets of a chapter; these groups typically own a chapter's house and see to the long range financial planning

Journey of Hope - an annual coast-to-coast bicycle trek made by Pi Kappa Phis to raise money for Push America and awareness for people with disabilities

Ladder of Risk (LOR) - a program based on FIPG used to educate Pi Kappa Phi members how to properly manage risk at social events hosted by the chapter

Leadership Consultant (LC) - a recently-graduated, paid fraternity staff member who travels from chapter to chapter advising on fraternity operations

Pi Kapp College for Chapter Officers - a national leadership school which focuses on officer training and orientation held in different regionally based cities over chosen weekends in January

National Council - a board of seven alumni volunteers who are elected by the Supreme Chapter to govern the fraternity between Supreme Chapter meetings; the National Council is analogous to a corporate board of directors

Pi Kappa Phi Foundation - the fraternity's educational endowment fund which provides leadership programming and scholarship to college members; funded primarily by alumni donations

The Ability Experience - the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity that remains the only non-profit organization to be established and maintained by a fraternity or sorority

Regional Governor (RG) - an alumnus volunteer appointed by the National Council to assist with alumni engagement in his specified geographical area

Rose Ball - the national name for Pi Kappa Phi's spring formals

Standards Board - a special chapter committee charged with resolving conflicts between members and enforcing the chapter's Code of Conduct

Star Shield - it is a symbol with a five pointed star, imposed upon the crossed swords of the fraternity; although there have been many uses for this symbol since its inception in 1937, it is used today as the public logo of Pi Kappa Phi

Supreme Chapter - a fraternity convention of alumni and colligate members held every other summer; the decisions of this body are of the higher authority in the fraternity.

The Gold Book - contains the subordinate rituals of the fraternity, as well as its Supreme Laws and Constitution

The Star & Lamp - the national magazine of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

The White Diamond - an educational publication for associate members of Pi Kappa Phi; also the common name of the associate member pin

Vice Archon - the collegiate officer second in charge and responsible for the organizing the chapter's recruitment efforts

Warden - the collegiate officer elected to supervise member education and scholarship pursuits of the chapter