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## Preface

The exoteric law published herewith consists of three parts: (1) The Constitution; (2) The Statutory Code; and (3) The Disciplinary Code. The character and origin of each are briefly mentioned in introductory notices to the respective parts.

The footnotes, which are inserted throughout the document, are not necessarily binding, but are intended to explain in few words the historical development of important legislative provisions and to offer practical suggestions on the execution of the same, besides affording convenient cross-references between the Constitution and Codes.

The present codification, undertaken by a special committee at the command of the National Council and under its supervision, supplants the first general codification which was prepared and published in 1907. All constitutional amendments, acts of the National Convention, edicts of the National Council, and official decisions of the President of the Fraternity, which have been promulgated since 1907 and which are still of binding force, as well as such portions of the Edition of 1907 as have remained in force, are incorporated in the present work.

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# **The Constitution**

## Introductory Note

The Constitution of the Fraternity is, next to the Unwritten Work and the Ritual, the supreme authority in Alpha Chi Rho.

The first Constitution, drawn up when the government of the Fraternity was vested in the parent Chapter, remained in force with some alteration until the adoption of a temporary National instrument at the Philadelphia Session of 1900. The Hartford Session of 1903, in adopting a new Constitution that assured the national character of the Fraternity and the efficient administration of its affairs, inaugurated the series of most important and praiseworthy reforms which has strengthened Alpha Chi Rho in many ways. The Constitution of 1903 has remained in force with comparatively few amendments to the present time.



# THE CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLE I.

### Of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho.

Section 1. COMPOSITION. The Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho is a national college fraternity. It is composed of all Brothers who have been regularly initiated into the Order and who adhere to the four Landmarks: Christianity, Morality, Brotherly Love, and Intrinsic Worth.

Sec. 2. GOVERNMENT. The government of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho is vested in the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, the National Council, the Resident Chapters, and the Graduate Chapters, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE II.

### Of Membership in Alpha Chi Rho.

Sec. 1. ELIGIBILITY. No person is eligible to membership in Alpha Chi Rho unless he is an undergraduate or is pursuing some post-graduate course at the institution at which a Resident Chapter is situated.

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(11 1) Right to elect Honorary or Faculty members, which prior to 1903 had been freely vested in the Chapters, was restricted by the Constitution of that year to the National Convention, and in 1907 was entirely prohibited. The amendment intended no reflection on the eleven Brothers who had been initiated as Honorary members, but the necessity no longer existed for the initiation of persons who were not college or university students. See Statute 201, p. 53, below.

The President of the Fraternity, in interpreting this section, has declared with the concurrence of the National Council (21 February, 1914) that graduate members of a local society chartered by the Fraternity may legally be initiated. Such members, it has been established by custom, may be initiated by any Chapter on authorization of the National Council, but they are then automatically transferred to the Chapter which represents the continuation of their local society.

For other restrictions on membership in Alpha Chi Rho, see the Ritual and likewise Statutes 42, 104-106, pp. 34, 40, below.

Sec. 2. ELECTION. Any man eligible to membership in Alpha Chi Rho may become a candidate upon the following conditions: (1) That his name be proposed to a Resident Chapter in council and thoroughly discussed; (2) That his name be brought to vote at a subsequent council, reasonable time having been afforded every Resident Brother of the Chapter to become acquainted with the man proposed; (3) That open ballot be taken under the direction of the proper Ritual Officer, each Brother who may vote negatively stating his reasons for so doing; (4) That, if possible, the vote of every Resident Brother absent from the council at which the balloting is held be obtained by the proper Ritual Officer during the week after the council; (5) That in announcing the result of the ballot, every Resident Brother who has not voted at the council or within one week be counted as voting affirmatively; (6) That the election be unanimous; (7) That a man once blackballed may never again become a candidate except by consent of the Brother or Brothers who blackballed him.

Sec. 3. POSTULANTS AND INITIATES. A candidate may become a postulant and a postulant may be initiated into the Fraternity, under the direction of the proper Ritual Officer; but be it provided that no candidate shall become a postulant until he has been acquainted with the Landmarks of the Fraternity, and that no postulant shall be initiated until he has passed a satisfactory examination on the principles of the Order.

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(II 2) This section, introduced in 1907, defined and legalized the custom of election of new members which had grown up in the Chapters, i. e., of requiring each Brother to state his opinion of every man proposed. It was then stated clearly that the ballot shall be open and unanimous. To require such ballot is the best guarantee of the enforcement of the third and fourth Landmarks.

For "the proper Ritual officer" and the form of balloting, consult the Ritual.

"There is nothing in our laws, Ritual, or customs to prevent a Resident Chapter from adopting by unanimous consent any regulation it sees fit to govern the approaching and tentative pledging of new men. Of course, the formal balloting in council and the formal ceremony of pledging, as mentioned in the Constitution of the Fraternity, and prescribed by the Ritual, are to be carried out after the opening of the college year, in accordance with constitutional provision. There is nothing to prevent a man who has been tentatively pledged, even if not as yet formally pledged, from living in the Fraternity House, pending the formal pledging, examination, and initiation."—The President of the Fraternity, before the National Council, 17 June, 1910.

(II 2 (7) ) This states almost word for word a decision by Phi Psi, 16 October, 1895.

(II 3) Every candidate for membership must be instructed in the Landmarks before he is pledged. This is part of the scheme of instruction and examination first authorized by the Brooklyn Session of 1906 and now in force in the Fraternity. See below, Art. IV. Sec. 3; and Statutes 60-64. No postulant may be initiated until the Correspondent

Sec. 4. RESIDENTS AND GRADUATES. Brothers are designated Resident from the date of their initiation until they cease being students at the college or university where their Chapter is located; thereafter they are designated Graduate. Resident Brothers constitute the Resident Chapters; Graduate Brothers constitute the Graduate Chapters; Resident and Graduate Chapters together constitute the Phi's.

Sec. 5. AFFILIATION IN ANOTHER PHI. A Resident Brother in good standing may affiliate with any Resident Chapter, and any Graduate Brother in good standing, with any Chapter, by expressing his desire in writing and obtaining permission from the Chapter of original jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. AFFILIATION IN THE SAME PHI. A Resident Brother in good standing may affiliate with the Graduate Chapter of his Phi by stating his desire and reasons in writing and obtaining permission from the Resident Chapter and the National Council.

Sec. 7. PRIVILEGES OF GRADUATE BROTHERS IN RESIDENT CHAPTERS. A Graduate Brother, upon assuming the obligations of Resident membership, may be admitted at the discretion

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of the Chapter concerned has notified the other Chapters.. See Statute 40, p. 34, below.

(II 4) The old nomenclature of "Active" and "Graduate" was changed in 1907 to the more exact "Resident" and "Graduate." Membership in Alpha Chi Rho should be permanent in its allegiance and effort for the Fraternity, not merely during college days, but throughout life. The time of active membership of a Brother extends from his initiation to the day of his death.

The word "Graduate" is not used in the commonly accepted connotation of one who has received a degree or diploma, but means one who has taken a step.

(II 5) Many college fraternities, largely because of a lack of homogeneity in membership, allow a Chapter to erect barriers against members of other Chapters. With Alpha Chi Rho, however, it is a fundamental principle that a Brother is just as much a Brother, and just as closely bound, to the Brother of another Chapter as to the Brother of the Chapter through which he was initiated into the Fraternity.

(II 6) This section is intended primarily for Brothers in university Chapters. It enables them, after having been several years in the university, to sever connection with the Resident Chapter and join the Graduate Chapter, even though they still remain Resident Brothers. The National Council has customarily refused to accord its permission for such a transfer of a Resident Brother to the Graduate Chapter unless he has been four full years in the Resident Chapter and is in good financial standing therein.

(II 7) The "obligations of Resident membership" are such as the Resident Chapter may legally impose, e. g., attendance at councils and payment of dues.

See Art. X, Sec. 5, p. 22, below.

of the Resident Chapter of his Phi to all privileges of membership in said Resident Chapter except voting therein for National Delegates.

Sec. 8. PROHIBITION ON EXPELLED MEN. No person who has been expelled from the Fraternity shall again become a member thereof.

Sec. 9. PROHIBITION ON RESIGNATION. No Brother may resign his membership in Alpha Chi Rho or voluntarily withdraw from the Fraternity.

Sec. 10. DUAL MEMBERSHIP. No member of another college fraternity is eligible to membership in Alpha Chi Rho; and no Brother in Alpha Chi Rho shall join any other college fraternity. The National Council has power to regulate membership of the Brothers in honorary, professional, and class societies.

Sec. 11. RESTRICTION ON RESIDENT CHAPTERS. The National Council has power at any time to regulate the size or character of membership in any Resident Chapter.

Sec. 12. DISCIPLINARY CONTROL. Disciplinary control shall be exercised over the Brothers by the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, the National Council, and the Chapters, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and of the Disciplinary Code of the National Convention.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Of the President of the Fraternity.

Sec. 1. ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION. The President of the Fraternity must be a Graduate Brother in good standing. He shall

(II 9) The Fraternity has never recognized any such thing as resignation or voluntary withdrawal from membership. There are many official decisions to this effect by the President of the Fraternity and the National Convention. Attempted resignation or withdrawal has always been regarded as manifest disloyalty.

(II 10) Membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and Acacia is forbidden by Edict, 27 July, 1907. For restrictions imposed on membership in professional societies, see Statute 106, pp. 40-41, below.

(II 11) This is intended primarily to prevent too large Resident membership in any Chapter. The Fraternity feels that Brotherhood can best be developed in the small Chapter, where each Brother has the opportunity to know every other Brother intimately. The conservative Chapter is the best.

(II 12) Full details as to the exercise of this disciplinary control are contained in the Disciplinary Code of the Fraternity (below, pp. 55-63), a document which can be altered only in accordance with this Constitution and by three-fourths vote of the National Convention.

be elected by majority ballot at a regular session of the National Convention and hold office for the term of one year or until his successor shall have been elected and installed.

Sec. 2. GENERAL POWERS. The President of the Fraternity is the chief Ritual and executive Officer and the chief Servant of the Brotherhood. He shall enforce due observance of the Ritual, Constitution, and laws of the Fraternity. He shall decide all questions of law and order, and all appeals, which decisions shall be binding until reversed by the National Convention.

Sec. 3. POWERS OVER CONVENTION AND OFFICERS. The President of the Fraternity shall preside at the sessions of the National Convention and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. He has power to require the attendance of and information respecting his office from any officer.

Sec. 4. DEPRIVATION. The President of the Fraternity may be deprived of the prerogatives of his office by three-fourths vote of the National Convention.

Sec. 5. ACCESSION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT. In case of the death, resignation, deprivation, or inability to act, of the President of the Fraternity, the Vice-President of the Fraternity shall discharge all the functions of the office in the name of the President of the Fraternity.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Of the National Secretary.

Sec. 1. ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION. The National Secretary must be a Brother in good standing. He shall be chosen by

(III) The powers and duties of the President of the Fraternity are practically the same as first defined at the Hartford Session in 1903. From 1904 to 1913 he was required to visit every Resident Chapter annually,—a duty which is now performed by the National Secretary. The Presidents of the Fraternity have been: Wm. A. Eardeley, 1900-1901; Howard M. Long, 1901-1903; Henry J. Blakeslee, 1903-1908; M. J. Pickering, 1908-1910; Carlton J. H. Hayes, 1910-1912; James L. Robinson, 1912-1914; VanCourt Carwithen, 1914-1917; Henry C. Staunton, 1917.

(III 4) The President of the Fraternity, as chief Servant of the entire Brotherhood, may not be removed from office by the National Convention, but he may be deprived of the prerogatives of his office. It is questionable whether he may otherwise be disciplined during his term of office.

(III 5) The proper form in such a case is "Brother ....., Vice-President of the Fraternity, acting in the name of the President of the Fraternity."

the National Council and hold office from March thirty-first for the term of one year or until his successor shall have been chosen.

Sec. 2. GENERAL DUTIES. The National Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the National Convention and of the National Council; conduct the general correspondence of the Fraternity; draw all orders on the National Treasurer; keep a true account of the standing of all Resident and Graduate Chapters and of all Brothers; and make annual report in writing to the National Convention.

Sec. 3. DUTIES OF INSTRUCTION. The National Secretary shall superintend the education of Postulants and Brothers in the principles, history, and policy of the Fraternity; give such instruction and conduct such examinations as may be thought necessary or expedient; and keep a true account of the proficiency of the Brothers.

Sec. 4. DUTIES OF VISITATION. The National Secretary shall visit each Resident Chapter officially once each year and examine into the condition of said Chapter, and on the occasion of such visit shall examine its books and records and see that they are properly kept; point out any errors he may ascertain in its conduct or mode of procedure; and take such other constitutional action as he shall think for the best interests of the Chapter. For the purpose of such visitation he may convene a Chapter at any time, preside therein during such convention, and require a full or partial rehearsal of the Ritual.

## ARTICLE V.

### Of Other National Officers.

Sec. 1. TITLES AND ELIGIBILITY. The Officers of the Fraternity, in addition to the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary, are the Vice-President of the Fraternity, three Na-

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(IV) The office of National Secretary dates from the first session of the National Convention (Hartford, 1899). At the New Haven Session of 1913 the duties of the National Recorder and of the National Instructor were joined to those of National Secretary, and, in addition, the National Secretary assumed the duties of visitation previously performed by the President of the Fraternity. Since 1913 the National Secretary has been paid an honorarium by the Fraternity. See Statutes 130-131, p. 43, below.

The National Secretaries have been: Charles S. Havens, 1900-1902; Bayard Q. Morgan, 1902-1903; Carlton J. H. Hayes, 1903-1908; James L. Robinson, 1908-1912; John L. Daniel, 1912; Thomas F. Flanagan, 1912-1913; Dixon R. Fox, 1913-.

tional Councillors, the National Treasurer, the National Editor, and the Publication Manager. All Officers must be Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 2. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL COUNCILLORS. The Vice-President of the Fraternity and the three National Councillors shall be elected by majority ballot at a regular session of the National Convention. The Vice-President of the Fraternity must be a Graduate Brother in good standing. The first named shall hold office for the term of one year, and the others for the term of three years, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. One National Councillor shall be elected each year. These Officers, together with the President of the Fraternity, the National Secretary, and the National Treasurer, shall constitute the National Council. Vacancies in office may be filled by the National Council at any time.

Sec. 3. ELECTION OF OTHER NATIONAL OFFICERS. The National Treasurer, the National Editor, and the Publication Manager shall be chosen by the National Council. The National Editor and the Publication Manager shall hold office from March thirty-first for the term of three years, and the National Treasurer from March thirty-first for the term of one year, or until their successors shall have been chosen.

Sec. 4. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FRATERNITY. The Vice-President of the Fraternity shall assist the President of the Fraternity in the discharge of his duties, and in case of the death, resignation, deprivation, or inability to act, of the President of the Fraternity, he shall discharge all the functions of

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(V) Office in Alpha Chi Rho is for work—not glory. No Brother, no matter how popular and loyal, should be elected to National office without the minimum qualifications properly to discharge such office—the habit to do rather than to promise; the insight into the most practical means to a given end; last, but not least, the initiative without which a man remains a follower rather than a leader of men.

In 1907 three other National offices were created: National Recorder, National Instructor, and Attorney. The first two were abolished in 1913 and the last in 1915. The National Recorders were: Harold H. Smith, 1907-1911; John L. Daniel, 1911-1912; Donald W. Henry, 1912-1913. The National Instructors were: Edward C. Bailly, 1907-1909; Albert T. Steelman, 1909-1910; G. Sherburne Rogers, 1910-1913. The National Attorneys were: M. B. Saul, 1907-1909; Frank G. Sayre, 1909-1915.

(V 4) The office of Vice-President of the Fraternity was created at the Philadelphia Session of 1900; and its duties defined at the Hartford Session of 1903, and at the Brooklyn Session of 1906. The Vice-Presidents of the Fraternity have been: Scott B. Malbon, 1903-1904; Daniel O. Towl, 1904-1905; James M. Shelley, 1905-1908; Theodore B. Lathrop, 1908-1910; Irving N. Countryman, 1910-1914; F. Percy Kalkhoff, 1914-1915; J. Edward Fagen, 1915-

the office in the name of the President of the Fraternity. He shall act as Supervisor of the Graduate Chapters and Clubs and of the Graduate Brothers of the Fraternity. At the sessions of the National Convention, he shall assist the President of the Fraternity in preserving order, superintend the balloting, and count votes upon division.

Sec. 5. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER. The National Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the National Fraternity; keep a record of all receipts and expenditures; preserve all bills; report the condition of the Treasury whenever requested by the President of the Fraternity or by the National Council; and make annual report in writing to the National Convention.

Sec. 6. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL EDITOR AND OF THE PUBLICATION MANAGER. The National Editor and the Publication Manager shall edit and publish The Garnet and White, The Labarum, and other publications of the Fraternity, subject to the general control of the National Council. They shall make annual reports in writing to the National Convention.

Sec. 7. OTHER DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS. The Officers of the Fraternity shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution and the laws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 8. REMOVAL. Any officer, except the President of the

(V 5) The office of National Treasurer dates from the Hartford Session of 1899. His election, vested in the National Convention until 1907, has since that time been vested in the National Council. The National Treasurers have been: F. A. McElwain, 1899-1900; H. H. Welsh, 1900-1901; B. S. Easton, 1901-1902; Bayard Q. Morgan, 1902-1903; George B. Walker, 1903-1916; Richard G. Kinscherf, 1916-.

(V 6) Alpha Chi Rho was the first Fraternity to maintain a publication during its first decade. "The Garnet and White" was first suggested to Phi Psi on 12 October, 1898, and edited as a local chapter publication. Its publication as a Fraternity magazine was authorized by the Hartford Session of 1899, and the first number appeared in September, 1900. At the Hartford Session of 1903. The Garnet and White was put under the general control of the National Council, and under the immediate control of the Managing Editor and the Business Manager. The constitutional revision of 1907 served to change the office titles and duties from those of Managing Editor and Business Manager of The Garnet and White, to those of National Editor and Publication Manager, respectively, vesting their election not in the National Convention as hitherto, but in the National Council. For detailed regulations concerning the publications of the Fraternity, see Statutes 170-194, pp. 48-53, below. The National Editors have been: James Albert Wales, 1900-1903; Henry C. Staunton, 1903-1917; Carlton J. H. Hayes, 1917-. The Publication Managers have been: James Albert Wales, 1900-1903; Bayard Q. Morgan, 1903-1904; M. J. Pickering, 1904-1906; Walter I. Tamlyn, 1906-1913; Claremont I. Tolles, 1913-1915; David P. Samson, 1915-1917; Acheson H. Callaghan, 1917-.



Fraternity, may be removed from office by three-fourths vote of the National Convention. Any officer, except a voting member of the National Convention or the President of the Fraternity or the Vice-President of the Fraternity or a National Councillor, may be removed from office by five-sevenths vote of the National Council. Vacancy in office is filled by the National Council.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Of the National Committees.

Sec. 1. TITLES AND APPOINTMENT. The President of the Fraternity shall annually appoint standing committees on Ritual and Discipline, consisting of three members each. All Committeemen must be Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 2. THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL. The Committee on Ritual shall assist the President of the Fraternity in his Ritual duties.

Sec. 3. THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE. The Committee on Discipline shall hear and consider all appeals and complaints made to the National Convention; conduct all trials coming within the jurisdiction of the National Convention; and report each case with recommendations to the National Convention.

Sec. 4. SPECIAL DUTY OF CHAIRMEN. The Chairman of each standing committee shall act as its Secretary and keep a faithful record of its official transactions, which record shall be submitted to the National Council whenever required.

Sec. 5. REMOVAL. Any Committeeman may be removed from office by the President of the Fraternity or by five-sevenths vote of the National Council. Vacancy in committee is filled by the President of the Fraternity.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Of the National Convention.

Sec. 1. POWERS. All powers not specially delegated to the President of the Fraternity, the National Council, the Resident Chapters, or the Graduate Chapters, are delegated to the National Convention.

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(VI 2) The President of the Fraternity is the supreme authority of the Fraternity in the execution and interpretation of the Ritual. This Committee on Ritual should not only advise him in his work, but should do its utmost to develop interest in our Ritual and see that it is properly discharged throughout the Fraternity.

(VI 3) See the Disciplinary Code, especially Sections 24-27.

Sec. 2. COMPOSITION. The National Convention shall be composed of the Officers of the Fraternity, the living Past Presidents of the Fraternity, and National Delegates as follows: the Resident Brothers in each Resident Chapter shall elect two regular and two alternate National Delegates, and each Graduate Chapter shall elect two regular and two alternate National Delegates. National Delegates in all cases shall be properly accredited by the Chapter, and hold office for the term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected. National Delegates elected in Resident Chapters shall be elected at the second regular council in January.

Sec. 3. SESSIONS. The National Convention shall hold one regular session each year, beginning on the third Thursday in February, at such place as may be determined upon at the preceding regular session. But the National Council may change the precise time and place of holding the session, if they deem it for the best interests of the Fraternity so to do, which change shall be announced, at the latest, before the first of February preceding. The National Council may call special sessions of the National Convention when they deem it necessary or expedient for the interests of the Fraternity; and, upon petition of one-half of the Resident Chapters or one-half of the Graduate Chapters, the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary shall call such sessions. No business shall be originated at a special session except such as is mentioned in the call, and notice thereof, with a copy of the call, shall be sent to each Chapter at least three weeks prior to the time of its commencement.

Sec. 4. QUORUM. A quorum shall consist of one-third of all National Delegates entitled to seats in the National Convention.

Sec. 5. VOTING. Each National Delegate sitting in the National Convention, each member of the National Council, and each

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(VII) The National Convention is, next to the Ritual and Constitution, the chief authority in the Fraternity. It typifies the dignity and unity of our democratic Brotherhood.

(VII 3) The first session of the National Convention was held at Hartford, Conn., on 23-24 June, 1899. The sessions prior to that of 1907 were held under chapter auspices; they are now held under the auspices of the National Council and of a special resident committee.

The great importance of Convention sessions is the ever resultant increase of enthusiasm in Fraternity work. Every Alpha Chi should make special endeavor to attend at least one session; the chances are that he will then become a confirmed Convention-goer. Alpha Chi Rho has always taken pride in the large percentage of its members who attend the Fraternity's great annual celebration.

Past President of the Fraternity, has one vote. In case of tie, the President of the Fraternity has the casting vote. Proxy voting is not allowed. No member of the National Convention is bound by any action of his Chapter, but is responsible only to the Fraternity and to the National Convention. A majority vote decides all questions, unless otherwise provided. To remove an Officer, to deprive the President of the Fraternity of his rights and powers, to suspend a Chapter or a Brother, or to amend the Disciplinary Code of the Fraternity, requires a three-fourths vote. To expel a Brother, or to cancel the charter of a Chapter, requires a unanimous vote exclusive of the National Delegates elected by the Phi to which the Brother or Chapter under consideration belongs and of the vote of any other Brothers of that Phi entitled to vote in the National Convention.

Sec. 6. REPORTS. All Resident and Graduate Chapters shall make returns as required by the National Convention. Any Chapter failing to make report or to pay tax, assessment, or fine, shall be reported to the National Convention as not in good standing, and the National Delegates elected in such reported Chapter shall not be permitted to sit in the National Convention until it shall have been placed in good standing.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### Of the National Council.

Sec. 1. COMPOSITION. The National Council consists of the President and the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National

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(VII 5) It must be remembered that the National Delegates are not in any sense officers of the Chapters; they are elected in Chapters simply for convenience in order to ensure a vote to every Brother in the Fraternity; they are styled Delegates, not because they are Delegates of a Chapter, but because to them the Fraternity as a whole has delegated important powers.

Two vital points should always be borne in mind in law making: (1) That the National Convention cannot of itself amend the Ritual or Constitution of the Fraternity; and (2) That there is great danger in making too many laws.

The principal constructive work in the Fraternity has already been done. In future it will be less necessary to construct new methods than to amend and enforce standing laws. To keep this fact always in mind is to save ourselves from the annoyance of unstable laws on the one hand, and from the puerilities of needless legislation on the other.

For procedure in the National Convention, see Statutes 110-121, pp 41-42, below.

(VII 6) See Statutes 40, 61-63, 70-73, 111, 135, 144, 188. Among the returns required from the Resident Chapters are the registration notices and bi-monthly reports to the National Secretary and the annual report to the National Convention.

Secretary, the National Treasurer, and the three National Councillors. The National Council may invite other Brothers to attend its meetings but not to vote therein.

Sec. 2. OFFICERS. The President of the Fraternity is ex-officio chairman, and the National Secretary is ex-officio secretary, of the National Council.

Sec. 3. MEETINGS. The National Council shall hold at least two stated meetings each year at such time and place as it may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President of the Fraternity or of any four members. Notices of all meetings must be sent to all the members of the National Council. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. GENERAL DUTIES. The National Council is the legal Board of Trustees of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, the Advisory Board of the President of the Fraternity, and the supreme executive authority of the Fraternity during the interim of sessions in all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the National Convention. It shall exercise the powers, conduct the business, and control the property of the Fraternity, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the laws of the National Convention.

(VIII) The development of the National Council is significant of the increased strength of the Fraternity and the greater need of efficient administration. "Better one law enforced than ten made." The National Council had its origin on 16 October, 1895, as a committee of Phi Psi on extension. In 1899, it became a committee of the National Convention composed of one Brother from each Chapter. In 1900, its title was changed to "National Charter Council." In 1903 it became the "National Council," not only with power to grant charters but with practically all its present rights and duties as an executive authority, an advisory committee to the President of the Fraternity, and a Board of Trustees of the Fraternity corporation. In 1904 it was reduced in size to five members elected by the National Convention. The Constitutional revision of 1907 made the Vice-President of the Fraternity one of the five members and deprived the National Council of the absolute right of granting charters. In 1915 the National Council was increased in size to seven members, of whom five are now elected by the National Convention and two are chosen by the National Council itself. The National Councillors have been: Bayard O. Morgan, 1903-1904; Herbert Berri, 1903-1906; J. Ernest Willcox, 1903-1904; M. B. Saul, 1903-1904; Edward G. Nellis, 1904-1905; Richard W. Tull, 1904-1907; James Albert Wales, 1905-1908; Arthur S. Baker, 1906-1908; Henry C. Staunton, 1907-1910; G. Stuart Bready, 1908-1912; Robert J. McFetridge, 1910-1912; Alfred H. Wagg, 1912-; Harold Hellyer, 1912-1916; Richard G. Kinscherf, 1915-1916; Walter I. Tamlyn, 1916-; Otto F. Sieder, 1916-

(VIII 3) A majority vote of all members of the National Council, not merely of those present at a meeting, is necessary to transact business. [President of the Fraternity, from chair, on question, 9 August, 1907.]

(VIII 4) The Fraternity was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut as "The Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho" on 21 September, 1895.

Sec. 5. JURISDICTION OVER CHAPTERS. The National Council has power on unanimous vote to propose the grant of charters for new Chapters and to suspend any Resident or Graduate Chapter for proper cause. It may by unanimous vote take into its keeping the charter of any Chapter at any time and temporarily discharge the functions of said Chapter. It has power at any time to regulate the size or character of membership in any Resident Chapter; and to regulate membership of the Brothers in honorary, professional, and class societies. In addition to the one official visit to be made to each Resident Chapter by the National Secretary, each such Chapter shall also be visited at least once annually by a Past President or a member of the National Council to be designated by that body. Such Brother shall exercise all of the powers of the National Secretary for the purpose of examining into the condition of said Chapter and shall report his findings immediately to the National Council.

Sec. 6. JUDICIAL POWERS. The National Council is a high court of justice with power to suspend any Brother from membership in the Fraternity, subject in every case to appeal to the President of the Fraternity or to the National Convention.

Sec. 7. CONTROL OF FINANCES. The National Council shall audit all bills and claims presented and the books and accounts of the officers, and submit at each regular session of the National Convention a full written report of the state of the finances and an estimated budget of expenses for the succeeding year. It may appropriate money subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the laws of the National Convention.

Sec. 8. CONTROL OF OFFICES. The National Council shall regularly examine into the condition of the offices of the National Secretary and the National Treasurer, and see that their books and records are properly kept.

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(VIII 5) For note on the regulation of membership in Resident Chapter, see above, Art. II, Sec. 11.

(VIII 6) Judicial power was accorded to the National Council in 1904. For procedure, see Disciplinary Code, especially Sections 19-23.

(VIII 7) These duties, formerly exercised by a finance committee, were entrusted in 1907 to the National Council in its capacity as Board of Trustees. The duties incident to the management of the Fraternity's finances have increased greatly in the last few years. The auditing of accounts and the preparation of a budget for the next year are duties which require careful attention and a thorough knowledge of the details of the Fraternity's affairs.

(VIII 8) An important provision added in 1907.

Sec. 9. CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS. The National Council has general control of the publications of the Fraternity.

Sec. 10. POWERS OF APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL. The National Council shall fill all vacancies in the National Offices. It has power by five-sevenths vote to remove any officer or committeeman, except a voting member of the National Convention or the President of the Fraternity or the Vice-President of the Fraternity or a National Councillor, from office in the National Fraternity or in any Chapter.

Sec. 11. LEGISLATIVE POWERS. The National Council has power to adopt and issue edicts for the execution of powers expressly granted by this Constitution, and such other edicts as are conformable to this Constitution, the Ritual of the Fraternity, and the laws of the National Convention. The National Council has power within three months after any session of the National Convention to declare, by five-sevenths vote, its veto of any law or resolution, or any part thereof, passed at such session of the National Convention, and such law or resolution, or part thereof, so vetoed, shall be of no force and effect unless re-passed by two-thirds vote at the next succeeding regular session of the National Convention, or at a special session called for such purpose.

Sec. 12. RECORD. The National Council, through the National Secretary, shall present at each regular session of the National Convention the record of all meetings held during the year.

## ARTICLE IX.

### Of Resident Chapters.

Sec. 1. COMPOSITION. A Resident Chapter is an organization legally formed and holden, comprising all the Resident Brothers of a Phi and such Graduate Brothers thereof as assume the obligations of Resident membership.

(VIII 9) See above, note on Art. V, Sec. 6; and below, Statutes 170-194, pp. 48-53.

(VIII 10) "The National Council may not remove a voting member of the National Convention from his office of National Delegate, but may remove him from any other office; similarly, the National Council may not remove a member of the National Council from his office of National Councillor, but may remove him from any other." [President of the Fraternity, from chair, on question, 9 August 1907.]

(VIII 11) Partial veto power over Convention Acts, vested in the National Council, was introduced in 1907 and has operated to prevent hasty and ill-considered legislation and unnecessary changes in laws, while not preventing the adoption of needed modifications.

Sec. 2. INSTITUTION. A Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho shall be instituted only upon the petition in writing of not less than seven duly registered students of some college or university of good standing and repute. The character and qualifications of such petitioners must be examined and proven. The petition with such information as may be required by the National Council shall be transmitted to the National Secretary, who shall present the same to the National Council for action thereon; if the National Council by unanimous vote shall approve the petition, the National Secretary shall communicate the same to the Resident and Graduate Chapters; and if, within sixty days thereafter, three-fourths of all those voting in three-fourths of the Resident Chapters, including one of the two Resident Chapters nearest the petitioning body, shall vote affirmatively (failure to vote or to notify the National Secretary counting as such affirmative vote), the National Council shall issue a charter to the petitioners by authority of which they shall be constituted a Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. Be it provided, however, that if a petition from a local body was rejected at any time between 1907 and 1916, inclusive, another from such local body, presented in 1916 or thereafter, shall require for its acceptance and grant the same procedure and the same vote as prevailed between 1907 and 1916.

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(IX 2) This is a section added in 1907 and amended in 1916. Chapters instituted from 1895 to 1900 were chartered by Phi Psi; from 1901 to 1907, by the National Council acting on behalf of the National Convention; thenceforth they have been chartered by the Fraternity acting through the National Council and the Resident Chapters. From 1907 to 1916 charter grants required not only the unanimous vote of the National Council but also a majority vote of every Resident Chapter. The above method of granting charters was established by constitutional amendment in 1916. For details of charter grants, see Statutes 20-24, p. 32, below.

With the exception of the unfortunate Phi Upsilon at the State University of Iowa (1899-1902), the Fraternity has always been essentially conservative, whether in National or local growth. "National," as used in Alpha Chi Rho, has no reference to the American nation, but simply distinguishes the Fraternity from any local society. The general policy of the Fraternity towards National growth has been repeatedly affirmed, an especially important and significant statement being the following resolution of 27 July, 1907: "Inasmuch as the closest possible tie must be secured between all the Brothers, the National Council is of the opinion that National growth should be conservative and careful, that Chapters should be instituted only in colleges or universities of approved standing, within easy reach of each other."

Until 1916 the National Council declined to consider any petition from a local body unless it came from a college or university within the present limits of the original ten colonies north of North Carolina, but this part of the policy was definitely abandoned, after full discussion within the Fraternity, in 1916; and a beginning of extension over a wider geographical area was made in 1916 by the institution of Phi Kappa at the University of Illinois.

Sec. 3. **POWERS.** Each Resident Chapter has power to elect and initiate postulants, to choose its Officers, to manage its own finances (subject to the control of the National Convention), to hear and determine matters of difference between its Resident members, and to make by-laws and rules for its own government and support, subject in every case to the Ritual and Constitution of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

Sec. 4. **OFFICERS.** Each Resident Chapter shall have all the Ritual Officers. In addition, each Chapter shall elect by majority ballot, at the second regular council in January, a non-secret officer to be known as Chapter Correspondent, to hold office for the term of one year or until his successor shall have been elected.

Sec. 5. **THE CHAPTER CORRESPONDENT.** The Chapter Correspondent shall represent the National Organization in the Resident Chapter, and assist the President of the Fraternity and the National Council in carrying out their decisions and edicts; conduct promptly the general correspondence of the Resident Chapter; and promptly make out and forward to their destinations such reports, statements, and notices as may be required by the National Secretary or the National Council. He shall preserve all books, records, pamphlets, periodicals, and other documents of a permanent value in the Resident Chapter, and shall transmit to the National Secretary immediately after his election a list of such documents on file in the Chapter. He shall see that all records, correspondence, books, and such documents as require it, are bound and properly cared for. He shall act as Resident Chapter correspondent to The Garnet and White.

Sec. 6. **FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.** The charter of a Resident Chapter may be forfeited by contumacy to the authority of the President of the Fraternity, of the National Convention, or of the National Council; by failure to hold regular councils; or by neglect

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(IX 4) The organization of Resident Chapters, unlike that of the other agents of government in the Fraternity, is esoteric. For its provisions, consult the Ritual Code. See also, for the Executive Committee within each Resident Chapter, Statute 70, pp. 36-37, below.

Election to office is not the granting of an honor but is the assignment of work to be done. Popularity in the Chapter has nothing to do with the choice of an officer—efficiency is the sole criterion.

(IX 5) The office of Chapter Correspondent is a very important one. It should be held by an experienced and capable man. It represents a consolidation, effected in 1917, of the two previously existing offices of Corresponding Secretary and Recorder, and as such calls for a man well-versed in Resident Chapter affairs who at the same time is prompt and reliable and has some literary gift for preparing the bi-monthly letters to The Garnet and White. See Statute 185, p. 51, below.



to make returns and pay taxes. No Chapter may resign or voluntarily withdraw from the Fraternity.

Sec. 7. REVOCATION OF CHARTER. The National Convention may by three-fourths vote suspend a Resident Chapter, or may by unanimous vote, exclusive of the National Delegates elected in the Phi whose Chapter is under consideration and of the vote of any other Brothers of that Phi entitled to vote in the National Convention, cancel the charter of a Resident Chapter. The National Council may by unanimous vote suspend a Resident Chapter, or take into its keeping the charter of any Resident Chapter at any time and temporarily discharge the functions of such Chapter.

## ARTICLE X.

### Of Graduate Chapters.

Sec. 1. COMPOSITION. A Graduate Chapter is an organization legally formed and holden, comprising all the Graduate Brothers of a Phi and such Resident Brothers as are allowed by the Resident Chapter and the National Council to become members thereof. Graduate Chapters are under the general control of the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

Sec. 2. FORMATION. To form a Graduate Chapter, it is necessary that there be seven Graduate Brothers; that a formal meeting of organization be held, notice of which meeting must be given two weeks prior to all Graduate Brothers of the Phi in good standing; that notice of such organization be filed at once with the National Secretary; and that the Chapter be accorded recognition by a majority vote of the National Council.

Sec. 3. POWERS. Each Graduate Chapter has power to choose its officers, to manage its own finances (subject to the control of the National Convention), to hear and determine matters of difference between its members, and to make by-laws for its own government and support, subject in every case to the Ritual and Constitution of the Fraternity and the reserved powers of the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

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(X) Alpha Chi Rho has made considerable progress in organizing the Graduate Brothers. The provisions of this article were adopted in the main at the Brooklyn Session of 1906

(X 1) Every Graduate Brother must be a member of some Graduate Chapter, if there be a Graduate Chapter of his Phi.

For duties of the Vice-President of the Fraternity, see above, Art. V, Sec. 4.

Sec. 4. OFFICERS. Each Graduate Chapter shall have the following officers, elected annually: President, Resident, and Secretary-Treasurer. The duties of the President and of the Secretary-Treasurer, except where otherwise provided, shall be such as usually pertain to those offices. The Resident shall be chosen from the Graduate Brothers who reside in the vicinity of the Resident Chapter at the time of election, and shall act as the official Graduate advisor to the Resident Chapter; keep the Resident Chapter informed of the principal doings of the Graduate Chapter; and report to the Secretary-Treasurer the names and addresses of Brothers of the Resident Chapter who become Graduate Brothers, and of the principal doings of the Resident Chapter. The three officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. Vacancies in the executive offices or in the office of National Delegate may be filled by vote of the Executive Committee at any time.

Sec. 5. NATIONAL DELEGATES. Every Brother in good standing in the Graduate Chapter shall have the right to vote in the election of the National Delegates in such Chapter; and if there be less than the seven Graduate Brothers requisite to form a Graduate Chapter, such Brothers may vote for National Delegates in the Resident Chapter of their Phi; Article II, Section 7, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 6. MEETINGS. Every Graduate Chapter shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the Executive Committee may decide, notice of which meeting shall be sent to all members of the Chapter at least ten days preceding the time appointed. At the annual meeting the executive officers shall be elected. Meetings other than the annual meeting may be held at the discretion of the Chapter or of the Executive Committee. Proxy voting is allowable at meetings of Graduate Chapters.

Sec. 7. ANNUAL REPORT. The Secretary-Treasurer shall annually prepare a report of the Graduate Chapter, containing a

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(X 4) The work of each Graduate Chapter depends largely upon the Secretary-Treasurer. He should be carefully selected, and retained in office as long as possible.

On special duties of the Secretary-Treasurer and Resident, see Statutes 90-94, 180, 187.

(X 5) How the first part of this provision is to be executed is left to the discretion of each Graduate Chapter.

(X 6) Annual meetings of most Graduate Chapters are held at commencement time.

(X 7) These annual reports were in 1907 the beginning of a system of keeping the Graduate Brothers in touch with the Fraternity, a system of which the various chapter publications edited by the several Secretary-Treasurers are now the center.

list of all the members with their last-given addresses, a general account of the condition of the Fraternity at large and a specific account of the condition of the Phi; and after such report shall have been approved by the Executive Committee, a copy thereof shall be sent to every Graduate Brother of the Chapter.

Sec. 8. RELATION TO RESIDENT CHAPTER. A Graduate Chapter has no superior governmental control over the allied Resident Chapter, but shall offer from time to time such advice as the good of the Fraternity may require.

Sec. 9. SUSPENSION AND DISSOLUTION. A Graduate Chapter may be suspended by the National Convention or by the National Council; and may be dissolved by the National Convention. A Graduate Chapter is liable to suspension or dissolution by contumacy to the authority of the President of the Fraternity, of the National Convention, or of the National Council. No Chapter may resign or voluntarily withdraw from the Fraternity. A Graduate Chapter is not extinguished by the allied Resident Chapter becoming inactive.

## ARTICLE XI.

### Of Clubs.

Sec. 1. COMPOSITION. Brothers may organize clubs for social purposes in towns, cities, districts, or states of the United States, or in foreign countries, but notice of such organization shall be filed with the National Secretary.

Sec. 2. POWERS. Each Club has power to make rules and regulations for its own government and support, provided that such rules and regulations are conformable to this Constitution and the laws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 3. CONTROL. All Clubs are under the general control of the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

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(X 9) "By authority of Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution, the National Council has secured control over Graduate Chapters as is expressly conceded to it over Resident Chapters by Article IX, Section 7, of the Constitution. Therefore, the National Council may discharge temporarily the functions of a Graduate Chapter."—President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 18 March, 1910.

(XI 1) The Graduate Brothers are in general obliged to belong to Graduate Chapters, i. e., to the organizations which are formed on the basis of distribution of Graduates by Phi's; in addition, Graduate Brothers should belong, wherever possible, to Graduate Clubs, i. e., to organizations which are formed on the basis of the geographical distribution of the Brothers.

## ARTICLE XII.

## Of Finance and Property.

Sec. 1. TAXATION OF BROTHERS. Taxes and assessments may be levied by any Resident Chapter on its Resident Brothers or on the Graduate Brothers who assume the obligations of its Resident membership. Taxes and assessments may be levied by any Graduate Chapter on its members.

Sec. 2. REVENUE OF THE FRATERNITY. The National Convention may derive revenue from charter fees, taxes, assessments, fines, or in any manner it may from time to time direct. The National Convention has authority over all expenditures, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 3. CARE OF FUNDS. The National Council has general care, and the National Treasurer immediate care, of the funds of the Fraternity.

Sec. 4. PERMANENT FUND. There shall be a fund designated as the "Permanent Fund," revenue for which shall be provided by the National Convention. The Permanent Fund shall be drawn upon only as follows: (1) In loans to be made on good security at the direction of the National Council to assist Chapters, the amount of such loans, when repaid, being returned to said fund; and (2) The income shall be used as provided by law.

Sec. 5. PROPERTY. All Ritual paraphernalia, official records, and household furnishings of any kind shall be the property of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho. Title to all real estate and Chapter Houses shall be taken and held in such manner as the National Council shall direct. The National Council shall have authority to

(XII 2) See Statutes 140-145, pp. 44-46, below.

(XI 3) See Statutes 150-154, 174, 182, 195.

(XII 4) See Statutes 153, 154, p. 47, below.

The "Permanent Fund" was established at the Philadelphia Session of 1905.

(XII 5) "In the name of a corporation formed to take over real property pursuant to Article XII, Section 5, of the Constitution of the Fraternity, the word 'Association' need not be used, but some other word denoting corporate existence may be used in place thereof in order to meet the requirements of the particular State in which said corporation may be formed"—President of the Fraternity, on question, before National Council, 17 October, 1911.

"It is the intent of our law that at least the majority of the stock of a business corporation formed to acquire or hold real estate or to build or take over a Chapter House shall be held by the National Council, thereby assuring final control of such property to the National Fraternity." President of the Fraternity, on question, 1 September, 1917.

permit the Brothers of any Chapter acquiring real estate and a Chapter House to incorporate, and to permit the title to such real estate and Chapter House to be taken and held, in such case, in the name of such corporation: Provided that such corporation shall be created in the state in which said Chapter is located; that the membership of said corporation shall consist of all Graduate and Resident Brothers of the Phi; that the certificate of incorporation, the by-laws of said corporation, and any amendments to either, shall be approved by the National Council before adoption by said corporation; that the officers of said corporation shall be chosen entirely from the Graduate Brothers of the Phi, and that the name of said corporation shall be (insert Chapter name) Building Association of Alpha Chi Rho; and, provided further, that said corporation shall be subject to this Constitution and the laws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 6. OWNERSHIP OF BADGE. Property right to all Badges is vested in the Fraternity, and the National Council has power to adopt edicts to give full force to this provision.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### Of Amendment.

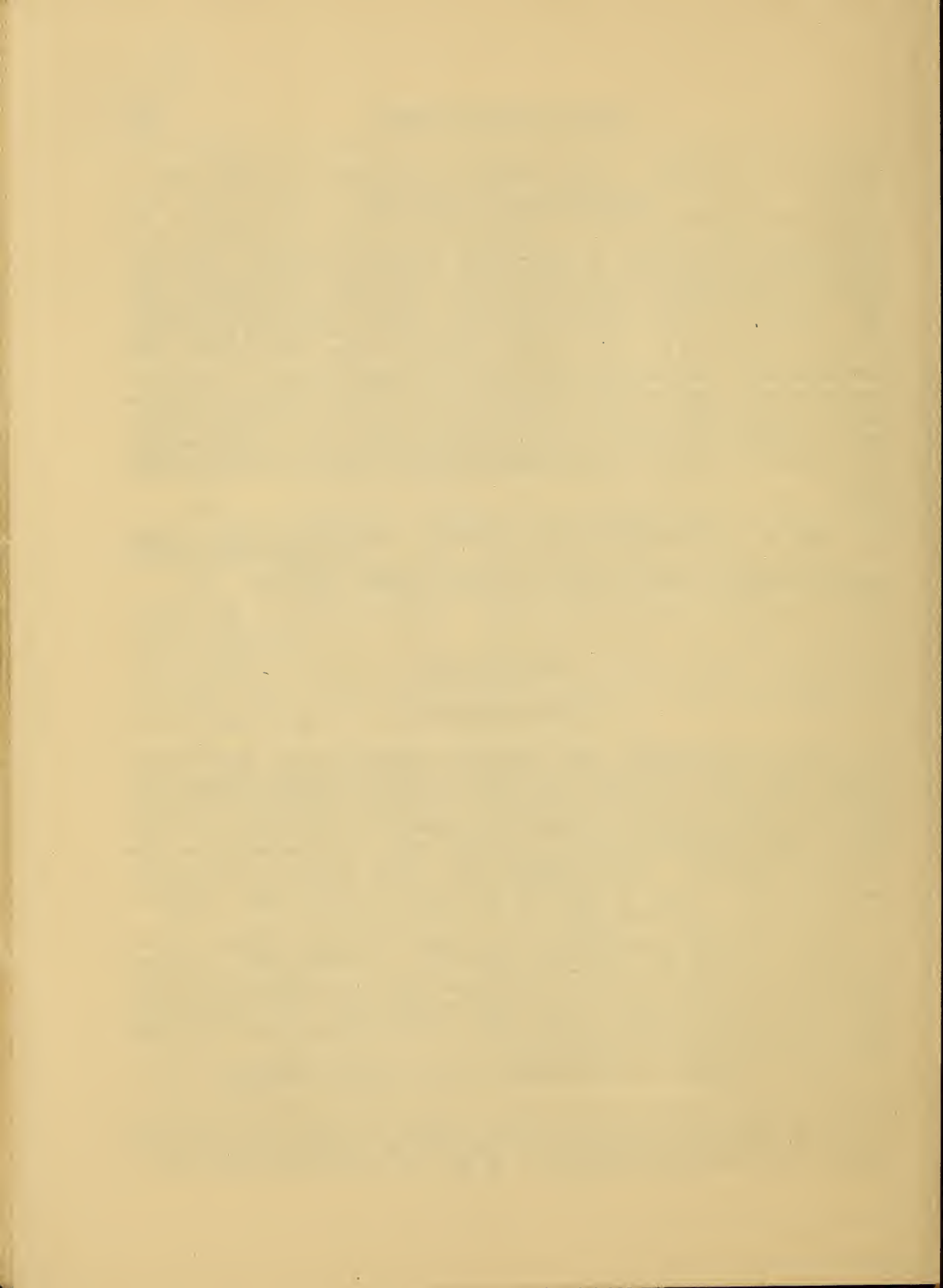
Sec. 1. MANNER. All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be presented in writing to the National Council, together with the reasons why the same should be adopted. If passed by a majority vote of the National Council, the National Secretary shall, immediately thereafter, submit them as presented to the various Chapters. For adoption they shall require three-fourths vote of those voting in each of three-fourths of all the Chapters, both Resident and Graduate.

If any proposed amendment be not approved by a majority in the National Council, its originator shall be so notified, and, upon request of any three Chapters of different Phi's, said proposed amendment shall be presented to all the Chapters, and shall require for adoption a three-fourths vote of those voting thereon in every Resident and Graduate Chapter.

Power to amend the Constitution shall not be delegated.

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(XII 6) The proper Chapter Officer should see that every postulant signs the required "Contract of Bailment" of the Badge immediately before his initiation. See Statute 11, p. 31, and Statutes 163-164, p. 48,



# **The Statutory Code**

## Introductory Note

"The Statutes of the Fraternity are the collected and classified laws and official pronouncements of the Fraternity, of whatever source, of permanent binding force, in harmony and made in accordance with the Ritual and Constitution of the Fraternity. They include Acts, Edicts, and Official Decisions. Acts, or Enactments, are laws passed by the National Convention; Edicts are laws passed by the National Council; Official Decisions are laws by pronouncement. Any law, unless expressly provided otherwise, can be repealed by the authority which passed it or by higher constitutional authority." —President of the Fraternity, from chair, on question, 9 August, 1907.

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# THE STATUTORY CODE

As Revised and Arranged in 1917

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## EMBLEMS AND THEIR USE

Statute 1. SEAL. The Seal of the Fraternity shall be of oval form, bearing a likeness of the Badge with seven stars below it, surrounded by the inscription in Greek, "The Seal of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho." [Act 605; Edict, 16 April, 1904.]

Statute 2. COAT-OF-ARMS. The Coat-of-Arms of the Fraternity shall be: **Arms:** *argent*, a Saltire *gules* debruising a Crook *murrey* between two Torches of the same flamed *proper*; On a canton *azure*, three Crowns two and one *or*; **Crest:** a cubit arm appaume, *proper*, armed *argent*, charged on the cuff with an Estoile of seven points *gules*; **Supporters:** a Sword and Crook in saltire, both *proper*, the Sword pommeled *or*; *Motto* 'ΑΝΔΡΙ'ΖΕΣΘΕ. [Act 706.] \*

Statute 3. COLORS. The colors of the Fraternity are Garnet on White, not White on Garnet. [National Convention Decision, 13 February, 1904; President of the Fraternity, 5 May, 1906.] †

Statute 4. FLAG OR BANNER. The official banner of the Fraternity shall be a square of white, bordered right and left by

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\* The coat-of-arms is regularly on a shield of the familiar Norman type. For the convenience of those who have no training in the technicalities of heraldry, the following explanation of the above is inserted: The surface of the shield bears a red (*gules*) St. Andrew's cross (*saltire*) which is placed over (*debruising*) a brown (*murrey*) crook between two burning torches in the natural tint (*proper*); a small square (*canton*) of blue (*azure*) in the upper right hand corner of the shield bears three golden (*or*) crowns. The crest above the shield consists of an arm cut off at the elbow (*cubit arm*), the hand turned outward (*appaume*) and the cuff bearing a red seven-pointed star. A naturally tinted sword and crook are usually crossed as supporters behind the shield, the hilt of the sword being of gold (*pommel*ed *or*).

† The Fraternity colors, garnet and white, were adopted on the recommendation of a committee composed of Revered Brothers Rouse and Carl G. Ziegler, by regulation of Phi Psi on 21 February, 1896.

Garnet is a dark red bordering on maroon. The use of reds not decidedly garnet is prohibited. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

strips of garnet, together one-half the width of the square; in the centre of the square shall be the ancient and accepted form of the Labarum in garnet, and of sufficient dimensions. [Edicts 27 July, 1907, and 16 May, 1908.]

Statute 5. PLEDGE PIN. The Pledge Pin of the Fraternity shall be a square lapel button of white enamel, bearing the ancient and accepted form of the Labarum in garnet. [Act 803.] \*The use of the Pledge Pin is not compulsory in places where pledge pins are not customary, but where any pledge pin is used it must henceforth be the standard Pledge Pin. [President of the Fraternity, in National Convention, 18 February, 1905.]

Statute 6. SIGN OR BADGE OF RECOGNITION. The Sign of Recognition shall be a lapel button, oval in shape, of a size to be determined by the National Council, and of design as follows: a garnet centre on a white background, the background being represented by a narrow rim of white, of uniform width, around the circumference. [Acts 607, 1207.]

Statute 7. SONGS. The Songs of the Fraternity shall include "Amici" and "Sing Heigh, Sing Ho," and shall be collected from time to time by special committees and published under the direction of the National Council. [Acts 114, 115, 312.]†

Statute 8. FLOWERS. The flowers of the Fraternity shall be carnations of the Fraternity colors. [Act 402.]

Statute 9. CENSORSHIP OF EMBLEMS. The National Council shall be, ex-officio, a committee on insignia, emblems, and stationery, having complete control over, and sole power to regulate, all insignia, emblems, and stationery, and other matters concerning in any way the use and display of the Badge, Coat-of-Arms, Labarum, or any other devices, monograms, etc., in which the Fraternity is represented by written, printed, designed, or engraved symbols of any kind. No stationery, jewelry, or other devices, hereinbefore mentioned or covered, shall be used by the National Fraternity, by any Chapter, or by any individual Brother, unless the design of the same shall have been approved by the National Council. [Act 802.]

Statute 10. AUTHORIZED DEALERS IN EMBLEMS, ETC. The National Secretary shall keep on file a list of firms authorized by the National Council to deal in the insignia, emblems, stationery, and jewelry of the Fraternity. [Act 815.]

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\* Cf. former Acts 209, 609, 707, 708.

† A useful and valuable collection of the Fraternity's Songs was made and published by a special committee, under the direction of the National Council, in 1912.

Statute 11. **ISSUE OF OFFICIAL BADGES.** The official jewelers of the Fraternity shall be directed to issue Badges only by order of the National Secretary, such order to be recommended by the Correspondent of the Chapter affected. [Act 1507.] \

Statute 12. **USE OF DESIGN OF BADGE.** \* The design of the Badge is restricted to the Badge worn by each Brother. It may not be used on other jewelry, on stationery, on shields, steins, pipes, cigarettes, or be engraved or represented in any manner, except that such design may be used on the Fraternity Seal, within the Chapter Hall of a Chapter, and for insertion in Baird's Manual and similar publications. No new cut of the Badge shall henceforth be made. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

The design of the Badge may not be used in college annuals. [President of the Fraternity, from chair, on question, 9 August, 1907.]

The proper position in which to wear the Badge of the Order shall be as nearly as possible identical with that in which it is displayed in all authoritative illustrations or representations of the same, that is, it shall be vertical rather than diagonal. [National Convention Decision, 23 February, 1906.]

Under no circumstances may diamonds be used on the Badge of the Fraternity. [President of the Fraternity, in National Convention, 18 February, 1905, and before National Council, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 13. **USE OF ENSIGN.** The general use of the Ensign, or ancient and accepted form of the Labarum, is hereby authorized. It may be used on jewelry, stationery, or other devices. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 14. **USE OF COAT-OF-ARMS.** The Coat-of-Arms may be engraved on stationery, in college annuals, or represented on shields or other devices. The Crest by itself may be used on stationery. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 15. **USE OF RITUAL FRONTISPIECE.** The design of the frontispiece to the Ritual may be engraved, painted, or drawn for purposes of ornamentation in Chapter Halls or in the rooms of individual Brothers. Its use on stationery or in college annuals is prohibited. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

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\* The Badge was designed by the Revered Founders of the Fraternity. It is one of the most important Ritual emblems and its control is therefore a matter of particular Ritual provision. Consult the Ritual Code and the proper prescripts.

For other regulations concerning the issue of Badges, see Statutes 163-164, p. 48. below.

## PETITIONS AND CHARTER GRANTS\*

Statute 20. FORM OF CHARTER. The National Council shall have power to determine the form of charter. † [Act 608.]

Statute 21. NAMES ON PETITION. The National Council has a right to take away and to add names to the original petition for a charter without consulting the Chapters. [President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 20 February, 1908.]

Statute 22. SIGNATURES ON CHARTER. The National Council as constituted when a charter is finally issued, after the expiration of the time within which Resident Chapters may vote upon the issuance of said charter, shall sign the charter. [President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 21 March, 1908.]

Statute 23. NOMENCLATURE OF RESIDENT CHAPTERS. Every Resident Chapter shall be named by the National Council with two Greek letters, the first of which shall be Phi. ‡ [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 24. NOMENCLATURE OF GRADUATE CHAPTERS. Every Graduate Chapter shall be known by the name of the allied Resident Chapter. [Act 806.]

## CARE OF THE RITUAL

Statute 30. GENERAL CARE OF RITUAL BOOK. The National Secretary shall keep a record in a separate book of the full number of copies printed in the 1905 edition of the Ritual, and of the location of each copy thereof; and he shall keep this book posted to date, and insert therein receipts for each copy of the Ritual sent

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\* See constitutional provisions affecting the grant of petitions for new Chapter, p. 19, above.

† Cf. former Acts 103, 304, 311, 503. Forms of charter have been adopted by Rule of Phi Psi, 25 March, 1896; Act 311; and Edict, 16 April, 1904. The following official decision is of local importance: "The restriction in the charter of Phi Phi Chapter limiting the number of Brothers to be initiated in any one year from the Schools of Law and Medicine to two from each School has been waived by the granting of subsequent charters to Chapters situated at other universities without including any such restriction."—President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 27 September, 1908.

‡ It is interesting to note that the first five Chapters, which were chartered by Phi Psi, were named with the last letters of the Greek Alphabet, and that Chapters chartered by the National Council have been named with the first letters of the alphabet.

out, such receipts to be signed by the proper officer at the time of receiving said copy. [Act 701.]

Statute 31. RIGHT TO HOLD COPIES OF RITUAL. Each Resident Chapter shall be entitled to hold one copy of the Ritual, the President of the Fraternity to one copy during his term of office, the National Secretary to one copy during his term of office, and the Instituting Officer of a new Chapter to two copies, to be returned to the National Secretary and by him to the strong-box of the Fraternity within three weeks after the date of the institution of said Chapter. No copies of the Ritual shall be held by any other person whatsoever save the National Secretary as elsewhere prescribed. [Acts 701, 1502; Edict, 31 July, 1908.]

Statute 32. TRANSMISSION OF RITUAL. All copies of the Ritual when sent by mail to or from any Chapter, or to or from the Fraternity binder, or elsewhere as permitted, shall be registered. [Act 701.]

Statute 33. STORAGE OF RITUAL. A safety vault shall be rented by the National Council for the purpose of storing all remaining copies of the Ritual, the keys to which shall be held by the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary or by deputy of either. In this box shall be placed no personal papers or property of any kind, but only the Rituals and such other property of the Fraternity as is strictly esoteric in nature. This box shall not be opened except jointly by the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary, or their deputies. This box shall be held in the corporate name of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, and the cost of its rental shall be paid during each year, as a fixed charge, by the National Treasurer. [Act 701.]

Statute 34. CARE OF RITUAL BY CHAPTERS. Each Resident Chapter shall keep its copy of the Ritual under lock and key in its Chapter Hall, or, if it have no Chapter Hall for the time, in a locked receptacle containing only papers of the Chapter. The key of such place shall be held by the proper Ritual Officer, who shall be responsible therefor. The Ritual shall not be taken from the chapter house, except it be for a council held elsewhere, or for return to the National Secretary [Act 701], or if, during college vacation, it be deemed safer elsewhere by the proper Ritual Officer. [President of the Fraternity, from chair, on question, 9 August, 1907.]

Statute 35. PROHIBITION ON COPYING RITUAL. No copy of the Ritual, or of any portion thereof, shall be made by any Brother at any time for any purpose. [Act 701.] No Brother or Brothers shall for any purpose whatsoever make any written quota-

tions from the esoteric portions of the Ritual or any written explanations or abridgements of the same. [Act 901.] \*

### PLEDGING AND INITIATION

Statute 40. NOTIFICATION OF PLEDGING. The Chapter Correspondent of each Resident Chapter shall notify every other Resident Chapter of the Fraternity, by mail, immediately after a candidate for admission has been pledged at the first-mentioned Chapter and before the initiation of such person, giving his name, home address, and probable date of initiation. [Act 1201.] †

The National Council shall devise and adopt for general use in all Resident Chapters a uniform card for the purpose of announcing all postulants. [Act 1506.]

Statute 41. PROHIBITION ON HAZING.‡ No hazing or mock ceremony shall be associated with the formal initiation of postulants of the Fraternity, either before, after, or at the time of said initiation. [Act 809.]

Statute 42. EXCLUSION OF NEGROES. All persons of African descent shall be excluded from membership in the Fraternity. [Act 1101.]

### MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Statute 50. FORM OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE. The National Council is authorized to draw up, adopt, and issue a form of membership certificate for use in the Fraternity. [Acts 101, 606, 709.] \*\*

Statute 51. RULES GOVERNING ISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES. (1) Membership Certificates shall be issued by the National Secretary to each new member free of charge on receipt of his registration notice and of the statement that he has

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\* Act 901 is binding subject to the reserved Ritual rights of the President of the Fraternity, who in matters of Ritual holds his trust from the Fraternity rather than from the National Convention, and is, therefore, in Ritual matters superior to the National Convention. [President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 28 March, 1907.]

† For the method of electing candidates and pledging postulants, see Constitution, Art. II, Sections 1-3, pp. 5-6, above.

‡ The Ritual expressly vests control of hazing and mock ceremonies in the National Convention.

\*\* The form now in use was adopted by the National Council by Edict, 16 April, 1904. Cf. Rule of Phi Psi, 22 November, 1895.

satisfactorily passed the postulants' examination. (2) Blank duplicates shall be issued for twenty-five cents each. (3) Certificates shall be issued to Graduate Brothers for twenty-five cents each. [Edicts, 28 March, 1907, and 26 July, 1907.]\*

## INSTRUCTION IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE FRATERNITY

Statute 60. POWERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OVER INSTRUCTION. † The National Council is authorized to adopt text books and make rules for the instruction and education of postulants and Brothers in the principles and practices of the Fraternity. [Act 804.]

Statute 61. EXAMINATION OF POSTULANTS. The National Secretary shall prepare annually uniform examination papers based upon the information contained in the "Exoteric Manual for the Instruction of Postulants"‡; and after these papers shall have been approved by the National Council, he shall send copies of the same to the proper Ritual Officers of the several Chapters, who shall conduct thereon a written examination of each postulant shortly before his initiation. The answers submitted by the postulant shall be marked by the proper chapter Ritual Officer, and a grade of at least 75 per cent must be attained by the postulant before his initiation. All papers receiving a satisfactory grade shall be forwarded immediately to the National Secretary, who shall have charge of reviewing and power to regrade the same. No initiate shall be entitled to receive his membership certificate or to hold office in his Chapter until such review shall have been made and his papers found satisfactory. [Edict, 26 July, 1907; Act 1504.]

Statute 62. EXAMINATION OF INITIATES. Every initiate shall be required to pass a thorough oral examination on the "Esoteric Manual."\*\* Esoteric Manuals shall be sent by the National Secretary to the proper chapter Ritual Officer, who shall hold

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\* Cf. former Edicts, 16 April, 1904, and 25 March, 1905.

† See general provisions concerning this matter in Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 3, and Art. IV, Sec. 3, together with the footnotes thereto.

‡ The first manual of instruction was set forth by Revered Brother Paul Ziegler on 1 January, 1895; upon it subsequent manuals have been based. The present "Exoteric Manual for the Instruction of Postulants" was reported to the National Council on 17 June, 1907. Cf. former Acts 112, 116, 502, 601.

\*\* The present "Esoteric Manual" was approved and promulgated by the National Council on 20 February, 1908.

such an oral examination for each initiate singly as soon after each initiation as the initiate, in his judgment, shall have had time to study the Ritual and Constitution. The proper chapter Ritual Officer shall report promptly to the National Secretary the name of the initiate, date of such examination, and grade attained by the initiate. No initiate shall be eligible to office until he shall have passed such examination. The Esoteric Manuals shall be held permanently only by the National Secretary and the proper chapter Ritual Officer. [Edicts, 26 July, 1907, and 20 February, 1908; Act 1504.]

**Statute 63. EXAMINATION OF RESIDENT CHAPTER OFFICERS.** The outgoing chief executive and ritual officers in each Resident Chapter are hereby constituted deputies of the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary to instruct the newly elected Ritual Officers in the discharge of the Ritual and conduct of the Chapter, and they shall hold rehearsals of the Ritual and thorough examinations on the memorizing and conduct of the Ritual within six weeks of the election and installation of officers and report the results of these examinations without delay to the National Secretary. [Acts 1407, 1504.]

**Statute 64. OTHER EXAMINATIONS.** The National Secretary shall have power, with the advice and consent of the National Council, to make such further provisions and regulations from time to time for the instruction and examination of postulants and Brothers as he may think advantageous or expedient. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP IN RESIDENT CHAPTERS**

**Statute 70. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.** Every Resident Chapter shall have an Executive Committee of five members comprising the chief Executive Officer, the chief Financial Officer, and the Steward (where such office exists), and, wherever possible, a Resident Graduate, appointed annually by the chief Executive Officer.

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly every week throughout the academic year. It shall be the duty of the Committee to act as an advisory council to the chief Executive Officer, to enforce the by-laws and house rules, to appoint the Steward (where such office exists), and to have general oversight of the Chapter's finances.



At or before the first council in May, the Committee shall present to the Chapter for its approval an itemized budget for the year beginning the following July first. When the budget shall have been accepted and approved by the Chapter, it shall be submitted without delay to the Directors of the Building corporation (if there be such). Within the limits of a budget so approved the Committee shall have power to authorize all expenditures of Chapter moneys and outside of which the Committee shall have power to authorize such expenses, and those only, as are approved by the Directors of the Building Corporation (if there be such), or by the Chapter (if there be no Building Corporation). The Chapter shall not incur any financial obligations or appropriate any money without the approval of the Executive Committee.

In case any disagreement arises between a Chapter or Executive Committee on one hand and the Directors of a Building Corporation on the other, the final decision shall rest with the Directors, subject to the reserved rights of the National Council.

A copy of every approved budget and of every alteration therein shall be filed with the National Secretary. [Act 1505.]

Statute 71. RESIDENT CHAPTER RECORDS AND REPORTS. Every Resident Chapter shall keep such records and make such reports as the National Secretary, with the approval and consent of the National Council, may from time to time direct. [Act 805.]

Statute 72. RESIDENT CHAPTER BOOKKEEPING. Each Resident Chapter shall introduce and use according to directions the Chapter Accounting System as published by the Broun-Green Company of New York City. [Edict, 19 February, 1915.]

Statute 73. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IN RESIDENT CHAPTERS. Each Resident Chapter shall have a Scholarship Committee of three members, appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, one of whom shall be, if possible, a faculty member, and the others shall be graduate students or upperclassmen. It shall be the duty of the Scholarship Committee of each Resident Chapter to investigate monthly the academic standing of every Resident Brother and to report in writing regularly to the National Secretary. The National Council shall have power to make such regulations as it may deem expedient to give full effect to this statute. [Acts 1202, 1701.]

Statute 74. THE GRADUATES' CUP FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND EFFICIENCY. The Cup presented to the Fraternity by voluntary subscriptions of various Graduate Brothers and Graduate Chapters for the promotion of scholarship and efficiency in the

Resident Chapters, shall be known as 'The Graduates' Cup for Scholarship and Efficiency and shall be awarded at each regular session of the National Convention for one year to that Resident Chapter which, during the preceding academic year, shall have maintained, in the opinion of the Committee on Award, the highest standing of any Chapter of the Fraternity in respect of the scholarship of the several Brothers and the efficiency of the Chapter organization. The Committee on Award of the Graduates' Cup shall consist of the National Secretary and two Graduate Brothers (one of whom shall act as chairman) appointed by the President of the Fraternity. The award shall be made on a basis of credits as determined in detail by the Special Committee on Raising Funds for the Graduates' Cup and modified from time to time, as occasion warrants, by the National Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Award, but be it provided that of all such credits, half shall be assigned to the scholarship of the Brothers, one-fourth to the extra-curricular activities of the Brothers and the manner in which the Chapter serves its college or university, and one-fourth to the efficiency with which the Chapter conducts its affairs both within itself and in its relation to the National Fraternity. [Edict, 31 July, 1917.]

### MOURNING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Statute 80. MOURNING. On the death of a Revered Founder or a National Officer, the official notice to all the Brothers of the Fraternity shall be promulgated in the next following issue of The Garnet and White, and the Brothers and Chapters on receipt of such notice shall go immediately into mourning as prescribed in the Ritual Code, Article VI, Section 3.

On the death of a Brother in Ordinary, the official notice aforesaid shall be promulgated in the next following issue of The Labarum, and such notice shall be effective on both the Chapters and individual Brothers for one week following May twenty-second of each year.

Each Chapter may communicate, through its Chapter Correspondent, official notice to its own members of the death of one of its own Brothers, and the Chapter may, if so stated in the notice, upon receipt of such notice, go immediately into the two weeks' mourning required by the Ritual Code. Such action by the Chapter shall not dispense it from the observance of the yearly Memorial Week, beginning May twenty-second, the anniversary of the death of Constantine. [Act 1304.]

Statute 81. MEMORIAL SERVICE. A Memorial Service shall be observed by every Resident Chapter at the regular council nearest May twenty-second of each year in memory of those Brothers who have died during the previous year. \* [Act 1409.]

### SPECIAL DUTIES OF GRADUATE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Statute 90. SOLICITING OF INFORMATION BY SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Secretary-Treasurer of each Graduate Chapter shall send to each Brother of the Chapter five times a year a return postal card, calling for changes of address and for news for The Garnet and White. These cards shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer not later than February 1, April 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1, of each year and shall call for an immediate reply. [Act 1205.]

Statute 91. SPECIAL LETTERS AND VISITS OF SECRETARY-TREASURER. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of each Graduate Chapter to send two letters to each Brother of the Chapter not in good standing, or, in case the said Brother lives within reasonable distance, to visit him personally or by deputy, urging upon him the claims of the Fraternity, before November first of each year. [Act 1104.]

Statute 92. REPORTS OF SECRETARY-TREASURER TO VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FRATERNITY AND TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY. The Secretary-Treasurer of each Graduate Chapter shall make a full and complete report of the condition of his Chapter twice annually to the Vice-President of the Fraternity, said reports to be made on the first days of January and July. The report to be made on the first day of January of each year shall be made in duplicate and one copy thereof shall be sent to the National Secretary. [Act 1901.]

Statute 93. REPORTS OF RESIDENTS OF GRADUATE CHAPTERS. The Resident of each Graduate Chapter shall report to the Secretary-Treasurer of his Chapter all letters written by him and visits made to the Resident Chapter and the Resident Brothers; and this report shall be embodied in one of the annual reports of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Graduate Chapter. [Act 904.]

Statute 94. GRADUATE CHAPTER RECORDS AND REPORTS. Every Graduate Chapter shall keep such records and make such

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\* For the form of the Memorial Service, consult the appropriate Pre-script in the Ritual.

special reports as the National Secretary, with the approval and consent of the National Council, may from time to time direct. [Act 805.]

### INTER-FRATERNITY RELATIONS

Statute 100. THE NATIONAL INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE. Alpha Chi Rho shall adhere to the National Inter-Fraternity Conference, and delegates to its meetings shall be appointed by the National Council in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Conference. [Act 1306.] The annual dues to the Inter-Fraternity Conference shall be a fixed charge in the budget of the Fraternity. [Edict, 11 January, 1911.]

Statute 101. THE PAN-HELLENIC FRATERNITY LIBRARY. The National Secretary shall represent Alpha Chi Rho in the affairs of the Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Library Collection of the New York Public Library; and the National Editor and the Publication Manager are authorized to bind and set aside for this purpose a set of The Garnet and White from the beginning of the second volume to date, and to bind and furnish subsequent volumes as printed, in order to keep the file complete to date. [Act 905.]

Statute 102. LOCAL INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCES. Alpha Chi Rho urges its Resident Chapters to co-operate with other fraternities in the formation and maintenance of local inter-fraternity or Pan-Hellenic conferences. [Act 1604.]

Statute 103. PREPARATORY SCHOOL FRATERNITIES. Alpha Chi Rho expresses its disapproval of secret fraternities in high schools, preparatory schools, or other institutions preparatory to college entrance, and asks the cooperation of other college fraternities, of educational authorities, and of parents, in discouraging the existence of such societies. [Act 1605.]

Statute 104. PROHIBITION ON MEMBERSHIP IN ACACIA AND THETA NU EPSILON. Membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and likewise membership in Acacia is expressly forbidden to Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho. [Edict, 27 July, 1907.]

Statute 105. RESTRICTION ON MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES. A Brother may not join a professional fraternity without obtaining the permission of the National Council. [Act 913.]

Statute 106. RULES GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES. (1) A Brother, to obtain permission

to join any professional fraternity, must be in good standing in Alpha Chi Rho, and out of debt to his Chapter. (2) Request for permission to join a professional fraternity must be sent to the National Secretary, who shall refer the same at once to the members of the National Council for consideration. Permission shall be granted on unanimous approval of all replies received by the National Secretary within one week thereafter. (3) Every permission granted shall be accompanied by admonition to the Brother concerned of his prior duties to Alpha Chi Rho. (4) No Brother shall be permitted to join a professional fraternity which is not of good repute. [Edict, 28 March, 1907.]

### ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Statute 110. NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS. The National Secretary shall prepare a form of credential for the use of the Chapters in accrediting National Delegates to the National Convention, and such form, together with the receipt of the National Treasurer showing that the Chapter's dues have been paid, shall constitute the complete credentials of said National Delegates.\* [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 111. CHAPTERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING. No Chapter in arrears for dues, fees, assessments, or fines to the National Treasury or to The Garnet and White, shall be entitled to representation in the National Convention. [Acts 810, 907; Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 112. COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS. The National Council shall act as a committee on credentials and report as such through the National Secretary at the beginning of each session of the National Convention. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.] †

Statute 113. PRESENTATION OF MEASURES IN NATIONAL CONVENTION. All motions, resolutions, and reports intended for the consideration of the National Convention shall be submitted in writing and signed by the Brother by whom submitted, and shall be sent to the desk of the National Secretary and read twice before action may be taken thereon. [Act 801.]

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\* See Constitution, Art. VII, Sections 2 and 5, and especially the footnotes to the latter.

† This has been customary since the Hartford Session of 1903.

Statute 114. FORM OF ENACTMENT. Every motion which is intended to become a permanent law of the Fraternity, shall begin with the words, "Be it enacted by the National Convention in —th regular session assembled that—" [Act 801.]

Statute 115. FORM OF RESOLUTION. Every resolution shall begin with the words, "Be it resolved by the National Convention in —th regular session assembled that—" [Act 801.]

Statute 116. FORM OF RITUAL AMENDMENT. Every proposed amendment to the Ritual of the Fraternity shall begin with the words: "Be it enacted by the National Convention in regular annual session assembled, by the National Council, and by the Brothers in Chapter, Resident and Graduate, that—" [Edict, 20 November, 1910.]

Statute 117. FORM OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Every proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Fraternity shall begin with the words: "Be it enacted by the Brothers in Chapter, Resident and Graduate, and by the National Council, that—" [Edict, 29 January, 1910.]

Statute 118. FORM OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DECISION. Every legal interpretation or decision of the National Convention shall begin with the words, "The National Convention of the Fraternity in —th regular session assembled hereby defines and decrees that—" [Act 801.]

Statute 119. FORM OF OTHER MOTIONS. All motions of the National Convention not included under special headings as Enactments, Resolutions, Amendments, or Decisions, shall be entered by the National Secretary in the record simply as motions. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 120. GENERAL FORM OF LAWS. Each provision of every law shall be drawn in a distinct paragraph. [Act 801.]

Statute 121. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS. Two copies of the reports of officers and standing committees of the Fraternity, except the reports of the National Treasurer and the Publication Manager, shall be delivered to the National Secretary one week before the opening of each regular session of the National Convention.\* [Act 1305.]

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\* See Statute 191, p. 52, below.

Statute 122. THE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE CUP. The Convention Attendance Cup, presented to the Fraternity by the New York Session Committee of 1915, shall be awarded for one year to the Phi which has the largest attendance of its Brothers at the regular session of the National Convention, such attendance being reckoned from the official register of the Convention Committee, and Phi's entertaining the Convention or situated in the locality or metropolitan area in which the Convention is held not being reckoned in the competition. The Resident Chapter of the Phi to which the Convention Attendance Cup is awarded shall hold the Cup for the year. In case of tie, the Resident Chapters of the Phi's to which the Cup is awarded shall hold it for equal parts of the year in succession, the younger Chapter holding it first and the older Chapter last.\* [Edict, 31 July, 1917.]

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS†

Statute 130. BUSINESS FORMS. The National Secretary shall prepare from time to time, with the consent and approval of the National Council, such forms as may be thought useful for the expedition of business, and shall keep the same on file. Such collection shall be known as the Formulary of the Fraternity. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 131. EXPENSES AND HONORARIUM OF NATIONAL SECRETARY. The travelling expenses of the National Secretary on the occasion of his official visits to the several Chapters shall be paid from the National Treasury and his entertainment shall be provided by the Chapter visited. The National Secretary shall receive such honorarium and such financial assistance for stenographical service as the National Convention may from time to time direct. [Act 1503.]

Statute 132. FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL TREASURER. All income of the Fraternity shall pass through the office of the National Treasurer and be accounted for by him; he shall keep a separate account for each fund in his possession; he shall make payments upon orders being legally drawn for the same. [Act 813.]

Statute 133. BONDING THE NATIONAL TREASURER. The National Treasurer shall annually furnish a bond of twenty-five

\* This cup has been awarded: 1915, Phi Phi; 1916, Phi Omega; 1917, Phi Chi and Phi Phi.

† For the general duties and powers of the National Officers, consult Constitution, Articles III-V, pp. 8-13, above.

hundred dollars, satisfactory to the National Council, for the faithful performance of his duties and the proper accounting for the funds of the Fraternity in his hands. [Edicts, 21 March, 1908, and 1 June, 1917.]

Statute 134. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS. The National Treasurer shall deposit the funds of the Fraternity to his account as National Treasurer, in a bank or other depository selected by himself, subject to the approval of the National Council. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 135. BILLS TO BE RENDERED. The National Treasurer shall send to each Chapter, Resident and Graduate, on or before the first day of February a statement showing the indebtedness, as of the first day of January, of the said Chapter to the National Treasury. Each Chapter shall pay all such indebtedness on or before the fifteenth day of February, under penalty of a fine of ten dollars. Such fine, together with all arrears, must be paid before the National Delegates elected by a delinquent Chapter may be seated in the National Convention. [Act 1803.]

#### NATIONAL TAXES\*

Statute 140. REGISTRATION FEE. Each Resident Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury, as registration fee, five dollars for each initiate. [Act 1801.]

Statute 141. TAX ON RESIDENT CHAPTERS. Each Resident Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury, as tax, two dollars annually for each Resident Brother reported in good standing, the minimum tax being thirty dollars. [Act 1403.]

Statute 142. TAX ON GRADUATE CHAPTERS. Each Graduate Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury, as tax, one dollar annually for each Graduate Brother who has paid dues to the said Chapter during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December next preceding, and one dollar annually for each of its other Graduate Brothers except those to whom at least four bills for dues have been sent during the said year, the minimum tax for a Graduate Chapter being fifty cents for each Brother thereof and in no event less than the sum of fifteen dollars. [Act 1903.]

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\* For former Tax enactments, see Acts 208, 501, 602, 704, 810, 908, 909, 1006, 1404, 1802. Statutes 140-145 were enacted under authority of the Constitution, Art. XII, Sec. 2.



Statute 143. CHARTER FEE. Each new Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury, as charter fee, such amount as the National Council may determine, but be it provided that in no case shall the charter fee as such exceed twenty-five dollars.\* [Acts 202, 705.] The stated maximum amount of the charter fee is exclusive of the actual costs and expenses of institution. [President of the Fraternity, from chair, 25 May, 1907.]

Statute 144. FINES. (1) Each Resident Chapter whose bi-monthly report (except the one due next before the regular session of the National Convention) or whose letter to The Garnet and White is one week or more late shall pay a fine to the National Treasury of one dollar for each week that it is late. Each Resident or Graduate Chapter whose report due next before the regular session of the National Convention is one week or more late shall pay a fine to the National Treasury of two dollars for each week that it is late. [Act 1003.] All fines hereby imposed shall accumulate until the bi-monthly report or the letter to The Garnet and White next after the report or letter, for the lateness of which the fine is levied, shall become due. [President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 29 January, 1910.]

(2) If a Resident Chapter initiates a postulant without examination as provided in Statute 61, it shall be fined five dollars for each offense, and fifty cents for each month's delay in sending the answer book to the National Secretary. If a Resident Chapter fails to examine each initiate as provided in Statute 62, or to report the result of the same to the National Secretary within two months after initiation, it shall be fined fifty cents for each offense, and fifty cents for each additional month's delay. [Act 1002.]

(3) Each Graduate Chapter shall be fined the sum of one dollar for each failure or delay in forwarding the news letters, due on or before the fifteenth day of February, April, August, October, and December, to the Graduate Editor of The Garnet and White. [Act 1103.]

(4) The National Treasurer and the Publication Manager shall severally send to each Chapter, Resident and Graduate, on or before the first day of February a statement showing the indebtedness, as of the first day of January, of the said Chapter to the National Treasury and to The Garnet and White respectively. Each Chapter shall pay all such indebtedness on or before the fifteenth day of February, under penalty of a fine, in either case, of ten dollars.

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\* The charter fee was originally fixed by Regulation of Phi Psi, 8 April, 1896.

Such fine, together with all arrears, must be paid before the National Delegates elected by a delinquent Chapter may be seated in the National Convention. [Act 1803.]

(5) All fines for late reports, late letters, failure to hold examinations, or other fines prescribed by the laws of the Fraternity, shall be certified by the officer imposing the fine to the National Treasurer within one month after said fine is imposed. Failure to do so shall render the officer in question responsible for the payment of the fine in case said fine is protested by the Chapter concerned. [Act 1303.]

(6) The National Treasurer shall on receipt of notice of fines, as provided in section five of this Statute, communicate to the delinquent officer, to the Chapter Correspondent, and to the National Secretary, notice of such fine, keeping a record thereof himself, and all appeals or protests by the Chapter regarding any fine, to be effective, must be made within thirty days after the receipt of such notice, academic vacations excepted. [Act 1303.]

Statute 145. BASIS OF COMPUTATION OF OBLIGATIONS. The basis of computation of the obligations of the Chapters in matters of taxation shall be the official records of the National Secretary on the first day of January of each year. [Act 1102.] The fiscal year of the National Treasurer shall be dated from the fifteenth day of February to the fourteenth day of February inclusive. [Edict, 22 February, 1915.]

## NATIONAL FUNDS

Statute 150. THE PERMANENT FUND. \* The sum of seventy-five dollars shall be added annually from the General Fund to the Permanent Fund of the Fraternity, and provision therefor shall be made in the National Budget each year. In addition thereto, one-half of the actual surplus in the General Fund of the Fraternity at the close of every fiscal year shall be immediately transferred to the Permanent Fund, provided that such surplus shall never fall lower than five hundred dollars. [Act 1902.]

Statute 151. THE GARNET AND WHITE SUBSIDY. The sum of seventy-five dollars shall be paid annually from the General Fund of the Fraternity, held by the National Treasury, to The Garnet and White Fund, held by the Publication Manager.† [Act 1405.]

\* On the Permanent Fund, see Constitution, Art. XII, Sec. 4, and footnote, p. 24. For former legislation on the subject, see Acts 703, 810, 813, 1405.

† See Statute 174, p. 49, below.

Statute 152. THE GENERAL FUND. All income of the Fraternity, unless otherwise provided\*, shall go into the General Fund. The interest on the Permanent Fund may be applied by the National Council, at its discretion, to the General or the Permanent Fund. [Act 703; Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 153. LOANS FROM THE PERMANENT FUND. Chapters desiring loans from the Permanent Fund for building purposes shall make formal application to the National Council, and the National Council, after consideration of the requirements of the Chapters making application and of the money actually in hand in the Permanent Fund, shall be authorized at its discretion to make loans, subject, however, to the following restrictions: (1) A special reserve of twenty-five per cent of the entire Permanent Fund shall be kept intact by the National Council for only the most pressing exigencies; (2) The total sum loaned to any one Chapter shall not exceed sixty per cent of the total amount of the Permanent Fund after the before-mentioned twenty-five per cent has been deducted; (3) No loan shall be made for a period of time exceeding two years unless specifically renewed by formal action of the National Council. [Act 1509.]

Statute 154. TRUSTEE OF PERMANENT FUND. The National Council shall appoint a Brother to act as Trustee of the Permanent Fund and to hold office until his successor is appointed. All moneys now in the Permanent Fund, together with all accruals to such moneys, shall be paid over by the National Treasurer to the Trustee of the Permanent Fund to be administered under the direction of the National Council in accordance with the laws of the Fraternity governing this Fund. The Trustee of the Permanent Fund shall make a semi-annual report of the condition of this Fund as of July first and January first of each year to the National Council. [Edict, 31 July, 1917.]

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING PROPERTY†

Statute 160. MORTGAGE AND SALE OF PROPERTY. No Chapter shall incur or dispose of any personal property (without replacing the same), or incur or dispose of any real estate, without the written authorization of the National Council. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

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\* For the "Address Book Fund," see Statute 195, p. 53, below. For The Garnet and White Life Subscription Fund, see Statute 182, p. 50, below.

† Statutes 160-163 were made under authority of the Constitution, Art. XII, Sec. 5, and Art. VIII, Sec. 4.

Statute 161. **TITLE RIGHT TO PROPERTY.** Every corporation trustee or chapter officer or other person who holds property for chapter house or other Fraternity purposes shall execute to the National Council as trustees of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, a body corporate, such legal instrument as the National Council may provide, to protect the interests of the Fraternity in such property. cil. [Edict, 31 July, 1917.]

Statute 162. **OWNERSHIP OF STOCK.** At least the majority of the stock of a business corporation formed to acquire or hold real estate or to build or take over a Chapter House shall be held by the National Council, thereby assuring final control of such property to the National Fraternity. [President of the Fraternity, on question, 1 September, 1917.]

Statute 163. **DISPOSAL OF BADGES OF EXPELLED MEMBERS.** The money received from the sale of the Badge of an expelled member shall be turned over to the Phi from which the member has been expelled. [Edict, 8 June, 1909.]

Statute 164. **RE-ISSUE OF BADGES.** Badges of the Fraternity, having been turned in to the National Secretary after the death of the wearer, as provided by law, may be re-issued upon request and with the consent of the President of the Fraternity to another member of the Fraternity, being also a blood relative of the deceased, without charge. But in every such case a new Contract of Bailment must be signed by the Brother to whom the Badge is re-issued; and in no case whatsoever may a Badge of Alpha Chi Rho be alienated from the ownership of the National Fraternity. [President of Fraternity, on question, 31 March, 1917.]

### PUBLICATIONS

Statute 170. **RESTRICTION ON PUBLICATIONS.** No Fraternity publication, except chapter periodicals, shall be undertaken by any Brother or Brothers for any purpose whatsoever without the express consent and approval of the National Council. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 171. **THE GARNET AND WHITE\*** The Garnet and White shall be the official exoteric organ of the Fraternity. [Act

\* See Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 6, and especially footnote, p. 12, above. There has been considerable legislation on The Garnet and White: Cf. Acts 106, 107, 108, 121, 122, 206, 309, 313, 807, 808, 811, 905, 906, 907, 909, 1003, 1103, 1303, 1803; Edicts, 16 April, 1904; 5 May, 1906; 28 March, 1907; 26 July, 1907, 27 March, 1909.

106.] It shall be issued five times during the college year by the National Editor and the Publication Manager. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 172. FUNCTIONS OF THE GARNET AND WHITE. The functions of The Garnet and White are to preserve from time to time and present the current items in the exoteric history of the Fraternity; to keep the Brothers of the Order correctly posted as to important movements, methods, and lessons of experience in other fraternities, having a bearing upon current problems in Alpha Chi Rho; to act as a medium for official announcements of the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council; to promote enthusiasm by interesting the Brothers in different forms of fraternal activity and work; and to represent the Landmarks and ideals of the Brotherhood clearly and constantly to its own Brothers and to the outer world. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 173. CHAPTER FILES OF THE GARNET AND WHITE. Each Resident Chapter shall acquire by purchase or otherwise a complete file of The Garnet and White from the date of its institution, and shall maintain the same bound, adding subsequent volumes to it from time to time. [Edict, 27 March, 1909.]

Statute 174. THE GARNET AND WHITE FUND. The Garnet and White shall be maintained by The Garnet and White Fund, which shall consist of receipts from subscriptions, advertisements, and other authorized sources. It shall be held and administered, subject to the general control of the National Council, by the Publication Manager. \* [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 175. RESTRICTION ON BORROWING. No sum or sums shall be borrowed by the Publication Manager from any person or persons except the National Council, the National Editor, or the Publication Manager. [Act 808.] No formal loans shall be contracted or notes issued by the Publication Manager without the express consent and approval of the National Council. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 176. SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF THE GARNET AND WHITE. The subscription price of The Garnet and White shall be one dollar a year, payable in advance [Act 313]; single copies, twenty-five cents each. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 177. BACK NUMBERS. The Publication Manager shall not dispose of any numbers of Volumes I-IV of The Garnet and White without express permission of the National Council on

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\* See Statute 151, p. 46, above, and Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 6.

his own recommendation. The Publication Manager may, at his discretion, dispose of numbers of the later volumes at the price of twenty-five cents per copy, except that he shall supply said back numbers free when it can be shown that through the fault of the Publication Manager they were not received by the subscribers. [Edict, 5 May, 1906.]

Statute 178. SUBSCRIPTION OF RESIDENT BROTHERS. Each Resident Chapter shall be held responsible for the subscription of all its Resident Brothers to The Garnet and White, and accordingly there shall be forwarded to the Publication Manager one dollar for each Brother initiated, immediately after his initiation, to cover his subscription for one year, and one dollar for the renewal of the subscription of each Resident Brother whenever it expires. [Act 907.]

Statute 179. CONTINUED RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENT CHAPTER. In case a member of a Resident Chapter is not subscribing to The Garnet and White at the time he becomes a member of a Graduate Chapter, the Resident Chapter is not thereby released from its obligation as set forth in Statute 178. [Act 907.]

Statute 180. SUBSCRIPTION OF GRADUATE BROTHERS. Each Graduate Chapter shall be held responsible for the subscription of one-third of its members to The Garnet and White, and its Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to aid the Publication Manager in the collection of the requisite number of subscriptions. [Act 907.]

Statute 181. DIRECT SUBSCRIPTIONS. A subscription paid directly by a Brother to the Publication Manager shall be credited to the account of the Chapter of which the Brother is a member. [Act 907.]

Statute 182. LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS. Life subscriptions to The Garnet and White shall be issued for fifteen dollars, or for three consecutive annual payments of six dollars each. The Publication Manager and the National Treasurer shall issue receipts, in such form as the National Council shall approve, for all life subscriptions.

All money paid for life subscriptions to The Garnet and White shall be turned over to the National Treasurer, who shall place the same in a special fund known as The Garnet and White Life Subscription Fund, which shall be kept separate from all other accounts. The money in this fund shall be deposited in a savings bank, from which it shall be withdrawn from time to time, as

directed by the National Council, and invested in bonds or first mortgages on real estate. Such bonds and mortgages must be legal investments for savings banks in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, or New Jersey, and in addition first mortgages on real estate shall be guaranteed as to principal and interest by a reputable Trust Company.

The principal of the fund shall never be spent for any purpose whatsoever. The income shall be paid to the Publication Manager as it accrues, to be used for the expenses of publishing The Garnet and White. [Edict, 18 April, 1917.]

Statute 183. BASIS OF COMPUTATION. The basis of computation of the obligations of the several Chapters shall be the official records of the National Secretary. [Act 907.]

Statute 184. PENALTY OF DELINQUENT CHAPTERS. Any Chapter failing to make payment in full in accordance with the foregoing statutes on or before the fifteenth day of February of each year, shall be reported to the National Convention as not in good standing, and the National Delegates elected in such reported Chapter shall not be permitted to sit in the National Convention until it shall have been placed in good standing. [Acts 907, 1803.]

Statute 185. RESIDENT CHAPTER LETTERS. Resident Chapter letters intended for publication in The Garnet and White shall be presented by the Chapter Correspondents to their respective Chapters at the council next preceding the date such letters are due, and the Chapters shall give the letters such consideration as may tend toward better and more concise representation of the events of Chapter Life in such letters. [Act 906.]

Statute 186. PENALTY FOR LATE LETTERS FROM RESIDENT CHAPTERS.\* Each Chapter whose letter to The Garnet and White is more than one week late shall pay a fine to the National Treasury of one dollar for each offense, and one dollar for each additional week that it is late. [Act 909.]

Statute 187. GRADUATE CHAPTER NEWS.† It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of each Graduate Chapter to forward to the Graduate Editor‡ of The Garnet and White a news letter containing items concerning the Brothers of his chapter on or before the fifteenth day of each of the following months: February, April, August, October, and December. For each failure or delay in for-

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\* See also Statute 144, p. 45, above.

† See also Statute 90, p. 39, above.

‡ Appointed by the National Editor.

warding such letter the Graduate Chapter shall be fined the sum of one dollar; and the Graduate Editor shall, on or before the first day of January, report such fines to the National Treasurer for collection. [Act 1103.]

Statute 188. **BILLS TO BE RENDERED BY PUBLICATION MANAGER.** The Publication Manager shall send to each Chapter, Resident and Graduate, on or before the first day of February a statement showing the indebtedness, as of the first day of January, of the said Chapter to The Garnet and White. Each Chapter shall pay all such indebtedness on or before the fifteenth day of February, under penalty of a fine of ten dollars. Such fine, together with all arrears, must be paid before the National Delegates elected by a delinquent Chapter may be seated in the National Convention. [Act 1803.]

Statute 189. **BEST LETTERS TROPHY.** The trophy, presented to the Fraternity by Past National Editor Henry C. Staunton, shall be awarded biennially to the Resident Chapter which, in the judgment of the National Editor, shall have won the largest number of "best letters" since the time of the last award. In case of a tie within any such two-year period, the whole percentage record of "best letters" since the dates of institution shall decide. [Edict, 31 July, 1917.]

Statute 190. **THE LABARUM.** \* The Labarum shall be the official semi-esoteric publication of the Fraternity. It shall be issued, under the auspices of the National Council, by the National Editor, the Publication Manager, and the National Secretary. [Edict, 28 March, 1907.]

Statute 191. **FUNCTIONS OF THE LABARUM.** The Labarum shall embody the Convention Acts, Council Edicts, Official Decisions, reports of National Officers and Committees, or extracts from the same, and such Chapter reports and other matter as may be thought expedient. [Edict, 28 March, 1907.]

Statute 192. **ISSUES OF THE LABARUM.** The Labarum shall be issued at least once each year. All the issues shall be included in the bound files of The Labarum. [Edict, 31 July, 1917.]

Statute 193. **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LABARUM.** The Labarum shall be sent, without charge, to all Brothers who are subscribers to The Garnet and White and to such other Brothers in

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\* See Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 6. The Labarum was published first in May, 1907.



good standing as may signify in writing each year their desire to receive the same. [Edict, 26 July, 1907.]

Statute 194. MAINTENANCE OF THE LABARUM. The cost of publishing The Labarum shall be defrayed from the General Fund. [Act 1408.]

Statute 195. THE ADDRESS BOOK.\* The National Secretary shall issue biennially an Address Book, which shall contain the name, address, and occupation of each Brother.

The Address Book shall be distributed free to every Brother in the Fraternity.

An assessment of five dollars shall be levied annually upon every Chapter, Resident and Graduate, and the total amount collected by means of this assessment, called the "Address Book Fund," shall be turned over by the National Treasurer to the National Secretary on or before the fifteenth day of January in every year, to defray the expense of publication and distribution of the Address Book.

Any biennial surplus in the Address Book Fund shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.

The National Secretary may appoint such assistants as he may desire to aid him in this work. [Acts 1204, 1406, 1504.]

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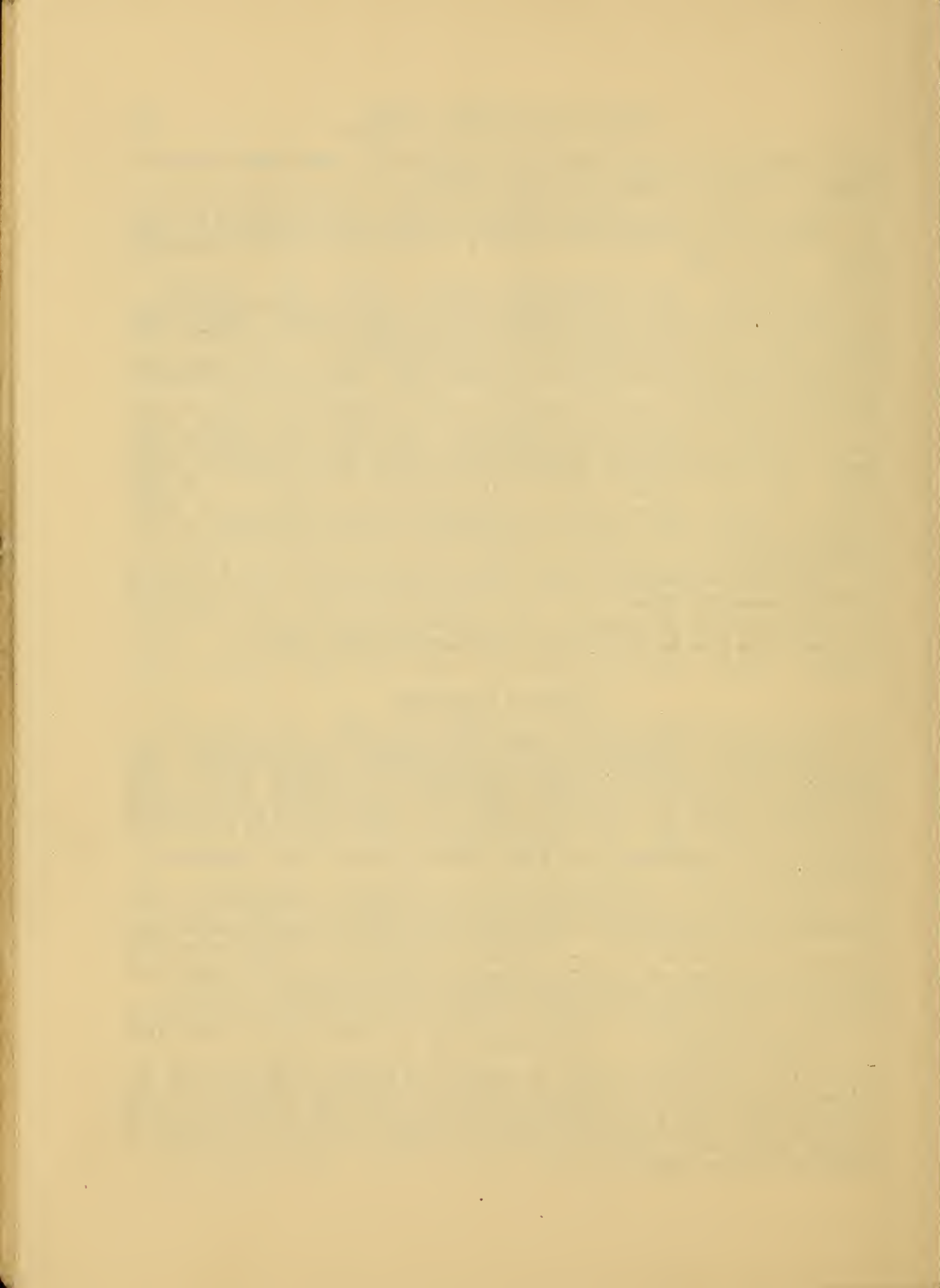
Statute 200. PROHIBITION ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CHAPTER HOUSES OR AT FRATERNITY FUNCTIONS. The introduction or use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden in all Chapter homes owned or rented by Alpha Chi Rho, and at all banquets, entertainments, and social gatherings of any kind held under the auspices or supervision of any Chapter, or of the Fraternity.† [Act 1805.]

Statute 201. EXEMPTION OF REVERED FOUNDERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS FROM DUES. The Revered Founders and Honorary Members in the Fraternity shall not be required to pay dues and assessments, and all dues and assessments heretofore levied and not collected shall be remitted. [Act 1302.]

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\* Address Books have been published by the Fraternity in 1902, 1909, 1911, 1913, and 1915.

† This is a development of an earlier and celebrated presidential decision: "The use of intoxicating liquors in course at banquets of the National Fraternity or the Chapters of Alpha Chi Rho is contrary to the traditions and customs of the Fraternity and would be an opening to danger within and criticism without."—President of the Fraternity, on question, 2 June, 1906.



# **The Disciplinary Code**

## Introductory Note

The Disciplinary Code of the Fraternity was adopted by the New York Session of 1907 as Acts 902 and 911 and amended, in respect of Graduate Chapters, by Act 1806 of the Atlantic City Session of 1916. The use of the Disciplinary Code is compulsory in all cases involving discipline in the Fraternity, whether in National Convention, in National Council, or in Chapters. By Constitutional provision, this Code can be amended only by three-fourths vote of the National Convention. It must be in harmony with the Ritual and the Constitution of the Fraternity.

# THE DISCIPLINARY CODE

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## CHAPTER I.

### Of Jurisdiction.

Sec. 1. Proceedings against a Resident Brother in Alpha Chi Rho may be instituted in the Resident Chapter of which the Brother is a member, in the National Council, or in the National Convention.

Sec. 2. Proceedings against a Graduate Brother in Alpha Chi Rho may be instituted in the Graduate Chapter of which the Brother is a member, in the National Council, or in the National Convention.

Sec. 3. Proceedings against a Resident or Graduate Chapter may be instituted in the National Council or in the National Convention.

Sec. 4. In all cases where complaint against a Brother is made by a Brother of some other Chapter, proceedings may be instituted only before the National Council or National Convention.

Sec. 5. In all cases of discipline by a Chapter, appeal may be taken to the President of the Fraternity or to the National Convention, or both; in all cases of discipline by the National Council, appeal may be taken to the National Convention. Appeal, if taken, must be taken within thirty days of the decision from which appeal is taken.

Sec. 6. A decision is binding until reversed by higher authority.

## CHAPTER II.

### Of Offenses.

Sec. 7. A Brother in Alpha Chi Rho may be proceeded against for any of the following causes: (1) Public apostasy from the Christian Faith; (2) Crime, or serious offense against the moral law; (3) Unfraternal or scandalous conduct; (4) Offense against the Ritual, Constitution, or other law of the Fraternity.

Sec. 8. A Resident Chapter or a Graduate Chapter may be proceeded against for any of the following causes: (1) Contumacy to the authority of the National Council, of the President of the Fraternity, or of the National Convention; (2) Departure from any Landmark of the Fraternity; (3) Offense against the Ritual, Constitution, or other law of the Fraternity.

### CHAPTER III.

#### Of Trials by Resident and Graduate Chapters.

Sec. 9. Complaint upon which proceedings are to be based must be made in writing by at least three Brothers in good standing, and must contain an orderly statement of the facts upon which proceedings should be based. If two or more Brothers are to be proceeded against, the complaint must be made separately against each such Brother.

Sec. 10. In the case of trials by Resident Chapters, such complaint shall be filed with the Chapter Correspondent, who shall present it to the Chapter at its first regular council thereafter, and, if the Chapter, by a majority vote, shall agree to entertain the same, it shall be entered upon the Record, and a copy thereof, duly certified, shall be served on the accused by the Chapter Correspondent personally or by registered mail. After the Chapter Correspondent shall have served the copy of the complaint on the accused and certified thereto, the Chapter shall fix a time for the trial, of which the accused shall be promptly notified by the Chapter Correspondent personally or by registered mail.

Sec. 11. In the case of trials by Graduate Chapters, such complaint shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall immediately call a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the same. If the Executive Committee by unanimous vote shall determine that the complaint should be entertained and a trial held, a special meeting of the Chapter for that purpose shall be called, notice of which meeting shall be sent to all members of the Chapter at least fifteen days preceding the time appointed, and a copy of the complaint duly certified and notice of such meeting shall immediately be served on the accused by registered mail. Twelve members of the Chapter, present in person, shall constitute a quorum at such meeting, unless the total membership of the Chapter is less

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(Sec. 8) See Constitution, Art. IX, Sec. 6, and Art. X, Sec. 9.

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than seventeen, in which case two-thirds of all the members of the Chapter, present in person, shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 12. Each member of the Chapter shall be notified of the date fixed upon; and at such council, or meeting, and during all the proceedings thereof, the accused shall be permitted to be present, except when the Chapter shall proceed to its finding upon the testimony adduced, when the accused shall retire.

Sec. 13. The accused shall have all necessary opportunity for the presentation of testimony in his defense, and all exceptions made by him to any testimony presented, shall be entered upon the Record. All testimony shall be reduced to writing in the presence of the witnesses, and at its close shall be signed by them. Testimony of persons not members of the Fraternity, if reduced to writing and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths, shall be admitted as evidence in the trial.

Sec. 14. When the testimony is in, the Chapter shall then proceed to a ballot to determine its finding, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to find a Brother guilty.

Sec. 15. If the accused shall fail to answer the complaint or shall fail to present himself or a Brother to represent himself at the day and place specified for the trial, he shall be formally adjudged guilty by default, and notice thereof shall be promptly served upon him personally or by registered mail.

Sec. 16. At the close of the trial, it shall be the duty of the Chapter at once to make a full transcript of the record of the case, and to transmit it, with the original testimony, to the National Secretary.

Sec. 17. An appeal by a Brother from the decision of the Chapter must be made in writing, specifically stating the grounds of such appeal, and must be sent to the President of the Fraternity, and a copy thereof to the Chapter Correspondent, or Secretary-Treasurer, of the Chapter, within thirty days of the decision from which appeal is taken.

Sec. 18. The President of the Fraternity shall proceed to consider and determine such appeal in such manner as he may deem best. Appeal may be taken from the President of the Fraternity to the National Convention.

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(Sec. 18) See Constitution, Art. III, Sec. 2. The provision that "ap-

**CHAPTER IV.****Of Trials by National Council.**

Sec. 19. Complaint upon which proceedings are to be based may be made by any three Brothers in good standing, by a Resident or Graduate Chapter, or may originate within the National Council.

Sec. 20. Such complaint shall be made in writing and must contain an orderly statement of the facts upon which proceedings should be based. Such complaint shall be filed with the National Secretary, who shall present it to the National Council at its next meeting.

Sec. 21. The National Council shall conduct trials in such manner as it may deem best.

Sec. 22. It shall require a unanimous vote of the National Council to suspend any Chapter, and a five-sevenths vote to determine any other matter of discipline.

Sec. 23. An appeal by any Chapter, or Brother, from a decision of the National Council must be in writing, specifically stating the grounds of appeal, and must be filed with the National Secretary within thirty days after the notice of such decision. Upon the taking of such appeal, the National Secretary shall transmit the entire record in the case to the Committee on Discipline of the National Convention.

**CHAPTER V.****Of Trials by National Convention.**

Sec. 24. Complaint upon which proceedings are to be based may be made by any Resident or Graduate Chapter, or by any member of the National Convention.

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peal may be taken from the President of the Fraternity to the National Convention," does not refer to appeals on Ritual decisions, for "the President of the Fraternity in matters of Ritual holds his trust from the Fraternity rather than from the National Convention, and is therefore in Ritual matters superior to the National Convention." [President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 28 March, 1907.]

(Sec. 21.) Judicial power was vested in the National Council by the New York Session of 1904. See Constitution, Art. VIII, Sec. 6.

(Sec. 22.) See Constitution, Art. VIII, Sections 5-6.

(Sec. 23.) See Constitution, Art. VI, Sec. 3, and Art. VIII, Sec. 6.



Sec. 25. Such complaint shall be made in writing and must contain an orderly statement of the facts upon which proceedings should be based. Such complaint shall be filed with the National Secretary.

Sec. 26. The President of the Fraternity shall annually appoint a standing Committee on Discipline, consisting of three members. All appeals and complaints made to the National Convention shall be referred to this Committee, and trials coming within the jurisdiction of the National Convention shall be conducted as the Committee may deem best.

Sec. 27. The Committee on Discipline shall report the full record and transcript of testimony in each case, with recommendations, to the National Convention. The National Convention by majority vote may proceed to pass sentence on each case reported by the Committee.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Of Penalties.

Sec. 28. A Chapter on finding a Brother guilty shall at once proceed to fix the penalty. It may by majority vote impose a fine, or by a two-thirds vote suspend the Brother from the privileges of the Fraternity for a term not to exceed one year.

Sec. 29. The National Council may by five-sevenths vote suspend any Brother from the privileges of the Fraternity, and may by unanimous vote suspend any Resident or Graduate Chapter.

Sec. 30. The National Convention may by three-fourths vote suspend any Brother from the privileges of the Fraternity or suspend any Resident or Graduate Chapter and may by unanimous vote, exclusive of the vote of the National Delegates elected by the Phi to which the Brother or Chapter under consideration belongs and of the vote of any other Brothers of that Phi entitled to vote in the National Convention, expel a Brother or cancel the charter of a Resident Chapter or dissolve a Graduate Chapter.

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(Sec. 26-27.) See Constitution, Art. VI, Sec. 3.

(Sec. 28.) See Constitution, Art. IX, Sec. 3, and Art. X, Sec. 3.

(Sec. 29.) See Constitution, Art. VIII, Sections 5-6; Art. IX, Sec. 7; Art. X, Sec. 9.

(Sec. 30.) See Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 5; Art. IX, Sec. 7; Art. X, Sec. 9.

Sec. 31. The suspension of a member is a temporary withdrawal of the rights and privileges of the Fraternity. A suspended member is still accounted a Brother and is subject to the discipline and general rules of the Fraternity, but he may not attend any council of any Chapter or any other meeting of the Fraternity or hold any office. Such suspended member shall be considered not in good standing, and shall promptly deliver his Badge into the custody of the National Secretary to be retained by that officer until the expiration of the term of suspension.

Sec. 32. The suspension of a Resident or Graduate Chapter is the temporary interdiction on the discharge of the respective functions of Resident or Graduate Chapter. Such suspended body shall be considered not in good standing, and shall promptly deliver its charter or authorization into the custody of the National Secretary and turn over all its other effects to the National Council. The individual Brothers of such suspended body, however, unless specifically included in the discipline, shall still be considered Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 33. The expulsion of a member is the severance of the tie between the Brother and the Fraternity. An expelled member loses all rights and privileges and forfeits all claim on the Fraternity. Such person may not again become a member of Alpha Chi Rho.

Sec. 34. The cancellation of the charter of a Resident Chapter or the dissolution of a Graduate Chapter is the permanent revocation of all being, rights, and privileges, of the Resident or Graduate Chapter respectively. The individual Brothers of such body, however, unless specifically included in the discipline, shall still be considered Brothers in good standing.

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(Sec. 31.) This is based on Act 113 and on decisions by Phi Psi, 8 June, 1898, and the President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 29 October, 1904.

(Sec. 32.) This is based on a decision of the President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 18 April, 1903.

(Sec. 33.) "The act of expulsion by the National Convention is in every case absolutely final, and the only manner in which such a case may be reopened and reviewed is by declaration of the National Council as high court of justice, based on some evident error or illegality in the proceedings, that such expulsion was really never effected." [President of the Fraternity, before National Council, 6 December, 1905.] See Section 35 of this Code.

"It is the sense of the National Convention, in ninth regular Session assembled, that any intercourse by a Brother with one who has broken his oaths and been expelled in due course from the Fraternity, beyond what is absolutely necessary, is unfitting, and should be discountenanced." [Resolution, 23 February, 1907.]

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Sec. 35. The National Council, on the discovery of some evident error or illegality in the proceedings, may by unanimous consent issue a declaration setting aside a decision of the National Convention in a case involving expulsion from the Fraternity, in which event the Brother concerned shall be restored to full rights and privileges, and expulsion shall not be considered to have been effected, unless the National Convention at its next regular annual session shall renew sentence of expulsion, in which case the National Council may not again issue a declaration of error.

We, members of the Special Committee on Revision and Codification, hereby certify to the National Council that the foregoing is a true and just copy of the Constitution and Codes of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho now in force on this first day of September, A. D. 1917, all former laws and usages, save Ritual, to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Signed]

CARLTON J. H. HAYES,  
Chairman,

JAMES L. ROBINSON,

EDWARD C. BAILLY.

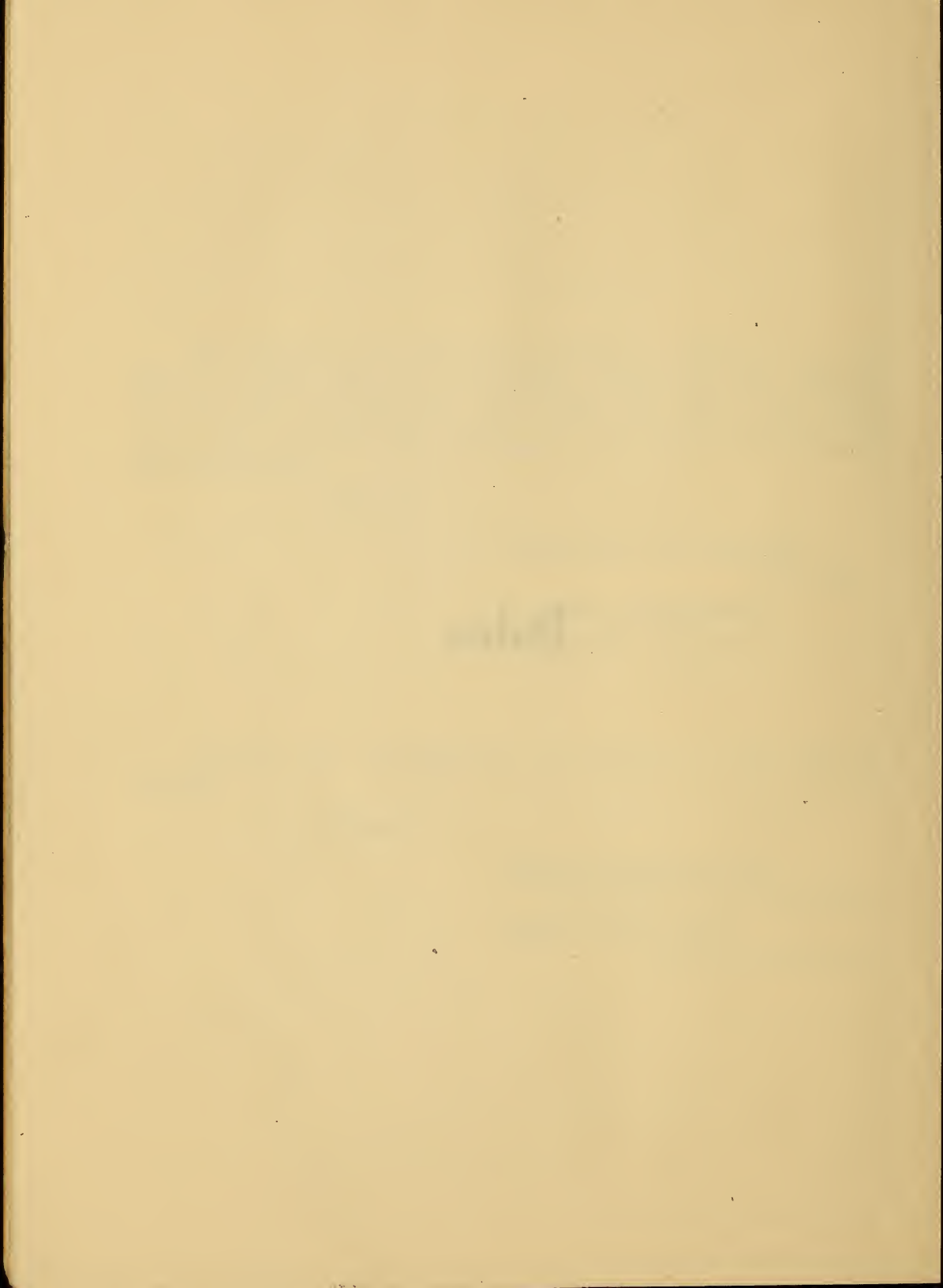
Approved and Promulgated by authority of the National Council.

[Signed]

HENRY C. STAUNTON,  
President of the Fraternity,

DIXON RYAN FOX,  
National Secretary.

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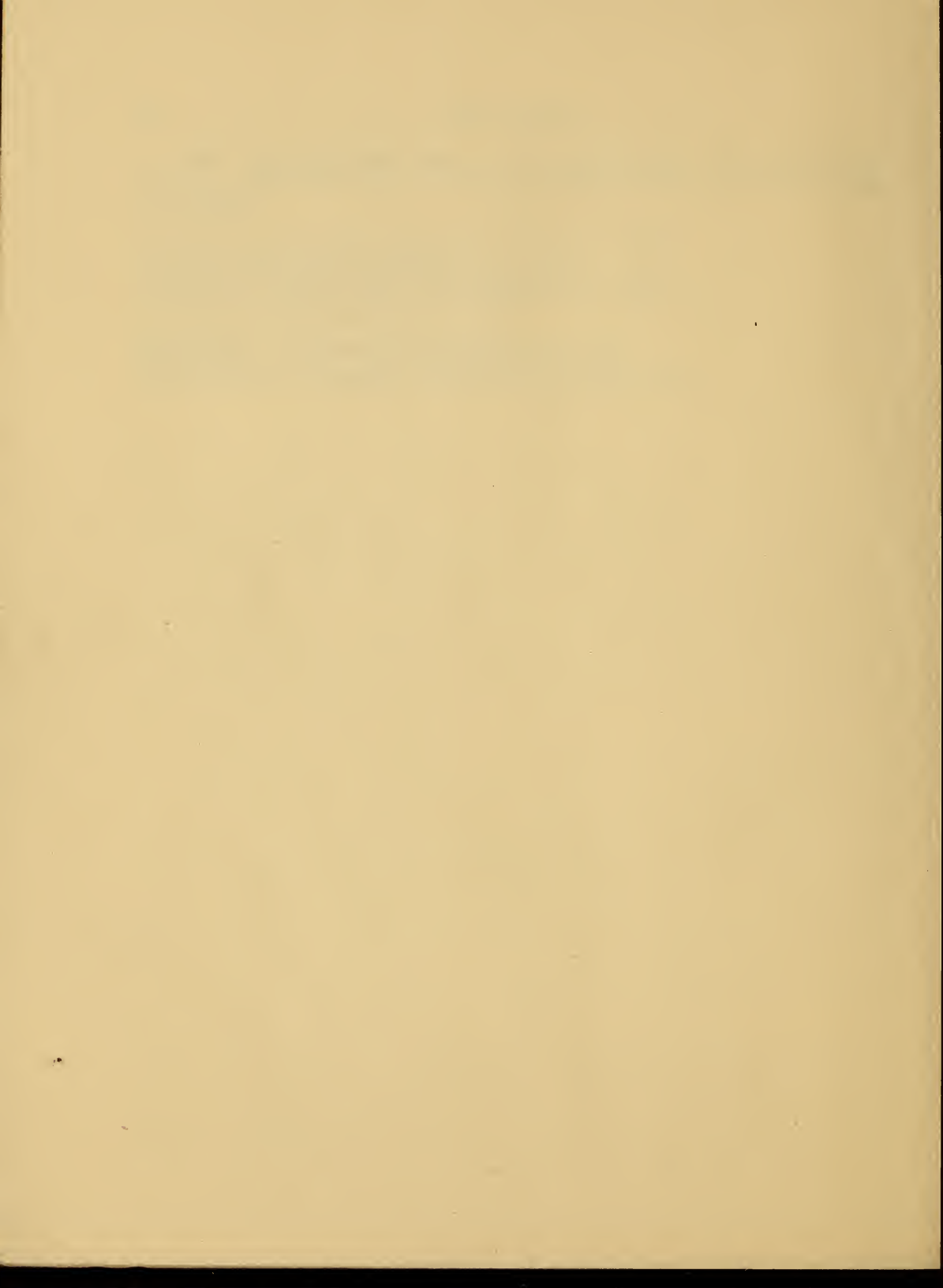
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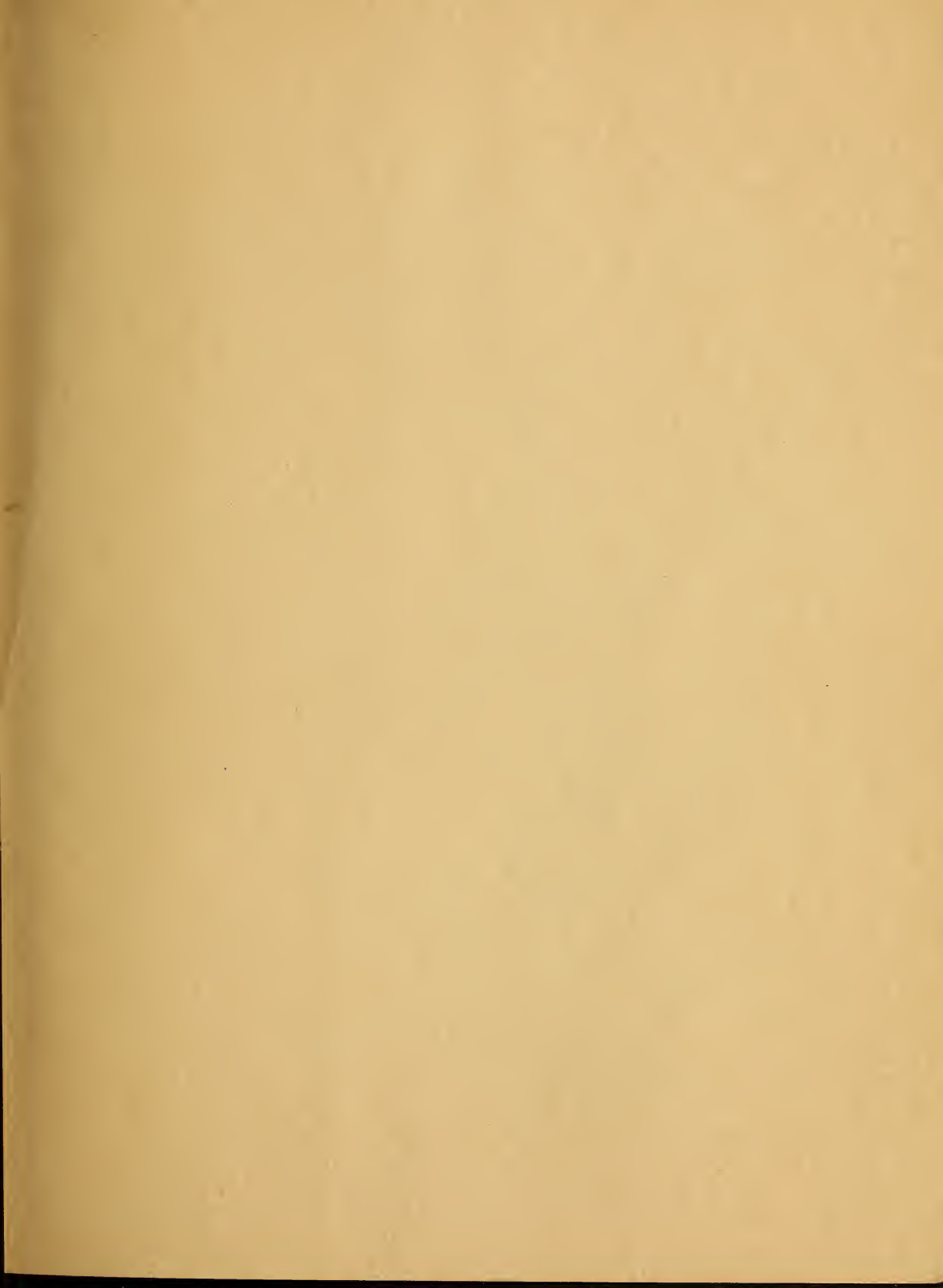
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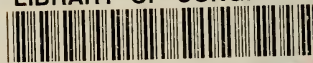


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