



ALPHA LAMBDA  
Ohio State University

## Alpha Lambda Chapter

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1857 Indianola Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

Phi Sigma Epsilon, that later became Alpha Lambda Chapter, was founded April 29, 1915, by thirty-two members of Ohio State University. They were men who were ambitious and had a definite object in view when they organized the Fraternity. Their object was to build up a strong local organization which would, in a few years, be in a position to petition and obtain a charter from a national Fraternity. The Fraternity in mind was Delta Kappa Epsilon. Owing to the nature of an expansion policy adopted by "Deke" subsequent to the founding of Phi Sigma Epsilon, which prevented it from entering Ohio State University for a goodly number of years, that Fraternity was never petitioned.

At the time of launching Phi Sigma Epsilon, Ohio State was rapidly expanding and the number of fraternities on the campus was not sufficient to take care of all the men who were really eligible for membership in such societies. This gave rise to the idea of establishing a new Fraternity.

Phi Sigma Epsilon was founded as a purely social fraternity and drew its membership from all departments of the University, however, the majority of its members came from the Colleges of Arts and Commerce.

At the beginning of the school year of 1915-16 Phi Sigma Epsilon moved into its first house, 143 East Frambes Avenue, and there it remained until after becoming Alpha Lambda Chapter.

December 13, 1920, a petition to the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi, for a charter, was tendered by Phi Sigma Epsilon, signed by H. J. Krohm and Harold B. Jackson, its President and Secretary respectively.

The petition was subsequently granted and Alpha Lambda Chapter

Was installed September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 1921. The installation committee consisted of George V. Catuna, Delta, chairman; George Starr Lasher, Alpha Gamma; Thomas H. Thorn, Delta; Cecil C. Clough, Zeta; Frederick W. Ladue, Iota; Carus S. Icenogle, Rho; John D. Baker, Delta; Harold R. Chapel, Alpha Gamma; James H. French, Alpha Kappa, and James L. Thornton, Nu. Others who were present, as representatives from nearby chapters and assisted with the work were: W. Glen Thompson, Alpha Iota; Dana A. Moore, Alpha Kappa; Robert H. Hoge, Rho; Boyd D. Bly and Frank H. Bly, Alpha Gamma.

The installation ceremonies began promptly at noon Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and closed with a formal banquet at the Chittenden hotel the following evening. C. J. W. Luttrell, Alpha Lambda, presided as toastmaster, and short talks were given by the following: Professor Alonzo Tuttle of the College of Law, Coach Frank R. Castleman and Fred Donley, all three of whom were representatives of campus organizations. Other talks were made by National President Catuna, National Secretary Ladue, Walter J. Hunnicutt, Bingham, Thorn, Baker, Hoge, DeWitt, Thornton, French, Moore, Walters, Krohm, Chapel and Lasher.

The following were the first initiated members of Alpha Gamma and include the charter members: Burn M. Bingham, Harold D. Jackson, J. C. Clark, George R. Cole, B. W. Edwards, R. A. Macfayden, E. R. Niehaus, H. A. Hines, Harry L. Horne, Paul E. Hurr, C. C. Kersell, W. H. Kight, Paul H. Rand, Willard Ralston, W. J. Smith, Leland A. Taylor, Charles A. Vaughn, D. A. Walters, C. F. Ireland, John G. Hanlin, H. J. Krohm, Walter V. Coleman, A. W. Johnson, J. N. Freer, Kenneth L. Hertel, Harry E. Finley, P. P. Crandall, F. W. Kelly, C. E. Weitz, Harold J. Pierce, M. H. Walker, Jr., W. E. Shade, J. W. Horne, L. A. Plack, E. E. DeWitt, C. J. W. Luttrell, W. D. Hunnicutt and Earl D. Irick.

Alpha Lambda continued to use its first home, that at 143 East Frambes Avenue, until 1924 when it moved into its present home. The latter house having been built for fraternity purposes constituted a very desirable move. This house was rented until January 1, 1927, when it was bought by the chapter.

The alumni corporation of Alpha Lambda, of which Donald D. DeWitt as President, H. B. Jackson, Secretary, and Leland H. Taylor, Treasurer, is very active indeed. This body not only made it possible for Alpha Lambda to purchase a home, but has, since its induction to Theta Chi, taken a most active interest in both the internal and financial affairs of the chapter.

### Statistics

Number of initiated members to September, 1927: 142.

Average size of chapter: 40.

Name and frequency of chapter publication: The Link, quarterly.

Members only may room in the chapter house. (Pledges forbidden by University ruling.)

The chapter operates a dining room.

Alpha Lambda owns its home. Value \$40,000.

### Ohio State University

Ohio State University, located at Columbus, Ohio, was founded in 1868. It is a State supported co-educational institution and had during the college year 1926-27 an enrollment of approximately 6500 men and 3000 women. Forty-seven national social fraternities are represented at Ohio State.

Columbus, the home of the university and the capitol city of the State of Ohio, is located in the geographical center of that State. It is a city of 250,000 and may be conveniently reached from cities in all directions around it.