

Petition .

Sigma Theta Society, Columbia University,

To

The Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity.

Installed  
June 1, 1925  
James A. Gibbons

The Petition.

To the Executive Council and Chapters,  
Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity:-

Greetings:- We, the members of the Sigma Theta Society, Columbia University, cognizant of the marked advantages in belonging to a national college fraternity, and feeling that we are in a position to offer something of worth to the forward looking program of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, do hereby formally petition the said Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, for charter privileges within their organization. Should our petition be granted we pledge ourselves, willingly and without any mental reservations, to be governed by the laws and fundamental rulings of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity and to place ourselves under the jurisdiction of the Executive Council as to all legal proceedings.

J.Ellsworth Missall.  
Rennie R . D'angelo.  
Kenneth Scott Fegan.  
Edmund Rudolph.  
Edward A Mueller.  
Wendell B. Lamb.  
Clarence K. Henderson.  
Maurice L.Pinel.  
Paul John Witte.

The Petitioners.

J. Ellsworth Missall. Grymes Hill, Staten Island, New York. Class '30. Classical Course. Study Law after Graduation, Columbia. Freshman Fencing Squad. Blue Key Society. Member University Instrumental Clubs. De Molay Society. Prepared at Wagner Prep.

Edward A. Mueller. Clifton, New Jersey. Class '31. Classical Course. Study Law at Columbia. Frosh Fencing Squad. Frosh football. Spring Varsity Football. Staff Daily Paper 'Spectator'. Dramatic Critic, Spectator. Prepared Clifton High. Popular on campus.

Rennie R D'Angelo. New York City. Class '30. Member of Wrestling Team. Received Numerals and 'C', J V. Violinist. Excellent student. Prepared Yonkers High.

Kenneth Scott Fegan. Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Class '30. Classical Course. Member of Pilot Club. Member De Molay. Received appointment to West Point but declined. President Sigma Theta Society. Law after Graduation. Prepared at Woonsocket High.

Edmund Rudolph. Rockville, Conn. Class '29. Pre Engineering Course. Excellent student. Treasurer Sigma Theta Society. Prepared at Rockville High.

Clarence K Henderson, New York City. Class '29. Engineering. Member Engineering Society. Excellent student. Prepared De Witt Clinton High.

Wendell B Lamb. Springfield, Mass. Class '30. Pre Engineering. Stands well in class and on campus. Prepared at Springfield Technical High.

Paul Jphn Witte. New York City. Class '29. Classical Course. Member Deutscher Verein Club. Treasurer Deutscher Verein. Member Chandler Chemical Society. Well liked. Prepared Stuyvesant High.

Maurice L. Pinel. West New York, N J. Class '29. Engineering Course. Born in Paris, France. Prepared for College at De Witt Clinton High. Member Championship Junior Basketball Team. 'Varsity Squad Basketball. Member Engineering Society. Outstanding student.

Registrar's Endorsement.

Columbia University.  
Office of the Registrar.

April 28, 1928.

To the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity-

It is my understanding that Mr. R.R. D'Angelo and several of his associates are about to petition for a charter from Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. With a group of earnest men there is every reason to believe that there would be room for a thriving chapter at Columbia. I know Mr. D'Angelo and it is a pleasure for me to recommend him and his associates for ~~xx~~ your kind consideration.

Yours very truly.

Edward J. Grant.

(Exact Copy of original letter).

Registrar.

## Columbia University.

Columbia University was founded in 1754 as Kings College by royal grant of George II, King of England, "for the Instruction of youth in the Learned Languages and the Liberal Arts and Sciences." The Revolutionary War interrupted its active work; but in 1784 it was re-opened as Columbia College. In 1912, the title was changed to Columbia University in the City of New York. Practically every known degree in course of study is offered at this university, and its degrees are accepted in every college and university in America and abroad.

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### Physical Plant.

There are a great number of magnificent buildings making up one of the most fascinating university centers to be found any where in America or elsewhere. More and more the Columbia College students, and the field from which the fraternities draw practically all their members, are being centered about the South Field campus where splendid dormitories, and the newly acquired John Jay Hall, the rallying place for academic activities, provide ample and most satisfying living facilities. Despite the great city environs this part of the campus is more and more taking on the life and the atmosphere of a sequestered college. It is one of these halls, Hartley Hall, that the Sigma Theta Society, have secured an attractive suite of rooms for social and fraternal headquarters. In the very heart of the seething atmosphere of this wonderful university we are prepared to give to Alpha Kappa Pi a most energetic and forward looking chapter should she feel that we are worthy of that high honor.

### Fraternities.

There are a great number of fraternity chapters at Columbia and most of them residing in houses owned or rented by these fraternities. Some reside in certain rooms of homes while some three or four have their headquarters in the dorms as has Sigma Theta. The fraternity material is plentiful and any progressive organization is in a position to carry a fine group of men on their active roster. There is no actual pan hellenic organization but pledging is placed at a certain time after matriculation and governed by the faculty committee. Initiation is possible only by the passing of the required hours by each individual, and this too is governed by the faculty committee. The best and most democratic spirit prevails among all the orders on the campus. This Society observes all the rules as set forth herein as to pledging and initiating men. We feel that we helping to feel a very great need at this university.

### Athletics.

Columbia stands well in the athletic endeavor and is advancing right along in the major sports, especially crew and football. A new football ~~stadium~~ stadium will ready for the fall games and provide seats for 40,000 persons. The two outstanding games will be with Cornell and Syracuse. The latter filling the Thanksgiving date as usual. Last year Columbia tied with Cornell and defeated Syracuse by a small score. The games this year should be unusually interesting. With the new stadium there is every prospect that Yale, Princeton or Harvard will be on the schedule one year later. Fraternities are great supporters of all athletic contests. The crew is our pride just now and there is much optimism that Columbia may represent America in the Olympics.

### Final Word as to Sigma Theta.

Next year every one of our present members will be back in college. We also have other fine boys ready to join us when we say the word. This movement toward nationalization has ~~been~~ been planning for two years and the first leaders in the ~~work~~ work were Mr. Missal, who knew the Alpha Kappa Pi men at Wagner College and where some of his close friends were members; and Mr D'angelo who has made friends in several of the chapters in Alpha Kappa Pi. Through the efforts of these two men the local society took shape and has made possible not only the organization but the petitioning of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. We have had the constant assistance of the fraternity adviser, Albert H Wilson. We know that we have the university and also feel that we have the organization as well and that together there can be erected a fine chapter to do honor to the national order of the Alpha Kappa Pi.

## Finances.

One of the necessary items in every good organization is financial integrity. Sigma Theta Society believes that we have worked out a financial plan that will permit us to more than merely meet expenses but provide the means for building up a sinking fund for future work that may be deemed desirable. Besides our national dues we have placed a fixed monthly payment from each member and this will be used to pay our rental for the Hratley Hall suite of rooms while the surplus will go into the sinking fund for the fraternity. The opening of the Jay Jay Recreation Hall and dining rooms makes it possible for us to have our meals together and still not be obligated to maintain what often proves a real hardship the overhead expenses in maintaining such an establishment. Breakfast and luncheon are informal meals more or less but the dinner meal is very formal and all tables are clothed and napkined and waiters serve in very careful style. By providing a table for club or fraternity use an entire fraternity or club membership can be served as a group. The management also has placed an innovation by providing music for the evening meals. Saturday nights there is an orchestra and dancing. Thus there is no need to fear that financial distress shall ever hamper us.