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**List of Chapters in the Order of their Establishment.**

Alpha of Virginia,	William and Mary,	December 5,	1776.
Alpha of Connecticut,	Yale,	April (?),	1781.
Alpha of Massachusetts,	Harvard,	September 5,	1781.
Alpha of New Hampshire,	Dartmouth,	August 20,	1787.
Alpha of New York,	Union,	May 1,	1817.
Alpha of Maine,	Bowdoin,	February 22,	1825.
Alpha of Rhode Island,	Brown,	July 21,	1830.
Alpha of Ohio,	Adelbert,	October 28,	1843.
Beta of Connecticut,	Trinity,	July 2,	1845.
Gamma of Connecticut,	Wesleyan,	July 7,	1845.
Alpha of Vermont,	University of Vt.,	March 7,	1848.
Beta of Massachusetts,	Amherst,	August 9,	1853.
Beta of Ohio,	Kenyon,	June 29,	1858.
Beta of New York,	University, City of N. Y.,	December 23,	1858.
Gamma of Ohio,	Marietta,	June 9,	1860.
Gamma of Massachusetts,	Williams,	July 30,	1864.
Gamma of New York,	C'Pge of the City, N. Y.,	July 24,	1867.
Beta of Vermont,	Middlebury,	August 7,	1868.
Alpha of New Jersey,	Rutgers,	February 22,	1869.
Delta of New York,	Columbia,	April 22,	1869.
Epsilon of New York,	Hamilton,	May 24,	1871.
Zeta of New York,	Hobart,	July 6,	1870.
Eta of New York,	Colgate,	June 12,	1878.
Theta of New York,	Cornell,	May 28,	1882.

The following Chapters were organized under Charters granted by the National Council:

Alpha of Pennsylvania,	Dickinson,	April 13,	1887.
Beta of Pennsylvania,	Lehigh,	April 15,	1887.
Iota of New York,	Rochester,	April 20,	1887.
Alpha of Indiana,	De Pauw,	December 17,	1889.
Alpha of Illinois,	Northwestern,	February 18,	1890.
Alpha of Kansas,	University of Kansas	April 2,	1890.
Gamma of Pennsylvania,	Lafayette,	April 5,	1890.
Delta of Massachusetts,	Tufts,	November 18,	1892.
Alpha of Minnesota,	Univ'sity of M'nesota,	December 13,	1892.
Delta of Pennsylvania,	University of Penna.,	December	1892.
Alpha of Maryland,	Johns Hopkins,	October 10,	1895.
Alpha of Iowa,	University of Iowa,	September 30,	1895.
Alpha of Nebraska,	University of Nebr.,	December 23,	1895.
Beta of Maine,	Colby,	January 3,	1896.
Kappa of New York,	Syracuse,	February 10,	1896.
Epsilon of Pennsylvania,	Swarthmore,	June 9,	1896.
Beta of Indiana,	Wabash,	November 7,	1898.
Alpha of California,	University of Cala.,	December 23,	1898.
Mu of New York,	Vassar,	April 7,	1898.
Zeta of Pennsylvania,	Haverford,	January 20,	1899.
Alpha of Wisconsin,	University of Wis.,	February 2,	1899.
Epsilon of Massachusetts,	Boston,	February 8,	1899.
Delta of Ohio,	Cincinnati,	April 11,	1899.
Beta of New Jersey,	Princeton,	June 7,	1899.
Lambda of New York,	St. Lawrence,	June 24,	1899.
Beta of Illinois,	Chicago,	July 1,	1899.
Alpha of Tennessee,	Vanderbilt,	November 5,	1901.
Alpha of Missouri,	University of Mo.,	December 5,	1901.
Eta of Pennsylvania,	Allegheny,	February 18,	1902.

## History of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.\*

### THE EARLY DAYS.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society was organized at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, December 5, 1776. It was a social club and a literary society. One of the rules of procedure was, "that four members be selected to perform at each session, two of whom in matters of argumentation and the others in opposite composition." Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, in his Phi Beta Kappa address at Columbia, 1886, says that the society was probably suggested by the philosophic clubs which were then common among the collegiate students of France and the Continent. For many years there was much uncertainty regarding the moving spirits of the Society at its inception. One noted orator said "Thomas Jefferson organized the Phi Beta Kappa." Another writer said "Phi Beta Kappa would be glad to have Mr. Jefferson's portrait in its hall," but there is not a shadow of a line of evidence to show that he had anything to do with it. These questionings were answered by the early records that were published in the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, April, 1896, by its editor, President L. G. Tyler, of the college. The first minute of the records says:—"On Thursday, the 5th of December, in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and the first of the Commonwealth, a happy spirit and resolution of attaining the important ends of Society entering the minds of John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armst'd Smith, and John Jones, and afterwards seconded by others, prevailed, and was accordingly ratified." The record then gives the medal with its Latin and Greek initials and its "index imparting a philosophical design, extended to the three stars, a part of the planetary orb," and the strong oath of initiation, with the society's general rules of procedure. The first rule says:—"That in every design or attempt, whether great or small, we ought to

\* The material for this sketch has been taken from the Phi Beta Kappa Hand-Book compiled by Rev. E. B. Parsons.

invoke the Deity." The twenty-five printed pages of the "minutes" are not greatly unlike those of any college literary society of the olden time, with just a trace of the "banquet" in evidence, and no larger element of "politics" than we should expect to find when we remember that Jefferson and the Virginia patriots were assembled at that time in that same village of Williamsburg. These are some of the questions of their "argumentation":—"Whether Brutus was Justifiable in Killing Caesar;" "Whether the Execution of Charles the First was Justifiable;" "The Justice of African Slavery;" "Whether any form of Government is more favorable to public virtue than a Commonwealth." It is evident that the early Phi Beta Kappas felt there was a place for the scholar in politics. It is also clear that those young men began to broaden their views and to desire some kind of union with the students of other parts of the new country. In his delightful essay upon the society as "A Fossil from the Tertiary," in the Atlantic Monthly, July, 1879, that Past Master of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, says:—"The early correspondence of Phi Beta Kappa shows that the young men who formed it had just such dreams of union as those fostered by clubs among the educated men of Germany." With this high purpose they responded to the call for other chapters of the society, saying:—"It is repugnant to the liberal principles of Societies that they should be confined to any particular place, Men or Description of Men, but that they should be extended to the wise and virtuous of every degree and of whatever country."

The first stadium of the new society was destined to be brief. On January 3, 1781, the British fleet, "bearing Benedict Arnold and his forces," appeared off the coast, and the members sealed up their records and delivered them into the hands of the college steward until the desirable event of the Society's resurrection." After the war there was no attempt to revive the society at the old college till 1849, when Mr. Short, the last president in 1781, at the advanced age of ninety-two, became "the connecting link with the original society." The society was again broken up by the war of 1861, the records went to the Virginia Historical Society, and on the revival of the chapter in 1895 were returned to the old college.

In the interesting record published by President Tyler are the names and personal sketches of the half hundred members of the first Phi Beta Kappa. They were men who had an active share in the stirring affairs of the Revolution, and in camp and legislative hall performed their part in the contest