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The Seven Jewels
of
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

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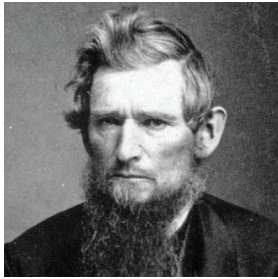
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NEOPHYTES or νεόφυτος (neóphutos)
“Everything an Alpha Should Know”

The establishment and evolution of fraternities and sororities for African-Americans partially mirrored the development of social fraternities and sororities. Literary societies with Greek letters came first: the Alpha Phi literary society was founded at Howard University in 1872.^[23] Sigma Pi Phi, a non-collegiate fraternity for professionals, was founded in 1904. Next there were unsuccessful attempts to create collegiate fraternities, such as Gamma Phi Fraternity at Wilberforce University (first official campus recognition in 1923; a 1923 yearbook entry reported operation as early as 1905), Alpha Kappa Nu at Indiana University (formation attempted in 1903, but involved too few registrants to assure continuing organization), and Pi Gamma Omicron at Ohio State University (formation reported in the Chicago Defender in 1905; organization failed to receive school recognition). In 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha was formally established as a fraternity at Cornell University by CC Poindexter, though it operated as a social study club in 1905. The eight organizations which made up the National Pan-Hellenic Council until 1996 would be formed over the next decade and a half. Black fraternities and sororities were based on existing fraternities and sororities but cultural additions were made including calls, open hand signs, and step shows; though social in nature, many African-American fraternal organizations were formed with an emphasis on public service and civil rights.^[23]

1. Know your base history from the Alpha Bible (Chapters 1 -3);
 - a. *Your Chapter History*
 - i. Founding Dates and Members (Occupations). Example: [Delta Delta Lambda](#)
2. In Alpha – ‘PH’ is replacing the letter ‘F’. Example: Phamily, Phirst, Phive
3. [The Alpha Hymn](#) (Tune: *O Danny Boy*)
4. [Greek Alphabet & Symbols](#)
 - a. At least Five [Alpha Poems](#) Incorporated by Alpha (by heart).
 - b. Audio: [Excuses](#), [Invictus](#), [If](#), [House of Alpha](#), etc.
5. Famous Alphas
 - a. Nationally (study National website). Example [DDL website](#).
 - b. Locally (see above)
6. Greek Terminology
 - a. Formal [Greek Speak](#)
7. Informal [Greek Speak](#) – Common Greek terms
8. Handshake & Challenge must be performed ‘*Cleanly and Quickly*’. Hesitation creates concern
9. Pass Word(s) should be in a low breath and hardly audible

Cornell University



Who was Ezra Cornell?

He was the founder of Western Union, founder of Ithaca's first library, and a co-founder of Cornell University.

<https://youtu.be/9nBINIG-4oE>

1. Events in [The Year 1906](#)
2. A private and statutory Ivy League research university in [Ithaca](#), New York. Founded in 1865 by [Ezra Cornell](#) and [Andrew Dickson White](#) (1st President 1832-1918),
3. The University was intended to teach and make contributions in all fields of knowledge—from the classics to the sciences, and from the *theoretical to the applied*.

a. Colors: ■ Carnelian White; Nickname: Big Red; Alumni: Cornellians

Famous Cornellians



Ruth Bader Ginsburg (B.A. '54) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States	Mario García Menocal (B.S. 1888) President of Cuba	Bill Nye (B.S. '77) "The Science Guy"	Christopher Reeve (BFA '74) <i>Superman</i> actor	Irene Rosenfeld (B.S. '75, M.S. '77, Ph.D. '80) CEO of Kraft Foods	Pop Warner (J.D. 1894) Pioneer of American football	E. B. White (B.A. '21) Author of <i>Charlotte's Web</i> and <i>Stuart Little</i>
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Alpha Phi Alpha is the first of the “Divine Nine” Black fraternities and sororities that include:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Salmon_Pink Apple Green;
Alpha Kappa Alpha – Need to Know

1. Phi Skee and Skee Phi
2. Handshake
3. First Pham(ily)
4. Call: '06 and Response: '08 (or reverse).

Founded 1908, Howard University. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, 20
Symbol Ivy leaf; **Flower** Pink Tea Rose; **Nickname** The Ivy Leaf

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,

Crimson Cream;

Founded 1911, Indiana University. Diggs, 10 **founders**.
Symbol Diamond; **Flower** Red Carnation; **Nickname** The Scrollers

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,

Royal Purple Old Gold;

Founded 1911, Howard University. Just, Cooper, Love, Coleman, 4
Symbol Lamp; **Nickname** The Lampados

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,

Crimson and Cream;

Founded 1913, Howard University. Adams, *Alexanders*, Black, 22
Flower African Violet; **Nickname** The Pyramids

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,

Royal Blue Pure White

Founded 1914, Howard University. Taylor, Morse, Brown, 3
Symbol; Dove **Flower**; White Carnation; **Nickname** The Crescents

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,

Royal_Blue and White;

Founded 1920, Howard University. Cleaver, *Tylers*, Pettie, Neal, 4
Symbol Dove; **Flower** White Rose; **Nickname** The Archonian

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority,

Royal Blue Gold;

Founded 1922, Butler University. Whiteside, Marbury, Johnson. 7
Flower Yellow Tea Rose; **Mascot** Poodle; **Nickname** The Aurora

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity,

Charcoal Brown and Gilded Gold; **Symbol** Centaur; **Flower** Yellow Rose; **Nickname** The Centaur

Selective Poems





INVICTUS

By William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever Gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of Circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of Chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Dr. Richard T. James, Jr.



A special bond among black college men. We reflect an ideal, Ignite a spark and unfold a dream, That becomes reality.

Servants to our race, To our community, Ourselves and others.

A fraternal body whose purpose, Represents a lifetime of commitment.

Sacrifice.

We are leaders.

Our determination to uplift others.

Who will one day stand on our shoulders,

Creating new paths and reaching even higher,

Toward the unknown.

A spirit of cohesiveness.

A single thought.

One mind.

We are made of the past,

Represent the present,

Create the future.

We are the guardians,

Of that which we cherish dearly.

Rebirth.

We are our "Brother's Keeper."

IF

By Rudyard Kipling



If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings – nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run –
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And – which is more – you'll be a Man my son!

THE TEST OF A MAN

Author Unknown

The test of a man is the fight that he makes,

The grit that he daily shows,

The way he stands upon his feet,

And takes life's numerous bumps and blows.

A coward can smile when there's naught to fear.

And nothing his progress bars,

But it takes a man to stand and cheer,

While the other fellow stars.

It isn't the victory after all

But the fight that a Brother makes.

A man when driven against the wall,

Still stands erect and takes the blows of fate

with his head held high,

bleeding and bruised and pale,

Is the man who will win and fate defied,

For he isn't afraid to fail!

HE AIN'T HEAVY, HE'S MY BROTHER

By Bro. Freeman Montague, Jr.

Our family trees are not the same; we both have a different mother
And yet I'd proudly tell the world that this man is my brother.
It's like we've lived our lives together, though we meet for the first time.
As this powerful sense of brotherhood makes everything seem fine.
Spectators stand and look with awe as we do our secret shake.
Never realizing that this clasping of hands DOES NOT a brother make.

We are brothers in a deeper sense than they can comprehend.
For when our bond has just begun, theirs is about to end.

When we were searching for the light, as all Sphinxmen must do. They stood aside and
laughed out loud and said "I wouldn't do that, would you?" And yet when we had
crossed those sands, and the light we could finally see. They stood aside and
whispered softly Oh how I wish it were me!

I know the decision I made was wise, of this I'm sure and have no doubt.
Each day in my life will have blue skies for I'm an ALPHA from here on out.
And never again will I be lonely for I have brothers everywhere.
In cities of population two, I even have a brother there.

There is nothing in this whole wide world that we wouldn't do for one another.
I'm sure I'd even give my life to save that of my brother.
But there are still those in darkness who cannot understand
why I share the burden which belongs to another man

When asked "Why weigh yourself down with the load of another?"
I simply smile at them and say,
He ain't heavy, He's my Brother!!!

HOUSE OF ALPHA

By Bro. Sidney P. Brown

GOODWILL is the monarch of this house
Men, unacquainted, enter, shake hands,
exchange greetings, and depart friends.
Cordiality exists among all who abide within.

I am the eminent expression of friendship.
Character and temperament change under my dominant power.
Lives, once touched by me become tuned,
and are thereafter, amiable, kindly, fraternal.

I inspire the musician to play noble sentiments,
and assist the chemist to convert ungenerous personalities
into individuals of great worth.
I destroy all ignoble impulses.
I constantly invoke principles which make for common brotherhood,
and the echo resounds in all communities,
and princely men are thereby recognized.

Education, health, music, encouragement, sympathy, laughter:
All these are species of interest given of self-invested capital.
Tired moments find me a delightful treat,
Hours of sorrow a shrine of understanding,
At all times I am faithful to the creed of companionship.

To a few I am the Castle of Dreams,
Ambitious, successful, hopeful dreams.
To many, I am the Poetic Palace
where human feeling is rhymed to celestial motives.
To the great majority,
I am the Treasury of Good Fellowship.

In fact, I am the College of Friendship;
The University of Brotherly Love;
The School for the Better Making of Men.

I AM ALPHA PHI ALPHA!

DON'T QUIT

By Clinton Howell

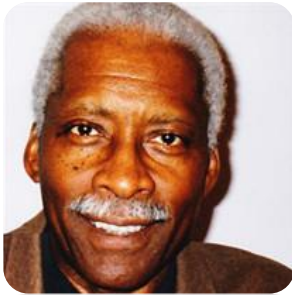
When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
and you want to smile, but you have to sigh.
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twist and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
the silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
and you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst, that you must not quit.

TO BE AN ALPHA MAN

By Fred H. Woodruff



To be an Alphaman means more than just to wear a pin,
It requires intrinsic qualities that are developed deep within, It calls for lasting brotherhood, a
word sometimes used in vain, It means an honest devotion, not anticipation of personal gain.

Fraternity speaks of brotherly love, that's something to achieve,
It's more than just a grip of hands, it's an ideal to conceive.
You're proud to be an Alpha, and share her praises won,
Before you inflate yourself with pride, ask yourself, honestly,
how much have I done?

To realize the wealth of personal satisfaction, from knowing
you've given your all, To have helped her cause unfalteringly,
when you rally to her call.

To combine all these qualities, and root them deep within,
The product would be an Alphaman, deserving of his pin.
So take an honest inventory of your character within,
And for every virtue you find missing, try and weave it in.

For a man without these virtues isn't worth a grain of sand.
It's plain to see, it's more than just a pin, that makes an
Alphaman.