Pledge Manual

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Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho

This manual is intended as a supplement to the Legion training all pledges receive as part of their education. It focuses on elements appertaining to Lambda Chapter and the University of California, Berkeley that are largely absent from the Legion modules. It may be of interest to the reader to know that the narration of the Legion instruction was by a Lambda.

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> Further—and perhaps most important—[fraternities] provide what fraternity men call "brotherhood." As someone who never joined a fraternity, I am perhaps less qualified to speak about the subject of brotherhood, but suffice it to say that many fraternity men attach great sentimental importance to the concept, considering it sacred at times.
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> —Nicholas L. Syrett, *The Company He Keeps*

Glossary

Active A collegiate member of a fraternity.
Alum Informal term for an alumnus or alumna.
Alumna A graduate or former female student.
Alumnae Plural form of "alumna."
Alumni Plural form of "alumnus." Used also to refer to a mixed group of male and female graduates or former students.
Alumnus A graduate or former male student.
Badge A piece of jewelry worn by an initiate as an emblem of his membership. Also known as a pin.
Bid An invitation to join a fraternity or sorority.
Big Brother A fraternity brother assigned as a mentor to a new member.
Chapter Eternal The figurative chapter of deceased KΔPs.
Chapter House The residence of the fraternity.
Divine Nine The nine historically Black fraternities and sororities that are members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Fraternities: ΑΦΑ, ΚΑΨ, ΩΨΦ, ΦΒΣ, ΙΦΘ. Sororities: ΑΚΑ, ΔΣΘ, ΖΦΒ, and ΣΓΡ.
Frat Slang for "fraternity." Considered disrespectful and, by some, even offensive.
KDR HQ The national headquarters of KΔP. Post Office Box 777, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650. https://www.kdr.com/
House Bill The payment owed by a member to the chapter for dues, usually separate from rent.
Housing Corporation The corporation, composed of Lambda alumni, that owns the chapter house. Our housing corporation is Lambda of Kappa Delta Rho, Inc.
In-member A brother who lives in the chapter house.
Interfraternity Council The governing body of North American Interfraternity Conference fraternities on campus. Usually abbreviated as "IFC." This is the campus interfraternal body to which KΔP belongs.
Legacy The son, brother, or other male relative of a fraternity member.
Little Brother A new member who has been assigned a mentor.
Local Fraternity A fraternal organization on campus that is not a chapter of a national fraternity.
Miami Triad The three national fraternities founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio from 1839 to 1855: ΒΘΠ, ΦΔΘ, and ΣΧ.
Multi-Cultural Greek Council The campus interfraternal body for various fraternities and sororities based upon common ethnicity (Armenian, Latina, and Latino, among others), sexual orientation, and Asian American students, for example.
National Pan-Hellenic Council The campus interfraternal body for the historically Black fraternities and sororities. NPHC.

North American Interfraternity Conference The trade association representing international and national men's fraternities, formerly named the "National Interfraternity Conference," it is still commonly referred to as "NIC." https://nicfraternity.org/

Out-member A brother who does not live in the chapter house.

Panhellenic Literally meaning "all Greek," this typically refers—and in Cal's case, *does* refer—to the local governing body of sororities, Panhellenic Council.

Pin See BADGE.

Pinning The giving of one's fraternity badge to his sweetheart, sometimes spoken of as "engaged to be engaged."

Pledge One who has accepted a bid from a fraternity or sorority and is committed to qualify himself or herself to become a member of that body.

Rush The process by which fraternities and sororities obtain new members. The origin of the term arises from the former practice of fraternities "rushing" to the train station to meet the newest students of a college. Synonymous with "recruitment."

Rushee A nonmember participating in rush and seeking membership in a fraternity or sorority.

Union Triad The three national fraternities founded at Union College in Schenectady, New York from 1825 to 1827: KA Society (different from KA Order), ΣΦ, and ΔΦ.

x- Placed before a person's class year, denoting that the student did not graduate. While some Lambda brothers transferred to other institutions or lost their lives in war, or for other reasons did not graduate from Berkeley, this prefix is not, however, used in this manual.

Greek Alphabet

Α	α	alpha	Ι	ι	iota	Ρ	ϱ	rho
Β	β	beta	Κ	ϰ	kappa	Σ	σ	sigma
Γ	γ	gamma	Λ	λ	lambda	Τ	τ	tau
Δ	δ	delta	Μ	μ	mu	Υ	υ	upsilon
Ε	ε	epsilon	Ν	ν	nu	Φ	φ	phi
Ζ	ζ	zeta	Ξ	ξ	xi	Χ	χ	chi
Η	η	eta	Ο	ο	omicron	Ψ	ψ	psi
Θ	θ	theta	Π	π	pi	Ω	ω	omega

Hazing

While some may perceive some value to hazing, at the very least, it introduces significant and unacceptable levels of risk to pledges, the chapter, chapter members, and the national fraternity. Kappa Delta Rho's commitment to risk reduction is reflected in reduced insurance rates (and a reduced risk management fee to individual members) and our national reputation.

Despite the various rationales fraternity members offer in attempts to justify hazing, all prove spurious on even superficial examination. Although this is a topic extensively addressed in Legion, its importance warrants further discussion here.

A justification sometimes offered is that hazing allows for the selection of committed group members. One argues that a pledge that puts up with the abuse heaped upon him during the pledge period genuinely wants to be part of the fraternity and is truly committed to the organization.

This contention overlooks the self-respecting man of character who would withdraw his pledge or not even seek out a fraternity rather than subject himself to pain and humiliation

More commonly heard is the contention that hazing builds group cohesion and solidarity among the pledge class. Depending upon the severity of the hazing, that unity among the pledges may arise more from a common anger toward the actives inflicting the torment. In that respect, hazing is counterproductive, driving a wedge between pledge and active instead of building a stronger bond between them.

At least one study is persuasive that the contention is bogus. Academics from Kent State and the University of Texas found that hazing does not strongly correlate to feelings of solidarity. "Our results provide little support for common models of solidarity and suggest that hazing may not be the social glue it has long been assumed to be," the authors wrote. In contrast, the pledges surveyed during the course of the study reported that experiences such as partying or learning about the fraternity's history contribute considerably more to the sense of unity with the chapter.

Ask, furthermore, why would a fraternity want to create unity only among the pledges instead of creating *greater* unity among actives and pledges together? Within a short time, the pledges will become full members of the chapter. Logically, it seems more desirable and to the greater benefit of the chapter that the bonding and cohesion be built between and among *all* of the men, pledges *and* actives. The chapter becomes stronger and more unified. Instead of activities that segregate the pledges, it is better that actives stand alongside the pledges, working on the house together or big brothers playing on the same side with their little brothers in a football game.

Tragically, the long history of fraternity hazing is littered with deaths and life-changing injuries, of active members held legally accountable, of enormous financial loss. Young men are deceiving themselves who, with limited experience in the real world, believe that they can somehow forever avoid these consequences, that only the best judgment will ever be exercised, that there will never be physical or emotional injury. They cannot always evade the university's notice. They certainly are not cleverer than any attorney. The consequences can also harm and weaken Kappa Delta Rho, even to its abolition from campus, thus taking away the traditions, memories, and beloved home. Other very old fraternities at Berkeley have suffered this fate.

Perhaps the greatest deception is ignoring that hazing, an expression of dominance, may be motivated by something much darker and shameful in oneself, something that one is not willing to acknowledge, to openly admit.

Isn't it also better to elevate the pledges, teaching them to know that being a KDR is a distinction above that of any other fraternity?

From a marketing point of view, consider what we gain if we can *honestly* tell rushees that we are one of the only houses that does *not* haze and challenge them to see if the other fraternities in which they are interested can truly say the same?

Brotherhood elevates and does not degrade men.

Draw the line as clearly as it can be drawn: no hazing. Period. If we step over that line, the risk is that hazing will slowly worsen until . . . well, as you read the history of Lambda elsewhere in this manual, you can see how disastrous it was.

Be great. Be real men, not boys. Be above it all. Simply say NO! when it comes to hazing.

After Your College Days

When you enter the bonds of brotherhood in our fraternity, it is not just for your days as a student. No, the experience continues. The brotherhood is lifelong. The ability to develop professional relationships, expand networks, and identify different life paths persists.

As you pass through the years ahead to wherever fortune takes you, remember KΔP. Keep the national headquarters (www.kdr.com/alumni) and the Lambda alumni corporation secretary (monroemcbride@gmail.com) apprised of new mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. There are even regional alumni associations in a number of areas where you can connect with brothers of chapters from across the country.

There will be plenty of chances to "return to alma mater" for alumni functions, banquets, and other get-togethers. Perhaps someday *you* will be the alumnus who meets with collegiate brothers to talk about career opportunities, helps teach them leadership and managerial skills, or serves as a reference to get them started in life.

Don't be a stranger.

History of Lambda Chapter

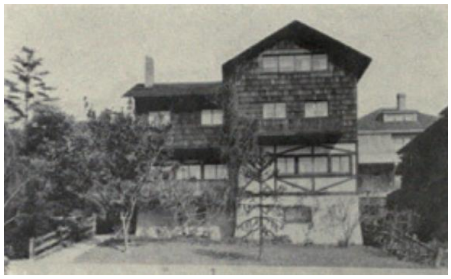
NOTE ABOUT CLASS YEARS: With Lambda Chapter now over 100 years old, the use of just the last two years of one's graduating class could be confusing. Did a brother from the class of '25 graduate in 1925 or 2025? Consequently, men in graduating classes from 1921 through 1935 and after 2020 are identified by all four numerals of their classes, italicized.

In the wake of the First World War, "youth culture" became a prominent and influential force in American society. During the Jazz Age, fraternities and sororities enjoyed a massive resurgence of popularity on college campuses. The University of California was no exception.

It was in this heady environment that four friends resolved to organize a new, local fraternity to promote good fellowship. Our founders, Edward Stanley *1923*, Merrill Tower *1923*, John Thum *1924*, and Henry Greene *1923*, selected 18 exemplary men and established Delphic Club, inaugurating the group with an installation banquet at San Francisco's Palace Hotel on April 25, 1921. Many of its brothers were to be found in the Glee Club, the varsity baseball, cross-country, and track and field teams, various campus publications, and several honor societies.

John "Tyke" Smale *1924*, one of the original members of Delphic Club, wrote, "To the 'old timers,' Ed Stanley was *the* originator of the whole idea; and he drew to himself men like Norb Babin [*1923*], Jennings Pierce [*1923*], Al White [*1922*], and John Thum." According to Clint Brainerd *1924*, the first Delphics simply "didn't find the deep spirit [in other fraternities] we wanted," leading them to form their own society.

The first home was at 2335 Waring Street (see the accompanying photograph from the *1923 Blur & Gold*), which still stands at the time of this writing. By the time the national charter was granted, the fraternity had moved to 2600 Bancroft Way, however, the site currently of the Y.W.C.A. Through the early to mid-1920s, around 20 men lived in the house, according to Brainerd.



The history of a fraternity is not as well captured in a mere chronology of houses occupied or lists of members as it is in the experiences of the men who live it. Unfortunately, these experiences are often difficult to preserve as the years go by, memories fade, and the men pass away. Some, however, have come down to us from the earliest years of our brotherhood.

Prohibition, of course, was in full force from early 1920 until late 1933. This did not necessarily mean the house was dry. Although "liquor of any kind was forbidden in the house," recalled Stan Jones *1926*, this sometimes did not prevent rushing parties going to dinner at certain restaurants in San Francisco's Latin neighborhood where "wine was available." He added, "Also, two of us who came from Sonoma County occasionally brought down a gallon jug [of wine] which we hid in the basement." (The Volstead Act, which implemented the Eighteenth Amendment, did allow the production and sale of wine for sacramental use.)

Tyke Smale explained, "Basically, we were teetotalers, and liquor was never permitted (legally at least) in the House; nor was our punch spiked at parties. At that time, booze was pretty expensive and hard to get; and when you did get it, you might be drinking 'bathtub gin' or some other poisonous concoction." He did not recall having good connections with Emeryville bootleggers, "so we mostly were 'dry.' As far as I know, all drinking was done away from the House."

When the Delphics did decide at a Monday-night house meeting to throw a party on the following Saturday, immediately after adjournment they went to work brewing beer, bottling it, and then placing the bottles in a bathtub of warm water to artificially age the product. This story was told by Norb Babin to Cy Haworth '37 who shared it with one of the authors many years later.

At both lunch and dinner, the brothers sang songs. There were always several members of the Glee Club and at least two or three men who played the piano very well, according to Stan Jones.

During at least the 1920s, there was a study table for all freshmen from 7:30 to 9:30 Monday through Thursday evenings. The intention was to ensure that these new students adjusted to the rigors of university academics.

Jones reported, too, that the "mothers club, made up of the local Bay Area mothers, was quite important and did numerous nice things for the House."

Hazing, an unfortunate element of fraternity life always difficult to uproot, in those years was described as "a lot of tricks that were entertaining but not harmful," according to Jones. Brainerd confirmed this, writing that there was "enough but not excessive and to impress the new members." In later years, as the reader will see, hazing caused severe damage to the fraternity.

Rush was very unstructured in these earliest years. According to Brainerd, there were no special rules. Rushing of new members seems to have been an ongoing activity and not limited to a formal rush week. The Interfraternity Council was not organized until the middle of the 1920s.

The fraternity, both before and after chartering, was socially active. During the 1920s, there were typically two informal dances in the fall, one on the eve of The Big Game. These were supplemented with exchange dances with sororities and exchange dinners with men's organizations on campus. A formal dance would be held in the spring, often at one of the better San Francisco hotels.

National Affiliation

The desire for affiliation with a national organization led the Delphic in 1923 to petition Kappa Delta Rho for a charter. Clint Brainerd explained that the local fraternity sought "more recognition," something that being a chapter of a national fraternity would give the Berkeley group. KΔP was chosen for petitioning because it was "thought the best [national fraternity] not then represented' on campus. As he remembers, the vote for KΔP was unanimous.

KΔP's national convention at Purdue considered the petition during its November 9, 1923 session. There were concerns about the distance of Berkeley from all other chapters. At the time, it was the practice for the national fraternity to fund the travel of delegates to national conventions. The cost of travel for a delegate from the Pacific coast raised questions as to the affordability of a chapter at Cal. However, "[w]hen the recommendations and history of the Delphic Fraternity of the University of California were read, these doubts vanished. The decision was unanimous," *Quill & Scroll* reported in its June 1924 number.

Incidentally, the practice of paying for at least one delegate to travel to the national convention continued at least into the 1970s. In later years, it was common for Lambda to use the money intended for air fare to pay for gasoline and drive back with as many brothers as could fit into a car.

The installation of Lambda Chapter commenced on the evening of Thursday, February 21, 1924 with the initiation of 45 men, including 11 alumni that evening. The next morning, the pledges and several seniors and alumni were initiated. The establishment of the new chapter was celebrated Friday evening with a banquet at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco at which Deans B. M. Woods and Joel Hildebrand were honored guests, representing the university.

The Palace Hotel appears to have very popular with the fraternity. Every notice of the annual Founders Day Banquet found in the 1920s and 1930s and as late as 1941 indicates The Palace as the venue.

Very few Delphics did *not* transition to KΔP at that time. According to alumni from those days, Paul Barbard, Steve Lovekin *1924*, and Blake Ross *1924* opted not to be initiated in the national fraternity. One, Lovekin, was transferring to a college in the east and wanted to be able to pledge a fraternity there, something he would not be able to do were he already a member of another national

fraternity. Why the other two declined was not recalled. Ross, actually, was later initiated into KΔP in 1931. Edmund Guehring *1926* left the University of California prior to the granting of the national charter; although the authors have not yet been able to document his initiation into KΔP, he remained on national lists, his name even appearing in the fall 1991 *Quill &* Scroll in the Chapter Eternal. Also, Guy Kerr *1923* was a Delphic but apparently never initiated into KΔP.

During the 'twenties and 'thirties, KΔP was prominent on campus, and many of its brothers were found in Order of the Golden Bear, voices in the Glee Club, as editors and managers of *The Daily Californian*, in the marching band, in ΦBK, on the crew, Hammer & Coffin, and as editor-in-chief of Cal's famous humor magazine, *The California Pelican* (Bert Googins *1927*), among others. Turner Moncure *1926* was particularly prominent with the Men's Rally Committee and on campus, according to Clint Brainerd. In 1929, the chapter ranked first among 49 fraternities in scholastic achievement, according to the university in an article in the *Oakland Post Inquirer*.

The fraternity won the originality prize for its 1928 float entry in the Big C Sirkus parade; calling their float "Pi-eyed Piper of the Campus," fifty mongrel dogs were led on leashes, a satirical jab at the university administration's recent banishment of dogs from campus grounds. That was not the end of it, though. A few days later, a letter appearing in the *Oakland Tribune* signed by "Members of Kappa Delta Rho"— Weldon Vedder '31 along with Donald Morse and Peter Williams (possibly not their real names, since neither Morse nor Williams is found as a member of KΔP or even as a student at Cal)—to Oakland's pound master, alerting him, "We have our dogs here at the University in Berkeley but due to a ruling against them must get rid of them. Knowing your nice clean pound to be an ideal place for them to find masters who will take care of them, we hope that you will take them and do your best to find a home for them."

The fiftieth anniversary history of the national fraternity indicates that Lambda "played an important part in the founding of Sigma at Oregon State in 1928," although the nature of that role is not described.

Earlier that same year, with its stated aim "to establish, equip, maintain, operate and manage a fraternity house, . . . to establish and promote fraternal and social intercourse among its members," among other things, Lambda of Kappa Delta Rho, Inc. was incorporated February 21 under the laws of the State of California. The articles of incorporation were signed by Erle Heath *1923*, George MacMahon *1923*, and Willard Mixter *1924*. Often referred to as the "alumni corporation,: the entity continues to the present day. The building fund (about which later) was brought under this corporate umbrella.

The Great Depression

The Great Depression brought tremendous economic hardship throughout America and the world. Although the enrollment of men at Berkeley actually increased from 1929-1930 (5,888) to 1934-1935 (7,3330) to 1939-40 (11,180), it was a struggle financially for nearly everyone; most simply did not have the extra money to join a fraternity. The expansion of national fraternities nearly ground to a halt, even reversing itself in many cases as houses folded on college campuses everywhere.

The chapter had relocated in 1927 to 2522 Ridge Road on Northside. (Lyman "Tiny" Fink *1933* fondly recalled that home, where the brothers could supervise construction of the Golden Gate Bridge from the sleeping porch and "downing Volstead's 3.2 in barrels of suds"). Soon, however, KΔP was faced with the financial stress of the economic crisis.

A few alumni commented on the experience of those years. Carl Carlsen '42 explained, "We always struggled financially. These were difficult years in our country and most of the members worked hard to make ends meet, both personally and for the house. Our house bill—live-in—was $35.00 per month up to $45.00 including all expenses." Fink corroborated this, recalling that the men were "struggling through 1932 to 1936 keep Lambda out of the Chapter Eternal."

While the finances and bookkeeping were handled by chapter officers in the 1920s, by the next decade, Breese-Warner was contracted for these functions and continued to do so until 1977, when Milard Associates was contracted to perform those duties.

Earl Ingram *1935*, who served as consul in 1934, wrote, "We rushed hard! [We] had to have five pledges the year I joined. When I found out the financial condition of [the] house, I expected to get out, and, of course, all five would have gone, too. Alumni (local) talked me into staying and offered to pay my initiation fee. The house survived the depression when many older houses folded." The men were mostly from families with median incomes, he said. "Most of us could not attract . . . girls: no cars, no money."

Ingram remembered that the female cook "did well with our house bill!" She had an apartment below the first floor.

Table manners were emphasized at meals. Brothers were expected to dress for dinner, and no one sat until the consul did so. Fraternity and college songs were sung before often before lunch and dinner.

Hazing during this time period was limited to the week before initiation, something that Ingram considered "a childish practice."

Lambda managed to ride out the depression with the help of loyal alumni, among whom Merritt Rowland *1926* and "Tiny" Fink must be particularly recognized. Fink, as a graduate student, stayed on at the house, even being elected consul one year. Merritt Rowland and Jack Glines *1931*, although alumni, roomed at the house, helping to cover costs and to meet their *own* budgets. Several alumni in San Francisco, including, among others, Erle Heath, Chet Newell *1924*, and Norb Babin, began a weekly luncheon in 1933 where fraternity problems were discussed and alumni events planned. This regular gathering continued at least into the mid-1970s, recalls Allen Pedersen '62, who attended them when he was working in San Francisco in that decade.

The chapter persevered with an active social life and traditions. The singing of songs at lunch and dinner tables continued from the 1920s. Carlson recalled that the KDRs in those troubled days were a great group, very enthusiastic. There were many house parties, particularly fireside dances. Alumni were active in chapter activities during Carlsen's four years. Six to 10 would be expected at all social events. "Economics had something to do with this in that our fireside dances were free." He added that Lambda had particularly good relations with sororities, mainly ΑΞΔ and ΑΟΠ.

With ΚΔΡ in 1939 began a longtime popular tradition on campus: the Serenade. The fraternity would walk as a body to the sorority of a woman newly pinned or betrothed to a brother. The practice was quickly adopted by the other houses on campus. As late as 2025, an entry by a ΣΦ in the California Alumni Association's online Class Notes fondly recalled this custom.

The Big Game Ruckus, another tradition at Lambda, commenced in 1934 and continued at least into the 1960s. The social was held annually the night before The Big Game and attracted many alumni to the festivities. The 1947 Ruckus was extensively covered in the *Berkeley Gazette*, which described the house as "probably the most elaborately decorated fraternity house in Berkeley." The collegians played host to "approximately 200 alumni visitors," according to the paper that year.

The men of ΚΔΡ continued to be prominent on campus. For example, in 1938-1939 Ken Kuney '41, was president of the sophomore class, and Bob Hongola '42 was on the varsity football team.

The Second World War

The patriotic fervor that swept the nation following the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor caused hundreds of thousands of men to leave their studies and serve in the United States armed forces. With the decrease in the male student body by more than half, from 10,602 in the 1940-1941 academic year to 4,274 in the 1944-1945 academic year, campus life was profoundly affected.

Women students assumed many of the positions in college activities traditionally held by men. Many fraternities entered periods of dormancy for the duration.

KΔP was not exempt. The chapter continued to maintain a house through the 1943-1944 academic year at 2510 LeConte, but finally ended its lease when the number of brothers shrank too low. The chapter had leased the LeConte place since 1938.

Lambda Chapter, however, did *not* close. Although lacking a house, KΔP continued without interruption through the war, at one point consisting of a single member, Duane Deakins '46. Records of the Interfraternity Council confirm that our chapter continued in good standing with the council. Frederick Hansen '45 represented KΔP for 1944-1945 followed by Brother Deakins for 1945-1946.

It should be mentioned that during this period, Lambda initiated its first international students, Jose Filloy '46 and Alvaro Rossi '45, natives of Costa Rica. There have been other international students in the fraternity over the years, most recently from Sweden and Mexico in 2025 and 2026.

As men returned from the war and fraternities underwent a new period of great popularity, the chapter, with leadership provided by alumnus Merle Garing '37, rented a new home from the university at 2250 Piedmont Avenue, across from the football stadium and the site currently of Manville Hall. Brother Garing had also kept up interest in the chapter among alumni during war time and into the postwar era through his continued publication of the *Lambda Lyre*.

The Berkeley men played a significant role at the same time in the revival of Upsilon Chapter at Fresno State. In the late 1930s, Lambda connections and influence had brought the predecessor local fraternity, ΣΔϒ, into the KΔP fold.

On campus, the fraternity could boast of men in the Big C Society, a champion debater (James Ritch '54), and the drum major of the marching band for the 1954 season (Durward Howell '55).

After the war and at least into the late 1960s, there was again a very active mothers club, picking up where it had left off before the conflict. Apart from its social aspects, the club held fund-raisers to support the fraternity's building fund and otherwise contributed to the strength of the fraternity.

Lambda hosted the fraternity's national convention at Berkeley in August 1950. According to *History of Kappa Delta Rho, 1905-1955*, credit is especially due to Howie Friesen '50, Stan Colberson '34, Ted Tronoff '48, and Merle Garing, among others, for the success of the convention. Lambda's Hugh Penman '51 served as the executive secretary for the national fraternity, predecessor of the present executive director's position, from the close of that meeting until 1952.

Lambda Chapter achieved some national attention, advised Bill Martin '54, when it was featured in two photographs on page 30 of the January 29, 1951 number of *Life* magazine in a pictorial article describing the effect of the Korean War on the prospect of military service for college students.

Ski Dance

The preëminent social function on campus for over 30 years was our Ski Dance.

It began in 1951 as a pledge dance. The ski dance was also the subject of a full-page photo-graph in the 1951 *Blue & Gold* introducing the section on fraternities. (See the picture to the right). Using steel scaffolding, lumber, and corrugated sheet metal, a toboggan run was constructed and packed with ice obtained from commercial ice dealers. The 1952 edition was given the monicker "Schussboomer Inn Ski Dance."

If Isaac Newton is to be believed, a downhill slope had to be created. At the Piedmont Avenue house, according to an article with photographs in the *Oakland* Tribue in its March 8, 1954 edition, the toboggan run started at a height of 14 feet, ran for 125 feet, and was packed with six tons of cracked ice.

At the LeConte house, the chute started at a window on the third floor and ran down to LeConte Avenue. (See the photograph below.) At the Channing Circle house, it ran from the front sundeck on the second storey, down to the east end of the porch, up a curving bank, and ending on the front lawn. Brothers and their dates rode toboggans throughout the day and during the evening dance.

In the 1960s and 1970s, KΔP often used this as an opportunity to reach out to the community. *Berkeley Gazette* indicated that the 1964 affair was the "second annual 'Kiddies Snow Party,'" bringing in children from LeConte and Washington Elementary Schools. Thirty children from San Francisco's All Saints Episcopal Church attended in 1963, the *Gazette* wrote that year. Coverage by the *San Francisco Chronicle* of the 1966 edition reported 25 youngsters from the Moby Neighborhood Center in Berkeley "had a chance to get the real feel of winter sports by sliding down the 100-foot toboggan run and rolling in the seven tons of ice scraps that the boys had trucked in from Union Ice at Napa late Friday." Cake and ice cream were served, and even Oski made an appearance to the delight of the children on the occasions described here. In other years, such as the early 1970s when there were KDRs volunteering as Big Brothers, their Little Brothers had turns at fun.

As the event each year wore on into the evening, the ice became quite slick, occasionally sending riders over the top of the banked turn.

In the 1980s, events combined to finally bring this legendary event to an end. Due to a social probation imposed by the university, there were no Ski Dances in 1983, 1984, and 1985. The dance returned in 1986, but, finally, in 1987 the legendary event came to an end due to further conduct issues. The components of the ski run were dismantled and discarded.

There was an effort by the collegians to revive the dance in 1991. Rebuilding of the toboggan run parts at least got under way, although the availability of insurance coverage was doubtful. Whether this was eventually successful is unknown or, at least, undocumented. The consul at the time, Collin Alexander '91, when he later (1993-1994) became president of the alumni corporation, was cited for having "helped revive the annual ski dance during his senior year." The authors hope to find a record or to otherwise confirm that the event occurred and, if so, whether it continued beyond that year.

Fraternity life in the 1960s

The decade began with no hint of the cataclysmic change that it would bring to the Greek system at Berkeley only a few years later.

The chapter vacated the Piedmont Avenue house when the university did not renew the lease after the 1958-1959 academic year. Already, the university was anticipating an expansion of Boalt Hall. After the fraternity moved in 1959, the house was occupied by the university's Institute of International Studies before being demolished in 1965.

With only $100,000 or so in the building fund, the alumni could not yet afford to purchase a property, according to Bob Carpenter '61. Another rental residence was found at the corner of LeConte and LeRoy Avenues. Although, as Carpenter recalls, the actives were deeply concerned that "a move to Northside would be our demise, but the chapter continued to thrive" at the LeConte location.

The chapter's status continued to be strong, vigorous, and prominent in campus life. The fraternity is remembered by those who lived there as a house of good fellowship and friendship. While there were brothers who ran around together, there were no cliques., everyone getting along. KΔP 's house dec (house decoration) during Big Game Week, a joint effort with ΑΓΔ, in 1960 drew favorable

comment from the *San Francisco Examiner* and the *Sacramento Union*. The men also possessed some talent, apparently. KΔP vocalists teamed up with women from XΩ, entering and winning the 1964 Spring Sing to raise money to send underprivileged children to Cal Camp, a summer program. There were varsity athletes among them as well, including simmers and water polo players, among others. A particular honor also of note, Noel Nellis '63 was one of two seniors to speak at the campus-wide graduation ceremony in June 1963 in addition to being president of the Interfraternity Council.

Early in the decade, there were around 35 men in the house on LeConte, according to Jim Sundal '62. The count fluctuated between 30 to 38. "The house was reasonably full, and, as a result, finances seemed to go smoothly."

During the week, brothers usually enjoyed meals as a group twice each day: lunch and dinner. Saturday meals were more informal with no cook on weekends. No meals were provided on Sundays. This pattern persisted at least into the 1980s. The fraternity wore coats and ties for Monday-night dinners. In the early 1960s, actives sat around the outside of the dining table with the pledges in the middle. The consul sat at the head of the table. Interestingly, there was a "table bank" into which fines were paid for violation of table manners.

Ruthie Miller was the house cook from at least the 1950s through the 1974-1975 academic year when she retired and briefly moved over to ΑΓΔ as a breakfast cook. Ruthie was a fairly good cook as well as honest and frugal. Sundal fondly recalls that her frugality "got us bread pudding a lot of times and 'mystery meat' on a fairly regular basis. Her big meal was Thanksgiving dinner when she would do a turkey (probably more than one), sweet potatoes, and other goodies. She would always get an ovation for Thanksgiving." The men loved Ruthie and sometimes would hang around the kitchen talking with her. KΔPs from Ruthie's years will all remember that, when they got in the way or were too much of a distraction, she would wave a cooking spoon (or a cleaver, as one alumnus recalls) and yell, "Get out of my kitchen!"

Ruthie was very loyal and accomplished amazing things with a limited budget. Don Bartels '70, thinking of the hard times in the late 1960s, remembered, "Ruthie was so important in the life of the fraternity."

Three or four hashers helped her in the kitchen and served the meals. They were brothers working to reduce their house bills. They would also heat and put out the Saturday meals, which Ruthie had prepared ahead of time. Hashers were responsible for cutting the milk by mixing powdered milk and water with the whole milk, a measure to stretch the food budget.

Monroe McBride '76 recalls in the early 1970s being chased out of the kitchen by Ruthie more than once and that hashers' duties were substantially the same as Sundal described from the early 1960s. By then, though, hashing was an assignment that rotated through all of the inmembers. The milk routine remained the same, although it was not necessarily done by the hashers. An old-fashioned milk can was used for this purpose, he remembers, with our letters painted in blue with an orange "shadow."

Returning to the early 1960s, pledge lessons were conducted at Monday-night dinners. The pledges stood at the end of the dining room, answering questions from the actives about the Greek alphabet, fraternity history, and so forth. Each week, there was a song that had to be learned.

Hazing was quite limited, Sundal wrote, "in the aftermath of all the hazing problems the fraternity system as a whole had in the late '50s. During the [pledge] semester, table banks and harassment during pledge lessons were just about it. Once each semester, there was a big scavenger hunt for the pledges." This was an all-night affair where pledges would try to get as many items on a list as they could. "It was quite enjoyable and often very funny," he observed.

Socially, KΔP held three or four exchanges with sororities each semester, typically on Friday afternoons. Parties were held on Saturday nights; the chapter had one every other Saturday or so. "There was a rule against having women above the first floor," according to Sundal. The basis for

this rule came from the university which prohibited such mixed company in all campus-governed living accommodations" such as fraternities, sororities, and dormitories."

During those years, the fraternity was on best terms with ΑΓΔ, ΣΚ, and ΧΩ, Sundal says, noting that we paired with ΧΩ in two Spring Sings, one of which is mentioned a few paragraphs above.

There was a particular rivalry with ΛΧΑ across the street that tended to rush the same type of man as we did, but good relations existed with ΣΑΜ next door.

The brothers would go to the football and basketball games as a group. After the football games, there would be an open house for alumni. Sundal also recalls that there were 10-12 spaces at the house for free parking for alumni. Somewhere in the mid-1960s, at least before 1967, pregame gin fizz breakfasts were added to the game day calendar, a tradition that long persisted. In the LeConte house, the gin fizzes were mixed and served in the back yard. According to Don Bartels '70, the custom really flourished and became more festive at the Channing Circle house, the eastern sundeck ideally suited for the purpose with its view of the crowds on their way to the football games.

ΚΔΡ was active in intramural sports. Sundal recorded that, for the period 1962-1965, the house competed in almost every sport. "Our best were basketball and slow-pitch softball. We were in the playoffs in basketball two years in a row. One year, we were in the final four in softball.

"One other interesting story," Sundal continued, "was our success at badminton. Totally by accident, two of our brothers—Roy Gesley '65 and Jack Campbell '67—discovered that they both were pretty fair badminton players. So, they entered the intra-living group championships and got to the final four . . . " Another source identifies the pair as the badminton champions.

During the late 1950s and into the mid-1960s, the fraternity was very much a part of the Cal spirit. Robert Goings was the junior class yell leader at one point. We were well represented on the Oski Committee with at least William Davis '60, Hugh Calkins '61, and Dave Sharon '67 donning the jovial bear costume.

Although the fraternity participated in formal fall rush just before the commencement of classes and would hold summer rush parties, often at alumni homes, Lambda's greatest success at rushing came through informal rush. The formal rush was very Southside oriented, according to Sundal, placing Northside houses at a disadvantage, a disadvantage that grew severe by the end of the decade. The use of summer rush parties to compensate produced enough success to warrant continuation of the practice at least into the early 1970s. Informal rush, conducted throughout the year, was at a much slower pace and involved three or four visits for each rushee to the house for dinner or to a party. There would be five or six rushees at each function, allowing the actives to focus on them. "Because of the good fellowship and camaraderie that existed, we had a good success ratio with those we rushed that way," said Sundal.

(Later, at the smaller house on Channing Circle in the 1970s, the success of informal rush usually resulted in enough pledges that only a very few would be needed in the fall formal rush to fill the house.)

Study hours were from seven until eleven nightly with, as Sundal recalls, a break at 8:30. The break was often used "for bridge games, calling for dates, etc." The study rules were enforced. "There was a study monitor on the second floor," said Sundal, "whose job it was to keep things quiet and take all incoming telephone calls."

House meetings were held every Monday night during the term right after dinner. (This remained the practice at least into the 1980s.) Pledges were excluded then, but by the 1970s they were allowed to attend, although without a vote.

Scott Elliott '69 gives an extensive look at the LeConte chapter house from his time there: 1965-1969. The living room on the first floor had couches in front of a huge fireplace and a dining room with large tables sufficient to seat 40, and a cafeteria-sized kitchen. Upstairs were small rooms

with beds and desks and "'sleeping porches' with 15 or so twin-sized beds. These sleeping rooms had open windows with screens to the outside because most guys preferred to sleep in a cold room with lots of warm blankets." An active would sleep in one of the small rooms, but several residents would use the room for studying at the desks. Rooms were assigned on the basis of seniority.

He found the active members "more diverse and more relaxed-looking" than the members in other houses he rushed. His big brother proved valuable in helping with his studies and guiding him through some of the challenges of academic life, including seeking counsel with professors.

Socially, mixers or exchanges with sororities were a regular part of KΔP life. During Elliott's time, the chapter also exchanged with women from outside the Greek system, such as San Francisco's St. Joseph's Nursing School and Oakland's Holy Names and Mills Colleges. There were also football games, hikes, group trips to restaurants, sometimes in San Francisco, and other outings. Popular eateries and watering holes included Kip's, LaVal's, and Larry Blake's Rathskeller, better known to its denizens as "The Rat." Don Bartels added that Giant Burger was also a popular spot after a night of studying and that, once the move to Southside took place, Top Dog became a favorite of the brothers. On Sundays, when meals were not furnished in the house, it was not unusual for the men to dine at Bertola's on Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, famous for its inexpensive but very satisfying meals and very inexpensive cocktails.

With equipment in part procured by a pre-med student, a sling shot was devised that could send water balloons a good half-mile. According to Elliott, a fraternity house on the southside was hit with some regularity. Watching through binoculars, the KDRs saw the residents there scratch their heads about the origin of the water balloons!

Although Elliott describes the fall 1967 rush as successful and filling the house, Bartels, who was in that pledge class, said that there were only five men in the class and only four were initiated. The 1968 *Blue & Gold* gives more credence to the latter account, showing the pictures of only 17 members. Bartels recalls 18-20 men in the house that year, well below capacity.

As the reader has seen, though, the pendulum of fraternity popularity swings to and fro. After 20 years of thriving, a serious decline began in the late 1960s, triggered by the Free Speech Movement. Traditional activities and organizations were falling out of favor in a major way. Many Greek-letter societies that had been mainstays of campus life folded. Those on Northside were particularly hard hit as the center of student life increasingly moved southward. In fact, the last two Northside fraternities, ΔΤΔ and ΒΘΠ, finally moved to Southside at the end of the 1972-1973 academic year. A weakened ΔΤΔ did not survive the transplant.

In this environment, KΔP struggled.

Don Bartels, who served as consul during the 1968-1969 academic year, described this period as a "sad time." Recruiting was very hard. Throughout this period, he was seeing a decline of interest in fraternity living. "It was not cool to be in a fraternity," he said. Many male students were renting apartments or moving into student coöperative housing, instead. In addition, Bartels explained that we really had to be on Southside to be competitive in rush. The center of Greek life was moving to that neighborhood.

Social life was affected, naturally, as sororities folded or moved to Southside. This made exchanges difficult. The fact that KΔP was so small, at one point shrinking to five brothers, made us less attractive for exchanges anyway. Bartels noted, however, that football game days were always fun.

Chapter finances were also in bad shape, Bartels commenting that the men "could hardly pay to feed ourselves." They managed to pay rent and Ruthie as best they could.

The Building Fund and a New House on Southside

Seeing the handwriting on the wall, plans were made to relocate from Northside. The lease on the Northside house at 2601 LeConte was formally terminated by the alumni corporation effective August 31, 1969 in anticipation of the move.

ΑΣΦ was one of the many fraternities that folded in the later 1960s. It had built its house on the corner of Channing Way and Piedmont Avenue in 1920. With no active chapter to live in the house, that fraternity's housing corporation sold it on January 24, 1969 (recorded February 5, 1969) to Paul and Marcia Roemer, who appear to have been real estate investors. Paul Roemer was an insurance executive.

During the interim between ΑΣΦ and ΚΔΡ, the house was not empty, however. We are told of hippies squatting there and of a log in the living room that was cut as needed, reportedly by an ax, for fires.

Alumni Corporation President Allen Pedersen sat in a barber's chair in Montclair in 1969 and overheard another customer, a real estate developer, complaining about business. Pedersen's ears perked up when the customer spoke of an old fraternity house the developer owned where he was having trouble keeping out squatters. A conversation between them ensued, ultimately leading to the acquisition of the Channing Way property

Merle Garing, as he did several times in his life, played a key role in the fortunes of the fraternity. A general contractor, he inspected the property, found it largely in good condition, although new windows would be required along with a few other repairs, and recommended the alumni proceed. The management of the building fund, however, was initially hesitant. The fund had grown substantially over the years, but there was concern about spending the money necessary to secure the future of the chapter.

Fortunately, Garing argued persuasively for making a deal on the place. For $98,789.88, the alumni corporation purchased the property from the Roemers and Robert and Roberta Brickell, the grant deed being recorded March 30, 1970. The bulk of the purchase price, roughly $35,000, was paid by the building fund. Paul Royer '73 recalled that the national fraternity played a role in the transaction, although Pedersen does not believe that any financial aid from that source was involved. Records of the alumni corporation provide clarity. The Roemers gave a $50,000 promissory note at 8½% secured by a deed of trust to ΑΣΦ in January 1969. Lambda of Kappa Delta Rho assumed the note, with a balance of $48,957.36, when it purchased the property in 1970. (The note was subsequently sold in August 1972 by ΑΣΦ to Berkeley Foundation, a development arm of the University of California.) The alumni corporation also assumed three loans with Wells Fargo totaling $17,098.60, all of which were retired in July 1972.

Delphic Club and Kappa Delta Rho had rented their homes for the first 49 years of the fraternity's existence. The 1970 purchase of the house on Channing Circle was the fulfillment of a long-held dream shared at the 1921 Delphic installation by George MacMahon and the persistent pursuit of a plan formulated in 1923.

From the 1920s into the 1980s, brothers were encouraged to make $100 pledges to the building fund. Note No. One, made May 1, 1923, was for Norb Babin, who managed the fund from 1923 to 1930 and again from 1972 until 1980, shortly after the house was finally paid off. Chet Newell *1924* managed the fund in between until his passing in 1971.

For many years, pledged payments to the fund were regularly included in the house bill. At some point after the Second World War, the notes signed called for annual contributions. This practice remained in force until fall 1976. After that time, notes were no longer signed, but $4 were subtracted from the house bill every month.

When the Channing Way house was purchased, an appeal was made to brothers to pay any balances remaining on their notes. The response was tremendous. Some, such as Don Hunter *1924* and Don Baldwin *1928*, contributed over and above their obligations.

The note on the Channing Way house was due February 1, 1979. Alumni corporation President Dick Hickman '49 appointed a task force in March 1978 to recommend either payment in full or to make a substantial payment and refinance the balance.

The board acted on the task force's recommendation, paying the mortgage in full when it was due, celebrating the landmark with a mortgage-burning party on February 17 at Leona Lodge in the Oakland Hills. The affair was attended by nearly 100 brothers. During the program, each man present was given a match. At the end of the evening, the hall was darkened as each brother stepped forward and dropped his unlit match into a three-legged pot. Norb Babin, the oldest brother present, and Mike Enger '82, president of the recently initiated pledge class, simultaneously lit the mortgage (actually a copy of the original) and dropped it into the pot. As the flames flared up, the gathering sang traditional songs.

At the beginning of the evening as introductions were made, Gordon Johnson *1926*, a San Francisco attorney, spoke. "We ought to be ashamed. We've come here tonight to celebrate an achievement. . . . We signed pledges for $100. One hundred dollars! That's nothing to give for what we have received!" He called for a pen and wrote out a check for another $100. Several others grabbed their checkbooks and drafted similar checks. By evening's end, $725 had been received, of which $690 was earmarked for replenishing a depleted building fund.

John Delahaye '76 succeeded Babin as Building Fund manager in 1980 and continued until 1987, when the position was merged into the office of the corporate treasurer.

The alumni corporation, which owns the Channing Circle chapter house, performed major renovations in the mid-1990s and 2010-2011 following the wholesale improvements made when it first acquired the property. Regular maintenance and substantial repairs became regularly required on our 100-plus-year-old home. One dramatic example of the demands of an aging structure was the breaking of a joist that supported the living room floor in the fall of 2021, causing the floor to sink.

The reader would be mistaken were he or she to believe that the relationship between the alumni corporation and the active chapter were that of an ordinary landlord-tenant relationship. The alumni and collegians are a team, sharing the stewardship of the house. The vision of owning a chapter house was an *undergraduate* vision fashioned in the early 1920s. The acquisition of the Channing Circle house was the realization of that *undergraduate* vision, a college home of their own. Care for the chapter house is a shared responsibility borne by collegiate members as well as by alumni members. Throughout the chapter's existence on Channing Circle, undergraduates have always actively participated, making smaller repairs on their own, landscaping, and assisting the alumni in many ways.

Flourishing on the Southside

Even on Southside, survival was a challenge for KΔP. Every tool that could be employed was put to use. Terry Woo '71 served as the senior tribune in 1970-1971 and, in that capacity, in charge of rush, effectively employed a computer printout of incoming students. He recalled, "I obtained that list and spent a fair amount of time (arbitrarily) circling names and addresses of potential candidates to send rush invitations to. I then made personal visits to most of the names that had been selected. So, logistics played a large part in the selection process. This was all done almost 60 years ago, but I remember the outcome of those efforts: It produced a class that consisted of Ed Leahy, Scott Johnson and Brian Faulkner." He might have added others such as Chris Harley '74 and Paul Royer '73 from this illustrious pledge class that went on to become strong and important leaders of the fraternity both as students and alumni, locally and nationally..

However, as the campus dominance of attitudes flowing from the Free Speech Movement waned, the pendulum began its slow swing back in favor of Greek life. The low point in fraternity membership was reached in 1970, according to Breese-Warner's records; by 1974, there were 720 members in 27 fraternities. The *San Francisco Examiner* reported in 1977 that the count had risen to 31 fraternities, still short of the 48 that had existed in the mid-1960s but trending toward further growth. For the first couple of years in the Channing Circle place, there were a small number of boarders in the house, something to which the fraternity would again resort during hard times in later years.

After the initiation of the fall 1970 pledge class, with the new initiates comprising a majority or nearly so of the membership, hazing was significantly reduced. Chris Harley, a member of that class, explained that the five days of work around the house were retained, but "extracurriculars" and, especially, sleeping as a group in the unheated basement in January were done away with. Most of the 'extracurriculars' were funny or clever, and there was often some point or lesson to be drawn regarding working together. . . . It was not a question of eliminating physical hazing, since that wasn't part of the work week. . . . Nevertheless, I think it was seen as counterproductive, and the general direction of fraternities was to drop it. For KDR, there was also the surrounding fact that, after moving from Northside, our house membership was pretty small. So, it wasn't like having to bond together 20 or 30 pledges. With a large class in Fall 1972, there were things like scavenger hunt, jokes at dinner, pledge paddle party, rank by pledge class order, etc., and officers . . . didn't think of restarting [former hazing practices]."

Regarding bonding, Harley continued, "Also, the seven of us all slept on the 'pledge porch.' Not many mysteries or undiscovered bonding to be had."

As did many fraternities at one time, KΔP had a pledge porch. This was a room in which all of the pledges lived during their pledge terms. The pledge porch in the Channing Circle house existed through the 1971-1972 academic year, subsequently being subdivided in 1972 into two bedrooms, now numbered ten and eleven in the northwest corner of the second floor. With only four pledges that fall, the pledge porch was finally discontinued.

The subdivision gave the chapter house a capacity for 28 residents, a combination of single and double rooms. The conversion of the room on the ground floor, which had been the ΑΣΦ housemother's room and, later, a game room, brought the capacity to 29 residents.

At one time, fraternity housemothers were not uncommon, although fraternities no longer had them after the Second World War. There is no record that KΔP had housemothers before the war, although there may have been.

Our chapter prospered, reaching one of the high points in its existence. The fall 1973 pledge class was the first to bring the house to capacity in many years. Monroe McBride, a member of that pledge class, recalls that the new initiates were treated to dinner by the older brothers at a local restaurant to celebrate their induction, a custom that, he believes, had existed for many years and continued for some time afterward. The fraternity counted among its members varsity and club athletes in football, baseball, rugby, tennis, swimming, and lacrosse. Others were found in the ASUC Senate and in student publications. KDRs were elected to Order of the Golden Bear, Skull and Keys, and Californians, and were officers in the Interfraternity Council. Our social calendar was full. KΔP was ranked among the top fraternities on campus. Its intramural football team made the championship game in both 1973 and 1974.

Lambda was blessed in this decade with a series of strong consuls who built on the solid foundation laid from others from the late '60s and early '70s and were possessed of vision and strong management skills, enabling them to set goals and act intentionally. Dave Bonelli '77, in his sketch of his time as an active, specifically recalls Dan Kennedy '76, consul for summer-fall 1974, as "an effective organizer . . . capable of delegating responsibility," ably meeting the demand of a rapidly growing

membership. Kennedy's successor, Scott Leahy '76, was a dynamic and "take charge" consul. Bonelli writes, "If Scott Leahy were KDR's version of Teddy Roosevelt, then Mark Rosasco '76 was its 'Silent Cal' Coolidge. Rosasco handled house affairs in an "assiduous, craftsman-like manner. Despite his usually quiet demeanor, Mark eloquently defended KDR before an IFC committee investigating charges brought against us by our ΠΛΦ neighbors."

The house bill in 1974 was $140 monthly, competitive with, for example, $150 at ΖΨ, $140 at ΧΨ, and $130 at ΧΦ.

The chapter celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at the Founders Day Banquet held at The Sea Wolf in Oakland's Jack London Square on May 17, 1974.

It is perhaps noteworthy that ΚΔΡ managed to procure the beer "concession" for the block parties that the Interfraternity Council held on Waring Way between Bancroft and Channing, a recurring event that was long ago abolished for reasons the reader can easily, accurately surmise. This was a source of revenue for the chapter, supplementing income from house bills. (The chapter also owned a washer and a dryer, both coin operated, another revenue source.)

The brotherhood bonds formed as undergraduates can last a lifetime. Apart from the annual Founders Day Banquet, more informal reunions large and small have been held throughout Lambda's existence and continue even today. The Lambda Ancients—alumni from the late 1950s and early 1960s, now scattered about the country and gathering by Zoom—are a good example. However, any history of Lambda without mention of the Oldtimers Reunion of 1982 would be decidedly incomplete.

Primarily spearheaded by Merritt Rowland and Turner Moncure, the Oldtimers Reunion sought to bring together as many Delphics and Lambdas from the first two decades of the fraternity as possible. It was the last hurrah of the founding generation. Already, many of the early brothers were passing away, not surprising when one considers that by now they were in their late seventies and early eighties. This is a testimony, however, to the strength of the lifelong friendships formed by these men in college days. For years, these brothers and their wives continued to see each other socially. The turnout from brothers of the 1920s and 1930s was huge. Thirteen of the remaining 19 charter members were present, including Frank Dunsmore *1925* who came all of the way from Scarsdale, New York. Wives and even the widows of departed brothers were in attendance. The body of correspondence related to that event speaks of happy memories from the early days and served as an important resource for this history. (Questionnaires for a chapter history were distributed at the reunion. Brother Rowland turned over his correspondence to Monroe McBride, one of the authors of this history.) The affair was held at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville on Saturday, October 23, 1982 following the California-UCLA football game and received coverage in *The Quill and Scroll*.

Sanctions of 1983 and Hard Times

The years following the heyday of the 1970s would prove bumpy ones. They were marked with new lows followed by periodic upswings and, then, sometimes rapidly, by new, dramatic down-turns in the fraternity's fortunes.

The university's sanctions against ΚΔΡ in September 1983 were severe and damaged the chapter for many years afterward, directly and indirectly. On September 13, as a hazing activity, the pledges were sent on a "jock run" through 11 sorority houses. The fraternity was charged with, according to one newspaper, "acts of violence, property destruction, assault, and sexual harassment." Undergraduate brother Anthony Bourke '85 told a reporter from the *San Francisco Chronicle* that the pledges "got a little excited and out of hand." Ray Colvig, a spokesman for the university, said that ΚΔΡ was indefinitely suspended from campus-sponsored social and athletic activities pending further investigation of the charges by the administration, campus police, and the interfraternity council." He added that the fraternity had a "recent history of unacceptable behavior that may have contributed to the (suspension) decision." Apparently, university officials had warned ΚΔΡ after a similar incident

in 1982. The action was taken in response to complaints from several sororities. Reportedly, physical damage to the sorority houses cost $2,000, which the chapter had to pay. The national fraternity promptly placed Lambda on probation.

Following hearing, the campus administration revised the punishment to three years, during which time Lambda was barred from rush, intramural sports, and social functions. Rushing privileges were not restored until the fall of 1985, while the restriction on social privileges was lifted in late February 1986. Limited probation continued until the fall semester of 1986. Consul Peter Douglass '86, describing the probationary status as "shackles" on the fraternity, said with assurance that "KDR will never experience the kind of conduct that got us into trouble with the University three years ago."

As a silver lining to all of this, the experience sparked increased commitment to serving others. Part of the punishment levied by the university included 500 hours of community service. This was satisfied by some time in 1984, but, reported Douglass, "We have remained committed to our community service program." This involved, among other things, 20 brothers each spending an hour or more weekly tutoring children at Malcom X School, taking boys ice skating through Big Brothers of Oakland, donating blood, and painting playground equipment.

Conduct issues did not disappear, however. The 1987 Ski Dance was shut down by police, because partygoers would not stop throwing snowballs, many of which were directed at police officers. There was more, however. The Interfraternity Council and university charged KΔP with not only failing to stop the snowballs but also for admitting high school students to the party, failing to provide adequate security, and failing to prevent a resident (a boarder) from punching a guest in the face. Other adverse incidents were attendant to the party as well. The actives had taken some security measures, but these were deemed inadequate. (As the reader will also deduce, the chapter, suffering from several years of restrictions, had to take on boarders to make ends meet.) Over the summer of 1987, there was also an incident between brothers and a boarder that drew the attention of university authorities.

Matters worsened. Ultimately, the Judicial Committee of the Interfraternity Council recommended that the chapter be reorganized, but, instead, the university went much further. It suspended three brothers, placed the chapter once again on social restrictions, and demanded that all actives be required to leave the house by the end of the fall 1987 semester; the fall 1987 pledge class was allowed to remain, however. Without consulting any of Lambda's alumni officers, Don Stohl, the executive director of the national fraternity and never particularly friendly toward Lambda, had been in direct communication with the university Compounding the situation, the national fraternity placed the chapter charter in "temporary inactive status." The latter, some argued, was in excess of Stohl's authority. The very existence of KΔP at Berkeley was in the gravest jeopardy.

With the initiated undergraduates moved to alumni status and no longer living in the house, significant institutional memory was lost. However, alumni showed in force to aid the pledges in restoring the chapter. In his first report in the Winter 1988 number of the *Lambda* Lyre, Consul Bradley Sousa '88 recounted how, "with the help of alumni, specifically Ed Leahy ['74] and Tom Reilly ['84], Lambda has been able to pledge new members, improve relations with the university, and raise the chapter house to a standard above nearly all of the other 43 fraternities on campus. . . . The university has recently expressed an interest in showing our facilities to prospective students because the house is so well kept and clean." Rush enjoyed early success but efforts were hampered by the suspension of the national charter; men who might otherwise have pledged were dissuaded by rumors that KΔP was going to fold in the absence of its charter.

The annual meeting of the alumni corporation on April 22, 1988 instructed its delegates to the national convention "to move or support a motion for termination of the suspension . . . without the need to satisfy any numerical requirements." Executive Director Don Stohl, who held that the body of men at Berkeley was only a group of interest, was requiring a minimum of 35 men before Lambda

would be granted provisional chapter status and 50 men before the chapter's suspension would be completely lifted, numbers wholly impracticable given the capacity of the chapter house and other factors peculiar to Berkeley.

The issue appeared to be favorably resolved shortly after, however. In a May 2, 1988 telephone conversation with Merle Garing, Hugh Penman, and Merritt Rowland, Stohl relented and restored Lambda's status as an active chapter of the national fraternity. He finally acknowledged that his numbers were unrealistic given the circumstances at Berkeley.

Alumni delegates Daniel Bartel '84 and Monroe McBride were surprised, therefore, when they arrived at the Schaumberg, Illinois convention to find Lambda listed in several places as a "provisional chapter" and to hear Stohl speak to the convention of a day "when we have a chapter at California again." Lambda had been deceived, or, at the very least, Stohl had reneged on his agreement. When McBride's hallway conversations with Stohl and National President Robert Lynd bore no fruit, he took to the convention floor. At the conclusion of his speech, he moved that the so-called "temporary inactive" status be removed and all rights and privileges be restored to Lambda without regard to the number of men in the chapter. The alumni corporation of H (Illinois), represented by Bill Paris, who would succeed Stohl a few years later, seconded the motion. Following extensive debate, the motion failed 109-80, but the alumni delegate from Δ (Colgate), noting the divided sense of the convention, moved that the Board of Directors consider the matter at its meeting that afternoon. This motion passed overwhelmingly.

At the directors' meeting, Bartell and McBride successfully negotiated a compromise. The national acknowledged full chapter status for Lambda on condition that membership of between 25 and 30 be enrolled by the end of September 1988 and that some minor reporting requirements be satisfied.

All conditions were timely achieved. Later that same month, on August 20, 1988, 11 men were initiated in a ceremony conducted by members of the alumni corporation board. This took place at the Hotel Durant at the corner of Durant and Bowditch Streets. A banquet at the hotel followed. Not long after, fall formal rush yielded a bumper crop of pledges.

By the fall of 1992, the rewards of hard work were being fully realized. James Novotny '93, the consul at the time, described the state of affairs as a "renaissance." KΔP had fully regained its place on campus. The chapter house was fully occupied, and things were once again looking very good.

This was short lived, however. A declining interest in Greek organizations was seen in a low turnout for fraternity rush for several years, hitting Lambda hard. Combined with the graduation of a large number of brothers at the end of the fall 1992 semester, the chapter's membership was halved. There were only 12 collegiate brothers at the time the new executive director, Bill Paris, came west in the fall of 1993 to assess the situation first hand. (He had just succeeded Stohl.) With regret, he placed Lambda Chapter on provisional status until the number of brothers could be increased to about 30, the organizational structure strengthened, and other matters resolved. He assigned Matt Tessier, a national consultant, to aid the chapter.

Good progress was again threatened with the graduation of a large number of brothers in the spring of 1995. New disaster was averted with aggressive informal rushing in the spring and a very successful formal rush in the fall of 1995.

Charter Restored

At last, the charter was restored in December 1995. With national assistance and committed undergraduate leadership, the results had come quickly with up to 18 men pledging, bringing the fraternity to full vigor. Its membership had nearly doubled. (There is also an indication that KΔP had been on a social probation that was lifted at about this same time.)

Following the drastic reduction of hazing in the early 1970s, the practice had crept back. The major incident that led to the 1983 university probation is painful evidence of that. By 1995, Consul Gunndarr Dotter '96 advised, "Our new-member education process has been changed to help incorporate our new members with the fraternity in a more enjoyable and rapid manner. The days of hazing are no more. We have recruited and retained great guys without the need to introduce them by way of any 'rites of passage.'" A year later, Stephen Will '96, the new consul, reported that house improvement projects had taken the place of hazing. "The ultimate goal of the process," he observed, "is to create brotherhood and pride that will extend through and beyond one's four or five years of undergraduate membership in KDR."

Rebuilding the chapter had been and continued to be challenging. Consul Brian Lewis '99 reported in the late summer of 1998 that Lambda was at a critical point. "It has been a very difficult task to rebuild a chapter on a campus and in a society that are not very accepting of the Greek system. However, we have taken all the right steps to reestablish ourselves, free of the circumstances created by past problems, and are now beginning to see the results. We are almost over the hump!"

Lambda was on a solid upward trajectory. A strong, successful rush ensued that fall, bringing in nine pledges. Nineteen ninety-nine saw the revival of the traditional Red Rose Formal after an absence of many years. In the fall of that year, the fraternity celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its original charter with a banquet at San Francisco's University Club on Nob Hill, attended by 89 Lambdas. The chapter also reported increasing social prominence on campus as the millennium turned, citing regular exchanges with sororities and, as Consul Matt Panzer '03 noted, its "traditional beach party, for which we are famous."

Further evidence of the growing strength of Lambda chapter is found in the conferring of the O. D. Roberts Award for chapter improvement at the 2003 convention. The *Quill & Scroll* reported that Lambda had made great strides, particularly in the area of university relations and risk management. It had the highest grade-point average among the 36 Berkeley fraternities. A KDR was serving as risk manager for the Interfraternity Council. Five years later, at the 2008 national convention, Lambda was again honored as the most improved chapter, especially for its efforts in the Greek community, philanthropy, academics, and social service.

In the latter part of the twentieth century, charitable work became an increasingly important and prominent part of Greek life. By the turn of the millennium, the philanthropy chair had become a regular office in the house. As we have seen, in the 1960s, area school children were treated to the fraternity's toboggan run. Several brothers in the 1970s volunteered as Big Brothers and brought their charges to the ski run before the dance got under way. In the first decade of the new millennium, the chapter annually hosted a haunted house for children from community grade schools, even garnering recognition in 2007 as the best haunted house." Lambda's Texas Hold 'Em tournament raised funds for the National Children's Cancer Foundation in 2005, and collegiate brothers volunteered in landscaping and house painting service at schools and community homes in the Bay Area during that same decade.

Lambda Folds

Then, it came as a surprise to many that, very unexpectedly, Lambda entered a period of dormancy. An internal division of the membership arose, resulting in many men leaving the chapter. Consul Piotr Kula '10 explained in the *Lambda Lyre* that Lambda Chapter would not be active in the spring of 2010. "For many reasons, the past few semesters have been very difficult for our Chapter. Problems with communication and cooperation hurt our family and caused disagreements to surface." The remaining brothers found that they lacked the "critical mass," as leadership explained to alumni corporation President Aaron Burke '00, to continue operations and remain a viable entity. The active membership voted in the fall of 2009 to enter inactive status.

Through Burke's leadership, the alumni corporation engaged John Reynolds, a consultant (educational leadership instructor or E.L.I.) from the fraternity's national office to recruit a new body of undergraduates to keep the chapter active. Reynolds arrived in Berkeley in the spring 2010 semester and began work. In the fall, a class of four was successfully pledged.

In the end, this proved insufficient, and KΔP left campus completely for the first time since its arrival in the 1920s. After a brief period of renting to boarders, the house was leased effective June 1, 2011 to Sigma Phi Epsilon for several years, ensuring the alumni corporation a steady, substantial, and reliable source of income, enabling continued improvements to the structure.

It would be a while before KΔP would be back. The University of California, Berkeley, like many other institutions around the United States, limited the number of Greek-letter societies on campus. Other fraternities and sororities desiring to establish chapters on campus were queued and had to wait their turn for an opportunity. The alumni corporation continued the annual banquets during this period to bring brothers together and keep alive interest in bringing KΔP back to Cal when our turn came.

2019 Revival and the COVID-19 Pandemic

That turn arrived in 2015. The alumni corporation paid the national fraternity to send west an E.L.I., Austin Netherton, to recruit Cal students to revive Lambda.

Samir Hassanin '18 was the student nucleus of the effort, according to Jacob Strelnikov '18, who finds his earliest reference to KΔP in an e-mail from November 2015. With dedication, Hassanin moved quickly to tap men from his circle of friends. He and Strelnikov knew each other from their premed professional fraternity, ΣMΔ. Hassanin also had many friends from the dormitories and elsewhere who soon committed to the fraternity. For Strelnikov, reviving KΔP was exciting for a number of reasons, among which was "getting in on the ground floor and starting something new."

Things moved even more rapidly. The group of intent started meeting on campus, usually in a rented classroom in Dwinelle Hall. Netherton took men through the education process. A constitution, a prerequisite to obtain provisional chapter status, was ratified December 2, 2015 followed by a pledging ceremony a week later on the ninth of December. Having attracted enough committed men, 20 in all, the group of intent petitioned for provisional chapter status January 15, 2016. They still had to enlarge their numbers beyond a certain threshold in order to become eligible for a charter. Their goal was to be able to move into the Channing Circle house.

Despite the initial progress, Strelnikov described the first year as tough without a house. Efforts to hold exchanges with sororities were frustrated because of the sororities' restrictions against social functions with unsanctioned fraternities. There were fun times within this circle of friends, however, described by Strelnikov as a "scrappy group." There were poker parties and other functions, sometimes at a home on Northside where several of the group lived together. Of course, there were the Founders Day Banquets.

At last, KΔP returned to the chapter house, moving back for the fall semester of 2017. The first official party was held there on August 19: "KDR Year Zero." The first bid dinner in the house followed on August 30, welcoming the men recruited during fall's formal rush. Recruiting was hard at the time, but the rush had been good.

Executive Director Joseph Rosenberg presented the new charter to Lambda at a grand banquet held at Oakland's Claremont Hotel on May 4, 2019. The new members had been initiated in a ceremony at the chapter house earlier in the day.

The exhilaration of the rechartering had hardly cooled when the small chapter was confronted with an existential threat: the COVID-19 pandemic. The disease first appeared in China in November 2019 and made its way to the United States in December or January 2020. The university proactively moved from in-person to remote instruction on March 10, ended nonessential campus activities, and

advised students to vacate housing if they had a safe alternative; most simply returned to their families. Rush became unfeasible for fraternities, something especially threatening to a small body such as Lambda Chapter.

Only in the fall of 2021 did the university fully reopen. By then, however, KΔP had shrunk to a single collegiate member. To cover its costs, the alumni corporation took in a large number of boarders. When the last active brother graduated in the spring of 2022, the active chapter had no membership.

However, the charter was neither surrendered nor withdrawn.

2024 Revival

As the alumni Board of Directors discussed bringing in an E.L.I. from the national office to recruit the nucleus of a new chapter, an unexpected group, interested in KΔP, entered the picture. Noah Menz *2025* and his high school classmate, Alec Vuicich *2025*, had gathered a group of nine undergraduates who, for positive reasons, desired to be fraternity men, to be leaders on campus. There were several things they did not like about Greek life, in particular hazing and the immaturity exhibited by many Greeks, not growing up as the men they ought to be. Menz had also had first-hand exposure to hazing gone wrong in another fraternity house.

They looked at restarting one of five fraternities formerly at California and building the fraternity from the ground up, to be made of guys who were the best of the best, he said. Menz was impressed by a Craig's List posting about KΔP. He was attracted by the leaders, where young alums were in careers, and the cost. Credo and the Precepts particularly stood out as something around which to build one's life.

In June or July 2022, Menz reached out to Taylor Smith at S&T, KΔP's property manager, and later spoke with Chris Sanchez '19, a director with our alumni corporation. In mid-November 2023, he received a call from Noah Stepp, the national E.L.I. So, in January 2024, Menz and a few other guys from Clark Kerr Campus met with Stepp for dinner. They were impressed by Stepp's passion for KDR although he had no other connection to Cal.

Affairs developed rapidly at this point. There were 13 men committed by February 2024. Andrew Maisnik *2024* had brought in a couple, and Brady Suburu *2026* had brought in four. In addition, Menz and Vuicich had brought in a couple of other guys. Elections that month solidified the leadership structure. They then met with ΔΣ (formerly a chapter of AOΠ) and other sororities, all of which showed considerable interest and gave valuable feedback. This group was what the women wanted to see in a fraternity, they said.

All 13 were initiated in April 2024. Their reception at the Centennial Banquet convinced Menz that "this is worth it." The undergraduates were "given the keys to a 100-year-old institution."

With the appearance of a strong group of interest at Cal greatly increasing the prospects for a revival of the chapter, on the initiative of Lambda's alumni corporation and alumni Chris Harley and foundation trustee Monroe McBride, the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation reestablished the Lambda Scholarship Fund in December 2023. There had once before been a Lambda Chapter Scholarship Fund in the late 1980s or early 1990s created from a portion of initiation fees paid by Lambdas. Another scholarship, apparently funded directly by the alumni corporation is found referenced in issues of the *Lambda Lyre*. After the chapter closed in 2010, the fund was consolidated with the foundation's annual fund but has since been broken out and added to the new scholarship fund. Once the endowment reaches $25,000, the balance will be sufficient to produce income enough for worthwhile stipends.

Lambda's centennial was marked with a particularly elaborate annual banquet at the Faculty Club on April 12, 2024. The turnout was the heaviest in many years because of the special occasion.

Memorabilia, college annuals, photographs, and scrapbooks were on display. A slideshow of photographs from the early 1920s to 2024 ran continuously. It was a grand celebration.

This history owes much to many. Len Lepera '66 originally suggested a detailed chapter history in 1980. At the same time, a catalogue was also contemplated. Accordingly, questionnaires were distributed, and quite a few were returned. However, due to financial limitations and the need for additional research, neither the history nor the catalogue issued then, although a directory of alumni and actives did come out in 1981. The present history, however, especially of the early years, relies in good part on the questionnaires and lengthier accounts returned in 1980 and 1982 from alumni and retained by Monroe McBride, editor of the Lambda Lyre *in those days. Research drew heavily on issues of the* Lambda Lyre *and* Quill & Scroll*, on newspaper accounts found through newspapers.com, on an amazingly detailed chapter from the memoirs of Scott Elliott '69, on initiation and building fund records, and, gratefully, on correspondence from and interviews with many alumni who happily shared their reminiscences. The authors found quite valuable the reference works* The Golden Book of California, 1860-1936, The Centennial Record of the University of California*, and* The Kappa Delta Rho National Fraternity Membership Directory, 2010. Naturally, *George Shaw's* History of the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho Incorporated, 1905-1955 *was essential for capturing details of Lambda's 31 years.*

Historical Addresses

1921-1923	2335 Warring Street
1923-1927	2600 Bancroft Way
1927-1938	2522 Ridge Road
1938-1944	2510 LeConte Avenue
1944-1946	No residence
1946-1959	2250 Piedmont Avenue
1959-1969	2601 LeConte Avenue
1969-	2739 Channing Way

War Service

These Lambdas served in combat zones or lost their lives in the service of the United States during the country's military conflicts. While it is strongly believed that many KDRs served in war zones, at this time only the following have been confirmed to have done so. Carl Carlsen '42 said that the Second World War "took 10-12 lives from among [his] classmates, two from one family: Dan and Dave Hunt."

The authors are unaware of any Lambda brothers who fought in wars subsequent to Vietnam but invite any information about brothers in any wars to make this record more complete.

Those who were killed in the wars are indicated with a dagger.

Second World War

Charles Anderson '34
William Burgett '31
Carl Carlsen '42
Bruce Coggins '44
Eugene Corbin '27
Edward Elliott '35
James Elmendorf '47
George Eveland '38
Hugh Ewing '49
Roy Farrell '38
Fred Flodberg '45†
James Haley '49
Robert Harding '49
Cyril Haworth '37
Ken Hickey '42†
Dan Hunt '40†
Dave Hunt '40†
Kenneth Kuney '41
Clyde LaJeunesse '51
Jules Lambert '46†
Vance Lewis '33
Gilbert MacKay '31
William Nelson '40
H. Wade Patterson '47
William Phelps '43
J. Melvin Stark '28
Zeddie Teagarden '42
Frank Tuttle '40†
I. Leonard Wall '30
Carroll White '43
Allen Whitsett '54
Philip Wilson '28

Korea

Donald Anderson '49
David Geddes '52
James Ritch '53
J. Melvin Stark '28
Allen Whitsett '54

Vietnam

John Brennan '61
John Hendricks '65
James Jarvis, Jr. '68
Clyde LaJeunesse '51
William Morgan '63
Gerald Newfarmer '62
Allen Pedersen '62
Brian Shoemaker '60
James Sundal '65
Thomas Vortman '68

Credo

Since the Beginning, wherever men have come together, there have I been.

My membership is legion. From the humble home and from the stately mansion; from the rolling farms and from the noisy factories; from the East and West and North and South have my followers come.

They who understand my meaning have followed in the footsteps of the Man of Galilee. In peace, they have been their brother's keeper, and, in the agony of war, their blood has enriched the Fields of Flanders and reddened the sands of the Pacific.

Their reward has been the Inspiration of their Youth; the Driving Power of their Manhood; the Memories of their Maturity. They have fought the good fight and of these, my sons, I am justly proud.

Who am I? My name is FRATERNITY. And because I have given Man that which he craves, I shall endure. My sons shall neither falter nor fail. They shall add new luster to my name.

—George E. Shaw, A 1910

The Precepts of Kappa Delta Rho

As a brother of the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, I have but one aim: to lead an honorable life.

To this end, I am bound by my words and actions to:

Embrace the principles and spirit of the Kappa Delta Rho Gentleman, treating all those I encounter with dignity and respect;

Work diligently in the pursuit of my education, understanding that I am a student first and that the quest for knowledge is an endeavor which will last a lifetime;

Meet all of my obligations to the Fraternity in a timely manner, so as to ensure that I am doing my share and that I am not a burden to my brothers;

Engage in the service of mankind, not for the praise or recognition that such service may bring, but because it is the right thing to do;

Serve as my brothers' keeper, holding them accountable for their actions as they hold me accountable for mine, and

Support my Alma mater, that she may view Kappa Delta Rho as a partner in the development of her students.

I understand that membership in Kappa Delta Rho is a lifelong privilege that is contingent upon my willingness to incorporate the values of the Fraternity into my daily life and uphold the oath I have sworn. As I speak these words I once again affirm to my brothers, and all who hear me, that I *am* a KDR Gentleman and I *will* place Honor Above All Things.

Honor Super Omnia!

Ordo Honoris

"Of these my sons, I am justly proud. . . . They shall add new luster to my name," Credo tells us. Indeed, our fraternity has been fortunate throughout its long life with men of exceptional caliber who have done much to improve this world in many ways.

The national fraternity established Ordo Honoris—Order of Honor—in 1982 to recognize such exceptional brothers. Lambda proudly points to its own in this exalted body.

Let these men be examples for all to emulate.

Norbert Stanford Babin 1923. Norb was a charter member of Lambda. He was among the early recruits of Ed Stanley and quickly became a driving force in the young local fraternity. An enthusiastic leader of Delphic Club, he had a major hand in procuring a charter from Kappa Delta Rho. His commitment to the brotherhood did not cease with his graduation. He was an early organizer of the building fund and was a prominent member of the Board of Directors of the alumni corporation right up until his passing in San Francisco in 1989, an impressive record of devotion. He enjoyed a successful career in real estate. Ordo Honoris 1982, A Class.

Merle Garing 1937. Merle's hand was seen in so many places in Lambda. He was an undergraduate leader of the chapter, played a major role in rebuilding the chapter after the Second World War, and was continuously active on the alumni board throughout his life. As a successful general contractor in the East Bay, his knowledge and resources repeatedly proved valuable to the chapter as it restored the Channing Circle house following its purchase and as the structure required maintenance over the ensuing years. Having served as a director of the national fraternity, Merle was also a member of the senior alumni council. He was generous with the fraternity that he loved. He entered the Chapter Eternal in 1994. Ordo Honoris 1982, A Class.

Gardiner Johnson 1926, Boalt Hall 1928. One of the "Johnson twins," as he introduced himself at one annual banquet, Gardiner was a widely recognized attorney with the well known San Francisco law firm of Thelin, Merrin, Johnson & Bridges. He was elected president of the president of the San Francisco Bar in 1958. Apart from practicing law, Brother Johnson was active in state politics, serving in, among other places, the California Assembly from 1935 to 1947, being elected speaker pro tempore of the Assembly in 1940. His public service included also chairing the Governor's Conference on Education in 1955. As an undergraduate at California, he was also elected to ΦBK. He passed away in 1990. Ordo Honoris 1982, A Class.

Peter Rocca 1979. One of the top back-strokers in the world in his day, Peter Rocca swam to silver medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. Previously, he had won two gold medals at the 1975 Pan-American Games in Mexico City, one in the 100-meter backstroke and one in the 400-meter medley relay. Further athletic achievements and honors came his way with a silver medal at the 1978 World Aquatics Championships in Berlin and a gold medal at the 1979 Pan American Games in San Juan. Elected captain of the 1980 United States Olympic swimming team, the American boycott of the Moscow games denied his bid for further Olympic success. As a varsity swimmer at California, he was first in his events at the 1978 and 1979 NCAA and Pacific Ten championships and was part of Cal's 1979 NCAA championship team. Ordo Honoris 1982, A Class.

A. Phillip Wilson 1928. Brother Wilson, a charter member of Lambda Chapter, earned distinction in the business world, serving as president of First American Title Insurance Company and chairman of the board of directors for several corporations, principally in the Fresno area.. An officer in the United States Army, he served in the Pacific Theater during the Second World War, principally in New Guinea, the Philippines, and, after the war, in the occupation forces in Japan. He rose to the rank of colonel before his 1955 retirement. During the war, he earned the Bronze Star for heroic or meritorious service in combat, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services, and three battle stars. He was a remarkable supporter of Lambda during his lifetime. He passed away in Fresno in 1992. Ordo Honoris 1982, A Class.

Henry Dart Greene 1923. Brother Greene was a founder and driving force of Delphic Club and a charter member of Lambda Chapter. Graduating with a degree in agriculture, he spent a long, productive career in food production and distribution, a career that took him to Argentina and Cuba for extended periods. His chief accomplishment was the California Department of Water Resources, serving as executive director of the Feather River Project Association, later known as the California Water Resources Association. In that capacity, he was instrumental in the construction of the Oroville Dam and California Aqueduct System. During this time, he produced two films related to these projects and campaigned for passage of bond issues. (He had previously owned a film production company.) He entered the Chapter Eternal at Pasadena in 1978. Ordo Honoris 1983, B Class.

Edward Payson Stanley 1923. Delphic Club was Edward Stanley's idea. He was the driving force behind Delphic, the fraternity's first president in 1921, and, of course, a charter member of Lambda. With an advanced degree from University of Arizona and several credentials from San Jose State, he rose to prominence in the field of adult education, achieving industry-wide recognition. From 1960 to 1965, he was the legislative chairman of the California Adult Education Administrators and the California Council for Adult Education. He was honored with the National Award for Service to Adult Education in 1963 from the National Association of Public School Education and received the National Adult Education Merit Award and the Meritorious Service Award from the California Council for Adult Education. He died in Hood River, Oregon in 1988. Ordo Honoris 1983, B Class.

Ernest Joseph Kump 1932. As an architect, Brother Kump achieved international fame as an innovator in his field. The American Institute of Architects conferred the prestigious Firm of the Year Award in 1970 on Ernest J. Kump Associates, noting Kump as a pioneer of modular practices and systems concepts in Architecture." He left his architectural partnership in 1977 and relocated to England, where he pursued his special interest in total systems architectural research. There he became engaged in the development of an approach to architecture as a living environmental system, which he called "Envirotecture." Notably, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the Presidential Task Force on the Arts and Humanities. This was one of many, many honors and awards he received during his distinguished career. Described as one of the most extraordinary, innovative, and provocative architects to come out of California, he was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, the Royal Institute of British Architects, and several other European societies. While at Cal, he served as house manager for Lambda. Following graduation from Berkeley, he earned a master's degree in architecture from Harvard in 1933. Ernest Kump passed away in Switzerland in 1999. Ordo Honoris 1985, Δ Class.

Douglas Maclachlan 1962. At the time he was conferred the Ordo Honoris, Brother Maclachlan was professor and chairman of the Marketing and International Business Department at the University of Washington. In addition to a bachelor's degree in physics, he earned a master of business

administration degree in marketing, a master of arts degree in statistics, and a doctorate in business administration, all at Barkeley. He had previously worked with several large firms in marketing positions and as a marketing consultant, not only for businesses but also for many charitable and nonprofit organizations in the Seattle area, He was affiliated with the American Marketing Association, Puget Sound Chapter, where he served as president and as a director. He was also a member of the institute of Management Sciences, Association for Consumer Research, and the Advertising Research Foundation. While at Lambda, Brother Maclachlan served the fraternity as consul and house manager. He was long listed in *Who's Who in the West* and was the American Marketing Association's dissertation competition winner in 1971. He is also a member of ΒΣΓ, the business management fraternity. Ordo Honoris 1985, Δ Class.

Lyman Roger Fink 1933. After graduation, Lyman stayed on at Berkeley to receive his M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering and soon joined General Electric, working there from 1937 to 1963 and rising to the position of vice president and general manager of its atomics division. Along the way, he was the engineering manager for the company's Radio and Television Department (1949-1955) and was cited by the Institute of Radio Engineers in 1953 for his contribution to the development of armament radar and made a fellow of the institute. Following a stint as vice president of engineering at Otis Elevator, he became a vice president and chief technical officer for the Singer Company in New York City. While at Cal, Lyman threw the discus for our track and field team. Lyman Fink entered the Chapter Eternal in 1996. Ordo Honoris 1986, E Class.

R. Merritt Rowland 1926. Initiated by Delphic Club in September 1922, Brother Rowland was also a charter member of Lambda Chapter in 1924. His love for the fraternity never waned but only grew. He was one of the first directors of the original national board, organized in 1936, was involved in the installation of Sigma Chapter at Oregon State in 1928 and helped organize and operate Lambda's alumni corporation. He became a lifetime member of the Senior Alumni Council for the national fraternity. He spent his career in the insurance field, eventually retiring from Thomkins and Company of San Francisco, where he was principal owner and chairman of the board. He was also deeply involved with United Way, the YMCA, and Freemasonry. Brother Rowland passed away in 1991. Ordo Honoris 1988, H Class.

Ronald Flint Martin 1958. Brother Martin spent the first 27 years of his career with Rheem Manufacturing Company, working coast to coast in the United States as well as in Canada and Mexico. In 1983, he became president of Rheem Steel Container Division until the company was liquidated. In 1986, he became president and chief executive officer of Harris Tube, a manufacturer of carbon steel tubing. Only three years later, he led a group of investors and employees to purchase the company. In his student days, he was very active in Lambda and was elected house manager in his senior year. Ordo Honoris 1992, Λ Class.

Mark Rosasco 1976. With vision, determination, and hard work, Mark rose rapidly within the banking industry, starting with Bank of America in San Francisco and making his way ultimately to the position of senior vice president at Union Bank of Switzerland in Tokyo. He retired from UBS in 1997 to pursue a worthier work. During his postings in the Far East, he became aware of the plight of many in southeastern Asia. Kasumisou Foundation, the charity he and his wife, Barbara, established, created programs to support mothers, their children, and orphans afflicted with AIDS and to introduce disadvantaged children in Phnom Penh to their cultural heritage through the Champey Academy of Arts. The foundation also works to improve the lives of peasant farmers, has

drilled over 500 water wells in any Cambodian villages, providing reliable access to clean water to thousands, and has done so much more. Ordo Honoris 2018, HA Class.

Nomination of brothers for Ordo Honoris may be made using the form available at the national fraternity's website.

Songs

Songs of the college

Hail to California

All Hail Blue and Gold

Sons of California

Fight for California

Songs of the fraternity

True K.D.R.s

Kappa Delta Rho Hymn

K.D.R. Sweetheart

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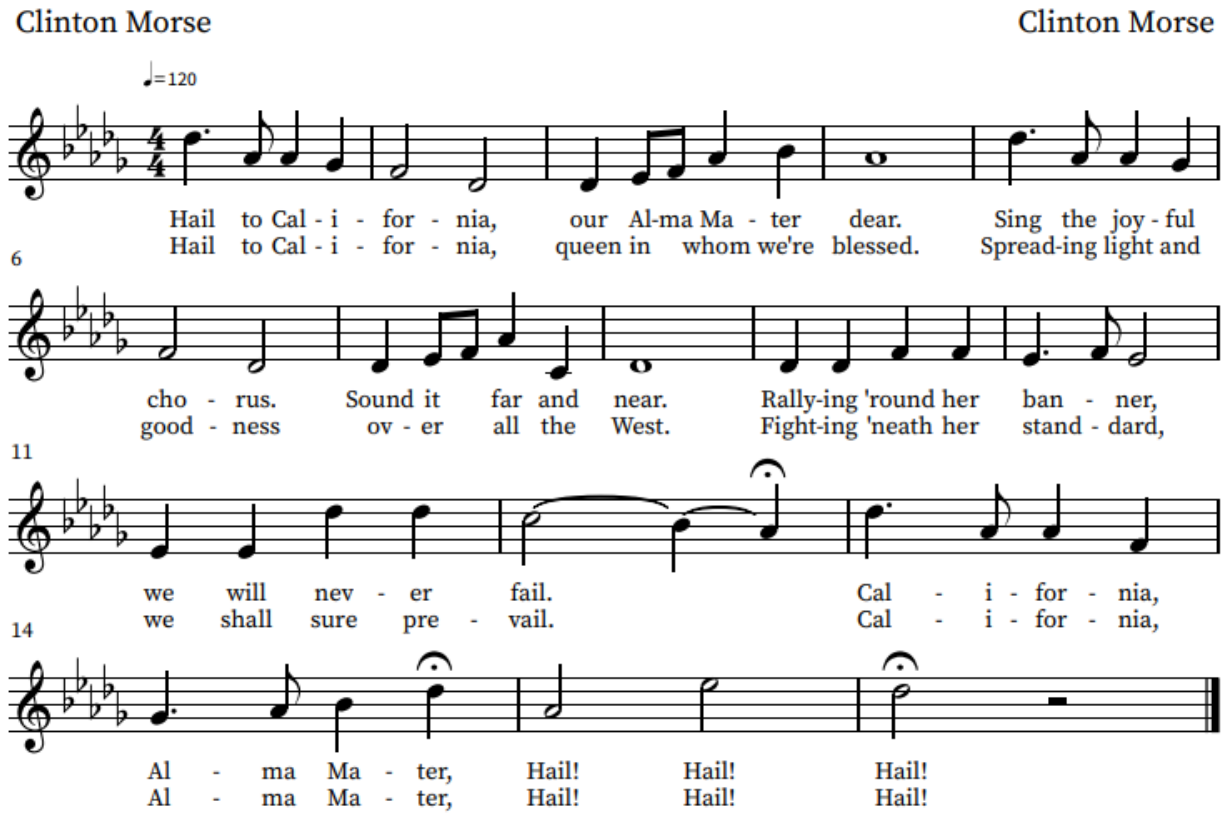
Hail to California



All Hail! Blue and Gold

The Alma Mater

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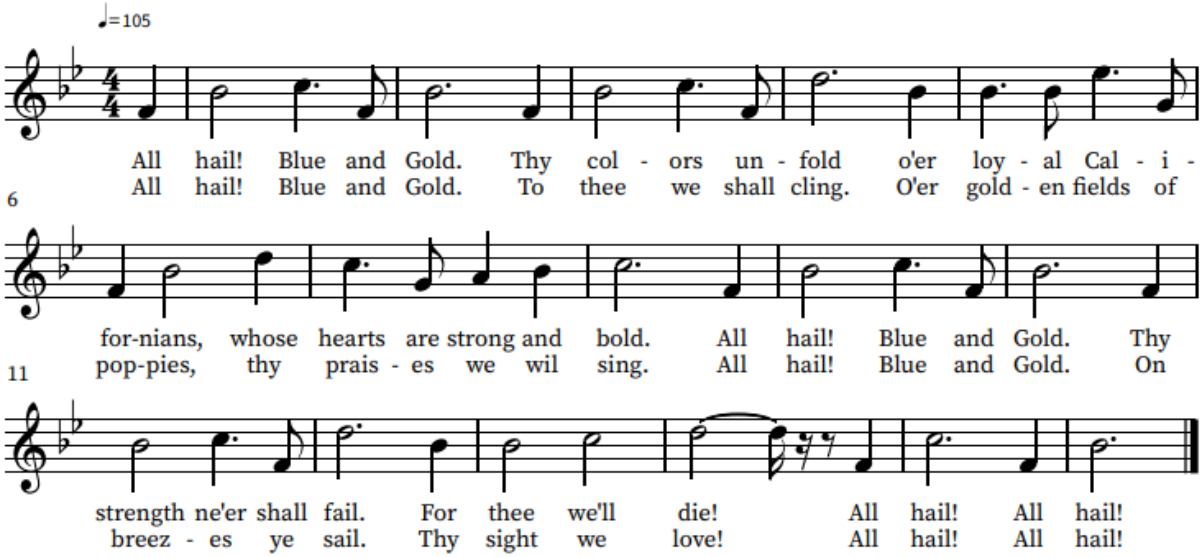

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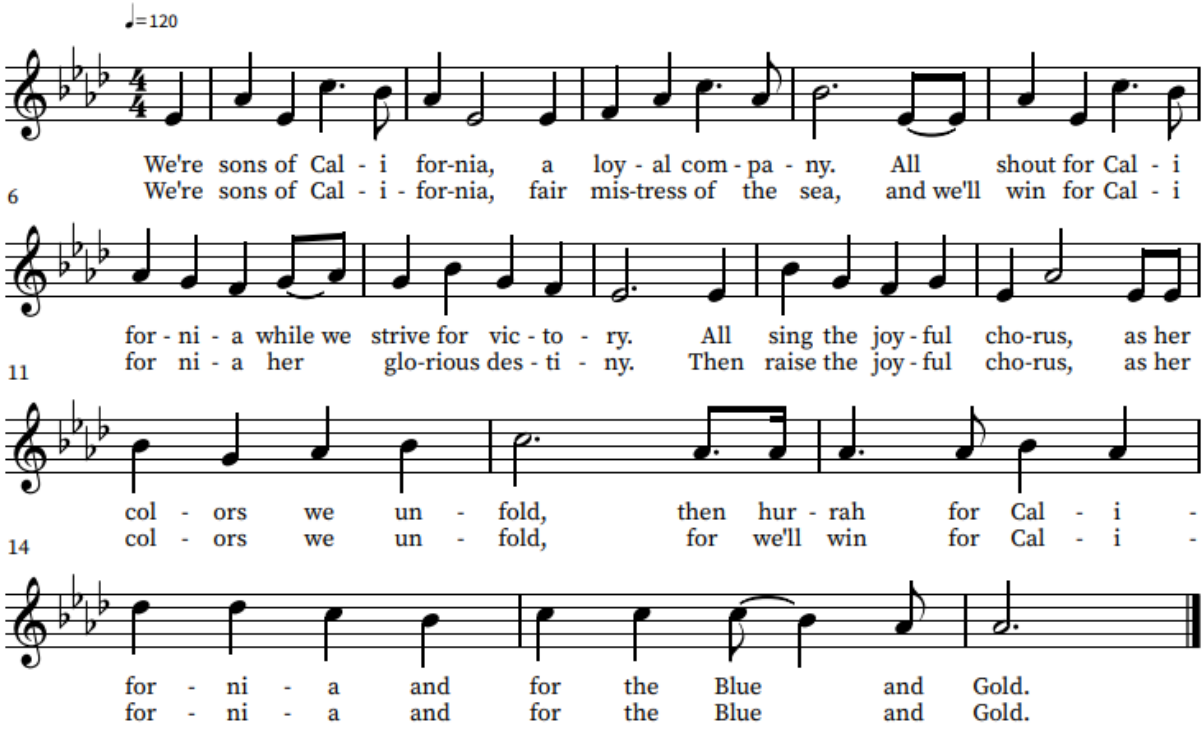

Fight for California

The Cal Fight Song

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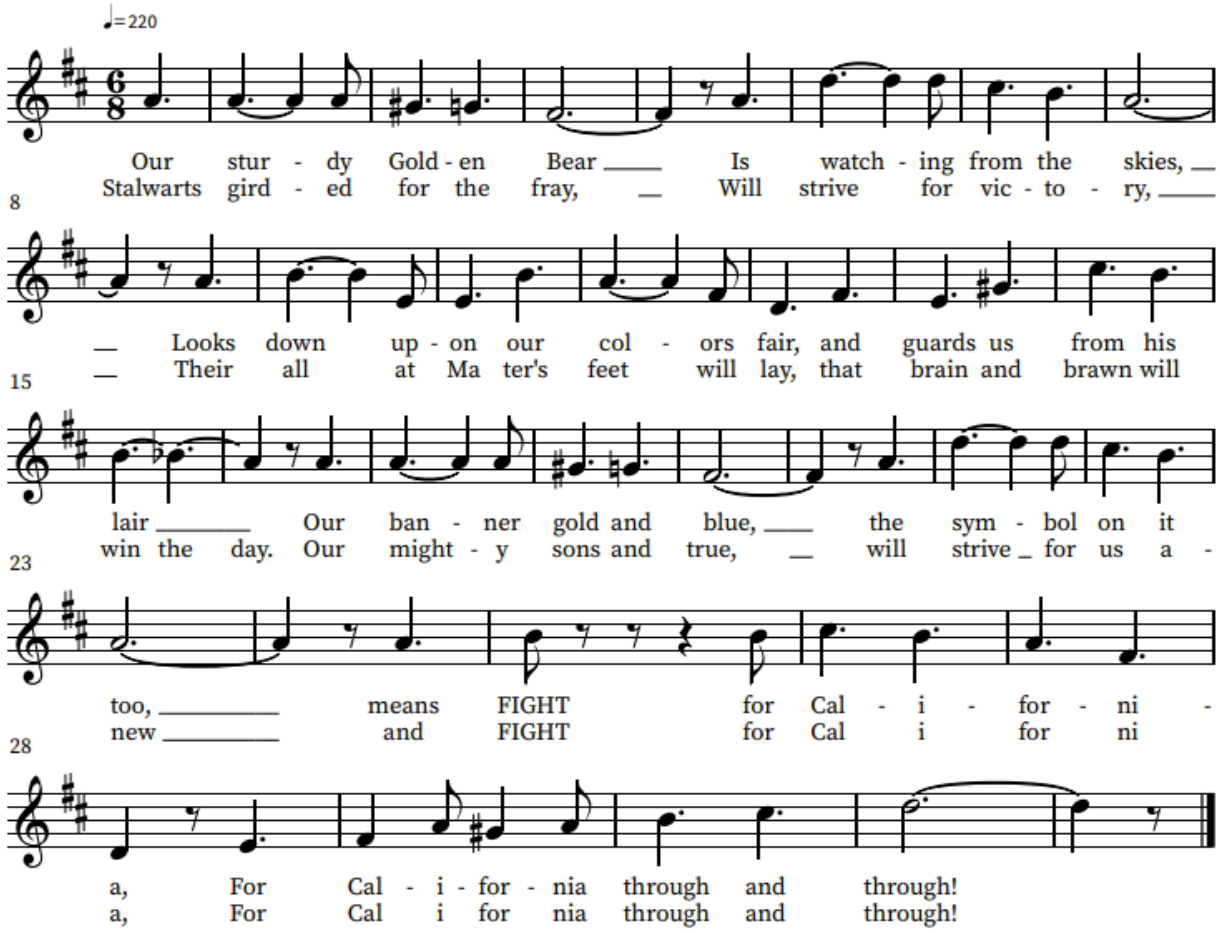

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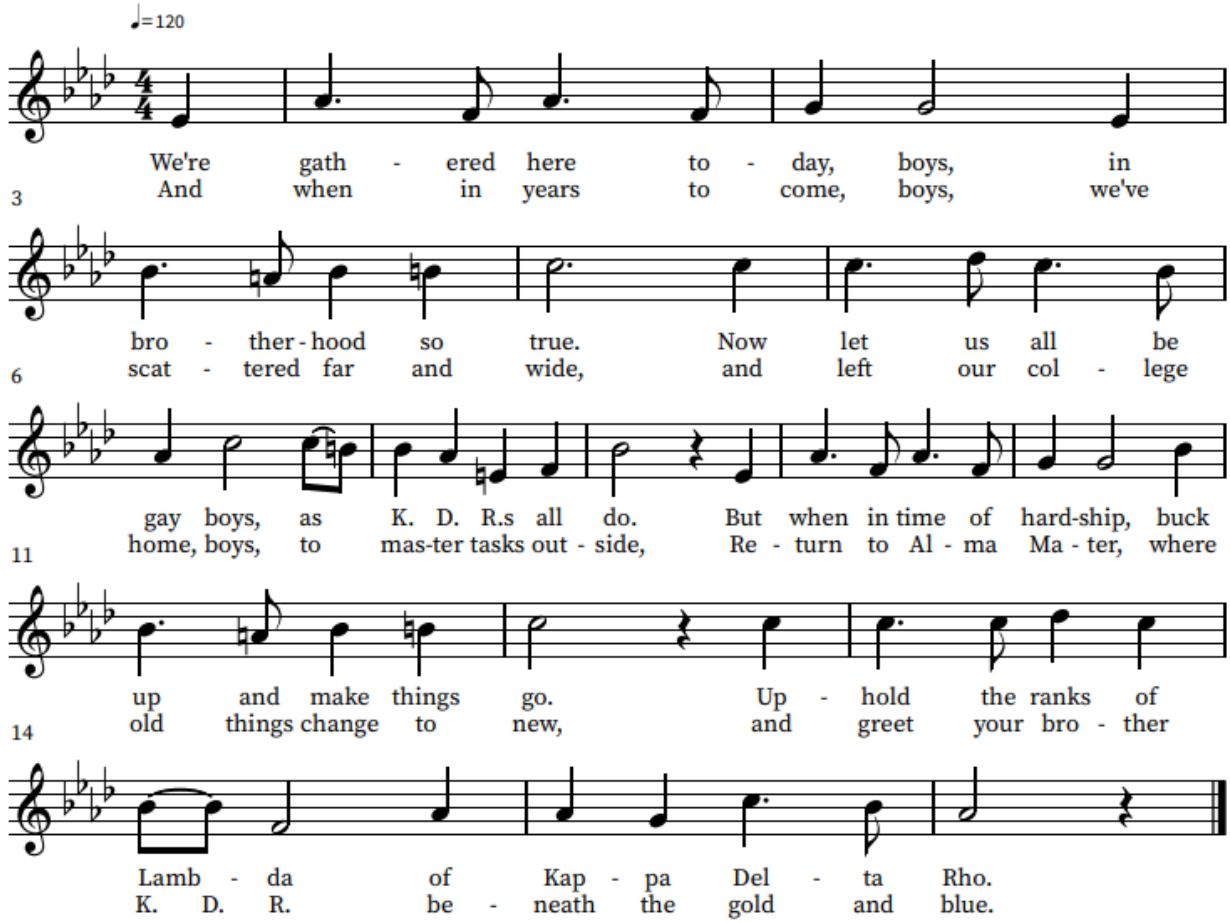
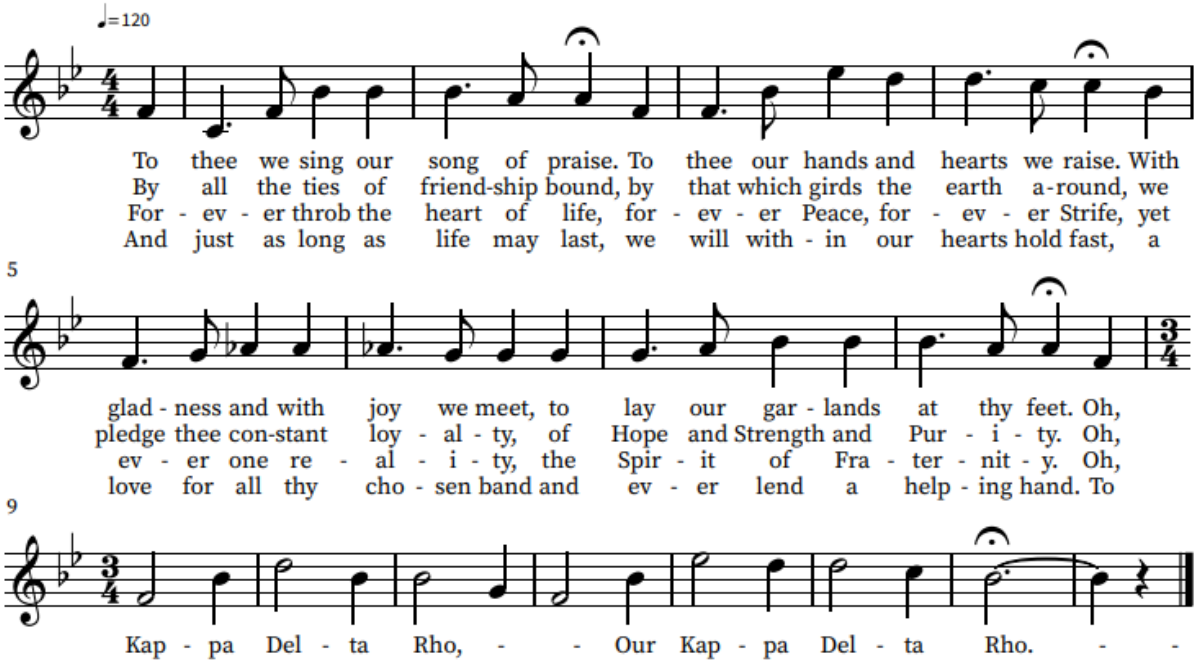


Kappa Delta Rho Hymn



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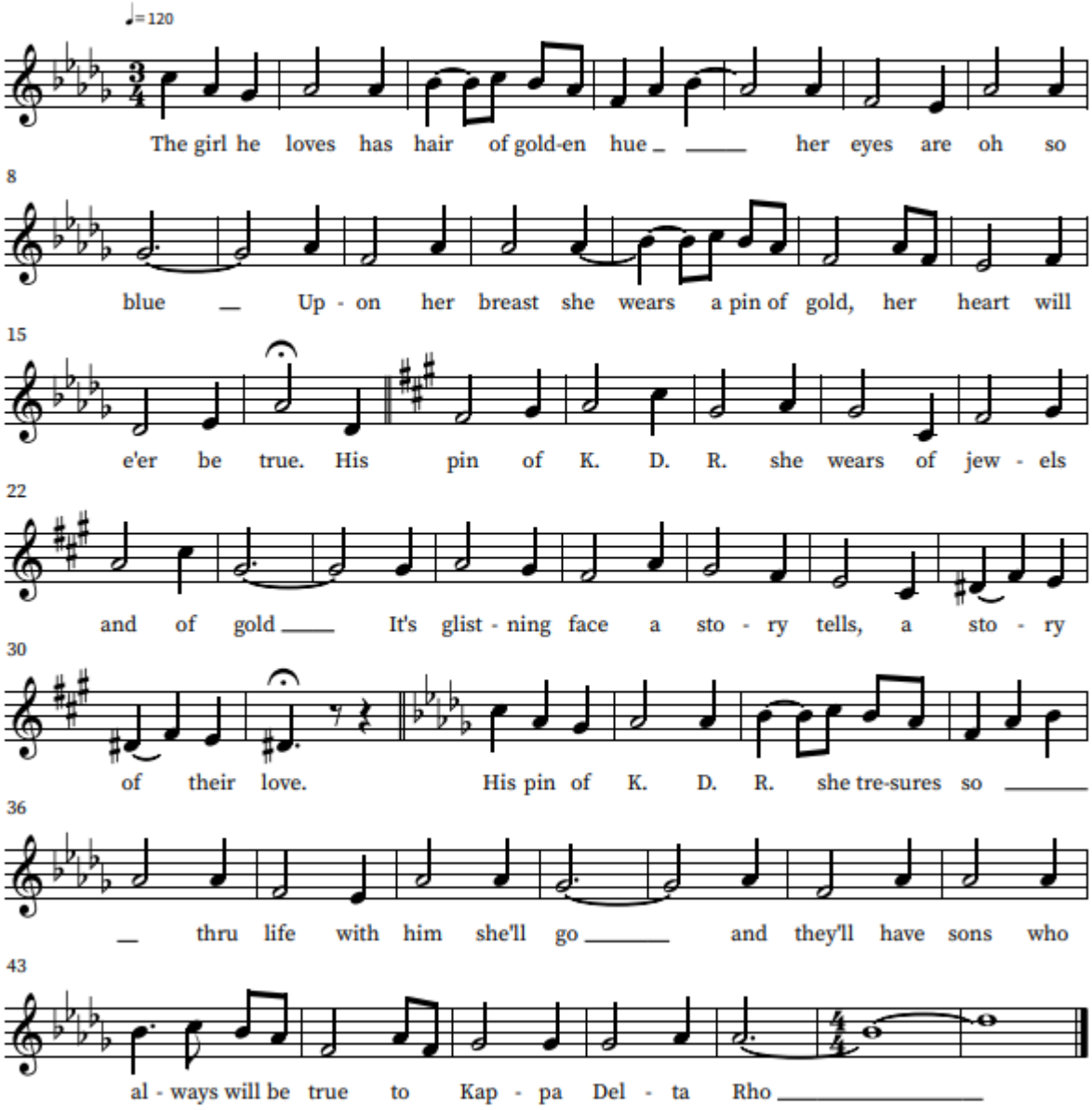
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