DKE NATIONAL CHAPTERS
(in chronological order)

PHI, Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut (renamed Yale University in 1887). Established June 22, 1844 as a protest against the unjust selections of the two fraternities then present (Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon). Phi of DKE is the only fraternity chapter at Yale which has never gone inactive.

THETA, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. Chartered November 4, 1844 as the fourth fraternity there. Founded through the efforts of Elisha B. Shapleigh and Thomas D. Sherwood of Yale, who worked with John S. H. Fogg, Bowdoin '46 to recruit the original 11 members.

ZETA, College of New Jersey (Princeton), Princeton, New Jersey. Chartered September 15, 1845 as the third fraternity there. Inactive from 1846 to March 17, 1852 because of anti-fraternity pressures; revived but then became inactive again in 1857. Fraternities returned to Princeton in the mid-1980s, and Zeta was revived on November 6, 1987.

XI, Waterville College, Waterville, Maine (after 1867 it was known as Colby University, and after 1899 as Colby College). Chartered June 25, 1846 as the first fraternity at Colby.

SIGMA, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. Chartered November 1, 1846 as the third fraternity there. Charter was withdrawn in 1982 over the issue of female membership. Following an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the college to suppress fraternities altogether, the chapter was revived on February 1, 1986.

GAMMA, University of Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee. Chartered April 19, 1847 as the first fraternity there. Inactive 1850-55 when university activities were suspended. Chapter name “Gamma” was given to Harvard in 1851 but restored to Nashville in 1855. Inactive 1861-69, but was revived at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, on October 16, 1889.

PSI, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Chartered June 20, 1847 as the first fraternity there. Inactive October 1856 to 1885 due to faculty opposition and the Civil War, and revived November 19, 1885.

CHI, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi. Chartered April 14, 1850 as the first fraternity there. Due to the Civil War, was inactive 1861-65 and revived January 6, 1865. Inactive 1912-28 because of a state antifraternity law which was later repealed. Charter withdrawn in 1985 as the result of a hazing incident. Restored to Colony status 3/23/99 with approval of Ole Miss Student Life Committee.

UPSILON, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. Chartered July 25, 1850 as the fifth fraternity there. Charter withdrawn in 1963 due to a hazing incident.

BETA, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Chartered April 5, 1851 as the first fraternity there. Inactive between 1861 and 1887, and revived March 19, 1887. During this period of inactivity, a chapter at Columbia University had been given the name Beta so the North Carolina chapter was named Beta Alpha until after the 1887 convention when the Columbia chapter took the name Gamma Beta.

ALPHA, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Chartered October 15, 1851 as a sophomore society, originally with the name “Gamma” since Nashville was inactive. Renamed Alpha in 1855 upon Nashville’s reactivation; inactive 1857-60. Charter withdrawn in 1891 because of duplication of membership with other fraternal societies at Harvard. Alpha was revived on April 28, 1991.

KAPPA, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Chartered on March 8, 1852 as the fourth fraternity there. Inactive 1856-59 after the chapter was split when six Dekes broke from the chapter to found Sigma Chi; inactive 1873-1889 when the school was closed due to financial difficulties and revived October 16, 1889. In 1985 university recognition was withdrawn as the result of alcohol violations, and the chapter was reactivated on April 15, 1989.
DELTA, South Carolina College, Columbia, South Carolina. Chartered on May 5, 1852 as the second fraternity there. Has remained inactive since the Civil War (1861).

LAMBDA, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. Chartered June 5, 1852 as the first fraternity at Kenyon. In 1854 Lambda chapter built the first fraternity lodge in America on a wooded site about a mile away from the campus.

OMEGA, Oakland College, Oakland, Mississippi. Chartered in 1852 as the first fraternity at the college and inactive since 1861.

ETA, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. Chartered on November 26, 1852 as the first fraternity there; inactive 1861-65.

PI, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Chartered July 14, 1853 as the fourth fraternity there. Charter withdrawn in 1970 as the result of disciplinary violations.

IOTA, chartered in 1854 at Kentucky Military Institute, Frankfort, Kentucky as the second fraternity there. Inactive from 1861-84 and was then revived at Central University of Kentucky in Richmond, Kentucky. Central University merged with Center College of Kentucky in 1901 and the chapter is now located at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

ALPHA ALPHA, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. Chartered September 19, 1854 as the second fraternity there. Originally named Alpha, the chapter was named Alpha' (prime) with the revival of the Harvard chapter, and was renamed Alpha Alpha at the 1887 Convention. Inactive 1969-1985 and was reactivated on April 27, 1985.

OMICRON, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Chartered February 24, 1855 as the fourth fraternity there. One of three chapters with a separate meeting hall, "The Shant," a brick structure built in 1878, now used to house the DKE Archives and for educational purposes under the auspices of The Rampant Lion Foundation.

EPSILON, Williams, Williamstown, Massachusetts. Chartered on March 25, 1855 as the ninth fraternity there. Inactive since 1961 when the college banned all fraternities.

RHO, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. Chartered October 15, 1855 as the second (and oldest surviving) fraternity there.

TAU, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. Chartered January 15, 1856 as the sixth fraternity there.

MU, Madison University (renamed Colgate University in 1890), Hamilton, New York. Chartered March 1, 1856 as the second fraternity there. (Alpha Delta Phi had remained on campus less than a year in 1850, and Mu was to exist another ten years before the next fraternity was chartered—during this period there were intensive efforts made by the school to have the chapter eliminated.) Mu maintains a separate structure for meetings—the Mu Temple.

NU, College of the City of New York (C.C.N.Y.), New York, New York (formerly known as the Free Academy). Chartered August 1, 1856 as the second fraternity there. Inactive since 1973.

BETA PHI, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. Chartered November 1, 1856 as the fourth fraternity there.

THETA CHI, Union College (Union University since 1873), Schenectady, New York. Chartered November 25, 1856 as the ninth fraternity there. Charter withdrawn in 1869 when the Civil War left the chapter too weak to compete on campus.

KAPPA PSI, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee. Chartered March 16, 1857 as the first fraternity there. Inactive 1862-66, and although revived after the Civil War it was so weakened that it became inactive after 1874.

ZETA ZETA, chartered January 30, 1858 at Centenary College of Louisiana, Jackson, Louisiana as the second fraternity there. Inactive from April 7, 1861 to April 7, 1923 when it was revived at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Friars Club, a local society, petitioned 14 years for the revival, and members of Zeta Zeta, in testament of this continuing endeavor, are permitted to wear the Friars' pin in addition to the standard DKE badge.

ALPHA DELTA, Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Chartered June 10, 1858 as the first fraternity there. Inactive since 1862 as a result of the Civil War.
TAU DELTA, Union University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Chartered in February 1861 as the third fraternity there. Made inactive by the Civil War in the spring of that year. Name, "Tau Delta" transferred to the chapter at University of the South upon its chartering in 1969.

PHI CHI, Rutgers College (Now Rutgers—the State University), New Brunswick, New Jersey. Chartered February 14, 1861 as the fourth fraternity there.

KAPPA PHI, Troy University, Troy, New York. Chartered in May 1861 as the first fraternity there. Both college and chapter failed to survive the Civil War.

PSI PHI, chartered at Indiana Asbury University (renamed DePauw University in 1884) on November 8, 1866 as the fifth fraternity there.

GAMMA PHI, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. Chartered on January 18, 1867 as the sixth fraternity there. Some of the members of the charter group had been members of the Owl and Wand Chapter of the Mystic Seven which disbanded at Wesleyan the same year.

ETA ALPHA, chartered at Washington College in Lexington, Virginia (renamed Washington and Lee University in 1871) on June 4, 1867 as the sixth fraternity on campus. Inactive since 1876.


BETA CHI, chartered on November 17, 1868 as the fourth fraternity at Western Reserve College in Hudson, Ohio. The charter members of the chapter had been members of Beta chapter of Beta Theta Pi but broke away to form the new DKE chapter. The college moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1882 and became a university, and in 1967 joined with Case Institute of Technology to become Case Western Reserve University. Inactive since 1970, Beta Chi was revived in 1990.

DELTA CHI, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Chartered on January 10, 1873, as the eighth fraternity there.

DELTA DELTA, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Chartered on May 22, 1870 as Delta chapter and as the fourth fraternity at the old University of Chicago which closed in 1885. Inactive from 1885 to 1893, the chapter was revived as Delta Delta chapter at the new University of Chicago, which had opened the previous year. Inactive since 1951, the chapter was revived on April 22, 1889.

PHI GAMMA, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Chartered November 17, 1871 as the first fraternity at Syracuse, the chapter had its origins with a group at Genesee College in Lima, New York, which preceded Syracuse. The charter was granted to a group which had been part of the Pen and Scroll Chapter of the Mystic Seven, a fraternity which merged with Beta Theta Pi in 1890.

GAMMA BETA, Columbia University, New York, New York. Chartered in 1874 as the Beta chapter and the ninth fraternity at Columbia. Name changed to Gamma Beta at the 1887 Convention, after the revival of Beta chapter at North Carolina. Inactive since 1935.

THETA ZETA, University of California, Berkeley, California. Chartered December 8, 1876 as DKE's first West Coast chapter and as the fourth fraternity at Berkeley.

ALPHA CHI, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. Chartered on May 5, 1879 as the fourth fraternity at Trinity; the founding group were members of the local "Clio" society. Inactive since 1990.

PHI EPSILON, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Chartered October 16, 1889 as the seventh fraternity on campus. Twelve of the 20 charter members had been members of the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta and had broken away from that fraternity when the chance to form a DKE chapter became a possibility.

SIGMA TAU, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Chartered November 14, 1890 as the tenth fraternity there. Founders were members of a local society, Alpha Gamma Kappa which had been established to petition for a DKE charter.
TAU LAMBDA, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Chartered November 17, 1898 as the eleventh fraternity at Tulane.

ALPHA PHI, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Chartered November 17, 1898 as the sixth fraternity there, this made DKE an international fraternity. The charter was granted to the “Caduccus Club,” formed to petition the Fraternity.

DELTA KAPPA, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Chartered November 16, 1899 as the seventeenth fraternity there.

TAU ALPHA, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Chartered November 15, 1900 as the fifth fraternity there. A local society, Alpha Phi Epsilon, and another local group combined under the name of Tau Alpha Society to receive the charter.

SIGMA RHO, Stanford University, Stanford, California. Chartered December 12, 1901 as the thirteenth fraternity there. Founding members had originally been part of the Lambda Epsilon chapter of Phi Gamma Delta which had given up its charter in a dispute with the national fraternity.

DELTA PI, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. Chartered November 17, 1904 as the thirteenth fraternity there. Inactive 1965-69, revived on May 17, 1969; years of financial problems and dwindling membership caused the chapter to go inactive again in 1986.


OMEGA CHI, University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Chartered December 6, 1912 as the fifteenth fraternity there. A local group, the Capital Club, which had been in existence for ten years, received the charter.

ALPHA TAU, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Chartered March 27, 1925 as the second fraternity there.

THETA RHO, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. Chartered February 13, 1932 as the twenty-eighth fraternity there. Lack of membership caused the chapter to go inactive in 1950. The Chapter was reactivated in 1992.

DELTA PHI, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Chartered December 30, 1932 as the fourth fraternity there.

DELTA EPSILON, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Chartered as the twenty-fifth fraternity there. Inactive since 1959.

LAMBDA DELTA, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Chartered March 27, 1948 as the twelfth fraternity there. Inactive since 1961.

PHI ALPHA, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Chartered February 26, 1949 as the thirteenth fraternity there.

KAPPA DELTA, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Chartered February 16, 1952 as the twenty-fourth fraternity there. Inactive since 1960.

RHO LAMBDA, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. Chartered February 21, 1954 as the twenty third fraternity there. Inactive since 1977, the chapter was revived in 1990.

TAU DELTA, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Chartered February 22, 1959 as the twelfth fraternity there and given the chapter name formerly used by Union University in 1861 (the only example of a duplication in the DKE Chapter Roll).

PSI DELTA, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Chartered March 18, 1970 as the eleventh fraternity there.

SIGMA ALPHA, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. Chartered February 6, 1971; the charter members had belonged to Delta Kappa Sigma local fraternity, founded in 1941.
PHI DELTA, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada. Chartered June 1, 1972 as the ninth fraternity there. Inactive 1977-89, and was reactivated in March, 1989.

SIGMA PHI, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania. Chartered January 23, 1973, this was DKE’s first chapter at a Catholic institution of learning.

PI BETA, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama. Chartered April 8, 1976 it was the first chapter to be named for an individual (Oliver W. “Pi” Branley, Psi ’38, an early supporter of the chapter). After a decade of effort to develop the chapter, and in the face of financial, rushing and operational difficulties, the chapter’s charter was withdrawn by the DKE Board in 1986.

ALPHA MU, Rowan College of New Jersey, Glassboro, New Jersey. Chartered May 4, 1982, the chapter was the result of close association between Glassboro undergraduates and members of the Phi Chi chapter at Rutgers University.

EPSILON RHO, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Chartered April 17, 1983 as the culmination of a colonization effort dating from 1979; the chapter letters are those of Duke’s official motto, “Eruditio et Religio”.

NU ZETA, Pace University, Pleasantville, New York. Chartered April 24, 1983 as the first fraternity there, and named in part for Nu chapter (C.C.N.Y.) whose alumni were instrumental in establishing the chapter.

ALPHA OMEGA, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana. Chartered May 19, 1984, DKE’s third Louisiana chapter had the rare experience of being initiated in a series of classrooms. Inactive 1998.

THETA UPSILON, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Chartered April 13, 1985, this was DKE’s first Southwestern chapter, and the launching point for future growth in this area.

IOTA MU, Fordham University, New York, New York. Chartered December 1, 1950 as the second fraternity there, this was DKE’s second chapter in a Catholic university.


BETA DELTA, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Chartered February 25, 1995.


DELTA TAU, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Chartered July 6, 2000.


