

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Nu Pi Chapter

Joliet, Illinois

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

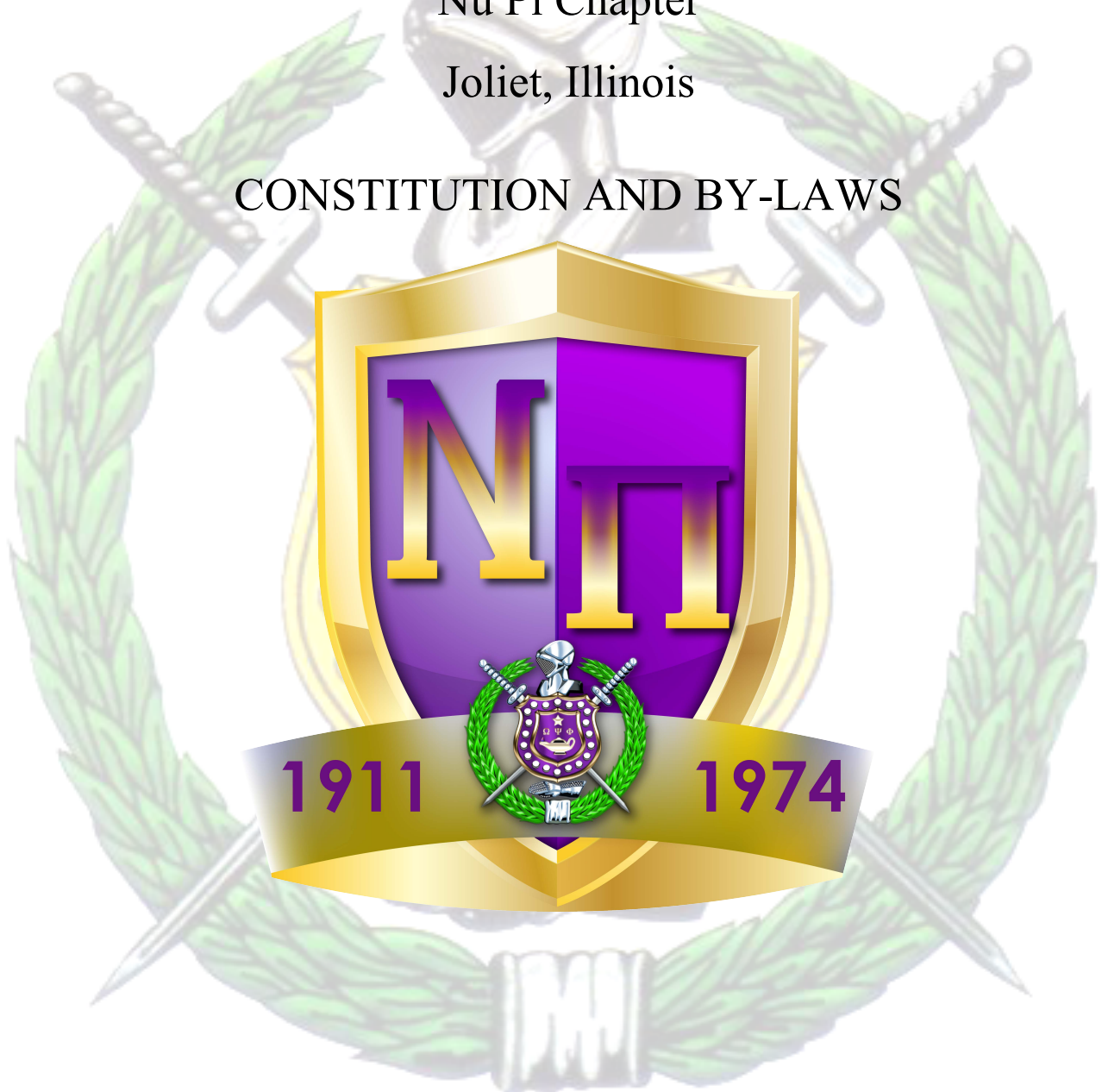


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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. NU PI GRAUDATE CHAPTER OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

"We, the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois believing that men of similar ideals of fellowship should bind themselves together in order to form a perfect union among college men to promote the principles of MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP. PERSEVERANCE and UPLIFT to further brotherly love and fraternal spirit within the organization, to protect the sanctity of the home and the chastity of woman, do enact and establish the Constitution and accompanying By-Laws for the government of its' members."

CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER I- NAME, PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE I

Section 1: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois.

Section 2: PURPOSE

"The purpose of the fraternity shall be to bring about a union of college men of similar ideals of scholarship and manhood in order:

- (a) To stimulate the attainment of ideals and ambitions of its members;
- (b) To disseminate and inculcate those ideals among those with whom its members come in contact;
- (c) To cooperate with the schools where its' Chapters may be located, in fostering these ideals;
- (d) To occupy a progressive, helpful and constructive place in the civic and political of the community and of the nation;
- (e) To prepare its' members for greater usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom and dignity of the individual;
- (f) To aid downtrodden humanity in its effort to achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status."

Section 3: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois shall consist of financial members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated living within a 50 mile radius of the city of Joliet, Illinois. Members shall continually demonstrate that they possess the qualities of MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSERVERANCE and UPLIFT, display qualities of leadership and be in compliance with all national mandates of membership. Undergraduate members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., shall be eligible for membership in Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois with ***no*** prejudice, as describe in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II OFFICERS, DUTIES, TENURE, VACANCIES, REMOVAL & ELECTION

Section 1: OFFICERS

The officers of Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois shall be the Basileus, Vice-Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seals, Keeper of Finance, Chapter Reporter (Correspondent), Chaplain and Keeper of Peace (Parliamentarian).

Section 2: DUTIES

The duties of the various officers shall be those provided for in the International Constitution and By Laws of Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois.

Section 3: TENURE

The term of each officer of Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois shall begin with the first regular meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. fiscal calendar year in which he was elected to serve, and shall continue for a period of ***one(1)*** year or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Said year shall run from “November 1 to October 31st of each calendar year for all financial members of the Chapter.

Section 4: VACANICES

Upon the death, resignation, refusal to serve or removal of the Basileus, the Vice-Basileus shall succeed to the office of Basileus. In the event that both offices shall simultaneously be vacated for any of the above stated reasons, the Executive Council shall call a special election to be held for the purpose of filling those offices for the duration of the unexpired term. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Basileus after first receiving the recommendations of the Executive Council.

Section 5: REMOVALS

(a) With the consent of the Executive Council, any elected officer, except the Basileus, who fails to perform his duties as outlined in this constitution and any amendments or By-Laws hereto, shall be removed by the Basileus with a two-thirds vote of those financial members present, and the vacancy thus created shall be filled by the Basileus until a successor is elected by the chapter.

(b) The Basileus shall be removed for cause, only upon a vote of three-fourths of the active financial members of the chapter. Upon such removal and vacancy, the Vice-Basileus shall succeed to the

office of Basileus, until such time that he is confirmed as Basileus or until a new Basileus is duly elected. (mis- representation of chapter funds or theft will be considered violations of trust, warranting immediate removal).

Section 6: ELECTION

(a) Election of officers shall be by blind ballot of financial members present after direct nominations. A simple majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to elect an office

(b) In the event of a tie vote, successive blind ballots shall be taken until one of the nominees is elected.

(c) Any and all officers may be a candidate for re-election. Nominations of officers shall take place at the regular August chapter meeting

(d) All officers of the chapter shall be elected at the regular chapter meeting in September of the current calendar year. Officers shall assume their respective duties at the first regular meeting of the new calendar year which starts (November 1st of each year)

(e) To be eligible for office, a member shall be financial with the fraternity and the chapter by November 30th each calendar year

(f) Voting shall be restricted to those members that are financial at both the Chapter and International levels of the fraternity.

(g) Brothers who are not financial will not be considered members of the chapter and shall not be eligible to hold office or participate in any chapter meeting or the development and implementation of strategic event planning activities, as well as MSP.

(h) To be eligible to run for the position of Basileus a member must be financial with the chapter for the previous 2 years.

ARTICLE III

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND DUTIES

Section 1: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council, subject to the Constitution and By-laws of the chapter, shall consist of the Basileus, Vice-Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seals, Keeper of Finance, Keeper of Peace, Chaplain Standing Committee Chairmen and a non-office holder of the chapter to be appointed by the Basileus. The Executive Council shall be authorized to make decisions on behalf of the chapter between regular meetings with exception to binding financial decisions that must be presented to the body for mediation and confirmation. It is understood that any decision made by the Executive

Council must be ratified at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter by a simple majority of those financial members present. The Executive Council is not empowered to change, alter, or supplant any decisions previously voted by the chapter.

Section 2: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Executive Council shall meet monthly or more often as deemed necessary. Any member thereof may call meetings.

Section 3: QUORUM

Two-thirds members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum thereof.

ARTICLE IV

REVENUE

Section 1: INTERNATIONAL DUES

Shall be those provided for in the International Constitution and shall be payable on or before November 30th each calendar year.

Section 2: DISTRICT DUES

Shall be those provided for in the District Constitution and shall be payable on or before November 30th each calendar year.

Section .3: CHAPTER DUES

Shall be those provided for by the Chapter and are payable to the chapter by the 31st of October each year. The amount of said dues shall be reviewed, determined and agreed upon annually by Chapter membership. Payment of dues by personal check is considered final after the total money amount due has been transferred to the chapters account, or by certified check, cash, or money order.

The following Chapter Officers must be licensed and bonded no later than December 1st of each year: Chapter Basilei and the Chapter Keeper of Finance

Existing chapter members with 30years of service and at least 5 consecutive years of service currently to Nu Pi chapter will not be required to pay chapter dues but must maintain an up to date financial status with the International Office of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTION

Section 1: AMENDMENTS

The members must present proposed amendments to this constitution to the Executive Council of the Chapter named therein. This Constitution may be amended as follows:

- (1) Amendments to this constitution must be proposed as herein before provided and submitted to the entire financial brothers of Nu Pi Chapter at the time of such proposal in the Chapter's regular meeting, and shall be considered adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the financial roster present at the time of such vote; a quorum being necessary as defined later in this Constitution.
- (2) Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Executive Council shall be submitted to the Chapter at the same time as the minutes of the last meeting and shall become effective on the first day of the month following the close of said meeting, unless rejected by more than one-third of the brothers financial at the time of said Chapter meeting. Notification of such proposal must be distributed seven days prior to the regular meeting.
- (3) The Keeper of Records and Seals shall tabulate the returns of said amendments and shall certify same to the Basileus who shall upon said amendment being adopted or rejected, notify all active financial brothers.
- (4) Adoption of all amendments to this Constitution shall be as provided for in Article, Section 1-2.
- (5) Amendments must be submitted as a formal resolution and typewritten no later than the first week in November of each year.

CHAPTER II- CHAPTER MEETINGS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTICLE I

Section 1: REGULAR MEETINGS

Quorum: Those present financial chapter members shall constitute a quorum. The regular meeting for the transaction of business shall be held on the second Saturday of each calendar month, unless otherwise specified by majority of those financial brothers in attendance at the regular chapter designated planning meeting, which shall be the first meeting in the month of November. All reports of officers, committees and other issues necessary for the welfare of the Chapter shall be typewritten and submitted one week in advance of said regular meeting to the Basileus or his designee and acted upon at said meeting.

Section 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Basileus may call special meetings after consultation with the Executive Council in cases where it is determined that an emergency exists requiring such meetings. In such cases, all brothers shall be given at least 48 hours notice of the time, place and subject of the meeting.

Section 3: PURPOSE

The purpose of said meetings are for those objectives set forth in Chapter 1, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution, Said meetings are also for the purpose of acting upon and hearing reports, recommendation and activities of the Chapter officers, Executive Council, the various committees and the brotherhood.

Section 4: COMPOSITION

Chapter meetings shall be composed of Chapter Officers and each financial brother. Other financial brothers of the District or the Fraternity shall be admitted to the session and review minutes, but no such visiting brother shall be permitted to vote, nor participate in discussions during the meeting. Any brothers not currently financial shall only be admitted after the business of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Nu Pi Chapter has concluded.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees of Nu Pi Graduate Chapter of Joliet, Illinois shall be:

- (a) Executive Council
- (b) Audit and Budgeting
- (c) Publicity and Public Relations
- (d) Reclamation and Retention
- (e) Scholarship
- (f) Social Action
- (g) By-Laws
- (h) Talent Hunt
- (i) Membership Selection
- (j) Other committees designated at a regular Chapter meeting

Section 2: AD HOC COMMITTEES

Shall be appointed by the Basileus to address a specific issue agreed upon by the Chapter. Said Ad Hoc committees may include, but not limited to:

- (a) Undergraduate Activities
- (b) By-Laws Amendments
- (c) Fundraising

Section 3: STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the same time that all regular officers are duly elected.

In the absence of a nomination, the Basileus shall make appointment by the next regularly scheduled Chapter meeting.

CHAPTER III- BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business of said Chapter meeting shall be:

- 1) Opening Ceremony Prayer
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4) K.F. and Committees Reports
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business
- 7) Closing Ceremony/Prayer

Section 2: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert Rules of Order shall govern in any case not covered by these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: BASILEUS

The Basileus shall be the Chief Executive of the Chapter and shall preside at all meetings. It shall be his duty to:

- (a) Order disbursement of funds as the Chapter may provide.
- (b) To provide a program of the future plans of the Chapter as such is available.
- (c) Provide at least twice a year a concise statement of the constructive work being done by the chapter in the civic life of the community.
- (d) Attend District meeting, Fall Council, International Conclave and Leadership Conference, or his designee.

Section 2: VICE-BASILEUS

The Vice-Basileus shall preside over the regular Chapter meeting in the absence of the Basileus. His duties shall also include those assigned to him by the Basileus, not inconsistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws. Further, it shall be his duty to insure that all committee meetings are held and reports submitted as designated.

Section 3: KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEALS

The Keeper of Records and Seals duties shall be to:

- (a) Keep a record of the official proceedings of the Chapter.
- (b) Carry on the correspondence of the Chapter.
- (c) Receive all funds of the Chapter; keep record of same in the minutes and on forms and deliver said funds to the Keeper of Finance immediately after their collection

- (d) Sign and record all written orders from the Basileus for the disbursement of Chapter funds and to forward same to the Keeper of Finance.
- (e) Keep an individual personal history of each member of this Chapter and furnish the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals with a duplicate copy of such history with additions and changes.
- (i) Furnish the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals such data concerning the Chapter as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals might consider necessary to keep history of the fraternity complete.
- (g) Carry on such publicity as the Chapter may direct, provided that such publicity shall be local in nature.
- (h) Render such reports as the Grand Officers might require.
- (i) Countersign all membership cards except those of detached brothers.
- (j) Maintain sufficient copies of the Fraternity's Ritual, Constitution and By-Laws, and general forms necessary to correspond with the International Office.
- (k) Notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals (through the International Office) of the death of a member expediently in order that the appropriate condolence can be expressed to the family of the deceased.
- (i) Assist those members who need to transfer to another chapter due to relocation.

Section 4: KEEPER OF FINANCE

The duties of the Keeper of Finance shall be to:

- (a) Receive from the Keeper of Records and Seals and hold all funds payable to the Chapter.
- (b) Disburse the funds of the Chapter only upon written order of the Basileus and countersigned by the Keeper of Records and Seals
- (c) Keep a businesslike record of all money received and disbursed and to submit such record together with all original orders for and receipts for disbursements as such times as the Chapter may direct.
- (d) Submit financial report for the chapter to the Basileus one week in advance of the regularly scheduled Chapter meeting.
- (e) Original copy of the present month bank statement shall be available at all chapter meetings for review

Section 5; CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall conduct all religious services of the Chapter.

Section 6: KEEPER OF PEACE

The Keeper of Peace shall serve as the Parliamentarian for the Chapter and utilize Robert's Rules of Order in all matters not covered within the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws. He shall be responsible for maintaining order and harmony among brothers at all regular meetings,

Section 7: CHAPTER REPORTER

The Chapter Reporter, along with the Keeper of Records and Seals, shall be responsible for reporting all Chapter civic and social Activities to the Oracle and other print and/or broadcast media as approved by the Basileus and/or Chapter

Section 8: Committee Budgets

All committee chairmen must provide a completed pre-event budget request form by the 1st week in November of each year, to the Audit and Budget Committee chairman to be eligible to receive chapter funds. No committee will receive chapter funds if they fail to comply with this instruction.

Committee fund raising events must demonstrate the ability to return all chapter funds used as seed money for events. In addition a written post event committee report must be submitted to the Audit & Budget committee within 5 days after the event concludes indicating profit/loss status.

ARTICLE III

STATEMENT OF POSITIONS

Section 1: LITTLE SISTER GROUPS

The Chapter shall acknowledge that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. expressly prohibits its undergraduate Chapters from establishing or maintaining auxiliary women's groups by any name, in as much as such groups are not desirable adjuncts to the undergraduate chapters of this organization.

Section 2: LEGACY

The Chapter shall acknowledge that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. expressly prohibits its undergraduate Chapters from establishing or maintaining auxiliary women's groups by any name in as much as such groups are not desirable adjuncts to the undergraduate chapters of this organization. (This section is a repeated from Section 1)

Section 3: BRANDING

The Chapter shall acknowledge that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. neither approves, condones or has as a part of its rules, regulations or ritual the imprinting of its' logo, mark or such symbols on any portion of the human body.

Section 4: HAZING

The Chapter shall acknowledge that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. strictly prohibits and expressly denounces the practice of hazing in any form during the pre-initiation activities for any of this' chapters or by any of its' members against any person seeking admission t the organizations.

Section 5: CANINE REFERENCE

The Chapter shall acknowledge that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. expressly denounces and vehemently opposes the use of canine (dog) representation associated with the organization's name, symbols or crest (escutcheon). Any member doing so is in violation of policy.

ARTICLE III (Continued)

STATEMENT OF POSITIONS

Section 6: Member Code of Conduct

1. Any continued uncontrollable outburst without adhering to the order given by the Basileus or designee to cease and desist said disruption will warrant immediate removal from the meeting and a 2 month suspension from chapter meetings and activities.
2. Any physical confrontation within a meeting will result in an immediate six month suspension by both parties from all chapter and District activities.
3. Refer to the International Members Code of Conduct of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc.



