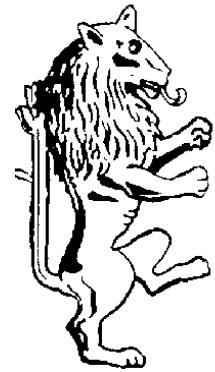




**AEI**



# **Spring 2021**

## **Pledge Handbook**

**Pledge Master: Elias Rose**

**Chi Sigma – UC San Diego**

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

ΑΕΠ's role is to encourage the Jewish student to remain dedicated to Jewish ideals, values and ethics and to prepare the student to be one of tomorrow's leaders so that he may better himself, his family, his community, and his people.

## **OUR COAT OF ARMS**

"The Cofa is a shield surmounted by a seven-branched candelabra, which incorporates the star of Zion. The shield is parted per saltier, and within the shield there appear the following symbols: in chief, a lion rampant turned toward dexter margin; on dexter flank, the fleur-de-lis; on sinister flank, a lamp of knowledge; at base an open book upon the pages of which there rests a human skull (the gruesome grinning relic of departed life) and the fraternity pledge pin. Below the shield there is a scroll on which appear the following Greek letters: **ΕΣΠΟΝΔΑ**"



## EXPECTATIONS OF AN INDIVIDUAL PLEDGE

### Scholastics

- Put your academics first, and do not lose sight of the fact that you came here for an education.
- Learn the Pledge Education. The difference between a fraternity and a social club is our sense of brotherhood and our mutual history and structure.

### Participation

- When you accepted your bid, you pledged to devote yourself to our program. Every event in the program has a very specific purpose; therefore, it is your responsibility to attend all pledge events. If for some reason you cannot be present, you're expected to inform the Pledge Educator as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made.

## **Punctuality**

- To arrive at an event 10 minutes early, is to arrive *on time*.

## **Conduct**

- Always wear your pledge pin when seeing Active or Alumni Brothers
- Always carry your matchbook
- When your pin is on your chest, your actions not only reflect you, but every member of this chapter, the Greek community and the Jewish community. Therefore, act in a manner that is appropriate, moral, and gentlemanly.

## **Etiquette**

### *Drinking alcohol*

- Alcohol does not serve as an excuse for any action or behavior that one may exhibit while intoxicated; if you cannot be responsible for your actions *at all times*, you are not fit to be a member of this fraternity.
- It is up to you to take care of brothers and guests who may have become intoxicated and make sure they do not become an embarrassment to themselves or to anyone else.
- Offer rides home to those who have been drinking or offer to call a cab or uber if you are under the influence, and take car keys from those who have been drinking.
- A fraternity without a reliance on alcohol is a group of brothers with a different set of priorities than alcohol; it is a true fraternity, a safe fraternity, where brothers don't need to be under the influence to be brothers.

### *Conduct with women*

- As a brother of a gentleman's fraternity, you are to show respect to

all women at all times.

- Offer your assistance to women in need.

#### *Dressing and Personal Grooming*

- While a pledge you must wear clean clothes, shower, shave, and keep your nails clean.
- Wear appropriate clothing, and always remember to dress for GQ Wednesday.

## **COMPONENTS OF THE PLEDGE PROGRAM**

### **Inductions**

The ritual ceremony in which neophytes receive their pledge pin and officially enter the pledge program

### **Big Brothers**

Big brothers are existing members of AEP who are designated to work with you and help you during your pledge period and following. It is the job of the big brother to help you out with all aspects of college life including studies, transitions, fraternity life, women, etc. They are here to make your transition from pledge to brother a fun and easy one.

### **Pledge Newly Initiated Brothers Retreat**

A weekend retreat in which pledges will undergo heavy programming or testing on their education and sense of brotherhood. DATE: TBD POST COVID VACCINE

### **Pledge Fundraiser**

An event or series of events organized by the Pledge Fundraising Chair, in which pledges can raise money for their Pledge-Active Party.

### **VIRTUAL Pledge-Active Party**

An event organized by the Pledge Social Chair where the pledges host and plan a party for brothers solely to prove that pledges know how to plan future social events when and if they initiate as well as party as

hard as the brothers in the chapter.

## **Initiations**

The ritual ceremony of passage from a pledge to a brother of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

## **Pledge Pin**

The pledge pin symbolizes your bond with the fraternity and your pledge to carry forth all that we hold dear. The pin embodies the four pillars of our fraternity; **humility, perseverance, mutual helpfulness, and faith**. Without these elements we would cease to exist. In a journey that begins with your pledge period and ends when you die you are now embarking on a task to live these words and infuse them within you as a person. The blue center of the pin stands for honesty, which is the base of all we know, all AEP represents and all we hope to teach. The four sides, each of which stand of a pillar in our fraternity, are curved to represent that the path of life is not always straight and that sometimes one must make a slight detour to reach his goal. Yet if this is done with honesty and faith, with the help of others and with one's one conviction and perseverance, eventually the guideposts will join together and the wearer will come to understand what it means to be a brother in Alpha Epsilon Pi. The proper term for the shape of the pin is a **normal tetra hydra cusped cycloid**.

## **Pledge Video Project**

The Pledge Video is a short video documenting some of the memorable experiences of pledge. The final product will be a well-edited video with a storyline that will be viewed with the Brothers. Keep in mind that no one besides the Brothers of this chapter will ever see the video or any of its contents.

It is very important that the video is funny and enjoyable. Creativity is vital; however, please do not do anything that will be offensive to any individual person or group outside of the chapter. Have fun with this, and, most importantly, make sure it is a video that your pledge class is proud to call their own. The final copy needs to be ready by May 23rd.

## **Pledge Class Taxi Service**

This is a program organized by the Pledge Class Sentinel. The pledge taxi service is to ensure that brothers can safely enjoy themselves out

on a weekend and not be stranded without a ride home. The program is implemented by the sentinel to organize a list of names and cell phone numbers of one pledge every Friday and Saturday night for the remainder of the pledge period. This list is to be emailed or given to the pledge master one week in advance, so that he may bring the contact information to regular meeting. The Taxi Service will begin after Hillel Shabbat ends on Friday nights (generally sometime between 8 and 9) and ends at 3:00 A.M.; and on Saturdays from 9:00 until 3:00. Taxi service may also be implemented on weekday social events at the discretion of the Pledge Master. Please note that this is not a personal chauffeur service, it is not to be abused by the brothers to go out and run errands, get food, etc. If at any time the pledges feel that the program is being abused, they should contact the Pledge Master, Pledge Sentinel, or Master immediately.

### **Pledge Class Gift**

As a group, the New Members should be required to make or (if they must) buy a gift to be given to the Pledge Master. Traditionally, a ceremonial paddle is given as well as another personal present.

### **Matchbook**

Each pledge begins the program with a book of 13 matches. Throughout the pledge program pledges can lose matches at the discretion of brothers for discretion of the pledge requirements. This may include being rude to brothers, not knowing the pledge education, etc.

## **THE HISTORY OF THE GREEK SYSTEM**

By 1750, five colleges were established in America; Harvard, Yale, William and Mary College, Princeton, and University of Pennsylvania. Within these heavily disciplined, small academies, there was not much personal liberty on behalf of the students, nor were there many interesting things to do. On December 5, 1776, only a few months after the founding of our nation, the Greek system was established. The first secret Greek-letter society, a place where students could speak freely and relax from the tough authority of the school, was established at William and Mary, and was known as Phi Beta Kappa. The fraternity system gradually grew from independent secret organizations to widely populated, thoroughly organized institutions

with nationwide and international affiliation.

## THE HISTORY OF ALPHA EPSILON PI

In the history of the United States, 1913 was an eventful year. Only a year before, Arizona had been admitted to the Union as the forty-eighth state, completing the continental bounds of the country. Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated President; the Federal Reserve System was established to strengthen the banking system; and the 16th amendment to the Constitution was adopted, providing for the progressive tax on income. The Panama Canal, one of the greatest engineering feats of modern times, was nearing completion and would be in operation in 1914. In that same year, at the School of Commerce of New York University, Alpha Epsilon Pi officially made its appearance in the fraternity world.

Its founders were all young men of serious purpose, employed during the day, coming from middle-class homes, who sought to get ahead by obtaining the formal training offered at New York University in the evening sessions. The catalyst for the founding of Alpha Epsilon Pi was the transfer of Charles Moskowitz from the College of the City of New York to New York University's School of Commerce. The group had its meals at German Rathskellar on Second Avenue, within walking distance of the university. The specialty was frankfurters and sauerkraut, and the price was fifteen cents. The basement, was open to the public only in the evenings was business was especially brisk. The young men talked with the owner who agreed that if six or eight men would eat their regularly every school night, he would give them a private area in the Rathskeller. And that is how Alpha Epsilon Pi began.

When the founding group finally gelled, there were eleven founding members: **Isador Glazer, Herman Kraus, Arthur Lipkint, Benjamin Meyer, Hyman Schulman, Emil Lustgarten, Arthur Leopold, Charles Pintel, Maurice Plager, David Schafer and Charles Moskowitz.** These are the Immortal Eleven. Charles Moskowitz was chosen as the first master. After months of meetings and perfecting the organization, the young group decided it was time to obtain recognition from the university as an official School of Commerce fraternity. To gain recognition, it was decided to address a letter to Dean Joseph French Johnson of the School of Commerce,

outlining the aims and ideals of the fledgling fraternity and asking of his consideration and approval. David Schafer was the only member who could type, so he, as secretary, was chosen to draft the request and type it, to give it a businesslike appearance. The letter was submitted, probably about early October, after which the waiting period began. As is the case today, the wheels of the decision-makers turned slowly. At last, however, the long-awaited reply came on November 7, 1913. It was in the affirmative. Alpha Epsilon Pi was a recognized fraternity at New York University.

Contact was soon made with a group of men at Cornell University who had organized a local fraternity there called Phi Tau. They and the brothers at NYU had a meeting of the minds and formed the Beta Chapter - truly our fraternity could now be called a national fraternity.

Recently, Alpha Epsilon Pi celebrated its 103rd anniversary, with 183 chapters and colonies. Its membership has grown to over 100,000. The greatness Alpha Epsilon Pi has achieved springs from the vision of that group of 11 young Jewish men going to night school in pursuit of a better life. Many times a chapter will blame its lack of success in part because of low membership. But if there is one thing that every brother should learn from our history is that Alpha Epsilon Pi started with *eleven* men and flourished into the fraternity it is today. It's not the numbers that make us great, it's the spirit and motivation to create something unique and the ability to implement a positive program based on Jewish ethics and values.

## THE IMMORTAL ELEVEN



*Charles Moskowitz*



*David Schafer*



*Isador Glazer*



*Herman Kraus*



*Arthur Leopold*



*Benjamin Meyer*



*Arthur Lipkint*



*Charles Pintel*



*Maurice Plager*



*Hyman Schulman*



*Emil Lustgarten*

# **THE HISTORY OF THE XΣ CHAPTER**

The Chi Sigma Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi was chartered on April 11, 1997 at the Mission Bay Hilton. The thirteen founding fathers of this fraternity were initiated on the campus of University of California, Los Angeles. A mere four years later, the Chi Sigma chapter was awarded both the UCSD Fraternity of the Year and Chapter of the year by National Alpha Epsilon Pi, a distinction it would later achieve twice more.

## **CHI SIGMA FOUNDING FATHERS**

- Nathan Becker
- Guy Berger
- David Franklin
- Maurice Mandel
- Jared Kahn
- Jacob Rheuban
- Mike Rossett
- Aran Sadja
- Arick Salmea
- Jason Schnitzer
- Dan Sider
- Matt Solnit
- Ilan Spieler

## **THE CHI SIGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board is the council of leaders who are entrusted with the present and future of the Chapter. Members of E-Board serve as the bridge between AEpi Nationals and the Chi Sigma chapter, and make the big decisions that affect all of us. The nine E-Board positions are:

**Master:** The highest-ranking position in our chapter. The master oversees all events, and serves as the highest authority in all decisions.

Currently: **Alex Becker**

**Lieutenant Master:** The lieutenant master is the brother entrusted with the task of selecting the Minor Board and overseeing relations between these positions and E-Board. The Lieutenant Master also serves as the President when the Master is absent

Currently: **Koby Preston**

**Exchequer:** The Chief Financial Officer of the fraternity, the exchequer deals with the funds in relation to the chapter. The exchequer collects dues and allocates money for our activities.

Currently: **Dan Magaril**

**Scribe:** The task of the scribe is to record the minutes of the meetings and email them to the chapter, thereby making it possible for everyone to stay up to date. The Scribe also handles booking meeting spaces and other necessary reservations.

Currently: **Andrew Mokhtardzadeh**

**Brother at Large:** The Brother at Large supervises and deals with the relationship between brothers in the chapter. Disputes, disagreements, or problems are dealt with by the brother at large, who also recognizes birthdays and other events in the lives of brothers in the chapter.

Currently: **Evan Pizzouro**

**Rush Chair:** Rush is the lifeblood of our chapter. The Rush Chair supervises the critical week, and is in charge of deciding which rushees are given bids. The chapter is essentially handed over to the Rush Chair and his committee during the two crucial weeks, and it is his responsibility to make sure Rush is a success.

Currently: **Max Levitt**

**Sentinel:** The risk management responsibilities involved with social and brotherhood activities falls to the sentinel. As the word implies, the sentinel keeps watch over the chapter and makes sure meetings and events go smoothly, safely, and orderly.

Currently: **Isaac Douglas**

**Social Chair:** Organizes our exchanges with sororities and creates the themes for the events. The chair helps to maintain sorority relations and works to get the venues for the exchanges. Plans our five yearly open parties. He coordinates the set up/clean up and makes sure the events are properly staffed and run smoothly.

Currently: **Alex Becker**

**Pledge Master:** The Pledge Master creates the pledge program for the Spring and Fall pledge classes. He is also the head of the pledge committee and makes all major decisions involving pledge.

Currently: **Sam Kurtzman**

## **THE CHI SIGMA Deep State**

**Academics Chair:** Manages and maintains the AEPi Library. Also, he helps each brother get the resources they need to succeed academically.

Currently: **Ethan Lerner**

**Alumni Chair:** Coordinates an annual Alumni weekend. Also keeps the Chi Sigma Alumni Facebook page updated with important announcements.

Currently: **Aaron Ossais**

**Athletics Chair:** Sets rosters and designates coaches for all IFC sporting events.

Currently: **Garrett Millstone**

**External Chair:** Coordinates chapter participation in sorority philanthropies and informs on PHC activities.

Currently: **Ofek Yakobi**

**Formal Chair:** Plans and arranges an epic spring formal for the chapter as an end of the year celebration. Awards are given out, suits are damaged, and substances are abused.

Currently: **Elias Rose**

**Housing Chair:** Ensures brothers find off-campus places to live. Also makes sure we have multiple houses to throw exchanges and open parties at.

Currently: **Koby Preston**

**Philanthropy Chair:** Plans and executes our chapter philanthropy to raise money for the San Diego Food Bank in our chapter's fight against food insecurity.

Currently: **Josh Sigal**

## **THE CHI SIGMA MINOR BOARD**

Minor board positions have specific roles to fill so that the chapter can function. All minor board chairs are selected by the Lieutenant Master.

**Alcohol Awareness Chair:** Educates the chapter about alcohol responsibility, holds tastings of San Diego's large selection of local craft beers, and organizes brewery crawls. He also brings a 6 pack of beer each week for winners of weekly brotherhood awards.

Currently: **Koby Preston**

**Alternative Harvest:** Informs the chapter on all the ways we can keep safe through medicinal and agricultural means. Includes a strain of the week.

Currently: **Ethan Wadhwa**

**Foreign Desk:** Maintains the Civics Facebook page and keeps the chapter up to date on local and world politics and educates us on Jewish/Israeli politics.

Currently: **Dane Lee**

**Gamer Chair:** Coordinates online gaming events of all platforms and events.

Currently: **Brendan Goldaber**

**Grubhub Guide:** Tries and leaves food reviews for restaurants around San Diego

Currently: **Dylan Nobel**

**HBO Max & Climax:** Recommendations for things to watch and reporting on group shows.

Currently: **Koby Preston**

**Hype Chair:** Hypes the boys up properly for events.

Currently: Garrett Millstone

**Meme Chair:** It is the duty of the meme chair to keep the chapter up to date with current internet popular culture, and curate memes.

Currently: **Amit Elia**

**Fantasy:** Runs chapter fantasy football league

Currently: **Jackson Lipschutz**

**Nic Chair:** Reports on all of your nicotine needs

Currently: **Aaron Ossias**

**Prince of Persia:** In charge of all Persian culture in the chapter.  
Currently: **Jonah Kharrazi**

**Smooth Chair:** Advises and reports on all smooth-brained activities for brothers.  
Currently: **Elias Rose**

**Surf Chair:** Reports on the surf-cast, new spots, fresh waves, and hot babes.  
Currently: **Tomer Alfandari**

**Termeskis Chair:** Informs the brotherhood on fun, new words and phrases.  
Currently: **Alex Deutsch**

**Tug Chair:** Responsible for giving a weekly tug report.  
Currently: **Isaac Douglas**

**Tinder Chair:** Helps bros get hole via swipes.  
Currently: **Sam Kurtzman**

**UFC Chair:** Fight master and ring leader.  
Currently: **Julian Ross**

**Webmaster:** Updates our website with current events, pictures etc.  
Currently: **Ofek Yakobi**

## **PLEDGE CLASS OFFICERS**

The following is a list of Pledge Class officers to be instituted within the Pledge Class. The adjoining expanded descriptions of their duties outline the organizational division of labor. Beyond these leadership responsibilities, however, it is assumed that the Pledge Class will be jointly responsible for the execution and the completion of all Pledge Class responsibilities.

**Pledge Class President:** Elected leader and spokesman for the Pledge Class. Runs designated portions of the Pledge Class Meetings.

Representative to the brotherhood in submitting requests or complaints to the Pledge Master or the Executive Board.

**Pledge Brother at Large:** Communications and phone contact to all Pledges. In charge of tangible Pledge Class responsibilities (Paddles, T-shirt, Gift, etc.). Deals with any issues that may arise between pledge brothers.

**Pledge Class Social Chair:** In charge of organizing any social events delegated to the pledge class.

**Pledge Class Video Chair:** In charge of the pledge class video.

**Pledge Class Sentinel:** In charge of organizing Pledge Taxi Service. Responsible for risk management at any Pledge/Active event.

## **CHI SIGMA AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Our fraternity was founded to produce and train future Jewish leaders. We hold ourselves to high standards as gentleman and as good Jews, despite the many interpretations the terms carry. Chi Sigma has, since our founding, been a critical part of the Jewish Community. We regularly hold events in conjunction with Hillel, the center for Jewish Life on campus. We also have members heavily involved in Tritons For Israel and Challah for Hunger.

## **THE PHILANTHROPIES OF CHI SIGMA**

### **Hunger Relief**

In 1999, Dr. David Altman biked across America and raised a million dollars for Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Since then Alpha Epsilon Pi has hosted a 56 hour Bike-A-Thon for Hunger Relief in San Diego County and Nationwide.

In past years, we've raised tens of thousands of dollars for the hungry.

## **GREEK ALPHABET**

**A - Alpha**

**B - Beta**

**Γ - Gamma**

**Δ - Delta**

**Ε - Epsilon**

**Ζ - Zeta**

**Η - Eta**

**Θ - Theta**

**Ι - Iota**

**Κ - Kappa**

**Λ - Lambda**

**Μ - Mu**

**Ν - Nu**

**Ξ - Xi**

**Ο - Omicron**

**Π - Pi**

**Ρ - Rho**

**Σ - Sigma**

**Τ - Tau**

**Υ - Upsilon**

**Φ - Phi**

**Χ - Chi**

**$\Psi$  - Psi**

**$\Omega$  - Omega**

**Everyone: BETA GAMMA SIR!**

## **THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)**

IFC is composed of the 16 social fraternities on campus. Its Executive Board is composed of 9 members selected from the various chapters. IFC regulates the activities of the 16 fraternities, notable rush, athletics, and philanthropies.

There are 9 IFC Sports. Chapters are assigned points based on what place they get in each sport. The team that ends the academic year with the most points wins the Sports Banner.

Fall Sports: Volleyball, Football

Winter Sports: Dodgeball, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball

Spring Sports: Swimming, Water Polo, Softball

<b>ΑΕΠ</b>	<b>Alpha Epsilon Pi</b>	<b>"A E Pi"</b>
<b>ΑΛΜ</b>	<b>Alpha Lambda Mu</b>	<b>"A L M"</b>
<b>ΒΘΠ</b>	<b>Beta Theta Pi</b>	<b>"Beta"</b>
<b>ΚΣ</b>	<b>Kappa Sigma</b>	<b>"Kappa Sig"</b>
<b>ΛΧΑ</b>	<b>Lambda Chi Alpha</b>	<b>"Lambda Chi"</b>
<b>ΠΚΑ</b>	<b>Pi Kappa Alpha</b>	<b>"Pike"</b>
<b>ΣΑΕ</b>	<b>Sigma Alpha Epsilon</b>	<b>"S A E"</b>
<b>ΣΑΜ</b>	<b>Sigma Alpha Mu</b>	<b>"Sammy"</b>
<b>ΣΝ</b>	<b>Sigma Nu</b>	<b>"Sigma Nu"</b>
<b>ΣΦΕ</b>	<b>Sigma Phi Epsilon</b>	<b>"Sig Ep"</b>
<b>ΣΧ</b>	<b>Sigma Chi</b>	<b>"Sigma Chi"</b>
<b>ΤΚΕ</b>	<b>Tau Kappa Epsilon</b>	<b>"Teek"</b>
<b>ΦΓΔ</b>	<b>Phi Gamma Delta</b>	<b>"Fiji"</b>

<b>ΦΔΘ</b>	<b>Phi Delta Theta</b>	<b>"Phi Delt"</b>
<b>ΠΚΦ</b>	<b>Pi Kappa Phi</b>	<b>"Pi Kap"</b>

## **THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (PHC)**

**PHC is the sorority equivalent of IFC. It represents the 12 social sororities at UCSD.**

<b>ΑΕΦ</b>	<b>Alpha Epsilon Phi</b>	<b>"A E Phi"</b>
<b>ΑΟΠ</b>	<b>Alpha Omicron Pi</b>	<b>"A O Pi"</b>
<b>ΑΦ</b>	<b>Alpha Phi</b>	<b>"Alpha Fee"</b>
<b>ΑΧΩ</b>	<b>Alpha Chi Omega</b>	<b>"A Chi O"</b>
<b>ΔΓ</b>	<b>Delta Gamma</b>	<b>"DG"</b>
<b>ΔΔΔ</b>	<b>Delta Delta Delta</b>	<b>"Tri Delt"</b>
<b>ΚΑΘ</b>	<b>Kappa Alpha Theta</b>	<b>"Theta"</b>
<b>ΚΚΓ</b>	<b>Kappa Kappa Gamma</b>	<b>"Kappa"</b>
<b>ΠΒΦ</b>	<b>Pi Beta Phi</b>	<b>"Pi Phi"</b>
<b>ΣΚ</b>	<b>Sigma Kappa</b>	<b>"Sigma Kappa"</b>
<b>ΦΣΡ</b>	<b>Phi Sigma Rho</b>	<b>"Phi Rho"</b>
<b>ΧΩ</b>	<b>Chi Omega</b>	<b>"Chi O"</b>