



Candidate for Membership Education Program

Week 3: National Organization

General Introduction to National Operations:

Now that you know a little about how the Theta Chapter is run, you need to learn more about the National organization of Chi Phi. You should know that whenever wearing the letters Chi Phi, a brother is representing himself, his chapter, and the fraternity as a whole. Take your Pledge Pin as the same type of symbol for now, one which shows your dedication to this fraternity.

The hand of Chi Phi is always extended to its members and as such, we try to maintain excellent relations between chapters and on a national level.

Congress

THE CONGRESS is the supreme governing body of Chi Phi. It is composed of two voting delegates from each active Chapter, one voting delegate from each Colony, one voting delegate from each Alumni Association, and one voting delegate from each Alumni Club. Congress meets annually, elects its own officers, and is practically supreme in its actions.

Judicial Courts

THE JUDICIAL POWER of the Fraternity is vested in the three courts as follows:

The Court of the Chapter has original jurisdiction over its members and Alumni and must report its proceedings in full to the Grand Council within 15 days of any hearing.

The Court of the Grand Council has jurisdiction over all members, Chapters, Colonies, and both types of Alumni organizations. It can also hear appeals from determinations of the Court of the Chapter with power to affirm or modify.

The Court of the Congress serves as an appellate court from the Court of Chapter and Council. It can assume original jurisdiction over members, Chapters, and Alumni organizations. It has exclusive jurisdiction over disputes between Chapters. This Court is composed of the delegates to the Congress. The judgment of this Court

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Structure of the Chi Phi Fraternity

Congress of the Fraternity

Legislative assembly of Chapters (each receiving two votes), Colonies (each receiving one vote), Alumni Associations (each receiving one vote), Chi Phi Clubs (each receiving one vote), and the Grand Council (entitled to voice but no voting rights). Congress is chaired by the "Alpha of Congress," who is elected by that body prior to any other proceedings.

Congress elects the Grand Alpha and Governors of the Trust, oversees the general success of the Fraternity, sets and approves the Fraternity's annual budget, sets and implements policies and procedures, convenes a "Court of the Congress" (highest judicial branch of the Fraternity) to hear any and all cases that may come before it, and provides directives to the Grand Council and National Fraternity Staff.

Grand Alpha

Elected by Congress

Grand Council

Appointed by the Grand Alpha, the Grand Council includes a Grand Eta (second officer in rank), Grand Beta (chaplain of the Fraternity), Grand Gamma, Grand Delta, Grand Epsilon, Grand Zeta, Grand Theta (undergraduate or graduate student), and a Grand Iota (undergraduate or graduate student). The Grand Council also includes the Executive Director, the Editor of The Chakett, and any other non-voting members as the Grand Alpha may see fit.

Committees

Appointed by the Grand Alpha to serve as a research and advisory team.

Executive Director

Chief Executive Officer hired by Grand Council, oversees the operations of the National Office, oversees staff activities, and is responsible for the implementation of Fraternity initiatives.

National Fraternity Staff

Paid staff members are hired and managed by Chi Phi's Executive Director.

Board of Governors Elected by Congress

Board of Trustees

Appointed by Governors to oversee the operation of the Trust, the Board of Trustees includes a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees-at-large, and Legal Counsel.

Educational Trust Staff

Paid staff members are hired and managed by the Chi Phi Board of Trustees

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Grand Council Members and brief descriptions of each:

The **Grand Alpha** (Steven Hopkins) is the President of the Fraternity and appoints the other members of the Grand Council.

The **Grand Beta** (Allen Ables) is the chaplain of the Fraternity. He offers the Prayer of the Fraternity.

The **Grand Gamma** (Marc LaRue) is the secretary of the Fraternity and of the Grand Council. He takes minutes at meetings and supervises uses of the seals of the Fraternity.

The **Grand Delta** (David Ebner) is the treasurer of the Fraternity.

The **Grand Epsilon** (Clark Kjorlaug) is the custodian of the Fraternity. He oversees storage of records by the national office.

The **Grand Zeta** (Matt D. Scheller) is the historian of the Fraternity. He advises the Grand Council.

The **Grand Eta** (John Christian) is the Second officer in rank on the Grand Council. He MUST be an attorney and appears on behalf of the grand council to the Courts of the Fraternity.

The **Grand Theta** (Grayson Loudermilk) and **Grand Iota** (Brad Thomas) are undergraduate members of the Fraternity. They serve one year as the Grand Iota and the second as the Grand Theta. They are full voting members of the Grand Council.

The **Executive Director** (Michael J. Azarian) is a full time employee and is administrative head of the Fraternity. He serves the Grand Council.

The **Counselor of Heritage and Traditions** (Safwan Chowdhury) maintains rituals of the Fraternity and proposes any necessary changes to the rituals.

The 2 Member at Larges are, Michael Aronson and Carl Michael

The **Scholastic Counselor** is Brody Stogdill

The newly elected Alumni Development and Engagement Counselor is Kevin Barnes

The National Office of Chi Phi is located at:

William M. Byrd Chi Phi National Headquarters Building 1160 Satellite Blvd. Suwanee, GA 30024



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Regional Leadership Alliance:

Purpose:

Bring together a group of Chapters and Colonies in the same geographic region to meet one another. While meeting, training sessions occur for members to learn about things such as finances and effective rush techniques.

Where:

Changes location annually. The most recent was held at the Xi Chapter at Cornell University.

Who:

Each Chapter (other than the host Chapter) in the region will send two to four representatives. More can be sent, but it should be cleared with the hosting Chapter beforehand.