

Constitution of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Chapter, believe that men of similar ideals of fellowship should bind themselves together in order to form a more 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; and to protect the sanctity of the home and the chastity of woman, do enact and establish this Constitution and accompanying Bylaws for the governance of its members. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Chapter is a non-affiliated chapter of the national organization Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Article I

Name and Symbol

Section 1 – The name of the organization shall be OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED.

Section 2 – The symbol of the Fraternity shall be the Greek letters ΩΨΦ (Omega Psi Phi).

Article II

Purpose/Mission

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

- (a) Stimulate the attainment of ideals and ambitions of its members;
- (b) Disseminate and inculcate those ideals among those with whom its member come in contact;
- (c) Cooperate with the schools where its chapters may be located in fostering these ideals;
- (d) Occupy a progressive, helpful and constructive place in the civic and political life, domestically, and internationally;
- (e) Prepare its members for greater usefulness in causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity of the individual; and,
- (f) Aid down-trodden humanity in its effort to achieve higher social, economic, and intellectual status.

Article III
Officers of the Fraternity

The officers of the Fraternity shall be Basileus, First Vice Basileus, Second Vice Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seal, Keeper of Finance, Grand Counselor, and Chaplain. The officers will be selected by majority vote of all active members of the organization.

Officers deemed by three-fourths vote of active membership to be unfit for leadership shall be removed from office.

Article IV
Governing Bodies

Section 1 – The supreme governing body of the Fraternity shall be the Grand Conclave. The Grand Conclave shall adopt and maintain Bylaws and Policies and take such other actions as are necessary for the welfare of the Fraternity.

Section 2 – The Supreme Council shall act in the place of the Grand Conclave whenever the Grand Conclave is not assembled. Between Grand Conclaves, the Supreme Council shall be responsible to the Grand Conclave for executing its policies, decisions, and mandates; enacting necessary policies between Grand Conclaves; and, conducting the day-to-day affairs of the Fraternity.

Article V
Eligibility for membership

Eligibility for membership in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. shall be restricted to men who meet the following criteria:

- (a) Initiation into the fraternity through an Undergraduate Chapter requires at a minimum that the candidate have:
 - (1) Completed 30 credit hours and one year at the college of university where the chapter is chartered;
 - (2) A grade point average of not less than 1.5 on a 3.0 scale, 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or 5.0 on a 5.0 scale;
 - (3) Certifiable status as a registered full-time student working toward a baccalaureate degree; and,
 - (4) Completed such other requirements as may be imposed by the respective degree granting college/university at which the Chapter is located.
- (b) Initiation into a Graduate Chapter requires at a minimum that the candidate:
 - (1) Meet all of the requirements for initiation as an undergraduate as listed in (a) (1-3) above and seeking initiation into a graduate chapter because there is no active undergraduate chapter at the college or university where he is enrolled, or

- (2) Have at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the Fraternity
- (c) Induction as an Honorary Member requires that that candidate shall have:
 - (1) Exhibited extraordinary accomplishments in his personal and/or professional life;
 - (2) Been recommended for membership by a majority vote of the Supreme Council; and,
 - (3) Been approved for membership by the Grand Conclave.

Although creation of sanctioning of other forms of membership shall be reserved solely for the Grand Conclave and the Grand officers, the following applies to the Phi Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:

The Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Article VI

Removal of Membership

Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of the Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. If a member violates the purpose or mission to a measure, determined by both the local chapter of Phi as well as the Grand chapter, that is grave enough for punitive measures, the member can be subject to suspension or expulsion.

Article VII

Ratification of Constitution

In order for amendments of the constitution to be ratified, three-fourths vote by all active members of the organization is necessary.