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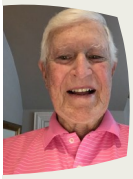

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THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF SKULLUMNI: THE ALPHA DELTA ALUMNI CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA SIGMA

2023 Marks the 125th Anniversary of Phi Kappa Sigma at the University of Maine

Alpha Delta Chapter Celebrates Quasquicentennial

"We, the undersigned students of the Maine State College, in order to promote our mutual welfare socially, intellectually, and morally, do agree to form ourselves into an organization which shall be known as the ΟΕΗΠ Society, and do ordain and establish the following Constitution for the governance of the same."

A collage of the Phi Kappa Sigma Chapter House from various decades

And so it was that in early November 1894, a group of students at the Maine State College (now the University of Maine) formed the society that would eventually become the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. The group's name—Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society—was chosen to signify the motto "find a way or make one."

Early meetings of this society focused on which men to invite as members, the election of officers, and the drafting of a constitution and bylaws. As spelled out in their Constitution, prospective members needed to be men of "good moral standing" but no one would be denied admission "on account of their political or religious views." The society's constitution expressly forbade conversations on such topics.

At most of their regular meetings, members would share essays and selected published readings on a variety of topics. Members would also engage in debate on questions raised at the previous meeting. During these debates, two previously selected members would speak in the affirmative and two previously selected members would speak in the negative on the question/statement at hand. Examples of such topics included:

* "The Electric R.R. between Bangor and Orono will be a benefit to the Maine State College."

* "The movement toward settling all disputes between Great Britain and U. States by arbitration is a benefit to them and also a wise example for other nations"

* "The Indians have suffered more than the negroes from the people of the U.S."

• "Alcohol does more damage than tobacco."

• "Has the invention of gun powder been a benefit to mankind?"

Members also voted to create an initiation ceremony, along with a sign of recognition, a sign of warning, and an official grip. While the descriptions of these three secret signs remain in the society's minutes, all other written secrets and initiation descriptions were presumably erased or destroyed after a December 1895 vote of the society required such.

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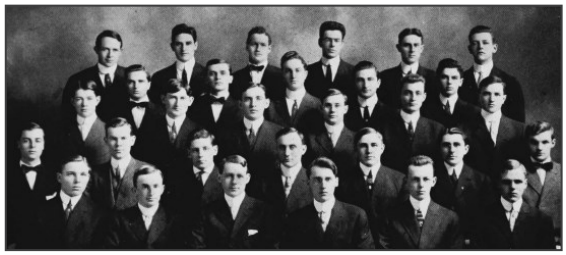
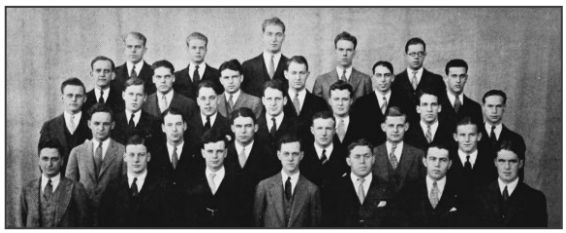
1898-2023:
125 Years of Phi Kappa Sigma at UMaine

120 Years Ago: 1902 Phi Kaps (PRISM)



110 Years Ago: 1912 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

95 Years Ago: 1927 Phi Kaps (PRISM)



90 Years Ago: 1932 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

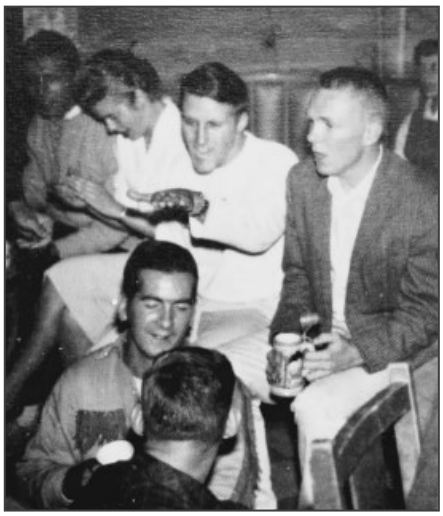
Groundbreaking on new house wings (1953)

75 Years Ago: 1947 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

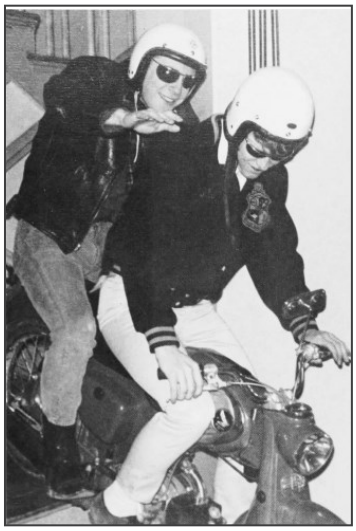
Skull House Fun (1952 PRISM)

65 Years Ago: 1957 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

Phi Kap Day 1960 (with help from an AOΠ sister)

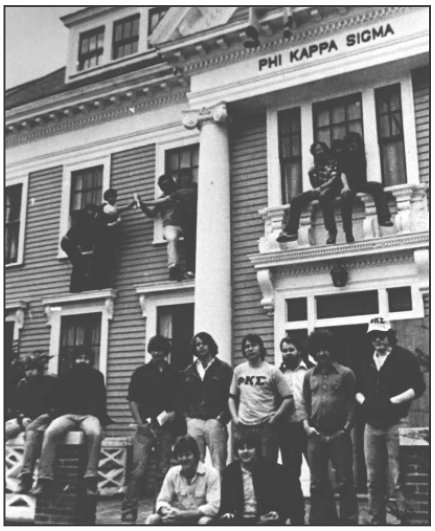


More Skull House Fun (1962 PRISM)



Brothers in 1967 Found a Quicker Way Down the Front Stairs (PRISM)

50 Years Ago: 1972 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

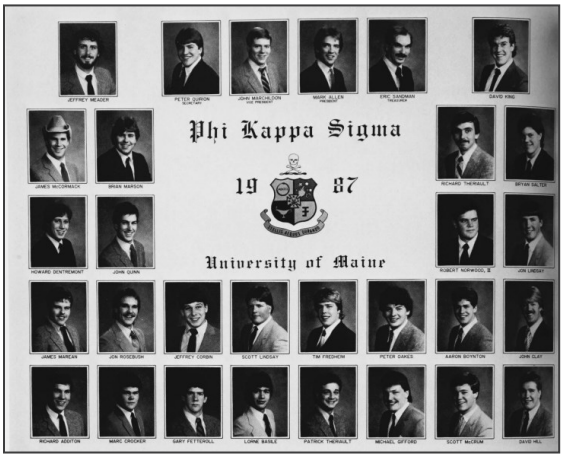


45 Years Ago: 1977 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

The Skull (1984)

40 Years Ago: 1982 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

30 Years Ago: 1992 Phi Kaps (PRISM)



35 Years Ago: 1987 Phi Kaps (PRISM)

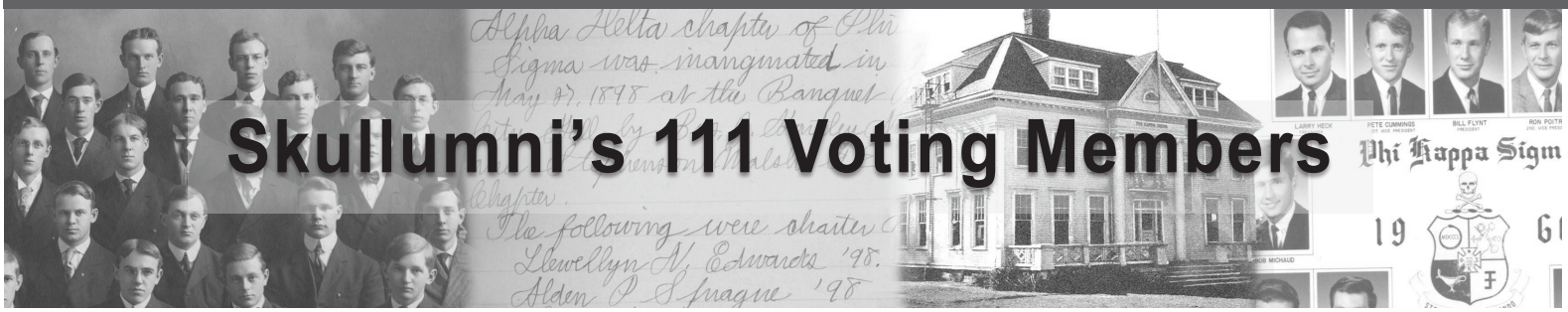
Fall 1994 Scholarship Winners

Skull House 2001

Winter Formal 1996

Alumni & Undergrads during Homecoming 2003

Winter Formal 2014



Skullumni's 111 Voting Members

Skullumni had 111 dues-paying members in 2022, up from 108 in 2021 and 102 in 2020. These alumni represent 52 unique classes spanning 65 years from 1950 to 2015. Below you will find the names of these Voting Members, their year of graduation, the number of years they have been a Voting Member (indicated in parenthesis), and an update about what they've been up to (if provided). THANK YOU Alpha Delta alumni for your support!

Titanium Skull Club ($750+) (1)

Matthew Rocca '96 (21)

Platinum Skull Club ($500-$749) (4)

Paul Sullivan '66 (21) | **William Dolley '80** (1) "I have many fond memories of the House while attending UMO! I attended UMO from 1976 to 1980 - then transferred to Chaminade University of Honolulu to graduate with a BS degree...and on to other private universities to earn higher graduate/post graduate degrees. I served in the U.S. Marine Corps in both enlisted and commissioned (Officer) ranks - a total of 24 years (more advanced military degrees). In addition, I served in 7 distinct combat/expeditionary campaigns throughout my career (infantry, intelligence, cyber, communications)! I am also a professionalized National Security Agency (NSA) IR Professional (Masters) and worked in the U.S. Intelligence Community for many years - holding the absolute highest security clearances. Needless to say, Phi Kap ignited my raw and undeveloped leadership and mentoring aspirations while the Marine Corps fined tuned my leadership and mentoring abilities. One never starts a fight, one always stands up to bullies, and one follows through to finish the fight to protect fellow Brothers - my hope is that this creed is still alive in the House - respect, honor, trust, and love for one another. My story is that any Phi Kap young man attending UMO in any program can achieve so much more in life than they realize as an undergraduate. If I can do it, they all can do it. The Phi Kap House, full of raw, passionate talent in each and every young man as the generations click off throughout the decades, endures like the stars." | **Paul Walsh '86** (4) | **Steven Urquhart '92** (1)

Diamond Skull Club ($250-$499) (10)

Steven Dice '60 (2) | **Douglas Allen '62** (16) | **William Gould '65** (15) | **Thomas Hardcastle '65** (11) | **Thomas Dwyer '67** (21) | **Zachary Longley '67** (20) | **Jonathan Young '71** (21) | **David Pullen '73** (19) | **Robert Whittier '73** (13) | **Jeremy Thiele '02** (21)

Century Skull Club ($100-$249) (44)

Kenneth Chatto '50 (19) | **Alan Pease '52** (20) | **Donald LaRochelle '53** (21) | **Gilbert Leslie '56** (21) | **Foster Shibles '56** (21) | **Robert Hutchinson '57** (19) | **Robert McKown '58** (12) | **James Scott '58** (10) | **William Hutchinson '59** (16) | **Gary Auclair '60** (17) | **Stanley Chenoweth '60** (10) "Enjoying a quiet retirement on the quiet shores of Flagstaff Lake in Eustis." | **Richard Dudley '60** (20) | **David Gagnon '60** (20) "Tough times working with C-19 etc - Must be hard to lose good times @ UMO." | **J. Bruce Johnson '60** (13) | **Jerry Lambert '60** (17) | **Jonathan Ord '60** (17) | **Francis Blake '61** (7) | **F. William Smullen '62** (21) | **James Vamvakias '62** (18) | **Bruce Wentworth '63** (20) | **William Potter '64** (11) | **Axel Larson '65** (14) | **Brian Bicknell '66** (21) | **Charles Bonney '66** (19) | **Willard Flynt '66** (11) | **James Henneberry '66** (2) | **Paul Herer '68** (17) | **George Campbell '71** (13) | **Lynn Johnston '72** (10) | **Larry LaPlante '73** (21) | **Michael Fayer '76** (10) "Retired. Married 45 years. Two sons working in

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space industry (Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket; Amazon's Kuiper Project)." | **Eric Hoyer '76** (2) "Semi-retired after 44 years of Forestry/Arborist work (all in Florida). Enjoy kayaking, boating and cycling." | **Wayne Penley '79** (2) | **Tom Saucier '83** (1) | **Alan Van Wert '84** (4) | **Rick Malinowski '91** (9) | **Daniel Ludden '92** (19) | **Denis Elie '94** (11) | **Chris Hopper '95** (1) | **Peter Ruggiero '97** (21) | **Derrick Slowikowski '97** (6) | **Robert Williams '00** (20) | **Sean Theriault '10** (6) | **William Hughes '12** (5)

Golden Skull Club ($50-$99) (36)

Dana Davis '50 (17) | **Alton Cole '52** (12) | **John Hodgkins '56** (20) | **James Dunlap '58** (16) | **S. Clyde Ross '59** (21) "All is well here in Farmington, still going strong; into my 52nd as a member (Deputy Fire Chief) Farmington Fire Rescue Dept. Wasn't able to get to the Chapter Meeting this fall, to many commitments but trust all went well. Saw Bruce Johnson and he appears to be holding his own and getting around, had a nice visit." | **Ewen MacKinnon '61** (16) | **Alvin Ahlers '62** (19) | **Robert Bogdan '62** (11) "Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Syracuse University" | **Stephen DeWick '62** (18) | **Lawrence Libby '62** (14) | **Avard Walker '64** (16) | **Fred Wildes '65** (15) | **Jay Smith '67** (21) | **John Sebelius '68** (13) | **Gary Ackendorf '70** (12) | **John LeShane '72** (2) | **David Cole '77** (3) | **Walter Jones '77** (1) | **Chip Stephens '77** (15) | **Frederick Morton '79** (7) | **Kevin Stephens '83** (16) | **Rich Ruhlin '85** (14) | **Shawn Harris '91** (13) | **Patrick Penley '91** (20) | **Andrew Morse '93** (15) | **Walter Kiesow, Jr '96** (4) | **Scott Morelli '99** (21) "Oldest daughter in third year of nursing school at St. Joe's College and is consistently on Dean's List. Middle daughter headed into sophomore year of high school—she led her Class A varsity girls basketball team in scoring her freshman year and is also tops in her class academically. Youngest daughter is in 4th grade and enjoys basketball, soccer, drawing, & playing on the iPad." | **Danny Guzman '06** (17) | **Charles Hastings '11** (4) | **Justin Gamache '12** (7) | **Jody Conant '13** (4) | **Benjamin Fournier '13** (7) | **Daniel Mackenzie '13** (6) | **Benjamin Denison '14** (2) | **Ethan Hoffman '15** (5) | **Jay Knowlton '15** (7)

Skull Club ($25-$49) (16)

David Gates '54 (17) | **David Foster '56** (16) | **Kenneth Henrikson '56** (15) | **Peter Berry '61** (19) | **Paul Kiah '62** (19) | **John Dorsey '69** (4) | **Robert St. Pierre '73** (9) | **Edward St. Charles '94** (13) | **Anthony Kvedar '00** (21) | **James Flagg '03** (20) | **James Kinne '03** (8) | **Daniel Kinne '04** (16) | **Joshua Moody '09** (14) | **Jeffrey Gerry '11** (1) | **Derek Jones '11** (4) | **Elias Eder '12** (9)

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Help Skullumni fulfill its missions: join or renew your membership dues today! Your gift ensures you Voting Member status through December 2023. This means that you will:

- Receive **updated contact information for all alumni** from your era, including exclusive access to our online database of all alumni via our website
- **Receive discounts on alumni social events,** such as a discounted Homecoming football game ticket for those who donate $50 or more ($15+ value)
- **Be recognized** for your donation on our website and in our annual newsletter

In turn, your donation will enable Skullumni to:

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'Founders Club'

Skullumni offers thanks the following 16 alumni for donating to the Alumni Chapter in each of our 21 years of existence (since 2001):

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Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56
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Brian Bicknell '66
Paul Sullivan '66
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Τ: Anthony Kvedar '00
Σ: Joshua Moody '09
Υ: Robert Williams '00

Undergraduates Avoid Closure

And Other Updates from James Lewis, Undergraduate Chapter Alpha

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma has had a rollercoaster of a semester but have bonded together more than ever.

"Celso's Bar" in the Ram

The chapter has recently agreed to relatively minor sanctions for disputed allegations of hazing and underaged drinking. These sanctions are much less severe than the initial twenty two month suspension that had been issued, and we are glad the University reconsidered without the need of going through a formal appeal process. Now that you are up to date on that issue, let's update you on what the brotherhood has been doing this semester.

In Orono we're seeing 70 degree days and 35 degree nights, and walking out of a 3:00pm class to see it's pitch black out. The leaves are now off all the trees and all over the lawn, so the brotherhood has kept it clean outside as well as inside with some renovations.

For starters we took a day together to rake up all the leaves and clean up the appearance of our beautiful house. To follow that we have completely redone the "Ram". Over the past year or so we have noticed that members have been spending less and less time up there, so we implemented the "Make the Ram Great Again" plan.

This consisted of an entirely new paint job, fixing the broken legs on the pool table, and building a new bar. As some of you are aware, our dedication to this work and the name of the bar is for Brother Celso Silva, who tragically passed away this past summer. His dedication to this chapter speaks volumes and has shown us the true meaning of brotherhood and what it means to be a man of honor.

While the University conducted its investigation in October and November we were restricted from having events or hosting anyone besides active brothers at the house. However, we still managed to salvage a little bit of the Parents Weekend we originally planned. Several parents decided that they were still coming up to visit their sons and show their support to the brotherhood. Many of us enjoyed lunch with our parents and then gathered at an off campus house in which we had a fire, more food, and a lot of fun connecting.

While we have been restricted from almost everything on campus, we have been able to participate in intramural sports. As mentioned at homecoming, we managed to place third in football and fourth in soccer, but have since started floor hockey, basketball, and softball. The basketball season is off to a 0-1 start, sadly, as we have lost a lot of height in the past years. Softball was a great deal of fun in which we had some dominating wins but lost in the semi-finals. We are 2-1 in floor hockey and have a great majority of brothers who have hockey experience.

Outside of intramural sports about twelve of us have decided to relive our glory days on ice and have put together a team for ice hockey in an off campus league. We played our first game and took an 8-7 loss, though we have high hopes to win this league.

As we look to move in a positive direction after the investigation, the broth-

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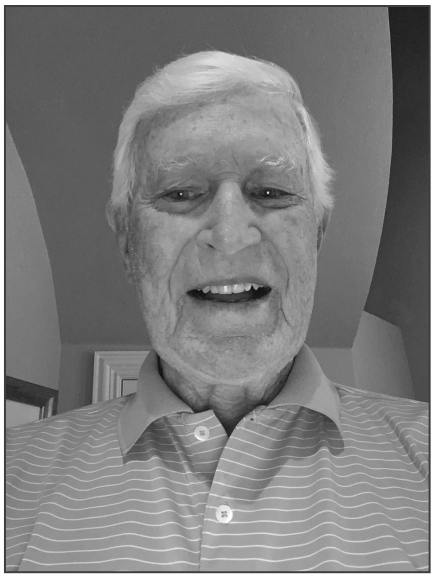
Sullivan '66 Named Alum of the Year

Paul Sullivan—class of 1966—has been selected as the 2022 Alumnus of the Year. Brother Sullivan was selected based on a successful professional career, as well as for his ongoing support of the Alumni Chapter. Sullivan is a member of Skullumni's "Founder's Club", having donated in each of our 21 years of existence. He is also the second highest donor in the history of the Alumni Chapter.



Paul Sullivan '66

A native of Boston, MA, Sullivan received a bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Maine and a Doctor of Law degree from Boston College Law School.

He joined Exxon Corporation (now Exxon Mobil Corporation) in 1969 as a legal assistant and served in a number of positions of increasing responsibility, including general tax counsel of Exxon Chemical Company and general tax counsel of Exxon Company, U.S.A. He was elected vice president and general tax counsel of Exxon Corporation.

Sullivan retired on April 1, 2007, after more than 37 years of service.

Following retirement, he joined the Dean's Advisory Board at Boston College Law School. Sullivan is also active with Junior Achievement of Dallas, where he is also on the Board. He and his wife Barbara split their time between Dallas, TX; Wilton, CT; and Sea Island, GA.

The Sullivan's have two children and six grandchildren. The eldest grandchild, Connor, graduated from SMU. The next, Matthew, just graduated from the University of Virginia. Ellie, Charlie, and Caroline each entered college this year at Auburn, Washington and Lee, and Georgetown, respectively. Finally, Bridget is a junior at St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA.

Sullivan's favorite memories from his time at UMaine include Phi Kap parties, the Sophomore Owls, Senior Skulls, and Pat's Pizza on Friday afternoons.

"To my fellow alumni: never forget the times you enjoyed at Phi Kap," said Sullivan. "Always have pride in the past and faith in the future of our Alpha Delta chapter. May it and the University remain in the spirit of our hearts always."

Congratulations Brother Sullivan!

Chapter Update, Continued

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erhood is going to be volunteering around campus and in the community before our first semester ends in December, and to continue that in the spring for our second semester. We plan on having a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House and are also planning on doing our "Lawn Games for Celso", which we have done the past couple of years to raise money for the late brother Celso Silva's family. For next semester, we plan to continue the tradition on Maine Day of volunteering to help out on campus as well as holding another volleyball tournament like we had last year for LLS.

Although the last month has not been the most active and exciting month that the Alpha Delta chapter has seen, the brotherhood has continued to stay positive throughout all of it. Despite the restrictions that we have been given we have been able to make the most out of it by putting work into our home, playing intramural sports, and overall bonding together the most that we can. With the news that the chapter won't be suspended from campus, we hope to bring more good news soon about the future of our chapter.

A Special Thank You

Skullumni offers thanks to the following alumni for reaching milestone donation years:

20 YEARS (9):
Alan Pease '52
John Hodgkins '56
Richard Dudley '60
David Gagnon '60
Bruce Wentworth '63
Zachary Longley '67
Patrick Penley '91
Robert Williams '00
James Flagg '03

15 YEARS (5):
Kenneth Henrikson '56
William Gould '65
Fred Wildes '65
Chip Stephens '77
Andrew Morse '93

10 YEARS (4):
James Scott '58
Stanley Chenoweth '60
Lynn Johnston '72
Michael Fayer '76

5 YEARS (2):
William Hughes '12
Ethan Hoffman '15

1st YEAR (6):
Walter Jones, Jr. '77
William Dolley '80
Tom Saucier '83
Steven Urquhart '92
Chris Hopper '95
Jeffrey Gerry '11

Phi Kap Celebrates 125 Years at UMaine, Continued

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On several occasions in 1895 members discussed the possibility of becoming incorporated into a Fraternity. After failing to be accepted by Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta, the society petitioned Phi Kappa Sigma. Nearly a year after doing so, on May 27, 1898 at Bangor City Hall, 22 members of the ΟΕΗΠ Society were initiated as charter members of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma.

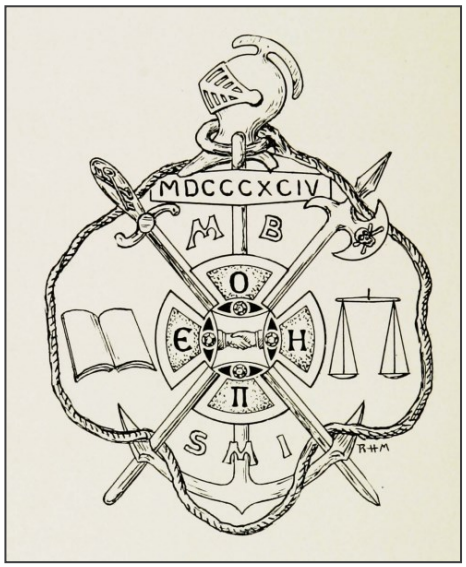
On November 4, 1898, the first action in regard to a chapter home was taken when it was voted, "To have a committee appointed to see what prospect we have of getting a chapter house." Since 1896, members had been renting half of QTV Hall for their meetings. (In the winter of 1900-01, QTV Hall experienced a fire and it was only due to the daring and persistent efforts of Brother F.M. Davis '01 that the charter was not destroyed.)

The chapter was fortunate in that university officials provided a site for a home on the university campus and were willing to endorse notes to the amount of about $10,000 for its erection. With this financial support, money was borrowed from banks and individuals and work commenced during the college year of 1902-1903.

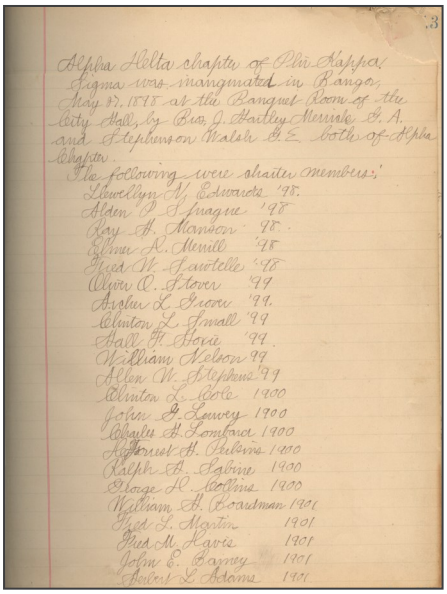
Finally, in November, 1903, the chapter moved into its new home, a house built to hold about thirty students, a matron, and a chef. From this date on, a new life began for Alpha Delta, with the chapter thriving for decades.

During Word War II, all Maine fraternities were closed and used as University residences and army quarters. After the war, membership surged. Memories of poker nights, snow sculpture contests, house mothers, and sleeping in the (often cold) Ram are shared by hundreds of alumni. In the early 1950s, a successful fundraising effort led to the addition of the wings to the chapter house. The 50s and 60s are generally considered the heyday of our chapter.

Fast forward to the fall of 1987, the chapter was in a bad state of affairs and the brotherhood was divided. The chapter engaged heavily in physical and mental hazing and the house was rundown. Many brothers were unmotivated and were heavily into partying, and very little was being accomplished.



The precursor to our chapter was the Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society, whose shield is seen here (1898 PRISM)



Minutes from May 27, 1898 inauguration ceremony

The Alpha Delta Chapter seal

Nationals intervened and conducted a membership review. As a result, in the summer of 1988, 27 members were removed from the chapter. The removal of these brothers is commonly referred to as "The Purge".

Only 11 brothers remained in the Fall of 1988 but they turned Alpha Delta around by focusing heavily on grades, working on the house, and completely removing hazing from the pledge program. Over the next several years, the results were obvious: the chapter was named Best Fraternity at the University of Maine and within the entire Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Over the past few decades, the chapter has experienced significant highs and lows. In some years, the chapter has received numerous accolades and awards from the University and National Headquarters. In other years, they have suffered sanctions from the University for partying, and in some cases had membership reviews resulting in the removal of certain members.

Between 2008 to 2016, alumni embarked on the most significant house renovations campaign since the wings were added 60 years prior. Nearly 100 alumni donated over $163,000 toward the effort, and the refreshed house helped significantly boost membership and the overall success of the chapter.

Currently, the chapter has just agreed to relatively minor sanctions from the University for disputed allegations of hazing and underaged drinking. Fortunately, these sanctions are nowhere near as severe as the initial two year suspension from campus. Thankfully, this means our chapter will be on campus when it officially turns 125 on May 27, 2023. Skullumni will be working with the undergraduates to plan a Quasquicentennial Celebration in 2023—more details to come.

Happy 125th birthday Alpha Delta Chapter and to all of the members who have had a part in its success during this time. Here's to another 125 years!