

## National Operations

### Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda History

In 1907, LOS AMIGOS (a house club) was born out of need – the need of Christian men at the University of California, Berkeley for a place to live and study that was within their means.

Seven years later (1914) in response to the suggestion of Benjamin Ide Wheeler, the President of the University of California, Los Amigos organized our house club as a national fraternity of one-chapter, Alpha Kappa Lambda.”

On April 22, 1914, a formation banquet was held in the Hotel Shattuck in Berkeley, with members of the new Fraternity and many guests from the community of the University of California in attendance.

Alpha Kappa Lambda became the first Fraternity to be founded on the West Coast, indeed west of the Rocky Mountains!

Alpha Kappa Lambda’s growth from a one-chapter national fraternity was delayed until after World War II in 1920 when two Alpha members transferred to Stanford University in nearby Palo Alto and helped to establish Beta Chapter.

In 1921, Gamma Chapter developed from the Bushnell Guild at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

Growth of AKL continued with the additions of Delta Chapter at the University of Kansas at Lawrence in 1922, Epsilon Chapter at the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1923 and Zeta Chapter was founded at Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan in 1924.

After the chartering of Iota Chapter at Kansas State University in Manhattan in 1930 and Kappa Chapter at Purdue University in West Lafayette in 1934, the growth of Alpha Kappa Lambda was stalled due to the economic devastation from the depression.

## **The Official Creed of Alpha Kappa Lambda**

*I believe in the Five Ideals of Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity and subscribe to an emphasis on Judeo-Christian Principles, Leadership, Scholarship, Loyalty, and Self Support.*

*I believe in brotherhood as friendship of the highest calling.*

*I accept membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda as affiliation that is binding for life.*

*I pledge myself to treat others as I would have them treat me.*

*I shall respect the opinion of others.*

*I shall commit myself to a style of membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda that is an educationally and socially maturing process. The goal of this process is achieving a wholeness of manhood that is prepared to assume leadership responsibility in fulfilling the obligations of life.*

## **The Five Ideals of Alpha Kappa Lambda**

Judeo-Christian Principles

Leadership

Scholarship

Loyalty

Self-Support

## **The Founders of Los Amigos and Alpha Kappa Lambda**

Herman Ritchie "Dickie" Bergh

Harold Alonzo "Hal" Savage

Allen Holmes Kimball

Charles Oscar "Oscar" Perrine

Ludwig Rehfuess

Gail Cleland

Charles Junius "Charlie" Booth

William Barnum

Leonard Herington Day

Harry Levi Osborne

Joseph Leon "Joe" Taylor