



# PHI KAPPA SIGMA

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.

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## **Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity Elects New Board of Directors**

**Carmel, IN (2021-08-10)** During Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity's 100<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter which was held in Carmel, Indiana on August 7, 2021, the student members and alumni delegates elected seven (7) new board of directors to serve on the Fraternity board. These brothers will serve a two (2) year term that will run from August 7, 2021 thru the next Grand Chapter in 2023 – which will be held in the Fort Worth (Texas) area. Details on dates and venue are pending.

The newly elected board of directors are:

**Grand Alpha** (*International President*), R. Philip Petrowski, Alpha Theta Chapter, Wisconsin '01  
**Grand Beta** (*International Vice President*), Gil Lizalde, Beta Lambda Chapter, Northern Illinois '01  
**Grand Pi** (*International VP of Education/Leadership*), Ron Stranix, Delta Rho Chapter, Ursinus '12  
**Grand Sigma** (*International Secretary*), Ryan Gilson, Beta Delta Chapter, Michigan State '15  
**Grand Tau** (*International Treasurer*), Tim Schug, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Illinois Tech '07  
**Grand Theta** (*International Regional Director*), Matt Szarzynski, Alpha Xi Chapter, Purdue '12  
**Grand Theta** (*International Regional Director*), Alex West, Beta Theta Chapter, Texas Christian '21

Brother David Smith, former Grand Alpha (*International President*) has been moved to Past Grand Alpha (PGA) status and is awarded all the rights and privileges bestowed upon that position.

### **About Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity**

**Phi Kappa Sigma (ΦΚΣ)** is an international all-male college secret society and social fraternity. While nicknames differ from institution to institution, the most common nicknames for the fraternity are Skulls, Skullhouse, Phi Kap, and PKS (the first two because of the skull and crossbones on the fraternity's badge and coat of arms). Phi Kappa Sigma was founded by Dr. Samuel Brown Wylie Mitchell at the University of Pennsylvania. Mitchell recorded the initial ideas and concepts of Phi Kappa Sigma on August 16, 1850. He then began to discuss the idea with other students, first Charles Hare Hutchinson, and then Alfred Victor du Pont (son of Alfred V. du Pont), John Thorne Stone, Andrew Adams Ripka, James Bayard Hodge, and Duane Williams. The seven men formally founded the fraternity on October 19, 1850 becoming the founding fathers of Phi Kappa Sigma. Phi Kappa Sigma is a charter member of the North American Interfraternity Conference, and since 2017, is headquartered in Carmel, Indiana. Prior to that, starting with its founding in 1850, the fraternity was based out of Philadelphia, Valley Forge and Chester Springs, Pennsylvania.

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