

CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL
of
DELTA PHI ALPHA
NATIONAL GERMAN HONOR SOCIETY

PREAMBLE

The National German Honor Society, Delta Phi Alpha, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German and to provide an incentive for higher scholarship. The Society aims to promote the study of the German language, literature, and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and which contribute to man's eternal search for peace and truth.

Article I — NAME AND INSIGNIA

SECTION 1. The Name of this society shall be Delta Phi Alpha and the Greek capital letters ΔΦΑ shall appear on all insignia of the Society.

SECTION 2. The letters ΔΦΑ shall stand for Δαδουχος Φρευω 'Αυθδρωπω, signifying "Torchbearer of the Minds of Men".

SECTION 3. The colors of the Society shall be black, red and gold.

Article II — ORGANIZATION

This Society shall consist of the National Council and constituent chapters duly chartered and in good standing.

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this association after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III — NATIONAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1. The National Council shall consist of elective, ex officio, appointive, and honorary members. Only the elective and ex officio members shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. The elective national officers shall include a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the chapters.

SECTION 3. The retiring National President shall serve ex officio as National Counsellor during the term of his successor in office.

SECTION 4. The National Council may appoint a Custodian of Funds and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be considered members of the National Council but shall not be entitled to vote unless they hold a written proxy from a voting member of the National Council.

SECTION 5. The National Council may recognize distinguished service to the Society by appointing honorary members to the Council.

SECTION 6. The National Council shall conduct all affairs of the Society subject to the direction of the constituent chapters.

SECTION 7. Members of the National Council shall serve for a period of two years, or until their successors are installed, and shall be eligible for re-election.

