

**Graduate Pledge Manual**

**For**

**Torchbearers and Starlighters**

**Pledge Groups**

TAU GAMMA DELTA SORORITY, INC.

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***FORWORD***

***Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. is a national***

***organization of college graduates and business persons***

***joined together by common interests and***

***goals. We are dedicated to providing***

***scholarships to our youth, contributing to***

***charity, and serving our communities.***

***We strive to develop a program that will keep***

***pace with new thinking. Our aim in study and***

***action is to make our program important for***

***our society, timely, penetrating and worthy of***

***the attention of educated persons.***

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# **TO THE PLEDGEE**

**Welcome to the Torchbearer’s/Starlighter’s Pledge Club of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc.**

**Pledging is a training period in which all prospective members are required to spend time in concentrated study before being accepted into the organization.**

**This period is designed to acquaint you with the organization you have chosen to join. You will read of our beginning in a brief history and become familiar with our Founders whom we lovingly refer to as our “Pearls.” You will become familiar with our contributions to our communities, to education and to our own development. You will read about our projects, programs, activities and responsibilities. We therefore hope that you have:**

* **A desire to learn**
* **A desire to work in an organized group**
* **The ability to complete all assignments**
* **A desire to contribute to leadership and scholarships in local communities**

**We are honored that you have chosen to join hands with us in our quest to make this world a better place in which we live. We sincerely hope that you will gain the warmth and love that binds us to one another in fellowship and devotion.**

**This manual is to be used by persons who meet the qualifications to pledge in the Graduate Chapters of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. This personal guide is to be used during the pledging period and is to be kept confidential at all times.**

# **PURPOSE**

**The purpose of the Sorority is to promote higher ideals and establish reputable standards for growth and harmony of true sisterhood of business and professional persons; to aid in the education of worthy students desiring business or professional training; and to further community and civic activities.**

## MOTTO

**“Illuminating the Pathway”**

## COLORS

**Pale Pink and Pale Blue**

## FLOWERS

**Pink Carnation**

## EMBLEM

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Membership in a Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc., Graduate Chapter, is open to persons of high ethical standards who have graduated from an accredited university or college and have received a degree; or having owned or operated a business of not less than five years or professional status for a period of not less than five years. The Undergraduate Chapter is open to persons enrolled in an accredited college or university and shall have finished at least thirty (30) semester hours. Honorary Membership is extended to persons of outstanding character and achievement.**

# **A SHORT HISTORY**

**of**

**TAU GAMMA DELTA SORORITY, INC.**

**Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1942 at Lewis Business College in Detroit, Michigan by a group of students under the name of Phi Gamma Delta Sorority. The name was changed to Tau Gamma Delta Sorority on October 17, 1951.**

**The Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Michigan Corporation and Commission on December 12, 1951 to operate as a nonprofit organization. Subsequently, a charter was granted. Therefore, the headquarters of the Sorority is in the city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The official office of the Sorority is in the city where the Supreme Basileus resides.**

**Each local chapter is required to register under the National name in its own state and abide by the laws of the state.**

**Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. soon became a national organization of college graduates, undergraduates, business and professional persons with chapters located throughout the United States.**

**THE FOUNDERS (“PEARLS”)**

**Clotiele Anderson\* Elizabeth Parker\***

**Kathleen Carter\* Celillus Curry-Morgan\***

**Corine Dean-Hubert\* Juanita Parnell**

**Agnes Sams-Fischer\* Jane Howard-Smith\***

**\*Beyond the Herizon**

**OUR PEARLS**

**Our Pearls—are our jewels of great worth. They are the ones who gave our sorority its birth. We acknowledge their efforts and praise the good they contributed so untiringly to build our sisterhood. Words inadequately express our deepest thoughts for the Unity, Spirit and Loyalty they have taught each of us.**

**OUR PAST ILLUMINATORS**

**(The National Presidents and their terms of office)**

**Elizabeth Garner\* 1943 – 1949**

**Mary Hall\* 1949 – 1952**

**Bertha Smith\* 1952 – 1956**

**Corine Dean-Hubert\* 1956 – 1958**

**Thelma Ballard\* 1958 – 1962**

**Eliza Hamilton\* 1962 – 1966**

**Agnes Fischer\* 1966 – 1970**

**Mabel Abrams\* 1970 – 1974**

**Thelma Link 1974 – 1978**

**Noma O. Scott\* 1978 – 1982**

**Elnora Starks\* 1982 – 1986**

**Annette I. Welford\* 1986 – 1990**

**Ernestine Belfield 1990 – 1994**

**Annie Blount\* 1994 – 1998**

**Lois Rosedom-Boyd 1998 – 2002**

**Barbara Wyatt 2002 – 2006**

**Clustie Ford 2006 – 2010**

**Jessie Freeman 2010 – 2014**

**Judy Byrd Dillard 2014 – 2018**

**Fayetta Caffie** **2018 – 2022**

**Judy Byrd Dillard 2022 – 2024**

**Ernestine Gordon 2024 – to present**

**The first Pledge Club, Beta Chapter, was organized in Detroit, Michigan in 1943. Emma K. Fitts served as president.**

**\*Beyond the Horizon**

**SUPREME DIRECTORATE**

**The Supreme Directorate is composed of nine (9) elected members that serve in six, four, and two-year terms. The officers shall be Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and Secretary. The officers are elected by its own members.**

**NATIONAL OFFICERS**

**The National Officers and Regional Directors who are elected and the appointed members may serve in four-year terms if reelected. They are as follows:**

**Supreme Basileus**

**Supreme First Anti-Basileus**

**Supreme Second Anti-Basileus**

**Supreme Grammateus**

**Supreme Anti-Grammateus**

**Supreme Epistaleus**

**Supreme Tamiochus**

**National Graduate Organizer**

**National Chaplain**

**National Historian**

**National Director of Tauettes**

**National Keeper of Pins**

**National Corresponding Secretary\***

**National Keeper of Properties\***

**National Editor-in-Chief\***

**National Parliamentarian\***

**National Sergeant-at-Arms\***

**National Resident Agent\***

**National Director of Public Relations\***

**Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors:**

**Central**

**Eastern**

**Southern**

**Western**

**\*Appointed Officers**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION (BOULÉ)**

**The National Convention, known as Boulé, convenes biennially. It shall open the on Wednesday of the last full week in July.**

**INFORMATION FOR PLEDGEES**

**The name of the club is the Torchbearer’s or Starlighter’s Pledge Club of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc.**

## MOTTO

**“Through our tireless, fruitful efforts, higher goals we hope to reach”**

## COLORS

**Pale Pink and Pale Blue**

## FLOWER

**Pink Rose**

## EMBLEM

**The Star**

**The Pledge Club shall hold two regular meetings each month. The dues shall be set by majority vote at the first business meeting of the Pledge Club. Officers are elected at the first business meeting. All monies are under the jurisdiction of the Sorority.**

**Any member of the Pledge Club absent from four meetings without a legitimate, written excuse acceptable to the Dean of Pledgees is inactive and will have to complete the assignments with the next Pledge Group. The Graduate Pledge Manual is the property of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, and therefore, must be submitted to the Dean of Pledgees.**

**The initiation fee is $150.00 and is payable on or before the last month of the pledge period.**

**Pledgees shall wear pledge uniforms (pale pink and pale blue) to all meetings and functions sponsored during the pledge period. Sorority members shall be referred to as “Big Sisters” (last name) during the pledge period.**

**The tenure of office shall be for the duration of the pledge period under the supervision of the Dean of Pledgees.**

**Good luck as you strive to meet the challenge of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc.**

**DUTIES OF PLEDGE CLUB OFFICERS**

**The duties of the officers shall be those usually performed in that office as set forth in Robert’s Rules of Parliamentary Usage.**

**FORMAT OF MEETING**

**Agenda will be as follows:**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Devotion**
3. **Roll Call: Collection of dues**
4. **Minutes of previous meeting**
5. **Review of monthly assignments**
6. **Committee reports**
7. **Unfinished business**
8. **New business**
9. **Pledge Song**
10. **Motto**
11. **Adjournment**

**MEETINGS**

**1. There shall be two regular meetings of the group each month.**

**2. Pledgees are requested to attend all meetings unless excused by the Dean of Pledgees or Assistant Dean of Pledgees.**

**3. Finances shall be set by the majority vote at the first business meeting. All monies are under the jurisdiction of the Sorority.**

# **NATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**The National Scholarship Award is presented at Boulé to a worthy high school graduate or college student meeting the qualifications as set forth by the Sorority toward the expenses of a college education. The recipient is selected by the members of the hostess chapter in the city where Boulé is held.**

**The National Charity Award is presented at Boulé to an organization that is rendering outstanding, charitable service in the community. The organization is selected by the hostess chapter in the city where Boulé is held.**

**The National Service Project was established for the purpose of enabling the members of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. to become involved in various service programs being sponsored on a national level.**

**Founders’ Day Observance is a day set aside during the month of October to pay tribute to the eight Founders of the Sorority.**

**Taugadetta is a program designed to formally present aspiring young persons in the Arts to the community. Taugadetta (meaning a vigorous, charming performance) is Tau Gamma Delta’s cultural program. The idea was presented to the Sorority by the members of Gamma Chapter in 1959.**

**The Tauette Club was advanced by the members of Beta Chapter in 1961. The Club is designed to engage students in grades 6 thru 12 to participate in organized activities that will help them develop socially, educationally and culturally.**

# **SORORITY AWARDS**

**The eminent Soror of the Year Award and Trophy were presented by Soror Thelma C. Ballard, Epsilon Chapter in Sacramento, California in 1954. These honors were bestowed at each Boulé. They are designed to inspire chapters and members to strive for higher achievements in the community as well as in the Sorority. Currently, regional and local awards are presented yearly.**

**The Founders’ Trophy was established by the Founders in 1963. This trophy is presented at Boulé to the chapter having the greatest increase in membership during the fiscal year.**

**The Minnie Palmore Scholastic Achievement Award was established by the four sisters: Celillus P. Morgan (Founder, Beta), Frances P. Smith (Mu), Eliza P. Hamilton (Past Supreme Basileus, Eta), Abel P. Nivens (Kappa) in 1958. This award is given in honor of their mother, Minnie Palmore, an educator for over fifty years. The award is presented at Boulé to the Soror who has earned the most academic credits during the year.**

**The Alonzo Cummings Community Service Award was established in honor of the parents of five sisters: Addie M. Cummings, Gladys Alexander, Beatrice Baskett, Emmie C. Brown and Bernice Taylor. This award is presented at Boulé to a Soror who has done outstanding community service.**

**Juanita Parnell Award was established at Boulé in 2018. It is named in honor of Soror Juanita Parnell, a Founder, who spent many hours volunteering and who believes that volunteering in our communities should be a goal of each Tau Gamma Delta Sorority chapter.**

**This award shall be given to the member of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority who has served the most hours volunteering since the previous Boulé.**

**Lois Rosedom-Boyd Award was established at Boul****é in 2018. It is named in honor of Soror Lois Rosedom-Boyd of Pi Chapter who served as Supreme Basileus from 1998 to 2002. She encouraged volunteering by giving an award during her time as Supreme Basileus.**

**This award shall be given to the chapter of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority who has served the most hours volunteering since the previous Boulé.**

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**The Crest was designed and presented to the Sorority by Soror Julia E. Jones (Delta) in 1958. The Crest is in the form of a shield. It may be placed upon official stationery, publications, scrolls, certificates, etc. of the Sorority. The Crest cannot be superseded by any other sorority emblem such as the mascot.**

**The Sorority Pin was designed by Soror Celillus P. Morgan in 1952.**

**THE STAR is the Sorority’s national publication. It shall be published to highlight sorors’ achievements in and out of the sorority.**

**The Mascot of the Sorority is the Snowy Owl.**

# **BOULÉ**

**Boulé has convened in the following cities:**

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| **1st** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1946** |
| **2nd** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1947** |
| **3rd** | **Indianapolis, Indiana** | **1948** |
| **4th** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1949** |
| **5th** | **Pasadena, California** | **1950** |
| **6th** | **New York, New York** | **1951** |
| **7th** | **Indianapolis, Indiana** | **1952** |
| **8th** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1953** |
| **9th** | **Sacramento, California** | **1954** |
| **10th** | **New York, New York** | **1955** |
| **11th** | **Durham, North Carolina** | **1956** |
| **12th** | **Chicago, Illinois** | **1957** |
| **13th** | **Augusta, Georgia** | **1958** |
| **14th** | **Cleveland, Ohio** | **1959** |
| **15th** | **Los Angeles, California** | **1960** |
| **16th** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1961** |
| **17th** | **Indianapolis, Indiana** | **1962** |
| **18th** | **New York, New York** | **1963** |
| **19th** | **Goldsboro, North Carolina** | **1964** |
| **20th** | **Pasadena, California** | **1965** |
| **21st** | **Chicago, Illinois** | **1966** |
| **22nd** | **Washington, D. C.** | **1967** |
| **23rd** | **Durham, North Carolina** | **1968** |
| **24th** | **Indianapolis, Indiana** | **1969** |
| **25th** | **Miami, Florida** | **1970** |
| **26th** | **Baltimore, Maryland** | **1971** |
| **27th** | **Los Angeles, California** | **1972** |
| **28th** | **Augusta, Georgia** | **1973** |
| **29th** | **St. Louis, Missouri** | **1974** |
| **30th** | **St. Albans, New York** | **1975** |
| **31st** | **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** | **1976** |
| **32nd** | **Phoenix, Arizona** | **1977** |
| **33rd** | **Raleigh, North Carolina** | **1978** |
| **34th** | **Houston, Texas** | **1979** |
| **35th** | **Cleveland, Ohio** | **1980** |
| **36th** | **Secaucus, New York** | **1981** |
| **37th** | **New Orleans, Louisiana** | **1982** |
| **38th** | **Wilmington, North Carolina** | **1983** |
| **39th** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1984** |
| **40th** | **New York, New York** | **1985** |

**Boulé has convened in the following cities:**

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| **41st** | **Los Angeles, California** | **1986** |
| **42nd** | **Raleigh, North Carolina** | **1988** |
| **43rd** | **Indianapolis, Indiana** | **1990** |
| **44th** | **Baltimore, Maryland** | **1992** |
| **45th** | **Dallas, Texas** | **1994** |
| **46th** | **Greensboro, North Carolina** | **1996** |
| **47th** | **Merrillville, Indiana** | **1998** |
| **48th** | **Washington, D. C.** | **2000** |
| **49th** | **Marietta, Georgia** | **2002** |
| **50th** | **Las Vegas, Nevada** | **2004** |
| **51st** | **Augusta, Georgia** | **2006** |
| **52nd** | **Chicago, Illinois** | **2008** |
| **53rd** | **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** | **2010** |
| **54th** | **Durham, North Carolina** | **2012** |
| **55th** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **2014** |
| **56th** | **Atlantic City, New Jersey** | **2016** |
| **57th** | **Raleigh, North Carolina** | **2018** |
| **58th** | **Virtual hosted by Eta Chapter** | **2020** |
| **59th** | **Virtual hosted by Beta Omega** | **2022** |
| **60th** | **Washington, D. C.** | **2024** |

# **CHAPTERS**

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| **Alpha** | **Lewis Business College,**  **Detroit, Michigan** | **1942** |
| **Beta** | **Detroit, Michigan** | **1943** |
| **Gamma** | **Indianapolis, Indiana** | **1946** |
| **Eta** | **New York, New York** | **1948** |
| **Epsilon\*** | **Sacramento, California** | **1952** |
| **Kappa** | **Augusta, Georgia** | **1953** |
| **Delta\*** | **Chicago, Illinois** | **1954** |
| **Zeta\*** | **Pasadena, California** | **1954** |
| **Theta\*** | **Aikens, South Carolina** | **1954** |
| **Iota\*** | **Cleveland, Ohio** | **1956** |
| **Lambda** | **Durham, North Carolina** | **1954** |
| **Mu\*** | **Los Angeles, California** | **1956** |
| **Nu\*** | **Goldsboro, North Carolina** | **1956** |
| **Xi** | **Washington, D. C.** | **1956** |
| **Omicron\*** | **St. Albans, New York** | **1957** |
| **Pi** | **Baltimore, Maryland** | **1957** |
| **Rho\*** | **Milledgeville, Georgia** | **1959** |
| **Sigma\*** | **St. Louis, Missouri** | **1959** |
| **Tau** | **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** | **1960** |
| **Upsilon\*** | **Cincinnati, Ohio** | **1962** |
| **Phi\*** | **Jacksonville, North Carolina** | **1964** |
| **Chi** | **Rocky Mount, North Carolina** | **1964** |
| **Psi** | **Jersey City, New Jersey** | **1969** |
| **Omega\*** | **Phoenix, Arizona** | **1970** |
| **Alpha Omega\*** | **Fort Valley, Georgia** | **1972** |
| **Beta Omega** | **Wilson, North Carolina** | **1972** |
| **Gamma Omega\*** | **Raleigh, North Carolina** | **1972** |
| **Alpha Alpha\*** | **Paine College, Augusta, Georgia** | **1972** |
| **Delta Omega\*** | **Winston-Salem, North Carolina** | **1975** |
| **Rho** | **Los Angeles, California** | **1975** |
| **Epsilon Omega\*** | **Greensboro, North Carolina** | **1976** |
| **Alpha Gamma\*** | **North Carolina Central University,**  **Durham, North Carolina** | **1976** |
| **Zeta Omega\*** | **Aiken, South Carolina** | **1976** |
| **Alpha Delta\*** | **North Carolina A & T State University,**  **Greensboro, North Carolina** | **1976** |
| **Lambda Omega\*** | **Bayonne, New Jersey** | **1978** |
| **Eta Omega\*** | **Newark, New Jersey** | **1978** |

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| **Kappa Omega\*** | **Newberry, South Carolina** | **1978** |
| **Theta Omega\*** | **Sumter, South Carolina** | **1978** |
| **Iota Omega\*** | **Orangeburg, South Carolina** | **1978** |
| **Alpha Zeta\*** | **Brooklyn College, New York** | **1978** |
| **Mu Omega\*** | **Atlanta, Georgia** | **1979** |
| **Nu Omega\*** | **Trenton, New Jersey** | **1979** |
| **Omicron Omega\*** | **Silver Spring, Maryland** | **1980** |
| **Alpha Iota\*** | **Wayne State University,**  **Detroit, Michigan** | **1980** |
| **Alpha Eta\*** | **Winston-Salem State University,**  **Winston-Salem, North Carolina** | **1981** |
| **Pi Omega\*** | **New Orleans, Louisiana** | **1983** |
| **Rho Omega\*** | **Dallas, Texas** | **1984** |
| **Tau Omega\*** | **Barnwell, South Carolina** | **1986** |
| **Sigma Omega\*** | **Chicago, Illinois** | **1986** |
| **Epsilon Omega** | **Charlotte, North Carolina** | **2012** |
| **Xi Omega\*** | **Richmond, Virginia** | **2015** |
| **Phi Omega\*** | **Concord, North Carolina** | **2015** |
| **Upsilon Omega\*** | **Phenix City, Alabama** | **2019** |
| **Chi Omega** | **Houston, Texas** | **2022** |

**\*Inactive Chapters**

# **LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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**YEAR**

**Basileus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**First Anti-Basileus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Second Anti-Basileus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Tamiochus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Corresponding Secretary\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dean of Pledgees\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Assistant Dean of Pledgees\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chaplain\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Editor-in-Chief\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Tauette Club Director\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parliamentarian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# **PLEDGE CLUB OFFICERS**

**President\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Vice-President\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Secretary\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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# **GREEK ALPHABET**

**(pronunciation and meaning)**

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| **Α** | **ALPHA** | **(al-fah)** | **Truth** |
| **Β** | **BETA** | **(bay-tah)** | **Loyalty** |
| **Γ** | **GAMMA** | **(gam-ah)** | **Graciousness** |
| **Δ** | **DELTA** | **(del-tah)** | **Devotion, Service** |
| **Ε** | **EPSILON** | **(ep-si-lon)** | **Affable** |
| **Ζ** | **ZETA** | **(zay-tah)** | **Zeal** |
| **Η** | **ETA** | **(ay-tah)** | **Knowledge** |
| **Θ** | **THETA** | **(thay-tah)** | **Hope** |
| **Ι** | **IOTA** | **(eye-o-tah)** | **Godliness** |
| **Κ** | **KAPPA** | **(cap-pah)** | **Kindliness** |
| **Λ** | **LAMBDA** | **(lamb-dah)** | **Trustworthy** |
| **Μ** | **MU** | **(mew)** | **Power** |
| **Ν** | **NU** | **(new)** | **Sincerity** |
| **Ξ** | **XI** | **(zie)** | **Courage** |
| **Ο** | **OMICRON** | **(o-mah-cron)** | **Fearlessness** |
| **Π** | **PI** | **(pie)** | **Humility** |
| **Ρ** | **RHO** | **(roe)** | **Comforter** |
| **Σ** | **SIGMA** | **(sig-mah)** | **Virtuous** |
| **Τ** | **TAU** | **(taw)** | **Strength** |
| **Υ** | **UPSILON** | **(up-sah-lon)** | **Faithfulness** |
| **Φ** | **PHI** | **(fie)** | **Faith, Enlighten** |
| **Χ** | **CHI** | **(kie)** | **Joy** |
| **Ψ** | **PSI** | **(sigh)** | **Gentleness** |
| **Ω** | **OMEGA** | **(o-may-gah)** | **Harmony, Patience** |

**PLEDGE SONG**

**(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)**

**We stand for love and truth, Our loyalty is strong,**

**We pledge our hearts to you, With faith we’ll get along**

**Tau Gamma Delta’s And strive to meet the test of,**

**Who are always true blue. Tau Gamma Delta, who is the best.**

**CHORUS**

**Ambition and faith,**

**True love and loyalty,**

**Tau Gamma Delta we pledge ourselves to thee.**

**(Alberta Wilkerson)**

**INVICTUS**

**Out of the night that covers me, Beyond this place of wrath and tears,**

**Black as the pit from pole to pole, Looms but the horror of the shade,**

**I thank whatever Gods may be, And yet the menace of the years,**

**For my unconquerable soul. Finds and shall find me unafraid.**

**In the fell clutch of circumstance, It matters not how straight the gate,**

**I have not winced nor cried aloud, How charged with punishment the scroll,**

**Under the bludgeoning of chance, I am the master of my faith,**

**My head is bloody but unbowed. I am the captain of my soul.**

**Other Suggested Poems**

**Myself as Myself by Bernice B. Lewis**

**If by Rudyard Kipling**

**Be Strong by Maltbie D. Babcock**

**Not in Vain by Emily Dickinson**

**Phenomenal Woman by Maya Angelou**

**MEMBERS’ PRIVILEGES**

**The yearly budget is prepared by the National Budget Committee and is adopted at Boulé. The principal source of income is from dues and assessments each member pays to the sorority. The expense categories are: Charity, scholarships, social action, administration, publications, conventions, and programs.**

**Each member receives the following:**

* **Issues of The Star: The sorority’s national publication**
* **Boulé and Regional Conference minutes**
* **National roster**
* **Membership Card**

**Each member is entitled to the following:**

* **Attend Boulé and Regional Conferences**
* **Purchase sorority resource materials**
* **Purchase sorority jewelry, novelty and gift items**
* **Transfer from one chapter to another in the event the member moves to another city or becomes a member-at-large**

# **CHARTER CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**BETA ETA KAPPA**

**Clotiele Anderson Lucille Bettis Annie Blount**

**Kathleen Carter Hazel Goodall Gladys Biggers**

**Corine Dean-Hubert Eliza Hamilton Ruth Campbell**

**Agnes Fischer Edna Hatchett Mattie Kemp**

**Elizabeth H. Parker Minnie Hurley Nadine Wilson**

**Juanita Parnell Abel Nivens Pauline Hornsby**

**Jane H. Smith Drucella Pearcy Pauline Geter**

**Celillus Morgan Gwendolyn Branch Louise M. Taver**

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**Lula H. Swanagan Thelma Ballard Ora Bryant Davis**

**Mary Hall LeVada Barker Lucinda Harris**

**Mary H. Pendergraph Dorothy Coverington Viola Nichols**

**Bertha Smith Theola L. Daigre Elizabeth Tate**

**Doris McCoy Zareta Finch Louise Dawson**

**Jean McGruder Iris Hackett Willie Mae Stewart**

**Barbara Johnson Estella Freeland**

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**Bessie Barnes Jeroline Thompson**

**Harlie Elmore MU**

**Willie Hart IOTA Glendora Langhorne**

**Julia Jones Alma Alsup Ruth Medcalfe**

**Ralphia Jackson Ann Allen Carolyn Ross**

**Hazel Love Geraldine Arnold Robbie Slocum**

**Zella Haggins Catherine Tave**

**ZETA Beatrice Jackson Callie Thomas**

**Mildred Cato Vera Lewis**

**Mary Caudle Evelyn Thompson NU**

**Estella Bevers Lois Wilson Cherie Artis**

**Doris Faulk Dorothy Barnes**

**Olga Groner RHO Arabia Bunn**

**Francis Smith Daisy Allen Nannie Frederick**

**Charlie Stephens Mary Bankhead Sadie Grantham**

**Leola Tucker Bernice Chambers Elna Sasser**

**Margaret Elam Virginia Sutton**

**Claudia Price**

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**Delores Williams Beatrice Jackson Annie L. Taylor**

**Ruth Klash**

**OMICRON Alicia Paige OMEGA**

**Gladys Alexander Mary Parker Thelma Ireland**

**Beatrice Baskett Beatrice Thomas Judith Matthews**

**Patria Brayboy Ruby Smith Billie Scott**

**Addie Cummings Florence Watson Elizabeth Swain**

**Flora Hammond Julia Hamilton Claudia Walton**

**Barbara Murphy Maggie Monk**

**Adrean Treadwell UPSILON**

**Vernell Bostick ALPHA OMEGA**

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**Louella Luckett Katie Johnson Annabel Ricks**

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**Doris Tate Alice Spivey**

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**Laura Holley**

**Bertha Joyner**

**Lilia Macklin**

**Cleopatra Pittman**

**Maggie Chase**

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**Diane James Donna Lee Lillie E. Steward**

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**Alicia Wright Patricia Wells Ethel Washington**

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**Lillian Miller Celestine Hamlin Linda Carter**

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**Patricia Pittman Vivian Montague Inez McDuffie**

**Katrina Robinson Bertha Smoot Cathy Ward**

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**Katrina LeFlore Katie J. Samuel Viola Johnson**

**Andrea Jones Sandra Gates Bernice Hill**

**Elizabeth Smith Michele Leary Willie Ragins**

**Phyllis Malory Marie Sanders**

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**Mary Jackson Margaret Ford Sharon Kennedy**

**Myrtle Williams Barbara Haggermiller Genevieva Renaud**

**Flossie Fair Thomasina Wilson**

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**Laura Thompson Jessie Floyd Sheryl Smiley-Oliphant**

**Mary J. Hicks Bernice Rutherford Senita Wright**

**Carrie Turner**

**XI OMEGA Thomasine Myers**

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**Deneva Lewis April Edwards Bryttany Echols**

**Mesha Macklin Zakiyyah Grant Kimberly Parker**

**Madlon Parker Tiffani Harris Denise Ramsey**

**Konnie Rice Bobbie Smith**

**Robin Massey**

**Temiko Scott**

**Stacey Strickland**

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**Alisha Brown**

**Erica Fulton**

**WilKysha Green**

**Nakilia Montgomery**

**Shakeyla Nash**

**Brianna Seabron**

**Carlnecia Sydnor**

**Ashley Wilson**

**CONCLUSION**

**A pledgee should strive to attain a well-balanced personality. Some traits and abilities that she should have are: Ability to recognize and respect opinions and rights of others and to adhere to those social and moral dictates demanded by society.**

**Members of the pledge club may not join any other Greek-letter organization during the period of their membership in the pledge club.**

**A pledgee must agree that she is confident that she will have the time to give proper attention to the interest of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc., and be able to pay all financial obligations. She shall regard the sorority with a spirit of honesty, sincerity, respect, and give its teachings her earnest consideration.**

**A pledgee must agree to perform all assigned tasks cheerfully and completely. She must conduct herself with dignity, as a Christian lady, showing courtesy towards all and avoiding unnecessary display of her affiliation with Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc.**

**She must strive at all times to support the interests of sisterhood, take part in worthy community activities and receive every member of her chapter as a Big Sister without reservation or evasion. She must stand for the best interests and traditions of community and organization not permitting minor interest to overshadow her pledge.**

**The pledgee should be prompt and punctual in keeping appointments and meeting her financial obligations. She should accept constructive criticism and guidance from her fellow members and use them to good advantage. She should always be ready to cooperate with the proper persons to initiate reforms that will prove of value to her fellow members.**

**She should appreciate the value of other worthwhile organizations and express her desire to work with them. A pledgee does not consider her sorority a clique, but as a definite part of society. She should strive to be a useful citizen at all times.**

**The Dean of Pledgees supervises all activities of the club. Suggestions for the betterment of the club must be submitted to the Dean of Pledgees or the Assistant Dean of Pledgees. NOTHING is done without first consulting her.**

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