

## Fraternity Symbols

### The Active Member Badge

The Badge of Membership of Lambda Chi Alpha is among the most meaningful in the fraternal world. Each stone, letter, and line, and each circle of the crescent has a special meaning. Lambda Chi Alpha shares with Theta Chi, Triangle, and Alpha Chi Rho the distinction of using both a monogram of its letters and a key fraternal symbol in the shape of the badge.

Our membership badge is made with the lambda being struck separately from a single piece comprising the chi, alpha, and crescent. The background for the letters delta and pi is enameled, and the lambda is joined to the remainder of the badge (always yellow, white, or green gold) before the eight crescent pearls and (optional) stones in the lambda are set.

The centrality of the badge is a custom continued from our fraternal predecessor literary societies. The Badge is properly worn over the heart, preferably with a badge guard bearing a monogram of the member's zeta designation, and only by initiated members, their wives, and their fiancées (special exceptions may be made for some housemothers).

### The Associate Member Pin

The associate member pin has a most interesting history because it embodies the official badge of Theta Kappa Nu as well as the original new member pin of Lambda Chi Alpha. The original Lambda Chi Alpha pin was a gothic arch, and with the union, this was superimposed upon the triangles composing the official badge of Theta Kappa Nu.

To Associates..."As a token of your acceptance of our pledge and of our desire to be of assistance to you, whom we hope to know as brothers, you have been invested with the badge which is the emblem of Associate Membership in Lambda Chi Alpha. It consists of four equilateral triangles, standing for fraternity patriotism, learning and morality, and upon them has been imposed a monogram of the letters Lambda, Chi, and Alpha, the significance of which will be explained to you at a later time."

### The Coat of Arms

Coats of arms were originally family emblems. Then cities, societies, and institutions adopted them. All college fraternities have them, but few have created their design with such faithful adherence to the laws of the ancient art of heraldry as has Lambda Chi Alpha.

Each part of the Lambda Chi Alpha coat of arms has a special meaning, the details of which are explained during the Initiation Ritual. Many of the public meanings of the symbols on the coat of arms are explained during the Associate Members Ceremony,

and therefore, the coat of arms may be used and worn by all members, including associates. It may be used on jewelry and stationary, among other things.

The crest of the coat of arms consists of the cross and crescent, the two primary symbols of Lambda Chi Alpha. The basic section of the shield is quartered and consists of a Greek lamp, a balance, a book, and clasped hands with three stars. Upon the shield is an inescutcheon, or small shield placed in the center of the shield. The inescutcheon was added to signify the union of Lambda Chi Alpha and Theta Kappa Nu - the lion holding a white rose. Another unique feature of our coat of arms is the presence of the badge. A most appropriate design element, Lambda Chi Alpha is the only college fraternity to include its badge on the coat of arms.

Mottos on early coats of arms were battle cries. Today, they serve to challenge all members of Lambda Chi Alpha. The Latin motto at the top, "Crescent in the Cross," applies very definitely to the crest design. The Greek motto on the collar surrounding the shield means "Naught Without Labor," or "What Is Worthwhile Is Difficult." The Latin motto on the bottom ribbon, taken from Theta Kappa Nu, means "Every Man a Man."

### The Flag

The Lambda Chi Alpha flag may be flown on appropriate occasions or placed on a wall. Chapters may place their Zeta letters in the upper right corner to identify their flags.

### The Fraternity Seal

The seal is used to identify official General Fraternity documents and publications. It should not be used for decoration, as an ornament for jewelry, stationery, etc., unless it is to be used as the official stationery for the General Fraternity. It is now properly used on charters, membership certificates, and authorized publications of the General Fraternities.

We are a national fraternity. We want people to send in their alumni news and we will be able to post it on the site.

This is a fraternity house.