

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Order of Omega recognizes that our collegiate chapters will need to adjust how they operate especially as it relates to the initiation of new members. Order of Omega HQ has created this temporary sheet to have any potential new member read through and agree to so that they may be considered initiated into the organization.

HISTORY:

This initiation acknowledges members of our fraternity/sorority community deserving to be recognized for furthering the philosophy of the college fraternity. Parker F. Enright, the fraternity advisor, founded Order of Omega at the University of Miami in the fall of 1959. For several years, the group operated as a local honorary organization recognizing University of Miami students. On February 9, 1967, a second chapter was chartered at the University of Southern Mississippi, under the direction of Dean Patrick W. Halloran, and the organization was begun.

In the spring of 1977, another phase of the organization's development came with a vote to become a co-educational organization. In 1983, a Board of Directors and Executive Officers were established to provide continued leadership and direction. Since that time, Order of Omega has experienced rapid growth. More than 575 campuses have been honored with the establishment of a chapter of Order of Omega. A student board member is elected annually, there has been an increased focus on chapter services and awards. In addition, a scholarship program for undergraduates and a fellowship program for student affairs staff have been initiated.

TENETS OF ORDER OF OMEGA:

Alpha - Alma Mater, parent and perpetuator of our Order; long may she endure.

Beta -- Bond, a belief in unity and cooperation of all humankind, a prime reason for Our Order.

Gamma -- Gavel, sign of leadership; use it wisely.

Delta -- Devotion; a commitment to spiritual growth emphasizing the values, ethics and principles of good citizenship and social responsibility.

Zeta -- Zareeba, an enclosure formed by a thorn hedge, permitting entry only to Greeks -- those rituals of fraternity life intended to strengthen character.

Theta -- Themis, Greek goddess of law and justice, who reminds us to honor the ideas of fairness and objectivity prior to each decision.

Iota -- Ideals; the goals that each fraternity strives to instill in its members and that Order of Omega wishes to honor.

Lambda -- Loyalty; we shall remain loyal to the highest ideas of life and spirit. The principle that gives continuity to our commitments.

Sigma -- Scholarship, the principal vocation of college men and women, without which fraternity life would not be possible.

Phi -- Philosophy, that love of wisdom, which builds in us a better understanding of each other and of our world.

Psi -- Psyche, the soul; or the interior force of fellowship, which inspires fraternity men and women to serve the university and the community.

Omega -- the end in which our purposes attain fulfillment. Each end brings a new beginning with new hope and resolve. This is the secret of life and death.

The purpose of Order of Omega shall be threefold:

First, to recognize those students who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternal activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment.

Second, to bring together the most representative fraternity and sorority members, and to create an organization, which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate affairs.

Third, to bring together members of faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness.

As you now reflect upon those twelve statements and your own personal beliefs, make certain you still embrace all twelve tenets, for we now challenge that if there is any doubt in your mind concerning the acceptance of these vows, we offer you at this time the opportunity to decline at this time.

NAME OF NEW MEMBER: _____

I ACCEPT: _____

DATE: _____