FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

The first fraternity in North America to incorporate most of the elements of modern fraternities was [Phi Beta Kappa](), founded at the [College of William and Mary]() in 1775. The founding of Phi Beta Kappa followed the earlier establishment of two other secret student societies that had existed at that campus as early as 1750. In 1779 Phi Beta Kappa expanded to include chapters at Harvard and Yale, however, by the early 19th century the organization transformed itself into a scholastic honor society and abandoned secrecy. In 1824, [Chi Phi](), the oldest social fraternity in the United States, was founded at Princeton (then called the College of New Jersey). [2] In 1825 [Kappa Alpha Society](), the second oldest extant fraternity to retain its social characteristic, was established at Union College. In 1827, [Sigma Phi]() and [Delta Phi]() were also founded at the same institution.[