

KRESCENT  
PETITION

To  
**Kappa Delta Rho**

**Lafayette College**

**November 1927**

**Le Marquis de Lafayette**





*The History of Lafayette College*

"I read, I study, I examine, I listen, I reflect, and out of all of this I try to form an idea into which I put as much common sense as I can."

—Le Marquis de Lafayette,  
December 16, 1777

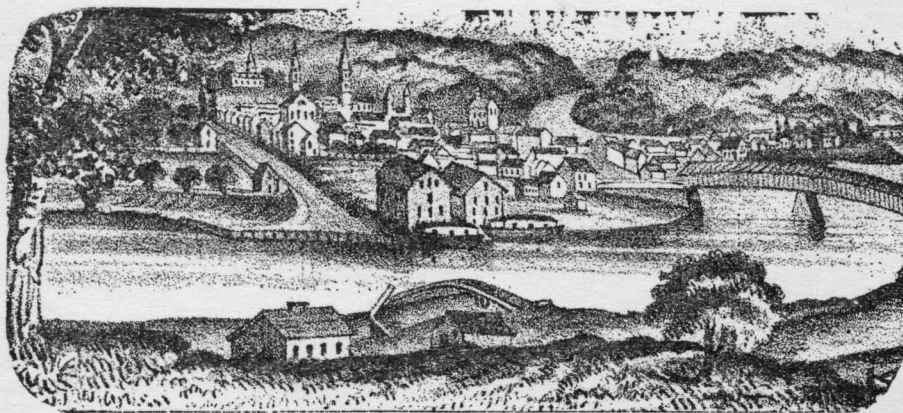


From July, 1824 to September, 1825, General Lafayette revisited the United States and received a tremendous ovation from a people who remembered his gallant service during the Revolution. In March, 1826, a charter of incorporation was granted to a newly-formed institution in Easton, Pennsylvania. It was unanimously voted to name this institution Lafayette College as "a testimony of respect for the talents, virtues, and signal service" of the Marquis who had been constantly loyal to our country and a partisan to the advancement of education.

Beginning on a sixty acre farm on the south bank of the Lehigh River, the college was moved in 1834 to the present site on Lafayette Mountain. An era of growth began and under a succession of admirable leaders the number of buildings, the enrollment of students, the faculty, and the campus limits were steadily increased. In 1849 the college became affiliated with the Presbyterian Church and the union was a prosperous one. The discovery of a new phase of an art or a science has immediately brought its result to Lafayette, and our faculty roster of the past hundred years has been significant of the changing trends in education. With the world advancement in thought and discovery there is coupled the progress of Lafayette College.

Once more a new era has begun and with the inauguration in 1927 of Dr. William Mather Lewis we are already conscious of the even finer things which impend. The college is now effecting a transition. We are enjoying physical, moral, and philosophic changes and we admit a desire for a college which is at all times becoming more splendid in every way.

When we consider those now numbered as faculty and students together with the men who have gone out before us, we of Lafayette anticipate for our college as notable a future as any dreamed of by the greater universities. We are confident that among our students there will be and that there are even now men with glorious promise. The history of Lafayette College is far from being complete. It is in the writing.



The Birthplace of Lafayette College  
(The Arrow points to original building)

*From the Chapel Steps*





*Krescent History*

All permanent and worthwhile organizations started with an ideal and a purpose. It is said in *Proverbs*, "Where there is no vision the people perish." In 1922 the vision of a few men of Lafayette materialized into a small club formed for the purpose of developing the ideal of character. This vision of a few has now become the motive and action of many. From a Club, further vision has crystallized into a Local Fraternity. This step taken in 1924 was a milestone in progress, and today we do not perish for we have another vision which portrays our group as a Chapter in a National Fraternity. Right activity marks the growth of a group whether it be a Fraternity or a business. "Be sure you are right, and then go ahead," said Lincoln. On this basis our Club expanded into a Local Fraternity and now aspires to become a National one.

Fundamentally, those who had the first vision set forth character as the chief concern of those who might partake of that close and intimate fellowship in a Club. A man's character is his true-self and the founders reasoned that if a man has good character all other things would consequently shape themselves after that trait; hence, scholarship, athletic ability, morals, and other traits would mould themselves accordingly. Show us a man with high character and we will count on him to do his best and make good in all other phases of life. This basis has built our group into a close brotherhood where fellowship is unified and spirit is active.

Five years have tested the strength of this group. In that time we have not made any unusual record or brilliant display, we have not gained undue popularity; but we have strived, we have fought to maintain our ideal, we have had trouble, we are human and have made our mistakes and profited by them, and we have been successful in many undertakings. Our scholastic standing has been more than average on the campus and at times leading among the Locals. Our athletic and other extra-curricula activities have been fairly represented such as campus football, bowling, basketball, track, Inter-Fraternity social life, as well as maintaining our own house and commissary. On the whole our history has been an active one. Without outlining each turn of our history in the past, it is important only to know that we have been a progressive, conservative, self-supporting and self-sustaining Fraternity with the ideals of our Founders underlying our daily motive and action.

*The Fraternity*





## FRATERNITY OFFICERS

### President

James H. Hill—'28

### Vice-President

Ellsworth S. Dobson—'28

### Secretary

W. Carson Wallace—'28

### Treasurer

F. Rudyard Summerville—'28

### Marshall

Theodore H. Hoppe—'29

### Corresponding Secretary

Edgar S. Smith—'28



## ALUMNI OFFICERS

### President

R. A. Bresee, '26—750 Park Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey

### Secretary

E. W. Probst, '26—Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

### Treasurer

M. Evoy, '26—Glenside, Pennsylvania

## THE ACTIVE MEMBERS



### Faculty Brothers

John Cawley, M.S.  
Willard L. Wachter, S.D.  
Newell P. Gingrich, B.S.

### Seniors

E. S. Dobson, E.E.—Track—A. I. E. E.—A. Φ. Ω.—Melange Board  
K. L. Dyer, B.S.—Lyre Board—Head Usher of the Stadium  
J. H. Hill, A.B.—State Y. M. C. A. President—Band—Secretary of Cosmopolitan Club  
E. S. Smith, B.S.—Melange Board—Lafayette Board  
F. R. Summerville, A.E.—Lafayette Board—Melange Board—A. S. M. E.  
W. C. Wallace, A.B.—Band

### Juniors

M. G. Clay, E.E.—Physics Club  
C. R. Denison, C.E.—A. S. C. E.  
R. J. Green, M.E.—A.S.M.E.—A. Φ. Ω.  
T. H. Hoppe, C.E.—Soccer, A.S.C.E.—Cosmopolitan Club

### Sophomores

J. R. Parker, A.B.—Dramatics  
R. E. Redfield, E.E.—Calumet (Honorary Sophomore Organization)  
W. J. Wakefield, A.B.—Rifle Team  
B. S. Wildman, M.E.—Glee Club—Physics Club

### The Pledgees

D. N. Kirkpatric, E.E.—Swimming  
T. G. Cannen, A.B.—Y. M. C. A. Work  
G. W. Scott, C.E.—Lyre Board  
R. A. Stephens, Ch.E.—Basketball  
R. E. VanHorn, B.S.—Basketball and Baseball  
C. D. Vogelsonger, Ch.E.—Choir  
T. P. Wilkes, B.S.—Track

*Krescent House*





*The Petition*

The Krescent Fraternity is petitioning Kappa Delta Rho for a Chapter because the group has come to a consensus of thought and feeling that its ideals and aims concur with those of Kappa Delta Rho, making enough common ground on which to unite, and that the vision and spirit of the present body must ultimately materialize.

*The College Stadium*



