

**Gustavus Adolphus College Archives  
St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Chi Iota Kappa (XIK) Fraternity. Collection of the Chieftains,  
1907-1979.**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The Chi Iota Kappa collection consists of constitutions, pledge materials, histories, minutes, financial records, programs, and other miscellaneous records from 1907-1979. Members of Chi Iota Kappa (XIK) were known as the Chieftains at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. The fraternity formed in 1907 as the Chieftain Council. The fraternity became inactive after 2001. The collection is organized into four series: Administrative, History, Membership, and Memorabilia.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

Chi Iota Kappa began in 1907 as the Chieftain Council of Gustavus Adolphus College, a literary society. Membership was limited to those with an interest in forensics. As evidenced by internal debates, members were conservative. They opposed the direct election of U.S. Senators, disagreed with a minimum wage for certain workers, and believed the U.S. should stay out of the League of Nations. The group officially changed from a society to a fraternity when they became Chi Iota Kappa on 20 November 1922. As with all Greek organizations, the group was banned during the 1980s and early 1990s. While they did regain official recognition during the mid 1990s, the group became inactive after 2001.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

Materials in the Chi Iota Kappa collection are organized into four series: Administrative, History, Membership, and Memorabilia. Folders within each series are listed alphabetically. Dates range from 1907 through 1979 although most materials are from the 1960s and 1970s. Memorabilia is undated. The oldest items are meeting minutes and event programs.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

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**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Chi Iota Kappa (Gustavus Adolphus College).  
Gustavus Adolphus College--Student organizations.  
Gustavus Adolphus College--Fraternities.  
Men--Societies and clubs.

<b>GACA Collection 89</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
<b>Administrative, 1907-79</b>		
Articles of Incorporation for Chi Iota Kappa, Inc., October 1979	2	1
Constitutions and Purpose Documents for the Inter-Fraternity Senate and Chi Iota Kappa, 1957-68	1	1
Constitutions (Revised) and Pledge Classes, 1959-70	1	2
Dockets of Events, January 1964-May 1964 and September 1966-May 1968	1	3
Financial, Bank Statement and Contracts, 1956-75	1	4
Ledgers, Dues, 1947-52 and 1952-68	1	5
Minutes, November 1907-November 1922	2	2
Minutes, September 1948-December 1954	1	6
Minutes, February 1955-April 1956	1	7
Secretary's Reports, December 1957-January 1959 (essentially minutes)	1	8
Minutes, January 1959-March 1967	2	3
Minutes, June 1975-May 1978	1	9
Minutes, 1978	2	4
<b>Histories, 1959-78</b>		
History, Correspondence with former Members, 1959-78	1	10
History, "Hail, Hail Ye Chieftains" by David E. Schafer, 1978	1	11
History, Recollections by Alan M. Behrends, undated	1	11
<b>Membership, 1927-78</b>		
Exam Questions for New Pledges, 1970s and undated	1	12
Initiation Activities (Hell Week), 1954-68	1	12
Membership Lists and Addresses, 1965-78	1	13
Miscellaneous, 1978 and undated	1	14
Programs, 1927-57	1	15
Programs, Flyers, and Advertising Brochures, 1956-78	1	16
<b>Memorabilia, undated</b>		
Flag, undated	3	--
Pennant, undated	3	--
St. Lucia Crown, undated	3	--