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Pi Kappa Phi came into being on December 10, 1904, at the College of Charleston, South Carolina. The foundation for the fraternity was so securely laid that of all the fraternities founded in South Carolina, Pi Kappa Phi alone survived. Rigid anti-fraternity legislation in that state made very unfavorable conditions for the growth of fraternal organizations. The organization has had a natural growth and though it has been more pronounced in the South, it has never been confined to that district. The founding of a chapter at the University of California in 1909 was a very important step in the fraternity's history. It led to the chartering of five other chapters west of the Mississippi, and brought into the fraternity new leaders and a new energy which has meant much in shaping its policies. Pi Kappa Phi now has a roll of thirty-eight chapters.

