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The Phi Beta Kappa key was adopted as the emblem of the society at its first meeting on December 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary. The front of the key bears the Greek letters ΦΒΚ, the initials of the Greek motto *Philosophia Biou Kubernetes*, meaning “love of wisdom, the guide of life.” The three stars indicate the three fundamental principles of the society: fraternity, morality, and learning, and the hand pointing to the stars symbolizes the ambition and aspiration of its members. On the reverse side are the letters SP, representing the Latin words *Societas Philosophiae*. Today’s key, except for its smaller size, is substantially the same as the original medal of the Alpha of Virginia, reminding wearers that they belong to the oldest society formed for the encouragement of scholarship in the United States.

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College of William and Mary on December 5, 1776.

The Alpha Chapter of North Carolina was
established here September 7, 1904.

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