

Guide to the Torch Honor Society, Yale University, Records

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RU 72

CREATOR: Yale University. Torch Honor Society

TITLE: Torch Honor Society, Yale University, records

DATES: 1916–2018

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.08 linear feet (12 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records consist of the constitution, member lists, correspondence, minutes, and printed materials documenting initiations, office plans, and general activities of the Torch Honor Society at Yale.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Accessions 2016-A-0027, 2017-A-0062, and 2019-A-0026 were gifts of Fax Facis Foundation, 2015, 2017, and 2018.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Yale University records are arranged and described at the accession level by the creating office. The University Archives creates collection level descriptive records, but typically does no further arrangement and description at the accession level.

Biographical / Historical

The Torch Honor Society was founded on March 8, 1916 for the purpose of bestowing recognition of merit and achievement upon deserving students. Each year the society elected ten juniors who were outstanding in various University activities irrespective of society or fraternity affiliation. Their symbol, the uplifted torch, was chosen to signify their allegiance to the Yale creed "Lux et Veritas" (Light and Truth) as well as devotion to their own ideals - enlightening leadership and beneficent service. A broad circle supporting the torch symbolizes equality and comradeship in mutual endeavors, while a third symbol, the Roman numeral X, marks the initial class unit of ten adopted by the founders, and is set across and within the broad circle encompassing the central design. The society selected two professors as charter members, and has conferred honorary titles upon Yale graduates and faculty. The society has re-formed as an organization beginning in 1995.

Scope and Contents

The records consist of the constitution, member lists, correspondence, minutes, legal documents, and printed materials documenting initiations, office plans, and general activities of the Torch Honor Society at Yale.

General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

Arrangement

The records are arranged by accession.

Collection Contents

Accession 19ND-A-484: Records, 1916-1967

Non-permanent financial records, including receipts, bank statements, and checkbooks were destroyed in 2008.

The materials are open for research.

b. 1, f. 1	Minutes	1916-1926
b. 1, f. 2	Minutes	1926-1936
b. 1, f. 3	Minutes	1940-1944, 1949
b. 1, f. 4	Minutes	1946-1947
b. 1, f. 5	Minutes	1950-1951
b. 1, f. 6	Minutes	1953-1955
b. 1, f. 7	Minutes of Annual Dinner	1920
b. 2, f. 8	Constitution, by-laws and minutes	1956-1967
b. 2, f. 9	Permanent records	1922-1923
b. 2, f. 10	Correspondence	1933-1934
b. 2, f. 11	Correspondence	1936-1937
b. 2, f. 12	Correspondence	1937-1938
b. 2, f. 13	Correspondence	1938-1939
b. 2, f. 14	Correspondence	1939-1940
b. 2, f. 15	Correspondence	1940-1941
b. 2, f. 16	Correspondence	1941-1942
b. 2, f. 17	Correspondence	1944-1945
b. 2, f. 18	Correspondence	1950-1951
b. 2, f. 19	Correspondence	1951-1952
b. 2, f. 20	Correspondence	1953-1954
b. 3, f. 21	Newsletters, notes	1924-1945
b. 3, f. 22	Newsletters	1946-1956
b. 3, f. 23	Official publications and recommendations	1944-1951
b. 3, f. 24	Investigation of residential college plan	1946-1947
b. 3, f. 25	Notebook: guidelines	1939

b. 3, f. 26	History of the founding of the society	1954
b. 3, f. 27	Alumni elections, initiation banquets, and miscellaneous correspondence	1929-1960
b. 3, f. 28	Alumni notes	1941
b. 3, f. 29	Initiation ceremonies	1946-1954
b. 3, f. 30	Invitations to membership: cards	Undated
b. 3, f. 31	"The Criticisms"	Undated
b. 3, f. 32	Essays on Yale	1951-1952
b. 3, f. 33	Newsclippings	
b. 4, f. 34	Newsclippings	
b. 4, f. 35	Newsclippings	
b. 4, f. 36	Newsclippings	
b. 4, f. 37	Catalogues	1940-1956
b. 4, f. 38	Members	1943
b. 4, f. 39	Sheffield Scientific School: class List	1944
b. 4, f. 40	Sheffield Scientific School: class list	1945
b. 4, f. 41	Sheffield Scientific School: class list	1946
b. 4, f. 42	Classbooks, vol. I	
b. 5, f. 43	Classbooks, vol. II	
b. 5, f. 44	Classbooks, vol. III	
b. 5, f. 45	The Aurelian Honor Society: members	1947-1951
b. 5, f. 46	Treasurer's records	1944-1951
b. 6, f. 47	Members' accounts	
b. 6, f. 48	Photographs	

Accession 1991-A-089: Records, 1916-1933

The materials are open for research.

b. 1, f. 1	Constitution Papers	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Incorporation	1921 October 31
b. 1, f. 3	"The Torch Honor Society": history	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Members	circa 1919
b. 1, f. 5	Initiation	circa 1930
	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 6	Hogan, Edward	1933
b. 1, f. 7	LaRoche, Chester J.	1931-1933
b. 1, f. 8	O'Hearn, Charles M.	1931
b. 1, f. 9	Roe, Joseph W.	1923-1932
b. 1, f. 10	Schreiber, Carl F.	1917-1920, undated
b. 1, f. 11	General	1916-1932
b. 1, f. 12	Secondary Schools	1919

Accession 2016-A-0015: Records, 1917-2013

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b. 1, f. 1	Administrative procedures in government agencies documents	1940–1941
b. 1, f. 2-22	Correspondence	1917-1933, 1971,1997-2013, undated
b. 2	Founding class scrapbook	1917

**Accession 2016-A-027: Biographical booklets for the delegations of the classes of
2007-2015, 2007-2015**

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b. 1, f. 1-9

Biographical booklets for the delegations of the classes of 2007-2015

2007-2015

Accession 2017-A-062: Biographical booklets for the delegations of the classes of 2016-2017, 2016-2017

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical booklets for the delegations of the classes of 2016-2017	2016-2017
	There are two copies of the booklet for each year, one with color images and one in black and white.	

Accession 2019-A-0026: Additional materials, 2005-2018

This series comprises membership and legal documents from to the Torch Honor Society at Yale University.

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical booklets for the delegation of the Class of 2018	2018
b. 1, f. 2	Form letters to members	2008-2016
b. 1, f. 3	Legal documents The file includes Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of Fax Facis Foundation, Inc.	2005-2006

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

College students -- Societies, etc.

Corporate Bodies

Yale University. Torch Honor Society

Yale University -- Societies, etc.

Yale University -- Students