

# Albany (NY) Alumni

December 4, 1971

The Albany, NY Alumni Chapter was granted a charter by the Grand Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity** on December 4, 1971. The ten charter members, Arthur Allen (deceased), Joseph Allen, David Bowie, Edward Brooks, Alfred Griffin (deceased), Eugene Massenburg, Seth Spellman (deceased), John Wells (deceased), Kent Williams and Harrison Woods were dedicated to introduce the ideals of the Fraternity to New York's Capital District.

In 1977 the Chapter began an expansion program which has since initiated more than thirty applicants, many of whom have achieved prominence in the Capital District community. Amongst the initiates, Brother Theodore Jones not only later became the Chapter Polemarch, but also received the James M. Kidd Award. Early in 1980 the Chapter hosted the C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference. Another of the Chapter's most notable achievements was its gathering of the Northeastern Province Council for the 64<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, April 15-16, 1994. As part of the Provincial expansion, the Chapter has initiated two undergraduate Chapters, Kappa Rho at the State University at Albany, and Nu Pi at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

In keeping with the traditions, ideals and principles of the Fraternity, Albany Alumni Chapter has helped the community to achieve its educational goals via the Guide Right Program. The Chapter has committed itself to the community's health concerns with prostate cancer awareness campaigns. Equally important has been the Chapter's commitment to provide college scholarships for the underprivileged. Originally, annual grants were intended; however, for several years funding has been limited to a few successful benefit affairs hosted for that specific purpose.

The Albany New York Alumni Chapter continues to perpetuate the traditions, ideals and principles of the **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity** and its achievements by following in the footsteps of its ten founders.



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The Albany Alumni Chapter saluted two chapter members for their recent retirements. **George W. Delamar**, a 1977 Albany Alumni initiate, retired as Director of Central Office Personnel for the New York State Office of Mental Health after more than 37 years of service. A dinner was held in his honor March 23 at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Schenectady. Delamar is Keeper of Records for the Albany Alumni Chapter and has served on the chapter's Board of Directors since his initiation. He holds a B.A. from Binghamton University.

**Dorsey M. Whitehead**, a 1977 Waukegan (IL) Alumni initiate, retired December 31, 1999, as Secretary to the New York State Senate, the highest non-elected position in the state's legislature after 12 years of service to the State of New York Prior to holding that position, Whitehead served in the U.S. Army until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel and Aviator in 1983. A closed reception was hosted in his honor by Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor, 25 senators, and 32 chief administrators January 10 at Jack's Oyster House restaurant in Albany. A second dinner was held in his honor at Paradi D. M., Whitehead's favorite restaurant in Albany February 24. Whitehead was Polemarch of the Albany Alumni Chapter. He holds a B.S. from Virginia State University, an M.P.A. from Webster University, and an M.B.A. from Northwestern University. He is a consultant to the State Senate on Veterans' Affairs.

