

Burlington - Camden (NJ) Alumni

April 12, 1969

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in July 1968, more than twenty Kappa men and their families assembled at Cooper River Park for a picnic. After consuming ample food and beverage, the Kappa men in attendance huddled under a nearby tree to discuss further plans to establish a local chapter.

Shortly following the picnic gathering a petition was requested and received from National Headquarters in Philadelphia. On Sunday afternoon, November 10, 1968, a meeting was held at Burlington County Community Action Program Headquarters, 9 West Union Street, Burlington, New Jersey. At this meeting, the petition for the charter was signed, officers were elected and a name for the new chapter chosen

. The new chapter was to be known as the "Burlington-Camden Alumni Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**" Its establishment would provide an opportunity for inactive members and members affiliated only at the Grand Chapter level to become active locally and foster community involvement in Burlington and Camden Counties. To advise and counsel the new chapter, the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter appointed a committee to provide assistance on administrative and fiscal matters

The Burlington-Camden Alumni Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** received its charter Saturday, April 12, 1969. Brother Lancelot Tynes, the Grand Chapter's representative and Northeastern Province Polemarch, presented the charter. A formal banquet followed the chartering ceremony at the Rickshaw Inn, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Over one hundred brothers and guests were in attendance.

The twenty Kappa Brothers who signed the petition to obtain the charter are founders of the Burlington-Camden Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The officers were Dr. William F. Duck, Polemarch, Walker B. Strickland, Vice Polemarch, Edward T. Thomas, Keeper of Records, Willie Irvin, Keeper of Exchequer, Joseph Keene, Strategus, Ralph Johnson, Lt. Strategus, C. Horace Gibson III, Historian and Rev. Charles C. Blake, Chaplain. The members of the Board of Directors were C. Horace Gibson IV and Dr. William Young.

Charter Members of Burlington-Camden Alumni Chapter

Dr. Byron K. Armstrong	C. Horace Gibson, III	Nathaniel Scott
Rev. Charles C. Blake	C. Horace Gibson, IV	Dr. Ernest C. Simmons
George P. Dawson	William Hamer	Walter B. Stricklin
Judge Theodore Z. Davis	C. Elbridge Holloway	Edward T. Tomas, Sr.
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