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Northeastern Province Polemarchs during the Forties

Five Northeastern Province Polemarchs served during the decade of the forties: Murray Marvin, Jr. of Philadelphia Alumni served from 1939 until 1941; William L. Brown of Philadelphia served from 1941 until 1943; Rudolph G. Scott of New York Alumni served from 1943 until 1945; I. Theodore Donaldson of New York Alumni served from 1945 until 1946; and Enos S. Andrews of Philadelphia Alumni served from 1946 until 1951.

Northeastern Province Councils in the Forties

In the 1940's, the home chapter of the Northeastern Province Polemarchs continued to host the Northeastern Province Council Meetings. As the appointment of the Northeastern Polemarchs shifted between the Philadelphia Alumni and the New York Alumni, the Northeastern Province Council Meetings followed. The focus of these meetings changed from maintaining the status quo in the early 1940s to the expansion and restructuring of the Province in the late 1940's.

Chapters Chartered in the Forties

March 8, 1947	Wilmington Alumni
March 8, 1947	Beta Sigma - Delaware State University
December 14, 1957	Newark Alumni
April 6, 1949	Trenton Alumni
April 9, 1949	Brooklyn Alumni which became Brooklyn - Long Island Alumni in 1960

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Wilmington, Delaware

Chartered March 8, 1947

History of Wilmington Alumni

The Wilmington (DE) Alumni Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**, the third alumni chapter chartered in the Northeastern Province, was chartered on Saturday, March 8, 1947 at the Walnut Street YMCA at 10th and Walnut Streets in Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Idel (“Prof.”) William Edward Taylor, a native of Lewes, Delaware, presented the charter. Dr. Taylor graduated from Howard High School in Wilmington, DE in 1930, and while he was a student at Lincoln University in Oxford, PA, he was initiated into the Epsilon Chapter. During his tenure as Dean of Men at Delaware State College in Dover, Dr. Taylor was responsible for chartering the Beta Sigma Chapter on March 8, 1947. Dr. Taylor joined the faculty at Morgan State College in Baltimore, MD where he served for almost four decades as Advisor to the Alpha Iota Chapter.

The Reverend John B. Redmond, Jr. was primarily responsible for the chartering of the Wilmington (DE) Alumni Chapter. The chartering process began in January 1946 while Rev. Redmond was serving as the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the Walnut Street YMCA. The Grand Board of Directors unanimously approved the charter petition on January 30, 1947. Total cost for the chartering procedure was \$21.00 (\$10.00 for the charter fee; \$10.00 for a set of five rituals; and \$1.00 for a copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution.)

Rev. Redmond personally enlisted all seventeen charter members of the Wilmington (DE) Alumni Chapter and reminded them of their duties and obligations to the Fraternity. Each charter member was assessed six dollars (\$6.00) as well as a reinstatement fee of one dollar (\$1.00) if the brother was not currently financial. The officers and charter members were Dr. Charles H. Butler (Strategus), N. Watson Brown (Keeper of Records), D. Edward Fleming, Richard Fleming, Dr. Louis D. Giles (Vice Polemarch), Phillip Gooden, Paul D. Houghton, John O. Hopkins, Sr., George A. Johnson, a 1911 initiate of Alpha Chapter (Reporter), George L. Johnson (Historian), Clarence C. Jones (Polemarch), Rev. James L. Morgan, Millard A. Naylor, Walter L. Purnell, Rev. John B. Redmond, Jr. (Keeper of Exchequer), Dr. Oscar N. Smith, and Dr. John H. Taylor.

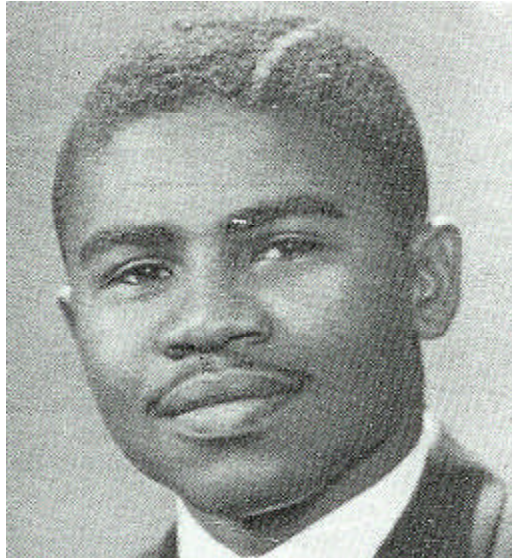
Initially, monthly meetings of the Wilmington Alumni Chapter were held in the homes of the active brothers. The first chapter dance was held at the Nur Temple Shriner’s Club. Scholarships were awarded from the proceeds of this activity. A leadership conference was held in 1963 at the Walnut Street YMCA. In 1964 the chapter sponsored a Black Art Show. A significant achievement of the Wilmington Alumni Chapter was its integration of the Hotel DuPont which was used as the site for its Christmas formal dance.

The Wilmington Alumni Chapter has hosted four Province Council Meetings: 1948 at the Walnut Street YMCA; 1961 at the Hotel DuPont; 1971 at the Holiday Inn; and 1987 at the Radisson Hotel.

1973-1975); and Donald M. Evans, Sr. (Province Keeper of Exchequer 1979-1981). Additionally, these Wilmington Alumni Chapter members have served the Northeastern Province in various capacities: Clarence S. Bennett (Parliamentarian); Kenyon L. Camper (Editor, *The Diamond Newsletter*), Delbert Horton (Chairperson of these committees: Job Bank, Job

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Resources/Development, and Achievement); Stanley W. Smith (Province Reclamation Committee, National Reclamation Committee, and Social Action Committee).



***Kenyon L. Camper, Editor
The Diamond Newsletter***

Wilmington Alumni brothers who have received Northeastern Province Awards are as follows: Dr. William E. Bazzelle, Sr., Donald M. Evans, Sr. and Delbert Horton - *The James M. Kidd Distinguished Service Award*; Dr. William E. Bazzelle, Sr. and Stanley W. Smith - *The Northeastern Province Achievement Award*; and Dr. William E. Bazzelle, Sr. - *The 1998 Bert V. Wadkins Award for Most Outstanding Guide Right Advisor*.

The following persons have served the Grand Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** as designated: Delbert Horton - Undergraduate Summit Speaker, Risk Avoidance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee; and Stanley W. Smith - Kappa Choir.

Significant information about the Wilmington Alumni Chapter is as follows:

- Ø From 1947 to the present time that chapter membership has increased from seventeen to ninety-four.
- Ø Twelve brothers have become Northeastern Province Life Members.
- Ø Thirty-five brothers have become **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity** Life Members.

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- Ø The chapter is proud to have in its membership two of the most senior Fraternity Life Members: Gilbert H. Jackson, Jr. (#80 - 1968) and Kenyon L. Camper (#86 - 1968).
- Ø The NAACP presented the Wilmington Alumni Chapter an award in 1983 for recruiting 40 new members for that organization.
- Ø The chapter won the Northeastern Province Alumni Chapter of the Year Award on three separate occasions.
- Ø The chapter won the Northeastern Province Guide Right Chapter of the Year Award on four separate occasions.
- Ø The Chapter won the Northeastern Province Award for Reclamation in 2001.
- Ø The Chapter won the Student of the Year Competition Award for 1999 and 2001.
- Ø Wilmington Alumni – Northeastern. Province Chapter of the Year - 1999



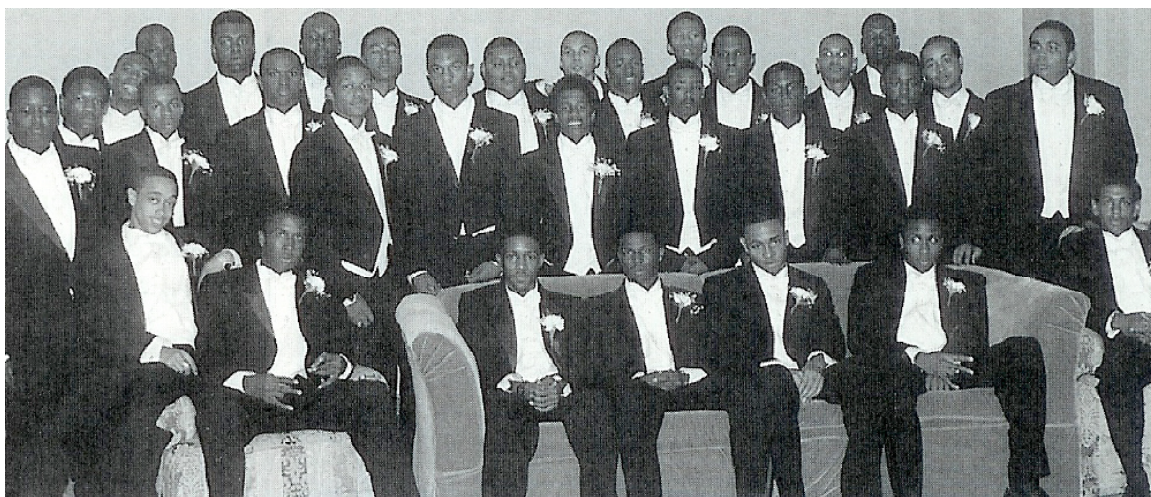
Wilmington Alumni – 2000

On-going activities of the Wilmington Alumni Chapter include the Ferris School For Boys, Adopt-a-Family, Kappa League East, Kappa League West, Kappa Klassic, The Achievers, Student of the Year, Halloween Party, Spelling Bee, Picnic, Spiritual, Christmas Formal, Founders Day, Senior Kappas, Chapter Outing, Achievement, Nominations, Reclamation, Audit, Nu Xi Chapter, Fall/Spring Event, Charity Bowling Tournament, Annual Golf Tournament, Cancer Walk for Life, and The Achievement Center.

For the past 14 years, the Wilmington Alumni Chapter has teamed with the local chapter of The Links to sponsor a program to promote excellence among African-American male youth in New Castle County, Delaware. The program, led by Guide Right Chairman William E. Bazzelle and Link Co-chairperson Claire Carey, is called "The Achievers." The program is open to Black male high school juniors and seniors who have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average. Activities include a mentoring experience with a professional Kappa man, two African-American cultural experiences and a quality series of workshops on topics such as financial awareness, sexual responsibility, goal setting, and business and social etiquette.

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The 2000 Achievers group of 31 young men diligently completed service projects. At the culminating event, the June 18 “Affair of Honor,” they were awarded \$25,000 in scholarships plus a portion of the money they raised in ads for the souvenir booklet. The young men also received awards for academic excellence, leadership, entrepreneurial skills, service orientation, and inspiration.



Wilmington Achievers – 2000



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BETA SIGMA

Delaware State College
Chartered March 8, 1947

History of Beta Sigma

In the spring of 1946, Dr. Idell W. Taylor, a native Delawarean and a professor at Delaware State College, encouraged seven young men at Delaware State College to journey to Lincoln University and become initiated in the Epsilon Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi**. Fraternally, Dr. Taylor was an initiate of Epsilon Chapter, the editor of the *Scroller Manual* and a Diggs Awardee.

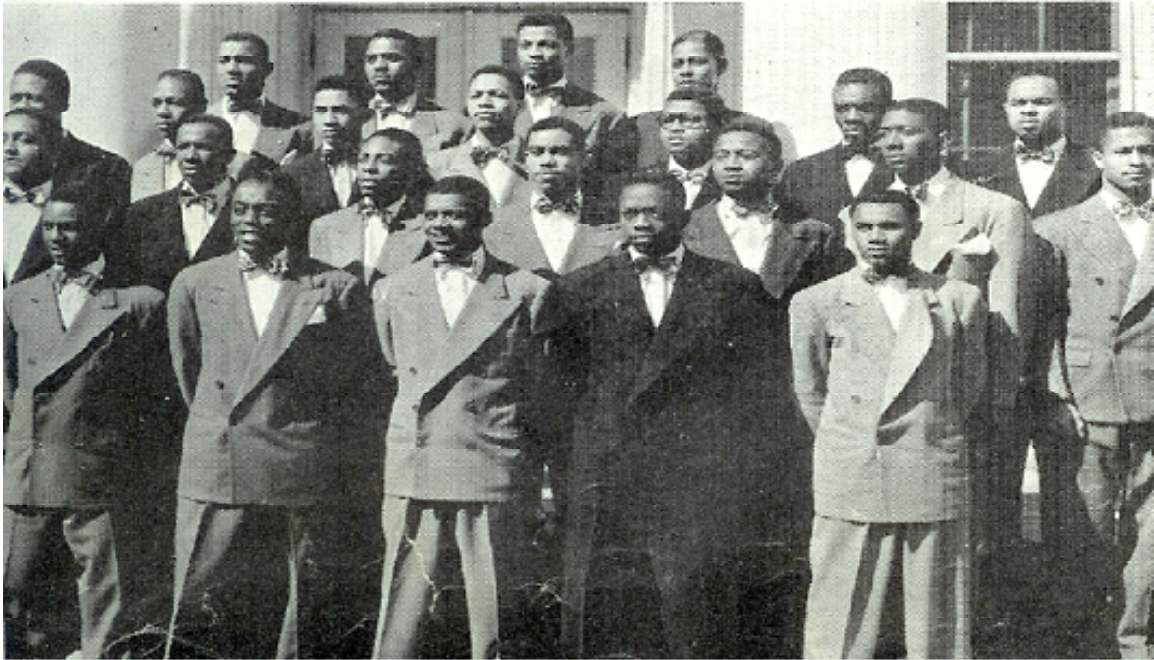
In the fall of 1946, an additional seventeen brothers were initiated into the Epsilon Chapter. The initiation was held on Delaware State College campus. Under the expert guidance and direction of Dr. Idell W. Taylor, the Grand Chapter was petitioned and Beta Sigma received its charter on March 8, 1947, becoming the first active chapter chartered in the Northeastern Province. (Four active chapters preceded the establishment of the Northeastern Province). The charter members were William Bayne, Charles Bessellieu, Clifton Browne, Julius Boaz, Fred Bullard, Carl Collick, William Days, Bennie George, Howard Gregg, Jr., Maynard Collick, Allen Hill, Gilbert Jackson, Kermit Jackson, Walter Johnson, Nehemiah Kelson, Richard Maull, Wilmer Mills, Denver Parker, Shilver Spriggs, Donald Spence, William Stephens, Mitchell Thomas and Wellington Walters.



Beta Sigma Chapter – 1947

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The first Scroller Club was started in October 1946 with twenty-four young men: Harlan Bolden, Emory Boggs, John Brown, Ernest Bundy, Oscar Bullock, Martin Evans,



The Scroller Club - 1947

Ronald Garlic, Douglas Gibson, Daniel Hanks, William Hearne, William Holiday, William Holmes, Rudean Lumpkin, Monroe McConnell, Oscar Neal, William Rich, Joseph Sims, Harrison Short, Grant Stephens, Oscar Thomas and Raymond Woodward.

After approximately fifteen months in the Scroller Club, these students were bonded together for life and on December 12, 1947 the twenty-four Scrollers were initiated into the Beta Sigma Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**. The brothers who were in the Scroller Club were motivated to keep up their grades and to remain in college until graduation.

After graduation, the alumni of Beta Sigma Chapter would gather at a tailgate at the annual homecoming football game at Delaware State College and reminisce about the days at the college. This tradition has existed for the past fifty years. The alumni of Beta Sigma were instrumental in the establishment and the development of many new chapters in the Eastern and Northeastern Provinces.

NEWARK ALUMNI

Newark, New Jersey

Chartered December 14, 1947

History of Newark (NJ) Alumni

The Newark (NJ) Alumni Chapter was chartered on December 14th, 1947 by twelve enterprising and distinguished men: Dr. Everett Simmons, Polemarch (Kappa, 1924); Albert Tillery, Vice Polemarch (Epsilon, 1929); William Maddex, Keeper of Records (Epsilon, 1930); Dr. William T. Harper, Keeper of Exchequer (Epsilon, 1935); W. Arthur Ricks, Historian (Alpha Gamma, 1932); Melvin Federicks, Strategus (Alpha Lambda, 1940); Dr. Clay Irving (Epsilon, 1932); Dr. Phillip Gear (Alpha Lambda, 1940); William Jackson (Beta, 1932); Dr. Harold Scott (Pi, 1923); Dr. Spurgeon Sparks, Jr. (Epsilon, 1933), and Dr. Eugene Sims (Alpha Delta, 1940).

The Newark Alumni Chapter was only one of forty-six alumni chapters established during the forties. Past Grand Polemarch Earl B. Dickerson summarized the ambivalence towards Blacks during his opening address of the 37th Grand Chapter Meeting held in August of 1947: *“America is not yet in a position to assume world leadership, and will not be until she has shown a will to master her own domestic problems.”*

Later that year, in November of 1947, the Fraternity’s most revered Founder, Elder Watson Diggs, passed away in his sleep. One month later, almost as a testimony to the determination of Brother Diggs, the brothers of Newark, New Jersey, banded together to promote the interest of the Fraternity. It is to these men that the members of the Newark Alumni Chapter dedicate their efforts.

As the oldest Kappa chapter in New Jersey, and the fourth oldest alumni chapter in the Northeastern Province of **Kappa Alpha Psi**, the Newark Alumni Chapter has hosted the Northeastern Province Council Meeting in 1962, 1973, 1986, and 2001. The chapter’s relationship with the Northeastern Province has been exemplary. The members have relished the occasions when they have been honored with the privilege of hosting Province Council meetings. In addition to adhering to the Fraternity’s fundamental purpose of Achievement, along with the chapter’s embracing of the core elements of the Fraternity’s foundation — Guide Right and scholarship — the Newark Alumni Chapter has sponsored youth athletics, clothing and food drives, voter registration drives, Black Heritage Day parades, and other community service activities. The Chapter promotes progress and the public welfare by encouraging its members to become concerned and involved in the affairs of their community. Members of the Newark Alumni Chapter were instrumental in the establishment of the Montclair Alumni and Iota Epsilon Chapters (Montclair State University), both in Montclair, New Jersey.

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During the last weekend in March 1980, as they celebrated their annual Kappa Weekend, the chapter was honored with the presence of Founder Edward Giles Irvin. Brother Irvin inspired and motivated the entire chapter as he reminded them of their commitment to the Fraternity, the community and to themselves. Also in attendance at the event was Past Province Polemarch, the late James M. Kidd. In 1985, the chapter celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Founders' Day Banquet, featuring Past Grand Polemarch Hilary H. Holloway and Brother Jonathan Hicks, past Editor of the *Kappa Alpha Psi Journal*. In 1991, the chapter's Founders' Day Banquet was again honored with the presence of Laurel Wreath Awardee, the late Dr. Samuel Proctor, as the keynote speaker. On December 20, 1997, the chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a gala black tie affair at the Westwood Manor in Garwood, NJ. The audience was thrilled to be addressed by one of the chapter's charter members, Dr. William T. Harper.

It is always difficult to speak of your brother in the past tense, so when the subject of the "Chapter Invisible" is broached, brothers are often removed to a reluctantly somber disposition. The Chapter Invisible is the final destination of all Kappas upon their departure from this Earth. The Newark Alumni has not been spared its share of painful losses, and with each one, another bright Diamond goes dim. However, while we mourn our losses, we celebrate that our dear brothers are in a better place. Over the years, brothers have expressed, and have received expressions of sympathy and love in many forms, but one occasion will remain in the chapter's memory. Upon the death of Brother Wilcox H. Brandon, the chapter presented his widow, Mrs. Gladys Brandon, with Brother Brandon's Life Membership Pin, plaque and identification card. Mrs. Brandon was overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. Her letter of thanks remains in our Archives to this day, and the chapter established the Wilcox H. Brandon Scholarship Fund at the J. F. Kennedy High School in Patterson, New Jersey.

The cornerstone of the Fraternity's service program is the National Guide Right Program and Kappa Leadership League. That program currently consists of students from Newark's Malcolm X Shabazz High School. The program ensures that the principles of leadership, discipline, etiquette, scholarship, sportsmanship and ethics are always the focus. The Newark Alumni Chapter has always "been there" for the youth of our community. With the chapter's guidance, the Kappa Leaguers have established an annual Thanksgiving Food and Clothing Drive during which the young men donate turkeys to homeless shelters each year. The Kappa Leaguers participate in an annual scholarship competition. During the past five years, the chapter has awarded more than \$7,000 in scholarship awards. At the 70th Northeastern Province Council Meeting in Hartford, CT, Mr. Garry Dennis, the President of the Newark Kappa League, was named the Outstanding Kappa Leaguer of the Year. In 1986, the chapter's Guide Right program has been featured in the *Newark Star-Ledger* newspaper for its outstanding Career Day program at West Side High School.

Realizing that the success of any task depends entirely on teamwork and cooperation, the chapter recognizes the tireless contributions of their wives, sweethearts and families to the success of many of their community and social action programs. In October 2000, chapter members were instrumental in the establishment of the Newark-Montclair Silhouettes

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of **Kappa Alpha Psi**. The charter members are Mrs. Valerie Pierce, Mrs. Shirley Fitzhugh, Mrs. Candis Stanley, Mrs. JoAnn Trotman, Mrs. Linda Bullock, Mrs. Diane Sutton, Mrs. Juanita Providence and Mrs. Linda Green.

The fundamental purpose of **Kappa Alpha Psi** is Achievement—in every field of human endeavor. The brothers of the Newark Alumni Chapter have never let this goal waiver. The chapter has been the home of the Director of the New York City Area Small Business Administration (Woodie Williams, 1975); President, National Dental Association (James Lassiter, 1979); the current Northeastern Province Life Membership Pin was designed by Brother Nathaniel Crartie (commissioned 1998); Horatius Greene was appointed to the Hudson County Ethics Committee by the New Jersey Supreme Court (1985) and Chief Judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Orange, New Jersey (2001); Bert Newton was appointed to the Electronics Advisory Council by the Morris County Board of Education (1987); Willis Edwards III was appointed as Housing Commissioner, City of Orange, New Jersey. Over the years, the Newark Alumni Chapter has earned the following awards: The NAACP Chapter Life Member Award (1973); Northeastern Province Chapter of the Year (1986); Northeastern Province Medium Chapter Reclamation Award (1995); Northeastern Province Guide Right Kappa Leaguer of the Year, and the Northeastern Province Guide Right Director of the Year (2001). The following chapter members have served the Province in the following capacities: Province Parliamentarian and General Counsel (Horatius Greene); Chairman of the Province Nominations Committee (Albert Harris); Province Board of Directors (William Evers, Roscoe Trotman, Grayson Hampton).



Nathaniel Crartie Designed
The Northeastern Province
Life Membership Pin

TRENTON ALUMNI

Trenton, New Jersey
Chartered April 6, 1949

History of Trenton Alumni

History was made in the annals of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity** on the warm and pleasant evening of April 6, 1949. It was on this evening that the Trenton Alumni Chapter was founded and officially chartered. The site of this historic occasion was the Carver Branch YMCA located on Fowler Street in Trenton, New Jersey. In the preceding months, the determined Brothers of the Trenton area attended a Province Council meeting and met as an unchartered chapter on a monthly basis. During this same period the Brothers petitioned the Grand Chapter for approval to establish the Trenton Alumni Chapter. Brother Enos S. Andrews, Polemarch for the Northeastern Province, was in attendance and assisted in the official granting of the charter. Brother I. Theodore Donaldson, a member of the Grand Board of Directors, represented the Grand Chapter and also assisted in the conferring of the charter. The Brothers of Trenton Alumni were also honored by the presence of six Brothers from the Philadelphia Alumni and a visiting brother, William Howard, who accompanied Brother Andrews to the charter night and joined the joyous occasion. A group of determined and dedicated brothers, eight in number and small by comparison, had received their reward. Trenton Alumni Chapter became a reality on April 6, 1949, a date to be remembered. The charter members were Calvin Anderson, James A. Floyd, Samuel J. Floyd, Carl Leftwich, Frank Murray, Richard W. Nevius, Arthur T. Shack and Howard B. Waxwood, Jr.

Brother James M. Kidd of Trenton Alumni was appointed the eighteenth Northeastern Province Polemarch. For his outstanding work in the Northeastern Province, the highest award awarded in the Province (**The James M. Kidd Distinguished Service Award**) was named in his honor.



*James M. Kidd Standardized
the Northeastern Province Council's Format*

BROOKLYN - LONG ISLAND ALUMNI

Brooklyn - Long Island, New York

History of Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni

On April 9th, 1949 The Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni chapter was chartered as the Brooklyn Alumni Chapter, with the vision to spread the concepts and ideas of Kappa Alpha Psi in the Brooklyn community. The chapter's original title, the Brooklyn Alumni chapter, was later changed in 1960 to the Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni chapter because a number of brothers from Brooklyn moved to Long Island and brothers from Long Island joined the chapter. Brother Enos S. Andrews was the Province Polemarch who installed the chapter.

There were 14 charter members: Lewis S. Flagg III – Polemarch, Leroy A. Payne – Vice Polemarch, Clifton E. Gross – Keeper of Records, Frank C. Johnson – Keeper of the Exchequer and Claude B. Cave - Historian. The other charter members were: Elliott J. Barnett, William Brooks, William M. Chisholm, R. Risky Dent, Jr., Charles R. Joseph, Rudolph Scott, Frissell J. Smith, Austin Sobers & La Verte T. Warren.

I would like to share with you a little history of the personal background and achievements of the 14 Kappa men that came together and founded B-LI. Through they came from many walks of life, they had a desire to start an alumni chapter of their fraternity in hopes of providing service to their community and being role models to its youth,

Elliott J. Barnett was a Beta Chapter initiate and what we now call an Old School Kappa. Barney as he was known by many worked as a probation officer in the NYC system and was fiery but a good-hearted Kappa. he and his wife opened up their home to the brothers and enjoyed entertaining them.

William Brooks was an educator and a noted swimming instructor at a local Brooklyn YMCA. He had a love for traveling especially abroad.

Dr. Claude B. Cave was a medical doctor with his practice in Brooklyn. He was a warm and caring brother who opened his summer home in Massapequa up to the brothers for their June meeting and they had a good time swimming & lounging around.

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William M. Chisholm, Esquire was one of the most active Kappas in the greater NY area in the 50's. Brother Chisholm had been active in the Boy Scouts as a young man (Eagle Scout to be exact) and he continued his work with them as an adult. He was first employed by the NYC Fire Dept. and went to law school in his spare time. After obtaining his law degree, he and Brothers Risley Dent & Thaddus Owens founded a law firm in Brooklyn. After serving as Polemarch of Brooklyn Alumni, he later served as Province Polemarch of the Northeastern Province. He continued to distinguish himself in Kappa by serving on the Grand Board of Directors and as Senior Grand Vice Polemarch. He made an attempt to become Grand Polemarch but it was not to be. He composed the words to the Toast Song used at our Oath of Rededication. He had many more accomplishments including his involvement in Comes, the NAACP and legal counsel for the Fireman's Union.

R. Risley Dent, Jr., Esquire began his career as a court officer and went to law school at night. He was a Beta Chapter initiate and didn't let anyone forget it, He was very active in Brooklyn politics and began the 1 Black elected to the NYS Senate from Brooklyn but he passed away before he could take office. At that same time, he was being looked at by the Democratic Party to run for the Congress. The seat eventually went to Shirley Chisholm. There is a NYC Housing unit named after Brother Dent. It is located on the corner of Fulton and Sumner in Brooklyn.

Lewis S. Flagg III was also an attorney who grew up in Brooklyn. He was a Kappa legacy being the son of Judge Lewis Flagg II. Brother Flagg III was very active in the National Guard and eventually became the Commanding Officer of one of the Brooklyn Armories.

Clifton E. Gross was an Omicron initiate while attending school at St. John's University when it was still in Brooklyn. He was an educator with the Board of Education. He was a loyal member of B-LI all of his life and served the chapter in many capacities. He organized trips to football games at West Point and to the Cleveland Browns so the brothers could see the great Jim Brown play. He served the Northeastern Province as Keeper of Records and Exchequer and for his long service to the fraternity he was awarded the Northeastern Province's highest award – the James M. Kidd distinguished service award. Brother Gross had many loves – two of which were his children and the game of Bridge (not to mention Tonk and Pinochle). One of his sons, Geoffrey, followed him into Kappa and was a member in B-LI.

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