

# **Chapter 7**

## **The Seventies**

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The signing of the Paris Peace Accord and the returning of many Viet Nam veterans to the college campuses spurred a rapid growth of the Northeastern Province in the second part of this decade. The number of chapters in the Northeastern Province increased from nine active chapters and fifteen alumni chapters in the beginning of 1970 to fifteen active chapters and twenty alumni chapters at the end of 1979. The six active and five alumni chapters chartered were Eta Delta of the College of New Jersey (February 8, 1974), Eta Epsilon of Rutgers University (March 8, 1974), Theta Iota of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (November 11, 1975), Iota Epsilon of Montclair State University (March 4, 1978), Iota Omicron of Hofstra University (February 23, 1979), Iota Rho of Fordham University (March 24, 1979), Albany Alumni of NY (December 4, 1971), New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni of NY (December 9, 1972), Stamford Alumni of CT (May 9, 1976), Binghamton Alumni of NY (November 9, 1976), and New Brunswick Alumni of NJ (March 9, 1978).

### **Northeastern Province Polemarchs during the Seventies**

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Board of the Directors, the Grand Polemarchs appointed three Northeastern Polemarchs to serve during the 1970s. They were Dr. Albert G. Oliver of New York Alumni (1969-1974), Irving L. Briddell, Jr. of Philadelphia Alumni (1974-1979) and James M. Kidd of Trenton Alumni (1979-1981).

### **Northeastern Province Councils in the Seventies**

During the early nineteen-seventies, the hosting of the Northeastern Province Council Meetings was placing a financial strain on small alumni chapters and it became difficult to get small chapters to volunteer to host Province Council Meetings. To solve this problem, Northeastern Province Polemarch Irving L. Briddell, Jr. urged the Province to share in the cost of sponsoring a Province Council Meeting. The Northeastern Province, however, did not agree to be responsible for any Silhouette programs. The Province Polemarch recommended that a chapter begin preparation to host a Province Council Meeting at least two years in advance of the scheduled dates.

On April 1-3, 1977, the small New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni Chapter hosted a highly successful Province Council Meeting at the Sheraton Eagle Bay in Ossining, New York.

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### Northeastern Province Leadership Conferences

In the early seventies, Dr. Albert G. Oliver, Northeastern Province Polemarch, became concerned with the cost to the Province of the Undergraduate Leadership Conferences and the exclusion of alumni chapters from the national program. He assigned to the Northeastern Province Board of Directors the task of developing a plan that would include alumni chapters and would make the conferences self-supporting.

On October 5, 1974, under the leadership of Northeastern Province Polemarch Irving L. Briddell, Jr., a leadership conference which included alumni and undergraduate chapters was held at Hotel DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware. The conference was named The Northeastern Province Leadership Conference and a budget of one thousand dollars, to be paid by the Province, was proposed. The next year, the Northeastern Province Leadership Conference was held September 27 and 28, 1975 in Colonie, New York, a community outside of Albany. At this conference a registration fee for alumni and undergraduates was established, making the conference self-supporting. All neophytes would be invited and registration and attendance by all chapter officers was made mandatory. The Northeastern Province Leadership Conference was held in the fall of each year throughout the decade of the seventies.

### The Diamond Newsletter

The Diamond News Letter had its beginning in the fall of 1974 when Northeastern Province Polemarch Irving L. Briddell, Jr. appointed Brother Alvin Vaughn of Philadelphia to the position of editor of the first Northeastern Province newsletter, *The Diamond*. Both Brothers Briddell and Vaughn strongly believed that effective communication between the brothers and chapters in the large Northeastern Province was absolutely essential and worthwhile. *The Diamond*, hopefully, would reflect the interest and activities of the brothers, their families, and the chapters within the Province.

In December 1974, the editor contacted the Polemarch, Keeper of Records, and/or Reporters of each chapter within the Province and requested information for the first edition of this publication. Brother Vaughn received less than a desirable response, however, the first edition was published in February 1975. The second edition appeared in April 1975, prior to the Province Council Meeting in Boston and the third in November 1975. During the next twenty-six years, *The Diamond Newsletter* was the primary instrument of communication and news within the Northeastern Province.

# ALBANY ALUMNI

Albany, New York  
Chartered December 4, 1971

## History of Albany NY Alumni Chapter

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.

# ALBANY ALUMNI



Albany, NY Alumni Chapter – 1994



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.



# NEW ROCHELLE-WHITE PLAINS ALUMNI

New Rochelle - White Plains, New York  
Chartered December 9, 1972

## History of New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni

Twelve strong Kappa men chartered the New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on December 9, 1972. The charter members were James W. Alexander, Edward E. Dickerson III, Jefferson Dudley, Robert D. Fullenweider, George V. Russell, Harvey C. Russell, Augustus Smith, Robert L. Staton, Joe C. Tibbs, William H. Tibbs, IV, James C. Vereen, and Ronald D. Walker. Five of those brothers are still standing.

Since its inception, the chapter has been dedicated to serving the Westchester-Rockland County community through the theme of "*Training for Leadership*." Today, the



**James C. Vereen**

Charter Member  
First Chapter Polemarch

chapter's focus remains one of assuming education, community and social action initiatives in the communities where brothers work and live. Among its earlier credits, New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni established the Iota Rho undergraduate chapter at Fordham University served as Big Brothers to Wiltwyck, awarded scholarship monies to college bound students with need served on the Pan-Hellenic council of Westchester-Rockland, and aided in voter registration drives. The chapter still remains at the forefront with initiatives not unlike those of past years. New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni adopted Kendall Cottage at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, New York, providing these young teens with computer equipment, tutoring, sporting activities, and educational and leisure excursions, as well as Christmas gifts. The chapter members sponsor an annual clothing drive, cook and

feed the seniors in a local community center, conduct a toy drive for tots, maintain membership in the NAACP, support the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, and assist and financially support the Black Scholars Program. The chapter maintains its own 501©(3) tax-exempt certificate to aid in our scholarship fund-raising activity. Presently the chapter is supporting fifteen students at various institutions of higher learning by donating scholarship funds for them throughout their four years.

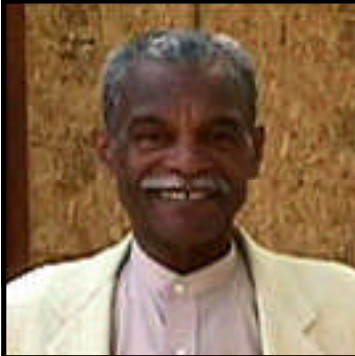
The New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni Chapter currently has four members serving in some capacity on the Northeastern Province Board, and three brothers serving on committees at the Grand Chapter level. Brothers can always be counted on to attend Province and Grand Chapter Meetings. The New Rochelle-White Plains Chapter has two recipients of the James M. Kidd Award.

Eight brothers serve on a combination of national and local civic and community boards. This chapter is making a commitment to *Phi Nu Pi* in every field of human endeavor, always striving to live up to the standards of those brothers whose footsteps we follow.



# NEW ROCHELLE - WHITE PLAINS ALUMNI

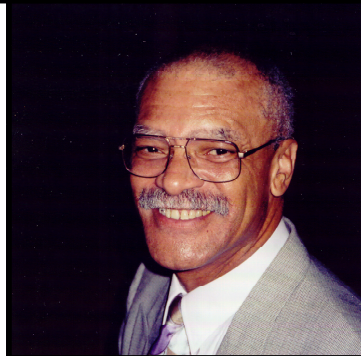
## Charter Members



**James W. Alexander, Sr.**  
Tau Chapter - 4/30/1949



**George Russell**  
Tau Chapter - 12/12/1946



**Joe C. Tibbs**  
Alpha Pi - 4/6/1963



**Edward E. Dickerson, III**  
Tau Chapter - 12/8/1962



**Harvey Russell**  
Alpha Upsilon - 1/9/1937



**William H. Tibbs, IV**  
Gamma Xi - 12/10/1955



**Jefferson Dudley**  
Xi Chapter - 4/3/1965



**Augustus Smith**  
Gamma Nu - 5/6/1961



**James C. Vereen**  
Tau Chapter - 12/12/1946



**Robert Fullenweider**  
Chi Chapter - 4/26/1952



**Robert Staton**  
Alpha Kappa - 5/3/1958



**Ronald O. Walker**  
Delta Eta - 2/23/1963

# NEW ROCHELLE - WHITE PLAINS ALUMNI

## Chapter Information

### First Officers Elected October 21, 1972

Polemarch	James C. Vereen
Vice Polemarch	Edward Dickerson
Keeper of Records	Robert L. Staton
Keeper of Exchequer	Ronald Walker
Strategus	Augustus Smith
Lieutenant Strategus	Robert Fullenweider
Historian	Joe Tibbs
Reporter	James Alexander
Chaplain	William Tibbs
Board of Directors	Harvey Russell
Board of Directors	Milton Clay
Board of Directors	Bliss Moore

### First Appointments October 21, 1972

Program Committee	James Alexander
Program Committee	Edward Dickerson Chair.
Program Committee	Augustus Smith
Program Committee	Ronald Walker
GuideRight Committee	Augustus Smith
Dean of Pledges	Ronald Walker
Dean of Pledges	Robert Fullenweider

### First Program Committee Report

November 18, 1972

Brother Fullenweider reported that he had been in contact with two places for the Charter Luncheon - (1) Holiday Inn and (2) Bill Reiber's (now Antun's), both in the Elmsford area. The menu at the Holiday Inn will consist of Pot Roast at \$3.85 - and at Bill Reiber's London Broil at \$4.50. It was decided that the charter presentation be held on December 9, 1972 at 1 PM at the Holiday Inn.

### First Financial Report After Chartering

December 16, 1972

Brother Walker stated that our present balance is \$20.64 as of December 16, 1972.

### First Ball Report (re: Charter Ball)

February 17, 1973

Brother Dickerson reported that our Charter Ball will be held on May 11, 1973 from 8 PM to 1 AM at the Colonial Terrace, Oregon Road, Peekskill, New York. The donation is \$17.50 per person. (with Music by Ross Carnegie Band.)

### Silhouettes Host First Affair

Sunday, March 3, 1974.

The affair was a family fun day at the Community Center, Greenburgh, New York

### First Nominating Committee Report

May 19, 1973

Brother Alexander stated "As chairman of the nominating committee of three, the consensus is to retain the present officers for another year.

### Life Membership Report

September 15, 1973

Brother Dickerson stated that life membership, as of October 1, 1973 will be \$400.00 instead of \$300.00.

# NEW ROCHELLE - WHITE PLAINS ALUMNI

## Polemarchs



First Polemarch  
James C. Vereen  
1972-1974



Second Polemarch  
Edward E. Dickerson, III  
1974-1976



Third Polemarch  
Robert Staton  
1976-1977



Fourth Polemarch  
Walter Smith  
1977-1979



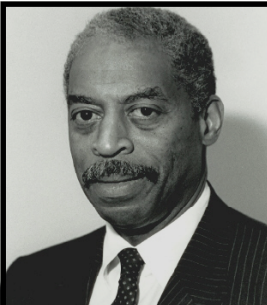
Fifth Polemarch  
Vernon Rivers  
1979-1981



Sixth Polemarch  
Willis Messiah  
1981-1983



Seventh Polemarch  
Stephen Jordan  
1983-1984



Eight Polemarch  
Ervin Graves  
1984-1988



Nineth Polemarch  
Henry Helm  
1988-1990



Tenth Polemarch  
Carl Jones  
1990-1991



Eleventh Polemarch  
Alvin Harrison  
1991-1992



Twelfth Polemarch  
Thomas A. Watkins  
1992-1994



Thirteenth Polemarch  
Richard Burgwyn  
1994-1996



Fourteenth Polemarch  
William H. Tibbs, IV  
1996-1999



Fifteenth Polemarch  
Andre Early  
1999-2000



Sixteenth Polemarch  
Dennis DeRavariere  
2000-2003



Seventeenth Polemarch  
Wiley C. Harrison  
2003-2006



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**ETA DELTA**  
**College of New Jersey**  
**Chartered February 8, 1974**

**As Reported in the April 1977 issue of the Kappa Journal**

Eta Delta  
Trenton State College  
Trenton, NJ

There hasn't been much printed in the JOURNAL about Eta Delta Chapter presently because we have not taken the time to write any articles. Well that's a mistake that our Chapter will correct from now on.

Eta Delta staged a "Smoker" on March 2, 1977 to let Trenton State College know what Kappa Alpha Psi is really about. This problem exists for all Greeks at Trenton.

As another part of promoting awareness of Greeks on campus, Eta Delta sponsored their first annual Kappa versus Que basketball classic March 12 in Trenton State College's Packer Hail Gym. Also boys from the Skillman Boys Home were invited there as a part of the Chapter's Guide Right program.

The rest of the Greeks on campus are being contacted and asked to participate in this sort of Greek Awareness Day by wearing paraphernalia so the Brothers and sisters on campus can see what kind of Greek organizations are here. Just recently the Chapter had an entertainment weekend at TSC, February 18, 1977 featuring a disco at the "Old Pub" and the next night held a disco off campus at Forty-west in Trenton on State Street, for which, Eta Delta ran a carpool there for people without transportation

For our Guide Right program Eta Delta members are scheduled to go out to Skillman Boys Home every other Monday night and usually play games, basketball, rap, or whatever the boys out there feel like doing. In the works are a sweetheart dinner which we gave last year and a fifty-dollar scholarship selection process. For that brother or sister who is academically in good standing with the college and needs financial help. This award is presented at the end of the year at Trenton State's annual award assembly.

"We, the Brothers at Trenton State College, would like to thank the Brothers of the Trenton Alumni Chapter for their and help and support in making our last year's Kristmas Kabaret a success. Without Trenton Alumni there would be no Eta Delta. This is the Chapter's public thanks to them for all their help in our six years of existence," Eta Delta Chapter.

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# **ETA EPSILON**

**Rutgers, State University of New Jersey**  
**Chartered March 9, 1974**

## **History of Eta Epsilon**

On March 9, the Rutgers dream was realized with the formal chartering of Eta Epsilon Chapter the first Kappa Chapter at a major New Jersey University.

After two years of diligent pursuit of the dream, thirteen Kappa men were joined by brothers and well-wishers from five states in a wine and cheese reception celebrating this historic event.

Albert Oliver, Province Polemarch presented the Charter. Addressing the closed ceremony which included brothers from Trenton, Eta Delta, Delta Eta, Burlington-Camden, Asbury-Neptune, Newark, Montclair State College, and Wilmington, Oliver praised the efforts of the brothers of Eta Epsilon.

Eta Epsilon, the only predominately black Fraternity at Rutgers University is headed by Polemarch Charles McRae of Elizabeth. In accepting the charter, McRae served notice that this was a call to labor.

R. Thomas Garrett, (Alpha Tau, '59), chapter advisor, characterized past Kappa efforts at Rutgers as "just a warm-up for the job that remains to be done." He went on to remind the brothers that "We no longer have to concern ourselves about whether we are being taken seriously here on the various campuses of Rutgers-they know we are here and now they know us by name."

A timely event, the chartering came one month after the February 8th initiation of neophytes Bill Cameron, Anthony Bivins, Brian Miller, James McDaniel, and Daryl Perry, all of whom were present.

Also present were John Cole, Exchequer; Sam DeBerry, Dean of Pledges; Bruce Smallwood, Keeper of Records and Derek Hopson, Marvin T. Braker, Walt Patterson, and Russell Dawkins. The University Black House, decorated by Jim McDaniel, was turned into a Kappa House for the day. Guests, including heads of seven local fraternities, were served by Kappa Sweethearts Elaine Johnson, Maria Soto, Robin Brown, Valerie Throop, and Maeble Hairston.

Bill Cameron presented copies of "The Story of Kappa Alpha Psi" to Dr. Peter McDougall, Dean of Students, and Dr. Francis Johns, Representative of the Alexander Library, Rutgers University.

Activities for the remainder of the semester include a "stepping" contest at Montclair State College, the second Annual Kappa Kabaret, installation of playground equipment for an area of the Head Start Program, Community-Campus clean-up project, and an intramural sports tournament to benefit Africare.



# THETA IOTA

## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### Chartered November 11, 1975

#### History of Theta Iota

Theta Iota Chapter was chartered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on October 11, 1975. For the nine Brothers of this Chapter it, was the realization of an idea to bring a black fraternity to their campus, and make it a viable organization within their black community.

With the help of Chi and Boston Alumni Chapters. Theta Iota is functioning and looking forward to much success in the future. At the chartering ceremony A. F. Moultrie, Assistant Executive Secretary, spoke of the many tasks ahead of them, and of the type of men necessary to keep Theta Iota Chapter achieving in the name of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Officers of the chapter are: Stan Washington, Polemarch; Bill Black, Vice-Polemarch; Ted Austell, Keeper of Records; Phil Hampton, Keeper of Exchequer; Glenn Perkins, Dean of Pledges and Lenny Nethersole, Strategus. Other members include Fred Thompson, Sam Nixon, and Bernard Robinson, Northeastern Province Undergraduate Board Member.

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Theta Iota  
University of Massachusetts  
at Amherst  
Amherst, Massachusetts

In the spring of 1984 on the morning of May 5th, Genesis 8, consisting of Conrod Boone, Robert Woolrige, Rafael Ortiz, Nady Pierre, Darryl Ruffin, Eric Ringwood, Quinton Wilder, and Pierre Bushel, was initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Theta Iota active chapter expansion group was founded. The event marked the beginning of Kappa as a visual force on the undergraduate level in western Massachusetts.

With the guidance of chapter advisors Arthur Jackson and James Wynn, the young neophytes began the construction of a firm foundation for the chapter in the fall semester of 1984. With the loss of three brothers to graduation the task was not easy but the remaining brothers implemented community service projects and organized a pledge program. On October 27, 1984, David L. Walker was accepted into the Scroller's Club and on December 15 was initiated into the fraternity. The stages for future excellence and achievement had been set for next semester. In the spring semester of 1985, through brothers' hard work, Kappa Alpha Psi became the first black fraternity to be accepted into the Inter-Fraternity Council of the University of Massachusetts and therefore attaining official recognition by the University's administration. The vote into the I.F.C. was unanimous. In addition, the chapter began a monthly sponsorship of a young Haitian child through the United Way and took first place in a big annual step-show competition. Along with these achievements brothers initiated, on May 11, 1985, three young gentlemen from the Omen line into the fraternity: Darrell Burgess, Curtis Samuels, and Tracy Browne. Kappa Alpha Psi had arrived!

During the next fall semester the achievement still continued. Along with maintaining a heavy academic schedule, brothers have assisted in the construction of a playground for young children in the Fort River Park Project, participated in A Better Chance (ABC) Foliage Walkathon along with the sweethearts to benefit young teenagers, and presented educational films to teach students. The future goals consist of creating a NAACP chapter on the campus and participating in a joint fund raiser with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. with the theme of Umoja or more commonly known as unity.

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# STAMFORD ALUMNI

Stamford, Connecticut  
Chartered May 8, 1976

## History of Stamford Alumni

The Stamford Alumni Chapter had its beginning in 1975 and chartered on May 8, 1976 by the following eleven brothers: Dr. Edward Allen, Joseph “Joe” Arnette, Jr., George Evans, Dr. Romelee Howard, Jerome “Jerry” Lee, Dr. Roy Lee, Rev. Robert Perry, Dr. Dennie Simons, Thomas Smith, Ed. Strayhorn, and Dr. Leroy Vaughn. The first officers were Strayhorn – Polemarch, Simons – Vice-Polemarch, Arnette – Keeper of Records & Exchequer and Lee - Strategus.

Initially, the chapter held meetings at alternating brothers’ homes and later held functions at the Yerwood Community Center in Stamford. The Silhouettes played an important role in introducing the chapter to the greater community by acting as ambassadors, hostesses and caterers for the chapter’s numerous social functions held at the Center. The chapter has an active 60-year charter member Dr. Dennie Simons and a 50-year charter member Dr. Romelee Howard.

In 1985 the Stamford Alumni Chapter hosted the Province Meeting; and through the meticulous toil of Province Meeting Chairperson Brother Derryl Reed (former National President of the National Black MBA Association) we secured the former Miss America Suzette Charles as guest speaker at the luncheon.

Among the numerous community service activities in which the chapter participates is the Jackie Robinson Foundation “*Afternoon of Jazz*”, a signature event. Initially, through the determination of charter member Joe Arnette Jr., Stamford Alumni Chapter has been instrumental in coordinating the volunteer efforts for this event since its inception in 1978. Annually, the “*Afternoon of Jazz*” attracts several thousand music enthusiasts from all over the country to Connecticut for an all-day jazz concert that features internationally renowned jazz and blues artists. The net proceeds of this event go to The Jackie Robinson Foundation to benefit academically gifted students of color with four-year college scholarships.

Each year under the leadership of charter member Jerry Lee, the chapter sponsors children’s parties for Easter and Christmas and gives out food baskets for Thanksgiving. Brothers also donate gifts to the children during the Christmas party. Additionally, through the chapter’s Guide Right and Kappa League programs the chapter directs a semiannual SAT preparation course for local high school students.



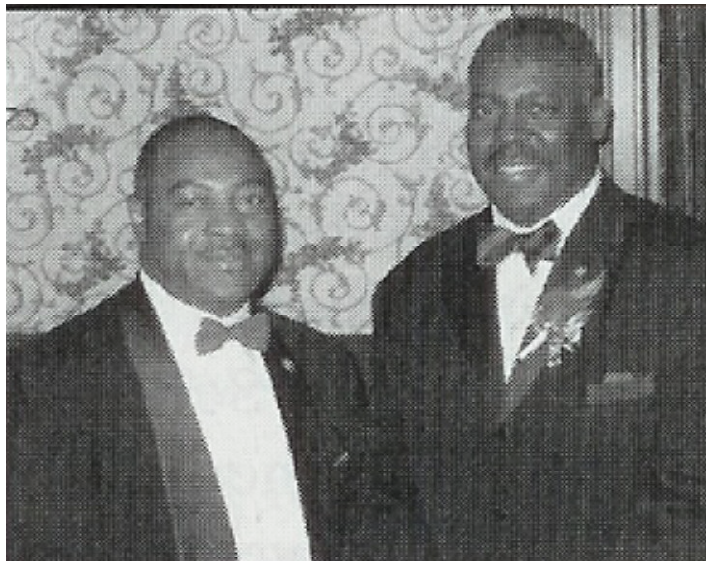
# STAMFORD ALUMNI

Stamford Alumni Chapter has maintained its visibility in the community through our annual golf tournament that began in 1984 and was spearheaded by Brother Shelley Ragsdale. Brother Ragsdale along with Brother Donald Dunston also began the chapter's first annual Black & White Valentine gala that same year. In 1985 the chapter began hosting its annual tailgate party held in conjunction with the annual Whitney M. Young Fall Football Classic at the Meadowlands. Our participation was the brainchild of Brother Vernon Martin and each year up to 300 people can be seen enjoying this event with the chapter.



**Vernon E. Martin, Jr.**  
**Past Board Member, Northern Region**

The Stamford Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation hosted its annual Sweetheart Scholarship Ball February 12, 2005. The formal event included dinner and dancing to music provided by DJKUT of Power 105.1 radio station in New York. Nearly 200 guests attended the affair. Steve Jarrett was Ball Chairman.



**Polemarch John Watts and Ball Chairman Steve Jarrett**  
**Pause During Evening's Festivities**



**BINGHAMTON ALUMNI**

**Chartered November 9, 1976**

**NO  
INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE**



## **IOTA EPSILON**

**Monclair State College**  
**Chartered March 4, 1978**

### **History of Iota Epsilon**

The Iota Epsilon (IE) Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. received its charter on March 4, 1978. This came to fruition through the efforts of a group of determined Brothers who "crossed the sands" while they students at Montclair State College, presently Montclair State University. The Charter Brothers of Iota Epsilon are Kevin Bell, Mark Burr, Larry Hatcher, Henry Henderson, Richard Henderson, George Knowles, Kevin Marshall, Ronald McCredie, Wendell McQuilla and George Williams.

Prior to the existence of IE there were only two undergraduates chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in New Jersey: Eta Delta ( $\text{H}\Delta$ ) at Trenton State and Eta Epsilon ( $\text{H}\text{E}$ ) at Rutgers University. It was the Eta Epsilon Chapter that extended their reach to the Northern New Jersey campuses. The Brothers of HE started initiating new members at Montclair State College. They also initiated new members at Upsala College and Kean College. In addition, there were Brothers like Arnell Jenkins, Gary McGriff and Roscoe Trotman who were on campus at Montclair State and were instrumental in attracting new Brothers to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

As the number of Brothers at Montclair State grew, it became clear that the Brothers of IE should put the wheels in motion and work to form their own chapter. Richard Henderson was Polemarch at the time and spearheaded the efforts to obtain that charter. The determined Brothers filed the necessary forms, filed the required money orders, and made several drives "down the Turnpike" to National Headquarters in Philadelphia, all while keeping their "eyes on the prize" which was graduating from college. Of course, it was well worth it. The day that IE received its Charter, at Montclair State College, was a great day. That semester, IE inducted a "pledge line into the Scrollers Club" on February 17, 1976. The young men of that "line" were: Pete Motichka, Larry Waddell, Cannie Clark, Grayson Hampton, Tyrone Johnson, Gregory McClain, Glenn Selby, Johnny James and Paul Reid.

Once Iota Epsilon Chapter was chartered, IE also began initiating young men from other colleges. To date, Iota Epsilon has initiated Brothers from Montclair State University, Upsala College, Bloomfield College, William Paterson University, Fairleigh Dickerson University, Ramapo College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Seton Hall University, Kean University, Rutgers Newark and Jersey City State University.

In 1978 the Iota Epsilon Chapter also expanded to include Fordham University and Hofstra University. However, these two Universities received recognition from the International Headquarters to form their own chapters the following year.

# NEW BRUNSWICK ALUMNI

**New Brunswick, New Jersey  
Chartered March 9, 1978**

## **New Brunswick Alumni Salutes Sweethearts**

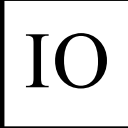
The New Brunswick Alumni Chapter held a Kappa Sweethearts tribute February 22 at O'Connor's Restaurant in Somerset, NJ. More than 20 chapter members and their Silhouettes attended the affair. Each Silhouette was presented with a gift after the meal, and chapter members publicly thanked their wives for making sacrifices and supporting them throughout the year.

C. Alex Gray, a member of the New Brunswick Alumni chapter, recently received the Piscataway Counselor's Award during National School Counselor Week in February. Gray is I counselor at Quibbletown Middle School. He was one of 31 individuals recognized for their work in guiding young adults and teaching them to improve their academic and personal lives.



*New Brunswick Alumni Chapter - 2004*





# IOTAOMICRON

Hofstra University  
Chartered February 23, 1979

## History of Iota Omicron

In October 1977, a group of undergraduate men met for the purpose of forming a chapter of a national fraternity at Hofstra University, a predominately white private university in Hempstead, New York. Several fraternities were contacted; however, it was Brother Melvin Taylor of New York Alumni and Brother Herman Rollins of Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni who responded on several occasions to invitations to visit Hofstra University. From interaction with the visiting brothers, the group voted overwhelmingly to seek membership in the **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**. The group adopted the name Genesis (the beginning) and on April 11, 1978, New York Alumni Chapter officially pledged the twenty members of Genesis in the Scroller Club of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**.

The probation period was primarily spent in the New York Alumni house under the direction of the Fordham University Kolony and the Iota Epsilon Chapter at Montclair State College in New Jersey. On May 31, 1978, the New York Alumni Chapter initiated eighteen of the Genesis Scrollers into the **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**.

The group petitioned the Grand Chapter and on February 23, 1979, Grand Polemarch Hiliary Holloway presented Iota Omicron its charter at Hofstra University. Accompanying the Grand Polemarch was Northeastern Polemarch Irving L. Briddell, Jr. Northeastern Province Vice-Polemarch Melvin Taylor and New York Alumni Polemarch Oliver W. Parsons. The charter members were Russell E. Morgan, Jr., Robert Crawford, Joseph A. Jones, Carl J. Crawford, Ronnie A. Reid, Willie Garrett, Timothy X. Williams, Ronald L. Knox, Stephen A. Greenside, Vincent B. Lewis, Jeffery D. Johnson, Carl A. Brockett, Dwight King, Yomon Mingia, Carey Richmond, Irvin E. Davis, Jr., and Joseph N. Springer, Jr. The first Polemarch was Russell E. Morgan, Jr.

Throughout the years, Iota Omicron has been influential at all levels of the Fraternity. Members have served and participated in C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conferences, Northeastern Province Council Meetings and Grand Chapter Conclaves. Iota Omicron was instrumental in the reactivation and the expansion of chapters in New York State.

From 1989 to 2000, only fourteen new brothers were initiated in the Iota Omicron Chapter through its intake program. The low number of intakes during this period resulted in the chapter's membership falling below statutory minimums. In 1998, under the direction of Russell E. Morgan, the first Polemarch of Iota Omicron Chapter, the New York Alumni Chapter implemented a reactivation program for Iota Omicron. The chapter reorganized and reestablished relationship with Hofstra University officials, Greek letter organizations, and other student organizations. The membership slowly began to increase its membership and meet the chapter's obligation to the Province. Among the outstanding Province achievers were Connis Koiner, Polemarch - Hofstra University Homecoming King and participant in the 1999 Northeastern Province Student of the Year Contest; Michael Boyd, Province Strategus; and James Davermann, member of Northeastern Province Board of Directors.



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Community service has been the hallmark of Iota Rho's tradition and this coming semester is certainly no exception. Under the leadership of Polemarch Royce Russell the chapter is rising to continuously new heights of civic involvement. We plan to be an integral part of the civic improvement of the area surrounding our campus.

First on the list is the chapter's participation in an anti-apartheid march in September. The chapter was joined in the march by other undergraduate chapters in the New York area. We also plan to hold a special seminar this semester. It will focus on the economic plight of the black males. It will be held on the campus of Fordham University.

We will also be working with the meals on wheels program to bring food to needy families in the community around our school.

The officers of the chapter this year are Brother Russell, Polemarch; Sam Tate, Vice Polemarch, and Allen Wilkins, Keeper of Records.

We were greatly pleased by the graduation of several of our brothers last year and we wish them well. They are Edward DeJesus, Derrick T. Williams, Michael Springer, Robert Newman and Edward Christopher Lott

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