

# **NΦ - Nu Phi**

## **The Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania Chapter**

**November 18, 1989**

The conception of the Nu Phi Chapter started through the efforts of two modern day visionaries, Alumni members Roosevelt Green and Robert Lynch. These two individuals initiated the communication between the Grand Chapter and the university. Their commitment and dedication resulted in the establishment of the charter. These two individuals are to be commended for their efforts.

Prior to officially receiving the charter, individuals interested in becoming members of this Great Fraternity at Lock Haven University were initiated at either Lambda Alpha Chapter at Bloomsburg University or Delta Theta Chapter at Penn State University.

The Nu Phi Chapter was officially chartered on Nov. 18, 1989. This mission was accomplished following the hard work of Brothers Green and Lynch. Armed with the Nu Phi Charter, Advisors Green and Lynch proceeded with the first group of individuals who would be considered the chartered members in the spring 1990. They are:

**Spring 1990 (Nu Phi)**  
Warren Leech, Darryl Mosley and Robert  
Hall

In moving forward to establish a legacy of Greatness at Lock Haven University, members of the Nu Phi Chapter along with their advisors Green and Lynch proceeded to initiate more individuals into this Noble Klan.

Between 1981 and 1993 the members of this Great Fraternity were active in the community and on the campus of Lock Haven University. The members held can drives, donated food to needy families, volunteered at local agencies and excelled in academics. The Nu Phi Chapter also participated in fund-raisers such as dinners, dances and step- shows.

In the spring 1993, darkness came upon the Nu Phi Chapter. During this semester, there were allegations of hazing made against the chapter. The fraternity and university began an investigation. The outcome of the investigation resulted in the deactivation of the Nu Phi Chapter on February 17, 1994.

The Nu Phi Chapter remained inactive from 1994 until fall semester of 2002 when faculty member Keith Bolden, a 1993 initiate of Iota Beta, California State University, Fresno, California began the second round of establishing a modern day vision at Lock Haven University. Brother Bolden began making contacts and moving forward to have the Nu Phi Chapter reactivated.

In the fall 2003, Dr. Dwayne Marshall, a Life Member and 1983 initiate of Lambda Sigma Chapter, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA, joined Brother Bolden in his efforts to have the Nu Phi Chapter reactivated. These two individuals worked hard to convince members of the Harrisburg Alumni, the university and Province Polemarch, Brother Michael Brewington that, if reactivated, Nu Phi would return as the premiere chapter not only within the Northeastern Province but the Fraternity as a whole.

These two visionaries, Brothers Bolden and Marshall, expressed their vision of the new Nu Phi Chapter. It involved establishing a chapter that would abide by the rules and regulations of the Fraternity and university. Any and all new members would excel in achieving in every field of human endeavors, which includes striving for high grade point averages, being active on the university campus and in the community and most of all establishing standards for others to follow. Most of all, Brothers Bolden and Marshall

assured the officials they would work hard to prevent the actions of the past that eventually lead to the deactivation of the Nu Phi Chapter.

On October 15, 2003 the hard work of Brothers Bolden and Marshall began to pay off. Harrisburg Alumni Polemarch, Jeffrey Mack and Lock Haven University Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Linda Koch agreed to sign a Statement of Collaboration, thus carrying out the first step of crystallizing the dream of reestablishing the Nu Phi Chapter.

Unexpectedly, Brother Bolden transferred from Lock Haven University in the spring 2004. This action temporarily halted efforts to reactivate the chapter. In the Fall 2004, Lock Haven University hired a new faculty member, Dr. Charles Crowley, a 1996 initiate of Jefferson City Alumni. Together, these two individuals continued carrying the torch to have the Nu Phi Chapter reactivated.

Brothers Crowley and Marshall began the task of attending advising sessions, Alumni meetings, fraternity conferences and meetings with pertinent individuals all for the purpose of presenting the new vision of the Nu Phi Chapter. It should be noted there was a lot of resistance from all sources mainly because of the history of the chapter.

In the end, Brothers Crowley and Marshall managed to convince all parties that the new Nu Phi Chapter was going to be totally different from the past. Province Polemarch Michael Brewington announced he would support the reactivation of the Nu Phi Chapter based upon the presentation as put forth by Brothers Crowley and Marshall and the recommendation of the supervising entity, Harrisburg Alumni. Province Polemarch Brewington also acknowledged he would present a recommendation to the Grand Board of Directors to have the Nu Phi Chapter reactivated. In the meantime, Brothers Marshall and Crowley were instructed they could move forward to produce new initiated under the Delta Theta Chapter.

In the spring 2006, efforts were made by Brothers Crowley and Marshall to revitalize the Nu Phi Chapter. They convened five individuals who would later constitute the first group of initiates after reactivation. These individuals are:

**Spring  
2006**

Jaivon Lewis (Polemarch) Richard Graham (Vice-Polemarch) Westley  
Brown (Keeper of Records) Walter Brown (Keeper of Exchequer)  
Charles Mickens (Strategus/Historian)

These individual participated in the intake process on April 7, 2006, in Springfield, Massachusetts. This was the first intake in over a decade. These individuals were introduced to the Lock Haven University on April 11, 2006, at the university fountain located in the center of campus.

On that Great day of June 16, 2006, at the Grand Board of Director meeting of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a motion was put forth to reactivate the Nu Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at Lock Haven University. The motion was unanimously passed, thus reactivating the Nu Phi Chapter.

The cumulating events have led to the reestablishment of the Nu Phi Chapter. As promised, the Nu Phi Chapter will prove itself to be the premiere chapter of the Northeastern Province, thus establishing itself as the Jewel of the Northeastern Province.

Immediately, the Nu Phi Chapter began establishing itself as the premiere chapter. An agreement was made with PENNDOT and the Nu Phi Chapter to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway Program. The Brothers established an annual Meet and Greet program designed to inform students about the fraternity and its activities. Community service projects were established with the local Hospital and Hospice programs.

The Brothers of the Nu Phi Chapter engaged in fund-raisers such as 50/50, Toga parties, raffles and other types of fund-raisers. In addition to raising funds, members of the Nu Phi Chapter have made outstanding achievements at the university and community. Jaivon Lewis campaigned and was crowned King of Homecoming 2006. He is president of Distinguished Gentlemen and Vice President of the Black Student Union. Charles Mickens was elected president of the famous poetry club, *Spoken Word*. Both Brothers Mickens and Lewis are also student senators with the Student Cooperative Council. Wesley Brown is President of Loc Entertainment. Walter Brown is the Vice-President of Loc Entertainment. Richard Graham is the vice president of 2<sup>nd</sup> Family, a student club. The university selected the famous photo depicting the Brothers standing in front of the university fountain as the cover photo for the university's official Christmas card.

The Nu Phi Chapter has become a chapter destined to achieve in every field of human endeavors. The chapter goal is to live the example of what it means to truly be a Kappaman. This will be accomplished through community service, leadership and most of all, brotherhood. This is the Nu Phi way.

Yours in the Bond,  
The Nu Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.  
Charles Mickens, Historian  
Dr. Dwayne Marshall, Advisor