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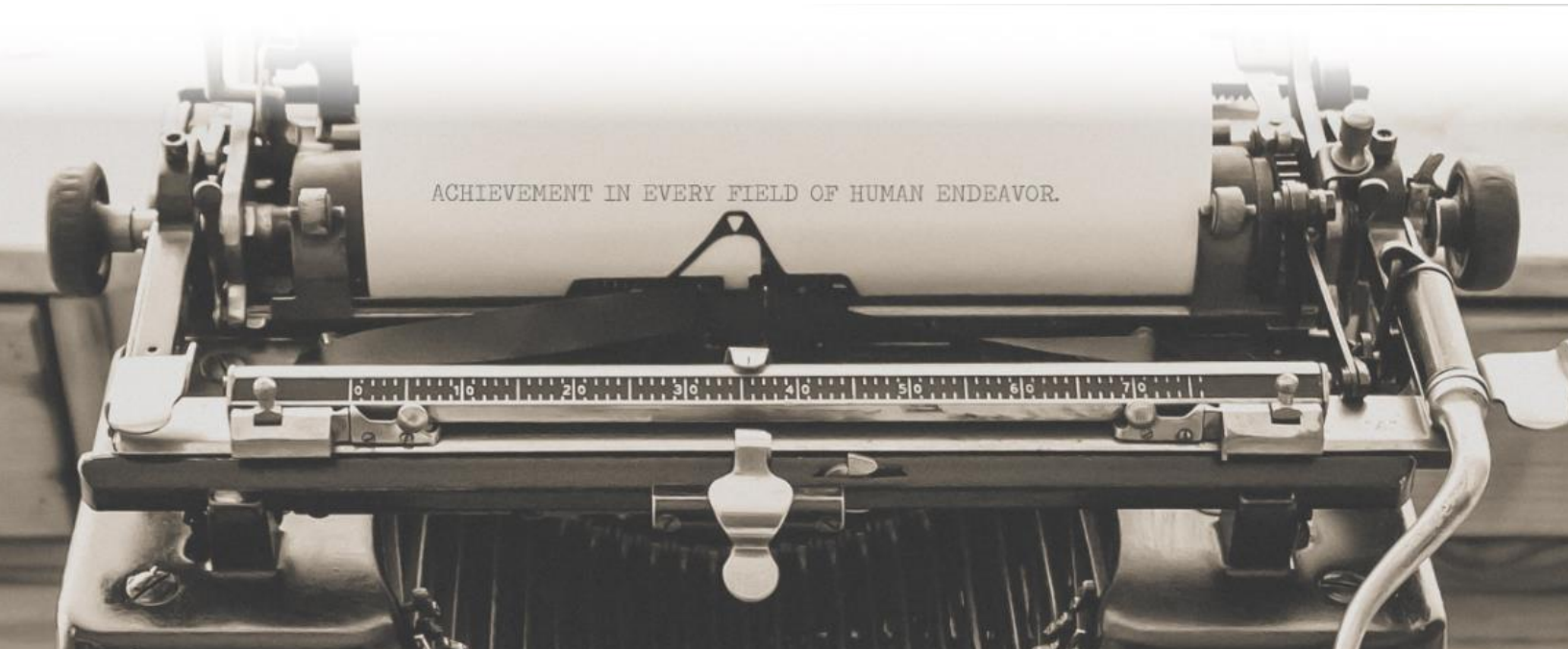


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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE
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(Jan. 2024 - Feb. 2024 news)

Province Polemarch's Message

Greetings my Dear Brothers,



We are but a moment away from the start of the 103rd North Central Province Council. The Leadership of the NCP has worked VERY hard over the past few months to put together a meaningful and memorable council. We hope that you will come enjoy, partake, and remember this experience of efforts of the 30th Administration of the North Central Province. We apologize to those who were unable to register as we have exceeded the space capacity of the hotel and conference space with more than 450 paid registrations. This is truly phenomenal, and we are so grateful to all who registered early and on time. As a reminder, there will be **no on-site registration** this council. We look forward to your participation in handling the business of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. This year, we have been intentional on the efforts to expand our footprint with corporate sponsorships and we are proud to say we have secured sponsorships with The American Cancer Society, as well as The Alzheimer's Association of Illinois. Brothers, this is just the start and we look forward to a continued targeted effort towards reducing the financial burden on individual brothers and chapters. A special thank you to Brother Kennard Tucker, the NCP Director of Strategic Partnerships and Alliances. As a side note, Brother Tucker is looking for additional brothers to serve in this capacity. Please reach out to him with any questions and we hope to have one brother from each state in the province represented on this committee.

Some important points to remember are as follows:

- I am asking each alumni chapter to purchase at least two (2) tickets in advance to the Senior Kappa Breakfast. This event is taking place on Saturday morning, 4/13/24, at 8AM sharp. The Keynote speaker is Brother Rev. Desmon Daniel.

You won't want to miss it. This Breakfast is open to the public as the Silhouettes will be joining us as well. Therefore, feel free to bring your wife or significant other.

- Wednesday evening, 4/10/24, we will be fellowshipping with the MTA Candidates at Murray's Caddyshack Restaurant next to the hotel. All expenses are on your own, but you can come and spend a little time getting to know our future brothers.
- Thursday, 4/11/24, we will be participating in a "Room to Read" program in collaboration with the Maywood, IL School District and their "My Brother's Keeper" program. We are reading at three (3) different elementary schools and will be joined by the Mayor of Maywood, Nathaniel Booker as well as corporate representatives from Room to Read. If you wish to participate, please reach out to JVP Kinzi Johnson or Dr. Marcus Alexander for available time slots of 10AM-1PM.
- Friday night, 4/12/24, there will be a Public Reception. This is a replacement to the Public Meeting of old. The format has changed and will be more of a celebration than formality. We are recognizing several D9 ladies and organizations that have been instrumental in partnership with the Waukegan (IL) Alumni Chapter and that of the NCP. We will have live music by our own Brother Fernando Jones, a spoken word performance by our own Brother Jermaine Pearson, and more. This is a free event, and you certainly don't want to miss this. After its conclusion, we will move immediately to an Undergraduate event and then to a full-blown party with 4 DJs. Our very own DJ Malik Shabazz will lead the way followed by three D9 Lady DJs. Let's get ready to rumble.

Brothers, as you can see, we have a lot going on and we look forward to seeing you in a few days. All those traveling be safe and may God order your steps with traveling grace and mercy.

Until we meet again.

Yours in the Bond,

Darren R. Adams
30th Province Polemarch
North Central Province

Province Reporter's Message



Greetings Nupes. I pray that all is well. I hope you had a very Spirit-filled Easter on March 31, 2024. My chapter brothers and I look forward to hosting you this month for the 103rd North Central Province Council in Rosemont, Illinois, April 11-14, 2024. Waukegan (IL) Alumni has been waiting patiently for several years to host the brothers for Council. Please take time to read through this edition of the Achiever. Please continue to submit articles vital to you or your chapter for submission. Undergraduates, please use this communication vehicle to highlight everything you do on your campuses. This is the last issue I will be compiling and editing, as I'm seeking to serve the province as the next Keeper of Records. Whatever the outcome, I am here to serve you, brothers. I've enjoyed representing you all as your Province Reporter for the last two years. I want to thank the brothers who elected me to office in Indianapolis in 2022 and in St. Louis in 2023.

Serving as the Province Reporter has not always been a sought-after office in the past, but I like the fact that there are two brothers interested in serving in this role after my tenure. On a few occasions prior to my tenure, the Province Reporter position was unfilled after province council, so the Province Polemarch had to seek a volunteer, then ask the Board of Directors to appoint someone to this role. I will list some of the brothers' names and their years of service to the province below that have served as Province Reporter and thank them for their service and for paving the way for me. I would be remiss if I did not thank my editing and proofreading team for helping me over the last two years by catching

errors prior to final printing. *The Achiever* editing/proofreading team has consisted of the following brothers: Immediate Past Province Polemarch Byron Thornton, 30th Province Polemarch Darren Adams, Province Historian Cortez Branch, Province Nominating Chairman Terry Stacker, Brother Jermaine Morales, and Brother Kemau Kemayo. Thank you, brothers! The brothers that have served in this office in descending order are (some years are missing):

1. **Bond A. Thomas, Jr.**
(Waukegan (IL) Alumni) - 2022-2024
2. **Anthony Graham**
(Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni) - 2020-2022
3. **Mike Hume**
(Belleville-O'Fallon (IL) Alumni) - 2012-2020
4. **Nyerere Davidson**
(Milwaukee (WI) Alumni) - 2011-2012
5. **Raymond E. Marbury**
(East St. Louis (IL) Alumni) - 2010-2011
6. **Darren R. Adams**
(Maywood-Wheaton (IL) Alumni) - 2007-2009
7. **Henry E. Bennett, Jr.**
(Gary (IN) Alumni) - 1988-1990 (or later)
8. **Leroy Walker, Jr.**
(East St. Louis (IL) Alumni) - 1976-1977 (or later)

I wanted to leave a little *Achiever* history, Nupes!

My contact information is near the end of this edition, should you ever need to contact me for anything. I look forward to seeing and fellowshiping with everyone in Rosemont, Illinois, very soon.

As always, I remain...

Yours in the Bond,

Bond A. Thomas, Jr.
Reporter, North Central Province

Province Chaplain's Message



To the brothers of the North Central Province, I say Yo. I want to share some encouraging words with you.

In the first verse of the 6th chapter of the book of Isaiah, the scripture says, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted, and his train

filled the temple."

The loss of the king was monumental because Uzziah was considered a good king. During Uzziah's reign, the nation prospered, and desert areas were reclaimed by water conservation. Jerusalem's walls were reconstructed, towers were added, and engines of war were mounted at strategic points. A large army was also maintained but as it is appointed unto man to die, King Uzziah died. Now consider the uneasiness that the people may have gone through considering the loss of such a good king. It was important for the people to know that God was still on His throne. He was not moved at the death of the king. He is the God of life and death, in good and bad times. He is still God, and He sits on the throne.

Many of us have suffered setbacks that have caused us to pause and question if God cares or sees. The answer to the question is that He both cares and sees! Psalm 94:9 - He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see? Even in the loss and setbacks of life, we can go forward trusting that the Lord our God still sits on the throne and that He continually cares for us. My brothers, in this season, be encouraged as you do the excellent work of achieving.

Anthony L. Titus

North Central Province Chaplain

Parliamentary Bootcamp Article

It's in the Presentation

By Henry E. Bennett, Jr., Past Parliamentarian, North Central Province

In the late 1960s, the political climate of the North Central Province was aggressive, if not extreme. In most areas, undergraduates were just as skillful on the floor debates as the alumni. During that time, this columnist was privileged to serve as an undergraduate on the

province's board of directors. It was a challenging administrative and parliamentary learning experience that will never be forgotten.

At one Province Council Board meeting before the general session, the Province Polemarch and the Board anticipated a problem in approving an annual budget. All costs were increasing. The cost of eggs increased to 35 cents per dozen, premium gasoline increased to 28 cents per gallon, movie theater tickets increased to one dollar, and mileage reimbursement increased to 10 cents per mile. This proposed annual budget was eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), the highest amount the Province Board had ever proposed.

Board members knew operational expenses had doubled in less than ten years, and the Province Exchequer needed increased funds to operate effectively. The Keeper of Exchequer was a brother named James "Big Jim" Thompson of the Des Moines (IA) Alumni Chapter. He said he was confident he could make his case before the Council. The Board agreed to let Big Jim handle the presentation exclusively, as no one else relished being placed in the line of fire.

The next day, during the general session, Big Jim took to the podium to present his budget. He greeted all the brothers and expressed his gratitude that so many were there. He said, "All reports of importance should be presented as an informative story with a plot, a beginning, a middle, and an end that everyone should be able to follow. I have a story that I would like to share with you concerning just that issue: The young grandson of a Senior Kappa asked his grandfather for help in his reading composition class project. The young future Kappa had written a story about Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. One night, the two outlaws were spotted on the town's streets, casing out the local bank. When the local sheriff recognized them, they ran to their horses and galloped out of town. Most of the sheriff's deputies were at the local saloon enjoying the company of the dance hall girls. The sheriff saw a young lad walking by. He shouted, "Go tell the deputies at the jail about Butch and Sundance and which way they're headed. I'm going to the saloon to get the rest of the posse." The Senior Kappa read the story. He looked at his grandson and said, "I like your story, son. It started very exciting and kept me very interested, but you spelled the last word in your last sentence wrong....."

Brother Thompson stopped speaking. There was complete silence in the room, then there were chuckles,

and finally, there was laughter from the entire assembly (if you didn't get it, you need to simply think about where a Nupe's mind often gravitates).

From that point on, Big Jim had the Assembly at ease and attentive to discuss a raw subject presented on the floor. "I shouldn't waste any more of your valuable time because everyone is anxious to round up their own..... 'posse' after the session concludes." In advance and with his own money, Big Jim provided hard copies of the typewritten budget to all voting and non-voting delegates for review.

It was impeccably put together with 10-point type, clean columns, and explanations of each expenditure category. At the end of his presentation, Big Jim asked: "Brothers, what is your pleasure?" Immediately there was a motion from the floor to adopt the North Central Province Board's budget presented by the Keeper of the Exchequer. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved without any discussion.

Little has changed in almost 60 years since that Province Council. The outcome could have easily gone a different way if presented differently. Content, data, and documentation are only one part of the strategy of getting a report approved. Big Jim temporarily created a relaxed atmosphere to conduct business, and no deception was used, hiding, or tweaking any facts and numbers. However, this presentation was also backed up by a superior and clearly written report. (1) Remember to cultivate trust and respect from your membership by your deeds. (2) Know your body of membership. Never speak longer than the attention span of your membership. (3) Back up your presentation with facts. (4) Anticipate questions that could be asked and have answers ready. (5) Never talk down to the "Least Common Denominator" in the room. (6) Never let your levity and jokes be the subject rather than a tool of your presentation. There is never any guarantee of 100% success with these tactics, but when you learn to know your audience, your audience will learn, respect, and listen to you. If you place them at ease and gain their trust, they will listen with an attentive and supportive mind rather than an adversarial ear.

Yours in the Bond,

Henry E. Bennett, Jr.
Immediate Past Province Parliamentarian

Undergraduate Chapter News

Nu Chapter, Purdue University

By A'Veyawn Madry, Historian

Nu Chapter returns to Purdue, releases March 2024 Newsletter

The 'Notorious' Nu Chapter released their March 2024 edition of What's Nu? The Official Nu Chapter Newsletter. Use the link below to check out what the Nu Chapter Nupes have been up to on campus!

Link to the Nu Chapter Newsletter:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q-BLR-RUvm0YycB-N0pjI5XSrYzroTin?usp=drive_link

Nu Chapter hosts Spring 2024 Week of Events

The Nu Chapter hosted its very first Spring 2024 Week of Events since being back on the campus of Purdue. This week took place from Monday, February 12, 2024 - Saturday, February 17, 2024. The brothers put together a very fun and collaborative week of events for the campus. Since this was the same week as Valentine's Day, the theme of the week was Love and Relationships. The chapter held many events tailored to learning how to improve relationships and understand the people you are in with them, no matter what kind.





Nu Chapter participating in 'Kappa Spirit Tuesdays,' Jan. 23, 2024.



Nupes at Metro East Founders' Day Celebration.

Alumni Chapter News

Belleville-O'Fallon (IL) Alumni Chapter (BOA)

By Gerald Gray, Reporter

Metro East Founders' Day Celebration

On January 20, 2024, brothers of the Belleville-O'Fallon (IL) Alumni Chapter attended the St. Louis, Missouri Metro area Founders' Day banquet along with St. Louis (MO) Alumni Chapter, East St. Louis (IL) Alumni Chapter, and Edwardsville-Collinsville (IL) Alumni Chapter. Below are photos of the recognition of brothers in the St. Louis Metropolitan area from local chapters on service, achievement, and leadership. The "Metro-East" Nupes gather together yearly to honor the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



Nupes at Metro East Founders' Day Celebration.

Brookfield (WI) Alumni Chapter

By Terrence Johnson, Keeper of Records

Cancer Awareness Seminar

On Saturday, February 23, 2024, the brothers of the Brookfield (WI) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the Women of Iota Psi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., joined forces to host a Cancer Awareness Seminar. This event was pivotal in raising awareness about cancer and addressing health disparities within our communities. Dr. Aronica Murry, Chief Medical Officer of Milwaukee Health Services, Inc., and Ambrose Wilson-Brown, Men's Health Outreach Community Program Coordinator at the Medical College of Wisconsin, delivered impactful presentations emphasizing the critical importance of early detection for Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Lung Cancer, and Prostate Cancer. Their dedication to educating and serving our community underscores the significance of coming together to address health-related issues that impact us all.

The seminar served as a platform for empowering individuals with knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their health. Dr. Murry and Ambrose Wilson-Brown have undoubtedly impacted our community's health and well-being by highlighting the importance of early detection and providing insights into various cancer types. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their dedication and expertise, as well as to the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the Women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., for their commitment to promoting health awareness and education within our community.



Bro. Terrence Johnson (2nd from left) discusses the importance of family history and vital conversations about health with the group.



Bro. Polemarch Donnell Brice (center) is sharing in a breakout group.

Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter (CAC)

By James McMurray, Jr. - Pi, 1970

By William S. Boyd, CAC, 1976

By Elliott Muse, CAC, 1978

Woodlawn Community Food Pantry

The Woodlawn Community Food Pantry (WCFP) was founded in 2019 by a group of African American men who are members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter, Senior Kappa Affairs Committee at the Edward G. Irvin Foundation Achievement Center in the Woodlawn Community. They wanted to do something to address food insecurity throughout Woodlawn. A small founding group of ten brothers each donated \$200.00 as seed money for a monthly produce distribution launched in August of 2019, just before the COVID-19 Pandemic. The group leaders researched and reviewed pantry best practices and met with numerous individuals, companies, and organizations, including the Greater

Chicago Food Depository (GCFD). It was determined that a partnership with GCFD would be a successful venture and very beneficial to the target communities. A collaboration was formed that has continued to strengthen and expand over the years. Today, GCFD remains a significant partner with WCFP. WCFP became a full-fledged food pantry in January of 2021, during the height of the pandemic. Since then, it has matured into a vital “go-to” source for nutritional assistance throughout Chicago’s Woodlawn community and surrounding areas.

WCFP is committed to increasing food security for families, children, and senior citizens throughout its target areas. It achieves this goal through frequent distributions of a wide variety of high-quality, healthy, and delicious foods, such as fresh produce, dairy, baked goods, healthy proteins, and low-calorie, low-sodium frozen and canned foods. WCFP offers other services designed to improve the health and well-being of the community, including seminars on health issues, vaccine information and access, instructional cooking videos, and free reusable shopping bags. The WCFP continues its close working relationship with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and welcomes collaborations with other groups and organizations with similar missions. Volunteers from the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, other non-profit organizations, and residents of the community staff the Woodlawn Community Food Pantry. It receives financial support from a wide array of private philanthropic and other organizations committed to increasing food security and nutrition education in Chicago. The community has welcomed WCFP, becoming an essential link in Woodlawn’s food chain.

WCFP’s mission is to leverage our resources and relationships to fight hunger in Woodlawn and surrounding communities in Chicago, Illinois, through collaborations with other civic, corporate, healthcare, and community organizations to expand pantry services and to address issues that affect the overall health and wellness of its programs’ participants.

Evanston (IL) Alumni Chapter

By Keith Terry, Reporter

Evanston hosts 40th Chicago Metro Founders’ Day

On Jan. 20, 2024, the Evanston (IL) Alumni Chapter hosted the 40th Chicago Metro Chapters Founders’ Day banquet, marking a milestone with a dazzling gathering of 337 brothers. The event was graced with the presence

of illustrious speakers and guests who highlighted the evening's grandeur. Brother Calvin Butler, Jr., the CEO of Exelon, took center stage as the keynote speaker. Adding to the prestige, Brother Kwame Raoul, the Illinois Attorney General, steered the event as the Master of Ceremonies. The banquet honored Brother Jesse White, the revered former Illinois Secretary of State. Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter's Kappa Choir's performance was a musical highlight. This banquet, proudly hosted by the Evanston (IL) Alumni Chapter, showcased the Fraternity's dedication to fidelity and achievement.



Keynote Speaker Calvin Butler (center) accepts a special award for speaking at the 40th Chicago Metro Founders' Day while Kevin Scott, Darren Adams, Kwame Raoul, and Jesse White stand beside him.

Gary (IN) Alumni Chapter

By Percy Jones, Reporter and Historian

New Mayor in Gary is a Nupe

On the founding day of our beloved fraternity, 01/05/2024, the Gary (IN) Alumni Chapter celebrated the Inauguration of Brother Eddie Melton as Mayor of the City of Gary, Indiana.



Brother Eddie Melton (right).



Brothers gathered at the 40th Chicago Metro Founders' Day banquet.



L to R: Willie Carter - Waukegan (IL) Alumni, Harry Duncan - Maywood-Wheaton (IL) Alumni, and Willie Johnson - Chicago Heights (IL) Alumni were the Polemarchs of their respective chapters when the Chicago Metro concept was initially planned, with planning meetings starting in 1981, after the request came from Founder Edward G. Irvin. Evanston (IL) Alumni honored each of them on January 20th. The first Metro Founders' Day was in Jan. 1984. Founder Irvin never got to experience it because he died in 1982.



Brothers celebrate with Brother Eddie Melton (right).



Brothers from Gary and surrounding areas celebrate with Bro. Melton.

Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Chapter (IAC)
By Brandon Jackson, Historian

Founders' Day 2024: Indiana Edition

Brother Antonio Singleton, 30th North Central Province Polemarch Darren R. Adams, 35th Grand Polemarch Jimmy McMikle, and 53rd Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Chapter Polemarch Keith Young pause for a picture at the IAC 2024 Founders' Day banquet that was held on January 27th. Click the link below for a recap of the event produced by Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Chapter Historian Brandon Jackson.

<https://youtu.be/w8nKCjEtom0?feature=shared>



L to R: Antonio Singleton, Darren Adams, Jimmy McMikle, and Keith Young.

Maywood-Wheaton (IL) Alumni Chapter (MWAC)

18th Annual African American Heritage Advisory Scholarship Dinner
By William Whitfield

Brother William Whitfield was awarded the Mayor's Award of Black Excellence for his leadership and the success of the 18th Annual Heritage Dinner. During February's City Council meeting in Aurora, IL, Mayor Richard Ervin presented Brother Withfield with the award. Brother Whitfield is the Chair of the African American Heritage Advisory Board for the city of Aurora. The dinner was well attended, and nearly 500 guests celebrated Black Excellence. The purpose of the dinner is to provide scholarships for college-bound youth, award upcoming leaders in the Black community, and award Black leaders for lifetime achievement. We salute Brother Whitfield for his continued dedication to black excellence in his community. Brother Whitfield was initiated at the Western Illinois University Chapter, the Zeta Mu of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., in 2012. He is currently affiliated with the Maywood-Wheaton (IL) Alumni Chapter and has been since 2022. He was previously affiliated with the Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni Chapter.



Mayor Richard Ervin (left) and Brother Will Whitfield (right).

MWAC Awards Past Polemarchs of the Chapter with Chapter Polemarch Badge
By Bond A. Thomas, Jr., Province Reporter

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, Maywood-Wheaton Alumni Chapter Polemarch A.C. Kinard awarded Past Polemarchs Art Thurman and Steve Carnes a Polemarch's Appreciation award to commemorate the chapter recently awarding all the financially active past chapter Polemarchs with MWAC with the recently created Chapter Polemarch Badge. The Chapter Polemarch Badge was authorized by the Grand Board of Directors in August 2020 to be purchased through the fraternity's official jeweler, Herff Jones, to recognize the undergraduate/alumni leadership of the chapters. Past and present chapter Polemarchs can buy the badge from the jeweler.



L to R: Art Thurman, A.C. Kinard, and Steve Carnes pause for a photo when A.C. handed them the Polemarch's Certificate of Appreciation to commemorate Art and Steve being awarded the Chapter Polemarch Badge in January.

Waukegan (IL) Alumni Chapter
By Willie Carter, Reporter

Nurturing Hope in the Hearts of Allendale's Young Men

In the heart of Waukegan, a group of dedicated brothers from the local alumni chapter pours their hearts into nurturing the young souls at Allendale. Allendale isn't just an association, it's a beacon of hope. A sanctuary where troubled youth are given a second chance at life.

It stands firm in the belief that every child deserves a joyful childhood, the warmth of a loving family, and the opportunity to rewrite their stories. Here, amidst the nurturing environment of Allendale, children find the courage to heal and dream of a brighter tomorrow through comprehensive emotional and behavioral therapy.

Embracing the spirit of our Guide Right initiative, we have forged a deep connection with the teenage boys of Allendale's 24/7 Therapeutic Residential Program. Our commitment takes us to the heart of Busch Cottage, where we dedicate one Saturday every month to mentor these young men, igniting sparks of hope and guiding them toward a better future. At the start of each year, we sit down with these young souls, engaging in heartfelt brainstorming sessions to uncover the topics they yearn to explore.

Our discussions have spanned a wide array of subjects, from navigating the perils of STDs and understanding planned parenthood to mastering essential life skills for

independent living. We have tackled the importance of teamwork, the intricacies of managing finances, the essentials of personal hygiene, pathways to career development, the dynamics of economy and politics, and even the art and science of cooking. With its flavors and aromas, the kitchen has become a lively classroom where creativity and life lessons blend seamlessly. The topic of life skills and independence resonates deeply, as it mirrors their own journeys toward adulthood and self-sufficiency once they turn 18 or reunite with their families.

Each session is a journey of discovery, led by one of our brothers but enriched by the collective wisdom and experiences of all who attend. These moments are more than just meetings, they are lifelines. A testament to the power of brotherhood and mentorship in lighting the way for these young men as they navigate the path to their futures.



L to R: Eric Williams, Willie Carter, Ralph Jordan, Danzie Dicker, Darryl Williams, and Ty Bonds celebrate Thanksgiving with the young men of Allendale.



L to R: Mike Canady, Bond Thomas, Willie Carter, Harral Allen, Eric Williams, Ty Bonds, Danzie Dicker, and Darryl Williams after a recently completed Allendale Guide Right Topic Discussion.

2024 Schedule of Graduates

| Chapter | Graduating Senior Name | Semester Graduating in 2024 | Degree | Major |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Alpha | Kaleb Sherrell | Spring | BSN | Exercise Science |
| Alpha | Tabreon Johnson | Spring | BSBM | Business Management |
| Alpha | Kenyata Helloms Jr. | Spring | BSK | Exercise Science |
| Alpha | Stephan French II | Spring | BS | Computer Science |
| Alpha | Akin Babatunde | Spring | BS | Computer Science |
| Beta | Elijah Finley | Spring | BS | Construction Management |
| Theta | Calvin Johnson II | Fall | BS | Economics |
| Theta | Jason Reed | Summer | BS | Neuroscience |
| Nu | Deven Hawkins | Spring | BS | Nursing |
| Nu | Jordan Lyles | Spring | BS | Biomedical Engineering |
| Nu | Brian Robinson | Spring | BS | Robotics Information Technology |
| Gamma Upsilon | Robert Hodges | Spring | BS | Aviation Management |
| Lambda Eta | Jalen Pullings | Spring | BSB | Accounting & Finance |
| Lambda Eta | Edrece Redmond | Spring | BS | Psychology |
| Rho Tau | Darius Lane | Spring | BS | Civil Engineering |

Total: 15 Graduates

Founders' Day Photos from Across the Province

January 20, 2024 through February 3, 2024

Jan 20, 2024 - 40th Metro Chicago Founders' Day (Evanston (IL) Alumni - Host Chapter)

Keynote Speaker: Calvin Butler, Jr., CEO of Exelon



Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni Chapter



Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter



Chicago Heights (IL) Alumni Chapter



Evanston (IL) Alumni Chapter



Evergreen Park (IL) Alumni Chapter



Gary (IN) Alumni Chapter



Harvey-Markham (IL) Alumni Chapter



Maywood-Wheaton (IL) Alumni Chapter



Richton Park (IL) Alumni Chapter



Waukegan (IL) Alumni Chapter

**Jan. 20, 2024 - St. Paul-Minneapolis (MN) Alumni and Richfield-Bloomington (MN) Alumni
Keynote Speaker: Grand Keeper of Records Kevin Kyles**





**Jan. 27, 2024 - Indiana Edition (Indianapolis (IN) Alumni - Host Chapter)
Keynote Speaker: Grand Polemarch Jimmy McMikle**



Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Polemarch Keith Young (right) presents Grand Polemarch Jimmy McMikle (left) gifts.



Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Polemarch Keith Young (right) presents Grand Polemarch Jimmy McMikle (left) gifts.



Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Polemarch Keith Young (left) presenting Bro. David Fredricks (center) with a service award.



L to R: Tommy Lee, Todd Finnell, Bond Thomas, and Eugene Whitaker.



L to R: Stevenson Nicholson, Bond Thomas, Darren Adams.



L to R: Province Reporter Bond Thomas, Junior Grand Vice Polemarch Jordan Smith, and Province Keeper of Records Eugene Whitaker.



L to R: Province Reporter Bond Thomas, Grand Polemarch Jimmy McMikle, and Province Keeper of Records Eugene Whitaker.

Jan. 27, 2024 - St. Louis Metro Chapters (St. Louis (MO) Alumni - Host Chapter)







**Feb. 3, 2024 - Central Illinois (Springfield (IL) Alumni - Host Chapter)
Keynote Speaker: Illinois State Senator Christopher Belt**



Springfield (IL) Alumni Polemarch Jason Brewer and his family.



L to R: Bond Thomas, Jason Brewer, and Eugene Whitaker.



L to R: Terry Stacker and Bond Thomas.



L to R: Sam Lofton, Bond Thomas, and Stevenson Nicholson.

**Feb. 3, 2024 - Milwaukee (WI) Alumni Founders' Day
Keynote Speaker: 29th Province Polemarch Byron Thornton**





Reporter's contact info:

Bond A. Thomas, Jr.

Reporter, North Central Province

16th & 22nd Polemarch, Waukegan (IL) Alumni Chapter

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Undergraduate Leadership Institute

Greetings Undergraduate Brothers of the North Central Province!

ULI 2024 will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 1-9, 2024. The application is now open.

Application Link: https://kapsi1911.formstack.com/forms/2024_uli_application

ULI 2024

UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

LAMBDA CLASS
JUNE 1-9, 2024
CHARLOTTE, NC



APPLICATION OPENS NOVEMBER 15TH, 2023

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE
 FEBRUARY 15, 2024

REGULAR DEADLINE
 MARCH 30, 2024

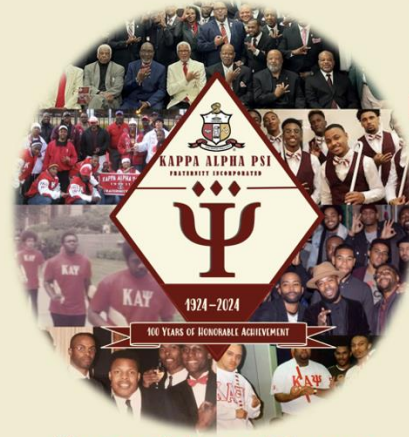
2024 INITIATE DEADLINE
 1 WEEK AFTER SPRING 2024 INTAKE

LINK: KAPPAALPHAPSI1911.COM/UNDERGRADUATE-LEADERSHIP-INSTITUTE/

For Questions Contact: Trenton A. Nettles, tnettles@kappaalphapsi1911.com or ULI Director Kristopher J. Smith: Director.ULI@gmail.com



Registration Link



SAVE THE DATE

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
 PSI CHAPTER OF
 KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC

APRIL 18TH - 21ST
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

For more information contact: Todd Williams or
 Corey Cox at psialumniassoc@outlook.com

Morlot G. William Annual Scholarship Golf Scramble

\$170 (\$150 for seniors) per golfer includes:

- Greens/cart fee
- Mid round refreshment on course (hot dog & drink)
- Contribution & Banquet
- Prizes/Trophies
- Cart assignments

Four Hole-in-One Prizes

1. \$10,000 Cash
2. Ocean Adventure Cruise for Two
3. YETI® Cooler
4. 50" HD 1080p Television

Dixon Challenge

- ⇒ \$300 in gifts
- ⇒ Dixon Earth Golf Balls
- ⇒ Hole in one prizes

Thank you for your patronage and contribution to our scholarship fund. If you're unable to participate in the tournament, please consider donating to support deserving Lake County, IL students. Your generosity will make a significant impact on their educational journey.

2023 Major Event Sponsors

- Quantum Associates, Inc
- Education Rights
- H. Allen Photography
- Enova Investments
- Woods Women's Group
- Intellectual Equity
- Edwardsville/Collinsville Alumni Chapter of KAPSI
- Bob Engram
- Harry Duncan

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Awarded \$2,000.00 scholarships to Jared Dawkins of Zion Benton HS and Anthony Jones of North Chicago Community HS.



Scan here to register

On the webpage scroll down to **Register Now** click and select your player or sponsorship package, complete the form and submit your credit card payment.



30th Annual

Morlot G. Williams Scholarship
 Golf Scramble

Saturday July 13, 2024
 Foss Park Golf Course

Waukegan Alumni Chapter
 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc
 P.O. Box 7931
 Gurnee, IL 60031



EDWARD G. IRVIN FOUNDATION
CHICAGO (IL) ALUMNI CHAPTER
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC.

AUG 3

SAVE THE DATE

WATER'S EDGE GOLF COURSE

www.egifoundation.org/betalinks

Save the Date
August 24, 2024

THE DIAMOND YOUTH FOUNDATION'S 9th Annual Golf Outing

AT THE LINKS AT CARILLON
21200 S Carillon Dr
Plainfield, IL 60544

For the benefit of providing scholarships and youth programming in the Western Suburbs of Chicago

For Additional Information
Contact: Clarence Simmons II
Phone: (312) 217-2626
Email: simmonsclarence@yahoo.com

save the Date!

The Annual Haywood Parrish Golf Scramble

Village Greens of Woodridge
1575 75th St, Woodridge, IL
60517 Saturday July 27th, 2024
10:30 AM Registration 12:00 PM Shotgun

| Early Bird Prices | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Purchase before 6/1/2024 | Pricing After 6/1/2024 |
| \$100 per Golfer | \$125 per Golfer |
| \$400 Foursomes | \$450 per Foursomes |

We accept payments electronically via the following methods:
1. PayPal: www.paypal.com/paypalme/RLBFoundation
2. Zelle: rlbfoundation@gmail.com

***All checks should be made payable to the: Robert L. Braswell Foundation

Checks can be mailed to:
Robert L. Braswell Foundation
9449 S. Kedzie
Suite #145
Evergreen Park, IL 60805

WAGE HOPE MY WAY

Proceeds will also benefit our Robert L. Braswell Scholarship recipients.

For more info contact: Cannon Fears @ 872.256.1911

11TH ANNUAL GEORGE C. CHERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024
8:30am SHOTGUN START

7:00am Registration / 8:00am Putting Challenge / Lunch at the turn
2:00pm Dinner
Odyssey Golf Course, 19110 S. Ridgeland, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Full Package - \$150.00 (\$600.00 - Foursome)
Banquet Dinner Only - \$50.00

Package includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, halfway house lunch, dinner and prizes.

CONTESTS:
Prizes for Men & Women's Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and 1st & 2nd place teams

The Panhellenic Cup
Awarded to the Best Greek Team

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Crimson Sponsor (Presenting Sponsor) - \$2,500 | Cart Sponsor - \$500 |
| Cream Sponsor (Grand Slam Sponsor) - \$1,500 | Hole Sponsor - \$150 |
| Halfway House Sponsor - \$750 | Closest to Pin & Longest Drive Sponsors - \$300 ea |

Zelle is accepted: chafscholarships@gmail.com

For more information contact: Michael Childress at mjcdemo@sbcglobal.net or chafscholarships@gmail.com

CHICAGO HEIGHTS (IL) ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

KAPPA DAY PARTY



KRUISE

An All White Affair

**SATURDAY
JULY 8TH**

11AM - 3PM Aboard the Spirit of Chicago
Navy Pier 600 E Grand Ave Chicago, IL 60611
PRICE: \$100



WWW.CHICAGOHEIGHTSALUMNI.COM

LUNCH BUFFET • LIVE DJ • CASH BAR

CANDIDATES FOR PROVINCE OFFICE 2024

SENIOR PROVINCE VICE POLEMARCH

1. BOBBY DALE - EDWARDSVILLE-COLLINSVILLE (IL) ALUMNI
2. MILES DAWSON (INCUMBENT) - CALUMET CITY-LANSING (IL) ALUMNI
3. EUGENE WHITAKER - MAYWOOD-WHEATON (IL) ALUMNI

JUNIOR PROVINCE VICE POLEMARCH - UNDERGRADUATE

1. ISAAC LINDSEY - ZETA PI
2. ISAIAH ROBINSON - NU
3. CHRISTIAN GOLDEN - DELTA KAPPA

KEEPER OF RECORDS

1. DEMETRIUS FEW - CALUMET CITY-LANSING (IL) ALUMNI
2. BOND THOMAS - WAUKEGAN (IL) ALUMNI

KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER

1. WALTER MILLER (INCUMBENT) - CHICAGO (IL) ALUMNI

HISTORIAN

1. CORTEZ BRANCH - BELLEVILLE-O'FALLON (IL) ALUMNI

STRATEGUS

1. SAMUEL FIIFI CANN - BETA OMICRON
2. MATHIS WINT - GAMMA UPSILON

LT. STRATEGUS

1. NO CANDIDATES

REPORTER

1. RICHMOND BRISCOE - CHAMPAIGN-URBANA (IL) ALUMNI
2. TERRY PALMER - BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL (IL) ALUMNI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ALUMNI

1. SAMUEL LOFTON, III - RICHTON PARK (IL) ALUMNI
2. TERRANCE STACKER - EDWARDSVILLE-COLLINSVILLE (IL) ALUMNI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - UNDERGRADUATE

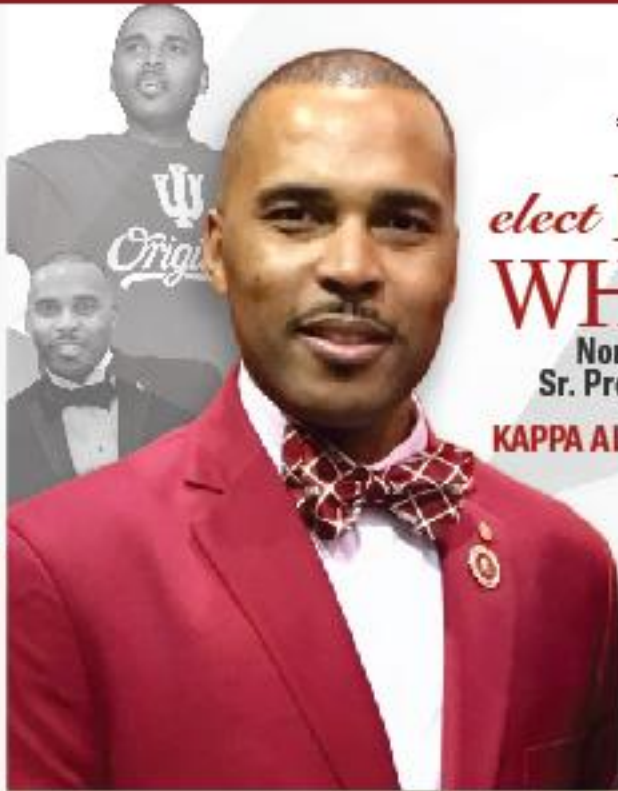
1. KENDALL STRONG - LAMBDA ETA
2. DAKARI THOMAS - ZETA PI

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

1. RICHARD FLOWERS - CALUMET CITY-LANSING (IL) ALUMNI

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR PROVINCE OFFICE 2024

COMMITTED TO BROTHERHOOD | COMMITTED TO SERVICE | COMMITTED TO ACHIEVEMENT



elect **EUGENE WHITAKER**

**North Central Province
Sr. Province Vice Polemarch**

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

- ◆ **STRENGTHEN**
The Brotherhood in the Province
- ◆ **BRIDGE**
The Connection Between
Undergrad & Alumni
- ◆ **GROW**
The number of working
Brothers in the Province

◆ **NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE SERVICE**

NCP Kappa Spirit Committee Chairman, 2023 - Present
NCP Province Council Public Meeting Co-Chair, 2023
NCP Keeper of Records, 2020 - Present
Assistant Keeper of Records, 2017 - 2020
93rd Province Council Local Planning Chair, 2013
North Central Province Life Member

◆ **MAYWOOD-WHEATON ALUMNI SERVICE**

Maywood-Wheaton Alumni Board of Directors, 2016 - Present
Polemarch, 2014 - 2016
Keeper of Records, 2010 - 2012
Assistant Keeper of Records, 2008 - 2010
Diamond Youth Foundation Board Member, 2010 to 2020

◆ **GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

Grand Chapter KOR Task Force for Fontava, 2023
Grand Chapter Life Member, since 2011



elect **EUGENE WHITAKER**

**North Central Province
Sr. Province Vice Polemarch
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.**

Kappa Background

Brother Eugene Whitaker has trained for leadership in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., since his initiation into the Maywood-Wheaton Alumni Chapter (MWAC) in the Fall of 2008 (Ace Klub), the second largest chapter in the Chicago metro and the third largest chapter in the entire Province. He served as AKOR, KOR, VP and chapter Polemarch in addition to leading many committees and events for the MWAC. He currently sits on the board of MWAC under the leadership of local Polemarch, AC Kinard. He was appointed by Past Province Polemarch Korlon Kilpatrick and reappointed by Past Province Polemarch Byron C. Thornton, as AKOR for NCP and severed in that role for 4 years. He was elected by the brothers in the province to the position of KOR in 2020, a position which he currently holds. In his role as KOR, Brother Whitaker has improved Province communications, centralized and safeguarded NCP archives and artifacts, and improved operation efficiencies. Brother Whitaker's vision for the Province is to continue to foster a strong sense of brotherhood in the Province, put programs in place to bridge the gap between undergrad and alumni chapters, and grow the number of working Brothers in the Province.

Professional Background

Brother Eugene Whitaker is an Account Executive with Amazon Web Services (AWS), with 20 years of experience in the technology industry. Prior to joining AWS, he was the Regional Hybrid Cloud leader at IBM, and an account team leader at Cisco. In his current role with AWS, Eugene leads a \$35 million dollar business in the Greater Chicago area in the financial service vertical that includes insurance, retail mortgage and high frequency trading companies. Eugene leads a cross-functional team of 10 sales professionals in the cloud computing business. This team is responsible for strategic engagement at the C-Suite level. Brother Whitaker's professional mantra is "Start with the customer's business goals and work backwards from there to drive positive sustainable outcomes that deliver results".

Education Background

Brother Eugene Whitaker holds a B.S. from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and a M.S. from DePaul University's school of Computer Science and Technology. He received his Six Sigma Black Belt certification while working as an Industrial Engineer at Motorola. In his current role, he is an AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner. He is currently working towards his Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning certification.

Personal Background

Brother Eugene Whitaker was born and raised on the south side of Chicago, although he spent 10 years as a youth in Lake Providence, Louisiana. He currently resides in Bolingbrook, Illinois, with his wife of 24 years, Dr. Sherry L. Reynolds-Whitaker. They have three adult children, Bria, a graduate of Howard University, Trey, a graduate of Northern Illinois University, and Larry, a graduate of Central Michigan University. In his free time, he loves all things tech, particularly electric vehicles. He also loves to travel with his wife. His favorite destinations are Maui Hawaii and Cape Town, South Africa, where he worked for a year as an engineer. A fun fact about Brother Whitaker is he worked in the family cotton fields, with his cousins, from age 5 to 14 in Louisiana. He also grew up on a real-life farm, the type you would see in a television show, full of many different types of animals, which he cared for. Brother Whitaker is committed to his Baptist faith, family, and fraternity.

Elect
BROTHER MILES
DAWSON

FOR
SENIOR VICE POLEMARCH OF
THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

Dedicated **EXPERIENCED**
LEADERSHIP

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

INCREASE UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERSHIP &
 SUSTAINABILITY ON CAMPUS

FOSTER ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATE RELATIONSHIPS

PROMOTE FRATERNAL COMPLIANCE
 AND RISK MANAGEMENT AWARENESS

Undergraduate Chapter Experience

Initiated into The Zeta Mu of Kappa Alpha Psi, Western Illinois University,
 December 09, 1985
 Served as Lieutenant Strategus, 1985-1986
 Served as Strategus, 1986-1987

Alumni Chapter Dedication

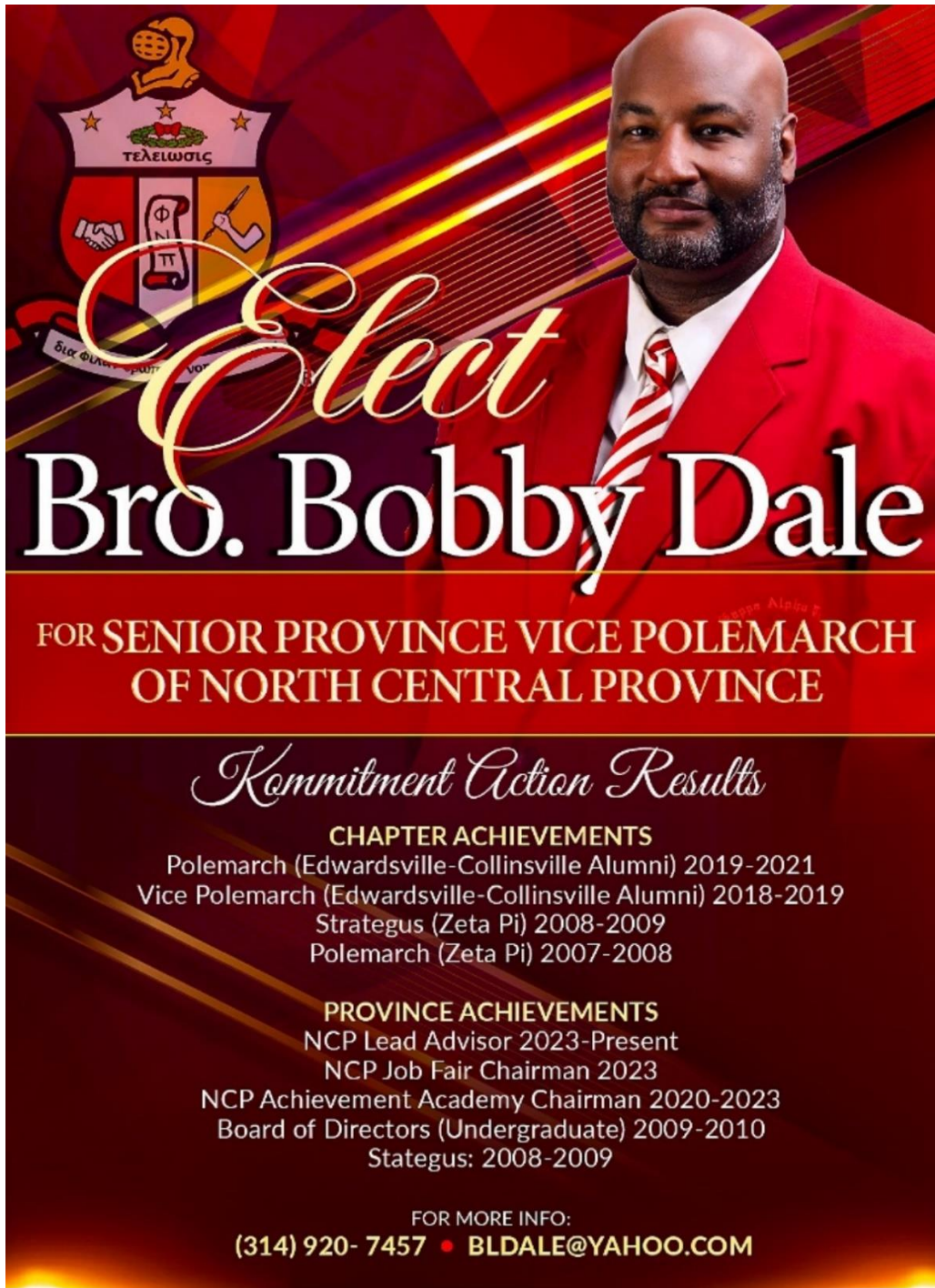
Matriculated to Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter, June 1989
 Served as Junior Vice Polemarch, 2002-2006
 (Established the Undergraduate Conclave Fund)
 Served as Senior Vice Polemarch, 2006-2008
 Served as Polemarch, 2008-2010
 (2009-2010 NCP Won the Large Chapter of the Year Award)
 Served as Chapter Voting Delegate to Grand Chapter, 2010
 Served as Board of Directors, 2014-2016



*Matriculated to Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni Chapter,
 January 2018
 (Charter Member – Current Member)
 Served as Chapter Voting Delegate to Grand Chapter, 2019

North Central Province Leadership

SENIOR PROVINCE POLEMARCH 2023-PRESENT
 MARCH OF DIMES CHAIRMAN 2021-PRESENT
 RESOLUTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 2021-PRESENT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2023
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 2013-2016
 PINEY WOODS CHAIRMAN 2012-2014



Elect
Bro. Bobby Dale

FOR SENIOR PROVINCE VICE POLEMARCH
OF NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

Commitment Action Results

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS
Polemarch (Edwardsville-Collinsville Alumni) 2019-2021
Vice Polemarch (Edwardsville-Collinsville Alumni) 2018-2019
Strategus (Zeta Pi) 2008-2009
Polemarch (Zeta Pi) 2007-2008

PROVINCE ACHIEVEMENTS
NCP Lead Advisor 2023-Present
NCP Job Fair Chairman 2023
NCP Achievement Academy Chairman 2020-2023
Board of Directors (Undergraduate) 2009-2010
Stategus: 2008-2009

FOR MORE INFO:
(314) 920- 7457 • BLDAL@YAHOO.COM



RE-ELECT
Brother Dr. Samuel Lofton III, D.Min
North Central Province Alumni Board Member
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



A BROTHER'S ADVOCATE AND A CHAPTER'S AMBASSADOR



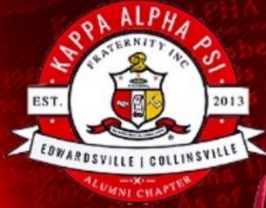
PROVEN PERFORMANCE AND LEADERSHIP

- ◆ NCP ByLaws Chairman
- ◆ Chapter Advisor—Theta Zeta, Chicago State University
- ◆ Key Member/Developer of the NCP Life Membership Program
- ◆ Master of Ceremonies— 2023 NCP Founders' Day (Indianapolis, IN)
- ◆ In-person support at Chapter events throughout the Province

Some Highlights of the Kappa and His Life Journey

- ◆ Initiated Fall '79 HΨ (East Carolina University) and Life Member
- ◆ Undergraduate Polemarch—HΨ (East Carolina University - - *The Empire*)
 - ◆ Inaugural President—Eta Psi Chapter Alumni Association
 - ◆ Key Leadership Positions & Membership Worldwide
 {Polemarch, VP, KOR, KOE, Military/Veteran Affairs, Endowment Fund Chair, Kappa League Chair}
 - ◆ RPAC Polemarch 2018-2020
- ◆ RPAC winner of *Back-2-Back* NCP Small Chapter of the Year (2019, 2020)
- ◆ Back-2-Back NPHC-Chicago Small Chapter of the Year (2019, 2020)
 - ◆ Chairman, 2018 Chicago Metro Chapters Founders Day
 - ◆ Konklave Delegate 10X
 - ◆ Director, Men's Ministry at 5,000-member church
 - ◆ Military Veteran
 (Donald G. Murphy Military Award 2003 – Eastern Province)





Elect
Bro. Terrance Stacker
FOR ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.
Persistent, Protecting and Performing in the Bond

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

- RETIRED ASSISTANT CHIEF - EAST ST. LOUIS FIRE DEPT.
- RETIRED ELECTRICAL LINEMEN - AMEREN CO.
- TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI LIFE MEMBER
- ALPHA THETA NETWORK MEMBER

FRATERNITY BIOGRAPHY

- INITIATED 1986 - ALPHA THETA CHAPTER - TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
- ESTABLISHED LIFE MEMBER AS AN UNDERGRADUATE
- SUBSCRIBING NCP LIFE MEMBER
- CHARTER MEMBER OF EDWARDSVILLE/COLLINSVILLE ALUMNI
- FIRST RECIPIENT OF ARTHUR GRIST SERVICE AWARD OF EDWARDSVILLE/COLLINSVILLE ALUMNI CHAPTER

EDWARDSVILLE/COLLINSVILLE ALUMNI

- POLEMARCH 2021-2023
- VICE POLEMARCH 2015-2016
- EXCHEQUER 2013-2015
- CO-CHAIR GUIDE RIGHT 2023-PRESENT
- ESTABLISHED E C KARE FOUNDATION

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

- AWARDS CHAIRMAN 2016-2019
- ZETA PI REBIRTH COMMITTEE 2019-2020
- 102ND NCP JOINT CONFERENCE 2022-2023
- NCP ACHIEVER STAFF 2022-PRESENT
- NOMINATION CHAIRMAN 2019-PRESENT



ELECT

Bond A. Thomas, Jr.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
North Central Province

Keeper of Records

2024-2025



**CONTINUED COMMUNICATION. CONTINUED SERVICE. ACCURATE RECORDS.
SAFEGUARDING ARTIFACTS. STRENGTHENING THE BROTHERHOOD.**

Bond A. Thomas, Jr.

Education | Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, May 2004
Master of Science, Engineering Management, May 2012

Profession | Project Utilities Engineer, Abbott Laboratories

Initiation | Hendersonville (TN) Alumni | Fall 2005

Transferred to Waukegan (IL) Alumni Chapter Fall 2008

Grand Chapter Life member since 2012

Fraternal Recognitions

- Rec'd Outstanding Service Award from WAC, 2022.
- WAC rec'd Province **Small Chap.** Reclamation Awards in years below:
 - 2012 & 2019 - percentage & number increase
 - 2021 & 2023 - percentage increase
 - 2022 - number increase
- WAC rec'd Grand Chapter **Small Chap.** Reclamation Award for percentage increase in 2021.

Community Involvement

- First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, North Chicago, IL
- Ordained Deacon since 10/2023
- Church Trustee since 5/2019
- Transportation Ministry Driver since 8/2016
- Math Tutor | 2010 - Present (as needed at FCMBC)
- Lake County, IL | Adopt A Highway | Street Clean-up

Elect Bond A. Thomas, Jr.

North Central Province Keeper of Records 2024-2025

Local Chapter Service, Currently Polemarch (16th & 22nd)

- 3 yrs. as Polemarch (2012-2013 & 2022-Present)
- 5 yrs. as Keeper of Records (2009-2012 & 2020-2022)
- 3 yrs. as Keeper of Exchequer (2020-2023)
- Other roles since 2008 (Hist.; Intake Chair; Reclamation Chair)

Province Service

Reporter, 2022-Present

- 4 issues compiled & edited (9/22, 4/23, 9/23, 1/24)
- Avg. compiling and editing time, 17 hours over 2 weeks
- Increased UG & AL representation in *The Achiever*
- Member, Awards Committee, 2023, 2024
- Member, Elections Committee, 2018
- Member, Time and Place Committee, 2013, 2015, 2018-2024
- Kappa Khorus, 2019, 2024
- Voting Delegate, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023

Grand Chapter Service

- Waukegan Alumni Voting Delegate, 2019, 2021, 2023
- Kappa Khorus, 2019, 2023

Excerpts from Brother Thomas' Campaign Letter:
March 28, 2023

Since my time as Province Reporter, I have prepared four issues of *The Achiever*, the province newsletter, in September 2022, April 2023, September 2023, and January 2024. I am compiling my fifth issue, which will be released in late March/early April 2024. I have increased the undergraduate and alumni chapter representation in *The Achiever*. It takes me an average of 17 hours to compile and edit each issue. I have also forwarded timely articles to the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal editor for several issues released since the Summer of 2022. I have also participated in every scheduled North Central Province Board of Directors meeting. Besides my journalistic ability, my other skills include active listening, organizing, and keen attention to detail. I am an excellent leader and team builder. I believe one of my God given gifts is the gift of Administration.

I have served on several committees since my time in the North Central Province. These are the Time and Place Committee, the Awards Committee, the Budget Committee, the Elections Committee, and the 103rd Province Council Host Chapter Planning Committee. So, brothers, I now ask you to support my candidacy as **North Central Province Keeper of Records**. I have the training and skill set to perform the tasks associated with Province Keeper of Records very well. My time as a local chapter Keeper of Records and Polemarch and the almost two years I have been an NCP Reporter have prepared me well to become your next Province Keeper of Records. I thank God for the ability to serve the fraternity in any capacity.

My platform is the following: **Continued Communication. Continued Service. Accurate Record Keeping. Safeguarding Artifacts. Strengthening the Brotherhood.** I will continue to deliver timely communication to the North Central Province. I will serve with integrity. I will maintain accurate records, safeguard the province's artifacts, and strengthen the brotherhood through the timely dissemination of fellowship activities and fraternity business information. I will foster the spirit of brotherhood among all brothers by keeping them informed. I will be the backbone of the North Central Province by maintaining records and recording pertinent information for the brotherhood. I will always advocate for bringing brothers back to the Bond through continued reclamation efforts. I will encourage all chapters to submit their local events and activities year-round so the province team, and I can edit and publish the North Central Province News Bulletin. I will work with the Chapter Certification Chairman to ensure that ALL chapters are certified on time yearly. The chapters should be represented at the Province Council. I will be responsible as Keeper of Records to make sure the chapters are informed about the documentation required to make that happen. I would also like to incorporate a streamlined, uniform way to train chapter Polemarchs and Keepers of Records on creating agendas and recording minutes using the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Ed.

In my career, I work as a Project Utilities Engineer for Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago (Abbott Park), IL. I have worked at various private sector engineering firms before this employment and for the Federal Government for the last 20 years.

I have a true passion for serving others. I would appreciate your support at the Province Council on Saturday, April 13, 2024. **ELECT** Bond A. Thomas, Jr., Province Keeper of Records.

As always, I remain...

Yours in the Bond,

Bond A. Thomas, Jr.
Reporter, North Central Province
16th & 22nd Polemarch, Waukegan Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Elect **BROTHER
DEMETRIUS FEW**

North Central Province Keeper of Records



LEADING AND KNOWING THE PULSE OF THE PROVINCE

Enhancing Communication and Transparency. Strengthen chapter support and Collaboration. Innovation and Streamline administrative processes.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

◇ Initiated Gary, (IN) Alumni, '10

◇ Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni Chapter Charter Member

North Central Province - Asst.
Keeper of Records

Creator, NCP Weekly Bulletin

Calumet City-Lansing (IL)
Alumni - The Dreamer Project
Foundation Incorporated

Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni
- Asst. Keeper of Exchequer,
18-20

Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni
- CO-Chair, Metro Founder's Day,
2020

Calumet City-Lansing (IL) Alumni -
Asst. Keeper of Exchequer, 18-20

Calumet City- Lansing (IL) Alumni-
Keeper of Exchequer, 20-present

"Empowering unity through transparent communication, collaborate chapter support, and streamlining administrative innovations."

Elect **BROTHER** **DEMETRIUS FEW**

North Central Province Keeper of Records

Vision/Goals for the Province

1. Enhancing Communication and Transparency: Establish a comprehensive communication strategy, including regular updates through newsletters, emails, and social media, to ensure prompt dissemination of vital information to all chapters and members; simultaneously, foster transparency by creating a centralized platform for sharing meeting minutes, financial reports, and relevant documents, promoting accountability and inclusivity.

2. Strengthen chapter support and Collaboration: Develop initiatives to support individual chapters in their activities, events, and administrative tasks; facilitate collaboration and knowledge-sharing through regular virtual or in-person meetings, workshops, and forums; and introduce a mentorship program connecting experienced chapter leaders with newcomers to foster unity and collective growth.

3. Innovation and Streamline administrative processes: Introduce technological solutions for streamlined administrative tasks, including a user-friendly online portal for chapter submissions, simplifying events and financial reporting, and regularly assess and update administrative procedures by seeking feedback from chapters to ensure effective operations.



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2024

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC

Our 10 Illustrious Founders



RE-ELECT

BRO. CORTEZ BRANCH

Historian

FOR NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

BRO. CORTEZ'S KAPPA EXPERIENCE

RE-ELECT

BRO. CORTEZ BRANCH'S KAPPA EXPERIENCE

INITIATED THROUGH ZETA MU CHAPTER (WE5VED AS VICE POLEMARCH - 1987

SERVED 8 YEARS AS THE NORTH

CENTRAL PROVINCE HISTORIAN

CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE NORTHCENTRAL PROVINCE'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

LAUNCHED THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE'S QUIZ BOWL - 2017

TRAINED THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE'S QUIZ BOWL TEAM ONTO SECURING ITS FIRST QUIZ BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE 83RD

GRAND CHAPTER MEETING

CO-ESTABLISHED THE ACHIEVER NEWSLETTER

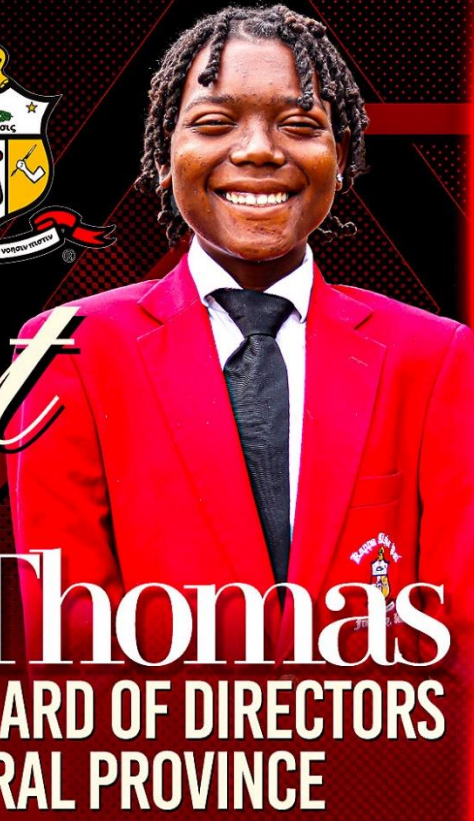
39 YEARS IN THE BOND

2 YEARS ON BOA BOARD

REBIRTH OF THE ACHIEVER PUBLICATION

8 YEARS SERVING AS THE PROVINCE HISTORIAN





Elect
ZETA PI BROTHER

Dakari Thomas
FOR UNDERGRADUATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

◆ **Spring 2022 Initiate** ◆

Campus Achievements:
NPHC Delegate (2023 - Present)
Entrepreneurship Club (2022 - 2023)
Member of Black Student Union (2019 - 2023)
Business Management Major
3.1 GPA

Chapter Achievements:
Polemarch (2023 - Present)
Vice Polemarch (2022 - 2023)
Led Hosting of 2023 C. Rodger's Wilson Leadership Summit

Spring 23'
Nu Chapter Initiate
3.26 culmative GPA

ELECT

BROTHER ISAIAH ROBINSON
For Junior Province Vice Polemarch
OF THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

Why?
Leadership
Brotherhood
Impact

ACADEMICS

- Purdue University: College of Health and Human Sciences
- Major: Biomedical Health Science Pre-Med

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

- Purdue Ambassador
- College of Health and Human Science Committee Member

AWARDS


- Eli Lilly Scholarship Recipient
- Posse Scholarship Recipient
- Dean's List: Spring '23 & Fall '23

FRATERNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Strategus of Nu Chapter
- Kappa Alpha Psi Ambassador
- Community Sevice Commitee



Christian Golden - Delta Kappa Polemarch - Running for Junior Province Vice Polemarch



Elect

ZETA PI BROTHER


ISAAC LINDSEY

FOR **JUNIOR VICE PROVINCE POLEMARCH
OF THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE**

◆ Spring '22 Initiate

Campus Achievements:
NPHC Vice President (Fall 2023)
NPHC President (Spring 2024)
Member of Black Student Union (2019 - Present)
Event Planner
Music Business Major

Chapter Achievements:
Lt. Strategus (Spring 2022 - Spring 2023)
Exchequer (Fall 2023 - Present)
Polemarch (Fall 2023)
Vice Polemarch (Present)



VOTE KENDALL STRONG

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Activate ♦ Amplify ♦ Advocate

Spring 2023 Initiate of Lambda Eta
Business Administration & Marketing Major
Resident Assistant 2022-Present

Achievement:

Keeper of Records, Lambda Eta 2023-Present
Mindy Owens Outstanding Junior Award
Living Learning Community Year Award
2023 NPHC Delegate
2023 Black Student Union Delegate
2022 Summer Law Clerk Intern
Resident Assistant 2022-Present
Black Student Association President 2022-2023
Black Student Association Public Relations 2021-2023
CLD Scholarship Recipient

