

THE BRIDGE

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FROM THE DESK OF THE POLEMARCH

"Elevating and Expanding"

Greetings Brothers!! Happy New Year, and cheers to 111 years of Achievement! In this edition we will reflect on the tireless work of our Founders, and continue to highlight the great works of the chapter, and the brothers leading the charge.

Over the past pandemic year, our chapter continued to serve the Woodbridge community through our various programmed initiatives. This year will be no different.

As we continue to traverse through this COVID-19 landscape, safety will always be first and foremost. We will continue to follow the science, and adhere to CDC and IHQ guidance.

Lastly good Brothers, hazing is unacceptable in our fraternity. If you see something, say something. The national hazing hotline number is 1-888-NOT-HAZE. Let's ensure Kappa is viable for another 111 years. Phi Nu!

Yours in the Bond,

Damien Williams

13th Polemarch

Woodbridge (VA) Alumni Chapter





TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDERS

Brother Greg Collins, Historian

Happy Founders' Day Brothers! As we reflect on 111 years of Achievement, I would like to share with you all, the words of our Grand Historian, Brother Kevin Scott:

'Today, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will celebrate its 111th anniversary! Founded originally as Kappa Alpha Nu on the campus of Indiana University, on January 5, 1911, our Fraternity reflects on our past that has defined and shaped us as we look toward our future.

During the 1910-1911 school year, our Founders found assimilation into the life of the school was wrought with insurmountable obstacles. The administration maintained an attitude of indifference as blacks were slowly matriculated and swiftly forgotten. They were denied use of entertainment and recreational facilities, and only in the sport of track and field were they permitted to display their athletic prowess. Something had to be done to alleviate this condition, and something was done.

It was made clear at the outset that the new Fraternity would not warm over principles or practices of other organizations. Nor, indeed, would or could the new Fraternity seek its members in the manner of better-known Greek letter organizations- from among the sons of wealthy families or families whose social positions were such as vicariously would give prestige. Reliance would be placed upon high Christian ideals and the central purpose of achievement. The Fraternity would seek to raise the sights of black youths and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than might otherwise be realized or even imagined.

On January 5, 1911, the group was called together to effect a permanent organization. Elder W. Diggs was made the permanent chairman (Polemarch); John Lee, the secretary (Keeper of Records); and Byron Armstrong, the sergeant at arms (Strategus). The new Fraternity was designated Kappa Alpha Nu.

Today, we pay homage to our ten revered Founders Elder W. Diggs, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy L. Grant, John M. Lee, Paul W. Caine, Ezra D. Alexander, Marcus P. Blakemore, Edward G. Irvin, Henry T. Asher, and George W. Edmonds.'

Happy Founders' Day Nupes!





ACHIEVEMENT AND AWARDS

Brother Dakhalfani Boyd, Chairman
Brother James O'Neal, Co-Chairman

Happy New Year good Brothers, and diamonds to 111 years of Achievement! The AAC is continuously working on highlighting the good work our chapter brothers do day in, and day out. To note, we are still gathering information and data to present a strong petition advocating for Brother William Bailey's award of the Laurel Wreath.

We are also soliciting ideas for Charter Day. Although we may still be in a virtual posture, we can get creative and make this Charter Day one of the best.

We conducted the vote for the chapter awards, and the winners are below. Diamonds to the Awardees:

Brother of the Year



Brother Alfranda (Al) Durr

Fraternity Service (Posthumous)



Brother Daniel McFadgen

Community Service



Brother Padreus Pratter

Professional Service



Brother Larry Turner

COMMUNITY ACTION

Brother Maris Norwood, Chairman

The Community Action Committee supported the Prince William County Department of Social Services to ensure foster families can provide holiday gifts for the children in their homes and facility/group homes. Our chapter donated three large boxes with over 88 wrapped gifts so the foster children will have gifts to open for Christmas. In addition, our chapter donated gift cards (8) so the children could pick out the gifts they desire or other needed items. Brother Vince Bullard, Brother Jesse Brokenburr and Brother Maris Norwood presented the gifts cards and a thank you letter to the Prince William County Department of Social Services.



Below are some photos from other events from around the community. The Woodbridge (VA) Alumni Chapter is making an impact across Prince William County and Woodbridge!



Annual Adopt a Highway



Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive



Inaugural PWC Police Department Community Fair

KAPPA LEAGUE

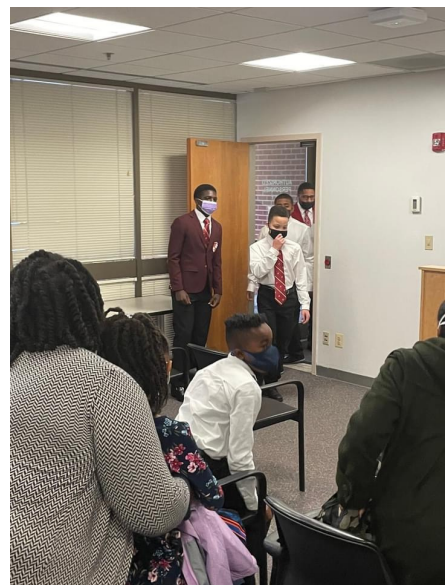
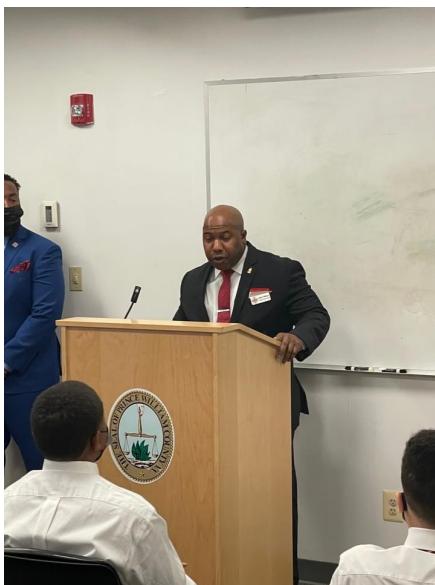
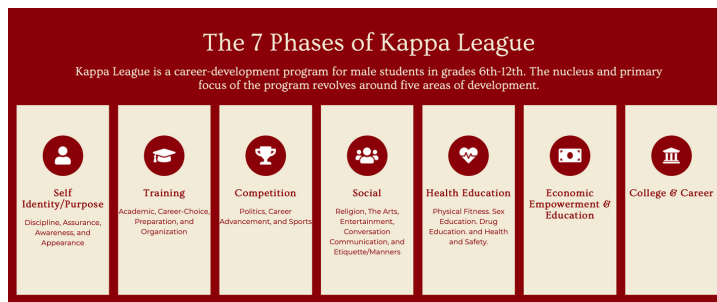
Brother Chris Woodard , Chairman

Happy New Year Good Brothers! On December 11th, 2021, we inducted seven young men into our Kappa League program. The inductees are below:

Sean Anthony
Jordan Pinkard
Jayden Pinkard
Uriah Lofton
Christian Stateman
Richaun Wright
Rashard Wright

The induction was a huge success and the chapter showed up and showed out in a huge way. We are looking forward to the programs and initiatives that we have lined up for these young men over the course of the next 3 months.

I'm very excited to be the chairman, and with your assistance, I'm equally excited to lead and prepare these young men for their future endeavors.



CHAPTER INVISIBLE

BROTHER DANIEL MCFADGEN

**Brother Damien Williams,
Polemarch**

Brothers, as all of you may know, we lost a stalwart within our chapter and Kappa with the passing of Brother Daniel McFadgen.

Brother McFadgen transitioned into Chapter Invisible on November 16, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. Brother Mac, as we affectionately called him, is a 1975 initiate of the North Carolina A&T Chapter, the Alpha Nu of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

We have lost a strong Kappa Brother who cared deeply for our Chapter and its members, especially our Senior Brothers. Brother McFadgen will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

I would like to commend the brothers for a job well done, as we sent Brother McFadgen off to the Golden Shores. Please keep his silhouette and his family in your prayers.



PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE CORNER

**Brother Dakhalfani Boyd,
Reporter**

Membership Verification

Greetings Good Brothers! This edition of the Protocol & Etiquette Corner will highlight Membership Verification. The Protocol & Etiquette Manual states:

'Men are initiated into the Fraternity through chapters. The Ritual of Kappa Alpha Psi identifies official recognition signs that can be used to validate whether a man is a member. Further, each initiate receives a membership card and each life member receives a life membership card.

When a member encounters a man, who identifies himself as a member, it is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the member to **VALIDATE** that the man is a member.

Simply inquiring as to the chapter of initiation is insufficient; rather the member should either engage in the recognition protocol found in the Ritual or request either a membership or life membership card. If the man is unable to engage in the recognition protocol or produce either card, the member should be courteous, but not recognize the man as member.

When a member brings a man, whom he believes is a member into a group of members, the **ASSUMPTION** among the group is that the member has determined (through the recognition protocols) that the man is a member...'

Brothers, it is our responsibility to 'Guard the Gate'. We must be diligent and thorough when we meet men that we don't know to be members.

Be very slow and cautious to give up the grip, and only give it up after the recognition protocols have determined the man to be a member.

Yo to 111 years of Achievement!

