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# POLEMARCH'S KORNER

Dear Brothers of the Great Western Province,

I am still reeling with excitement coming off the 78th Western Province Council. I want to thank all of the Brothers who attended again. I can't thank our planning committee and our two host chapters Epsilon Kappa & Long Beach Inglewood- Southbay Alumni, for the incredible work that went into this event. They put in countless hours with me to make the 78th a reality and I'm truly grateful again for their support.

Next, the same can be said after having just hosted a successful 87th Grand Chapter meeting! I must acknowledge Brother Zenji Reynolds Phoenix Alumni Polemarch as well as Gamma Iota Polemarch Clea Mccaa for their leadership, and ensuring a good time was had by all. Be sure to view the Conclave Edition of the Journal which includes our very own Brother Reynolds and Host Chapter Grand Chapter Chairman Brother Dr. Derek Blythe.

This Conclave edition of the Journal is where you will find all ad purchases from chapters and brothers across the fraternity!





# POLEMARCH'S KORNER

Brothers, as we get ready for the upcoming Polemarch and Advisors Summit on August 16th at Occidental College, The Pasadena Alumni Chapter, and Lambda Rho initiated brothers are excited to bring all attendees back to campus. Additionally, The Western Province Board of Directors, Executive Operating Staff, and all appointed Western Province Committee Chairman are excited for the '25-'26 fraternal year and are working diligently to make this year, even better than our last! Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Finally, I want to share, for those that missed it at the Province Council, that Brother Julian Shearin- Sewell of the University of Arizona Chapter, the Delta Omicron of Kappa Alpha Psi, was awarded the 2025 Hillary H. Holloway Scholarship!

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Frederic S. Roots
25th Western Province Polemarch
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
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## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**Greetings Brothers of the Great Western Province,** 

Welcome to the latest edition of the Pacific Reporter!

As your Editor-in-Chief, I'm excited to share this issue packed with inspiring stories of brotherhood, achievement, and service from across our province.

Whether you're a longtime reader or picking up our newsletter for the first time, you'll find the pulse of our fraternal spirit beating strong in these pages.

Grab your favorite beverage, get comfortable, and dive into the stories that connect and strengthen our bonds.

As always, this newsletter is made possible by your contributions and dedication to our shared values.

YITB,





## A KALL FOR BROTHERHOOD

Brothers, on May 6th, 2025, Amari Venzor's life changed forever. While returning to Pepperdine University, he was involved in a devastating car accident that left him with critical injuries and facing a long road to recovery.



Beyond the physical and emotional challenges, Amari confronts overwhelming medical costs for his hospitalization, rehabilitation, and ongoing care. Donate to the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation Benevolence fund in Brother Venzor's honor.

This is our moment to demonstrate true brotherhood. When one of us faces adversity, we all stand together. Our collective response can transform a devastating situation into a testament of fraternal bonds in action.



# Register Now for the 2025 Edgar H. Bishop Polemarch & Advisors Summit

Registration is now open for the 2025 Edgar H. Bishop Polemarch & Advisors Summit on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM in Los Angeles.

This year's summit will be hosted at Occidental College, featuring leadership development sessions and a buffet lunch with options for all dietary preferences.

Accommodations are available with guest rooms at \$199 per day (\$233.23 with tax) and valet parking at \$28 per day for overnight guests. This summit represents a crucial investment in our collective leadership development and the future direction of our organization.

Secure your participation today by registering

Space is limited, so early registration is essential.









April 7, 2025

#### Subject: Gratitude for a Successful 78th Western Province Meeting

Brothers of the Great Western Province,

On behalf of the Long Beach-Inglewood South-Bay Alumni Chapter serving as your host chapter, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each of you for your attendance, dedication, and hard work in making the 78th Western Province Meeting a resounding success. Your commitment and collaboration contributed to an event that was both productive and meaningful.

It is through your efforts that we were able to come together in Brotherhood, while exchanging valuable insights, and further our shared goals for Achievement. Your support continues to strengthen our bond in the Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable contribution to this memorable meeting. I look forward to the continued growth and success of our Province, thanks to your unwavering commitment.

Yours in the Bond,

Varick Williams

Varick D. Williams Polemarch LBISB Alumni Chapter Derron Johnson

Derron Johnson Vice Polemarch LBISB Alumni Chapter Sekou Aiken

Sekou Aiken Event Chairperson 78<sup>th</sup> Western Province





We are pleased to announce the newly elected 2025-2026 Western Province officers:





#### **WESTERN PROVINCE 2025-2026 OFFICERS**

### PROVINCE POLEMARCH

Frederic S. Roots Berkeley (CA) | Seattle (WA) Alumni

### SENIOR PROVINCE VICE POLEMARCH

Timothy Lankford San Fernando-Santa Clarita (CA) Alumni

### JUNIOR PROVINCE VICE POLEMARCH

Christian Harris
Upsilon

### **KEEPER OF RECORDS**

Reginald Simmons Berkeley (CA) Alumni

### **KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER**

Gregory Black
Los Angeles (CA) Alumni

### **ASSISTANT KEEPER OF RECORDS**

Sekou Aiken

Long Beach-Inglewood-Southbay (CA) Alumni

## **ASSISTANT KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER**

Mychal Harris Seattle (WA) Alumni

#### **STRATEGUS**

Willie Pearson Delta Omicron

### LIEUTENANT STRATEGUS

Santos Singh Delta Epsilon



#### **WESTERN PROVINCE 2025-2026 OFFICERS**

### **HISTORIAN**

Edward A. Vickers
Long Beach-Inglewood-Southbay (CA) Alumni

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INSIDE), ALUMNI**

Gerald Freeny Pasadena (CA) Alumni

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INSIDE), ALUMNI John D.C. Norman, Sr., M.A.

John D.C. Norman, Sr., M.Á. Berkeley (CA) Alumni

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OUTSIDE), ALUMNI**

Samuel A. Ross Tuscon-Sierra Vista (AZ) Alumni

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OUTSIDE), ALUMNI**

Charles E. Graham
Portland (OR) Alumni

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INSIDE), UNDERGRADUATE**

Gordon Allen Lamda Nu

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INSIDE), UNDERGRADUATE**

Myles Reed Delta Upsilion

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OUTSIDE), UNDERGRADUATE**

Lorenzo Russel, Jr. Delta Alpha

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OUTSIDE), UNDERGRADUATE**

Ja' shon Kirkwood Delta Omicron



#### **WESTERN PROVINCE 2025-2026 OFFICERS**

### PROVINCE CHAPLAIN

Pastor Patrick L. Campbell, SR. Lancaster Palmdale (CA) Alumni

#### **PROVINCE REPORTER**

Darryll Holmes Los Angeles (CA) | Las Vegas (NV) Alumni

Province Delegate to Grand Chapter Meeting (Alumni) John D.C. Norman, Sr.- Berkeley (CA) Alumni

Province Delegate to Grand Chapter Meeting (Undergraduate)
Ricky Jones - Delta Epsilon

Congratulations to our newly elected 2025-2026 Western Province officers!

These dedicated brothers have stepped forward to lead with vision and purpose, embodying our commitment to achievement and brotherhood.

Their leadership will be vital as we continue our legacy of service and excellence.

Let us all support them with our energy, ideas, and fraternal spirit as they guide our beloved Western Province forward.





# EDWARD L. SHELTON Jr. Reclamation Award

**Large Chapter** 

San Fernando - Santa Clarita (CA) Alumni

**Medium Chapter** 

Fresno (CA) Alumni



# KEVIN D. KINSEY Community Service Award

Large Chapter Berkeley (CA) Alumni

**Medium Chapter** Riverside (CA) Alumni

**Small Chapter** Tucson-Sierra (AZ) Alumni



# STERLING DOVER Scrapbook Award

Large Chapter Phoenix (AZ) Alumni

Medium Chapter Sacramento (CA) Alumni

Small Chapter Tucson-Sierra (AZ) Alumni



# JAMES L. BRADFORD Achievement Award

**Brother** 

Tyrone Guillory, Jr. Berkeley (CA) Alumni



# RANDALL C. BACON Alumni Achievement Award

# **Brother** Clea McCaa

Tucson - Sierra Vista (AZ) Alumni



# JAMES O. WHALEY

Alumni Chapter of the Year

## **Large Chapter**

Phoenix (AZ) Alumni

# **Medium Chapter** Riverside (CA) Alumni

**Small Chapter** Irvine-Anaheim (CA) Alumni



# CURTIS R. SILVERS Jr. Civic Merit Scholar Award

**Brother** Ethan Monroe Gamma Alpha



# E. LIONEL DAVIS Civic Merit Scholar Award

**Brother** Ethan Monroe Gamma Alpha



# OUTSTANDING CHAPTER G.P.A. Award

# Gamma Alpha

University of California Berkeley San Francisco State University University of San Francisco



# STERLING DOVER Scrapbook Award

Gamma Alpha

University of California Berkeley San Francisco State University University of San Francisco



# PETER BUTLER, Jr. Chapter of the Vear Award

## **Beta Omega**

University of Southern California Loyola Marymount University Pepperdine University

## Gamma Alpha

University of California Berkeley San Francisco State University University of San Francisco



# WILLIAM J. MEREDITH

Outstanding Student G.P.A. Award

# **Brother**

Justice Crawford Beta Omega

# ROBERT L. HARRIS







Makai Singleton

Christian

Ethan Monroe

Zenas Crawley

Eric McCraney III

Eric Jones

John Norman

Anthony Sinclair

Anthony Bailey

Michael Smith

Darryl Donley

Marcellus Mayberry

Jarvis Sams

Upsilon

**Beta Omega** 

Gamma Alpha

**Delta Epsilon** 

**lota Beta** 

Lambda Nu

**Berkeley Alumni** 

**Beverly Hills-Century City Alumni** 

Fresno Alumni

Fresno Alumni

Los Angeles Alumni

Los Angeles Alumni

Pasadena Alumni

# Congratulations

To all brothers and chapters honored at the 78th Western Province Council:

Your exceptional achievements represent the highest standards of excellence and commitment to our fraternal values. Each award recognizes not just individual accomplishments but the collaborative spirit that strengthens our entire brotherhood.

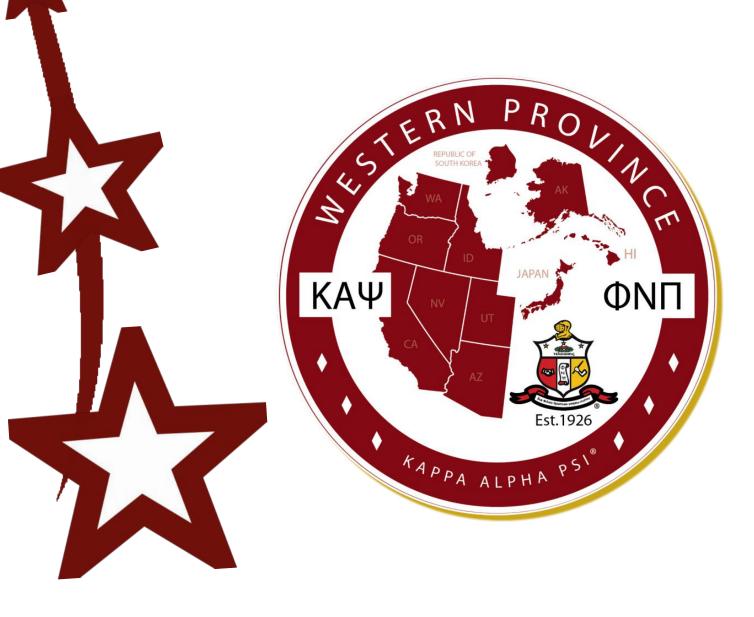
To our outstanding chapters: your collective dedication has created communities where members thrive and our mission advances. Your programming, service initiatives, and brotherhood development serve as models for all.

To our individual brothers receiving recognition: your contributions have made lasting impacts that extend far beyond your own chapters. You exemplify the qualities that define our fraternity at its finest.

May these accolades inspire continued growth and service throughout our Western Province. Your achievements today become the foundation for our shared success tomorrow.

# **ACHIEVEMENT!**

**ACROSS THE PROVINCE** 



Brother Ryan Harrison Sr. has been recognized as one of the top 20 Black change makers in the Sacramento Region by the Sacramento Bee!

This well-deserved honor highlights his incredible impact on the community.

Want to learn more about Brother Harrison's achievements and the other inspiring leaders making a difference?

Click the button to read the full article!



Congratulations, Brother Harrison!



## YOU'RE HIRED

Congratulations to Brother William Hawkins (Fall 2024, University of San Francisco) on accepting a Content Marketing Summer Associate position at Capital Group! His achievement reflects both his dedication and excellence, and we are proud to see him join one of the most respected names in the investment management industry.

Capital Group: Investing for the Long Term

Capital Group, founded in 1931, is one of the world's largest active fund managers, known for its unwavering focus on long-term investing. The company has built a strong reputation over the decades by helping improve people's lives through disciplined investment strategies and consistent performance.

As a privately held firm, Capital Group has maintained the independence to act in the best interests of its clients. This autonomy has allowed the organization to avoid short-term market pressures and remain committed to its core mission. Over time, that commitment has cultivated trust and enduring relationships with investors and financial professionals.

The firm's scale, supported by decades of growth and strong financial footing, allows it to offer competitive fees while continuing to innovate and expand its investment capabilities. Capital Group's client-centric approach, paired with its legacy of integrity and service, has made it a respected leader in the global investment management industry.

## YOU'RE HIRED

Please join me in congratulating Brother Ethan Monroe (Gamma Alpha Spring 2022, University of San Francisco) on his incredible achievement!

Ethan will be joining Equitable this fall as a Wealth Management Consultant in Los Angeles, California. Equitable Holdings, Inc. is a leading American financial services company—formerly known as The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Their mission is to help clients secure their financial well-being by offering a wide range of services, including financial planning, retirement solutions, employee benefits, and wealth management. Equitable supports clients through every stage of life and also provides a robust platform for independent financial advisors.

Ethan's future is bright, and we know he'll make a meaningful impact in his new role. Let's give Brother Monroe his well-deserved flowers and wish him continued success as he takes this exciting next step in his journey!

**Congratulations, Ethan** 

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 HILLARY H. HOLLOWAY SCHOLAR

This scholarship, which is sponsored by our national Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, offers financial support to undergraduate members of the fraternity who showcase exceptional achievements, engage in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate involvement in both the Fraternity and the community.

Brother Julian Shearin-Sewell is pursuing a degree in Marketing with a focus on Sports Management at the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona, where he has been honored as a three-time Eller African American Honorary recipient. achievement and the scholarship award of \$2,000.

He is a Fall '23 initiate of the Delta Omicron Chapter, currently serving as the Chapter's Polemarch, a Marketing Intern for the Western Province, and a Lambda Klass Fellow at the Undergraduate Leadership Institute. His future aspirations include becoming a sports agent, leveraging his skills in marketing, brand development, and contract negotiation to assist athletes in maximizing their careers.

Please join me in congratulating Brother
Shearin-Sewell on this remarkable achievement and the scholarship award of \$2,000.



# LEAD KAPPA CLASS 2025

Congratulations Brother Ahrian McNeil (Fall 2024, University of California, Berkeley) on your acceptance into the 2025 LEAD Kappa Class!

For those unfamiliar, LEAD Kappa is a premier leadership development experience held during Conclave years. his highly structured and intensive program is designed to equip participants with critical capacity-building skills to lead effectively within the fraternity, on campus, in the community, and in corporate settings. The 2025 LEAD Kappa experience will take place June 28th – July 6th in Phoenix, Arizona.

Brother McNeil, continue to strive for excellence and keep achieving!

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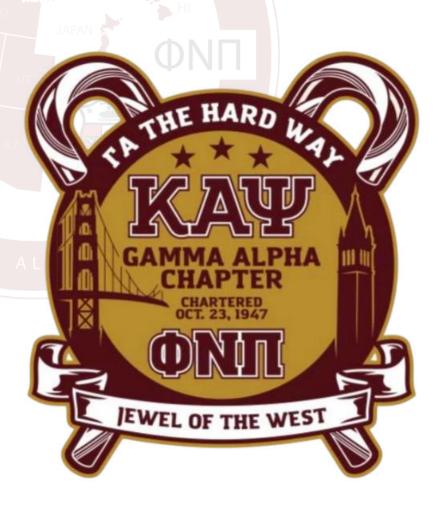
The Bay Area's own Gamma Alpha Chapter DOMINATES at 78th Western Province Council

Watch The Yard is featuring their multiple top honors – including Undergraduate Chapter of the Year!

Click the button below to read more and witness how these brothers are ELEVATING our Western Province legacy!

This is Kappa Excellence personified!





# GRAND CHAPTER UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE MONTH \*\*\*

The Gamma Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, representing the University of California, Berkeley; the University of San Francisco; and San Francisco State University, had a highly impactful start to the year in its first three months.

At the 78th Western Province Council in Long Beach, CA, the Gamma Alpha Chapter earned several prestigious awards, including the Peter Butler Jr. Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award, the Outstanding Chapter G.P.A. Award, and the Sterling Dover Scrapbook Award. Our Polemarch, Brother Ethan Monroe, was also honored with three major awards: the Robert L. Harris, Esq. Province Polemarch Award, the E. Lionel Davis Undergraduate Achievement Award, and the Curtis R. Silvers, Jr. Civic Merit Award. Additionally, chapter was recognized by the Watch the Yard publication.

The Gamma Alpha Chapter has been recognized for three consecutive months in the Undergraduate Affairs Newsletter (January, February, and March 2025), highlighting the chapter's ongoing commitment to community service and excellence. They raised over \$3,000 for St. Jude's Research and \$1,800 for Breast Cancer Awareness while participating in events like the U.C.

# GRAND CHAPTER UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE MONTH (cont'd) \*\*\*

Berkeley and San Francisco State Yardshow and the Golden State Warriors and University of San Francisco Greek Night. Brothers from the chapter hold leadership positions in multiple student-led organizations across our respective campuses.

In addition to their philanthropic efforts, Gamma Alpha participated in the 2025 Black Joy Parade in Oakland, CA, where they proudly wore Kappa paraphernalia and strolled on a float they helped create. The chapter also hosted a successful Mindfulness Thursday meditation session during its Kappa Week as part of Kappa Alpha Psi "Are You OK?" initiative.

These accomplishments reflect the chapter's dedication to excellence in academics, community service, and brotherhood.

#GammaAlpha #KappaAlphaPsi #WesternProvince #CommunityService #Brotherhood #BlackJoyParade





# WESTERN PROVINCE ON THE MOVE

#### **BROTHERS!**

Our OUTSTANDING Gamma Alpha Chapter is FEATURED in the State of Undergraduate Affairs report!

Click NOW to see how these Bay Area achievers are REPRESENTING our province with distinction and ELEVATING the standard of excellence!

Don't miss their impressive showcase of achievement, leadership and service!

#GammaAlphaPride #AchievementMatters



#### SACRAMENTO (CA) ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



On Sunday April 13, 2025, the Sacramento Alumni Chapter had the opportunity to honor brothers for their outstanding contributions to the chapter and community during the 2nd Sundays Brunch and Jazz event hosted by A.P.EX at Our Place— where the food is always delicious and the music was jammin'!

Brothers Michael Craft, Gregory Brown, and Derrick Winrow Sr. were awarded the Samuel C. Pannell Community Service Award for their dedication to the chapter's service efforts and their ongoing commitment to uplifting the Sacramento community. Brother Mark Havener was awarded the Guide Right Achievement Award, as he is always there for our Kappa Leaguers!

The Polemarch, Brother Larry Lewis, gave out awards to brothers whose actions and commitment have left a lasting mark on the chapter. Brothers William Grey Jr., Rodney Johnson, Andrew Lawhorn, Brandyn Lee, Reginald Nichols, and Robert Bj Snowden were awarded the Polemarch Award.

Last but not least, the Kappa of the Year Award went to the brother who went above and beyond in service of the chapter and fraternity this past year. Brothers voted, and the winner was none other than Brother Polemarch Larry Lewis.

It was a great time out! It has been a great year, and we are looking

forward to many more!

#### GLENDALE-PEORIA (AZ) ALUMINI QUARTERLY SUCCESS STORY

The Glendale-Peoria (AZ) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., continues to exemplify excellence through sustained growth, dynamic leadership, and a steadfast commitment to community service.

Membership Growth and Reclamation During the Western Province Council held in March: our Chapter proudly welcomed six new Brothers into the bond of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., further expanding its network of engaged and committed members. In addition, three Brothers were successfully reclaimed this quarter, bringing the Chapter's total membership to 53. These efforts highlight the Chapter's dedication to brotherhood, reclamation, and organizational vitality.

Leadership Achievement: A major milestone was achieved on January 18, 2025, when Brother Robert Branscomb II was elected Chairman of the Arizona Democratic Party for the 2025–2026 term. A distinguished member of the Glendale-Peoria Alumni Chapter, Brother Branscomb brings over 30 years of experience in corporate leadership, small business ownership, and public service. He previously served as Vice Chair during the 2023–2024 cycle and was a delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. His election is a historic accomplishment, as he becomes the first African-American to serve as Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party—an honor that reflects both personal excellence and the Chapter's strong legacy of leadership.

#### GLENDALE-PEORIA (AZ) ALUMNI QUARTERLY SUCCESS STORY

Community Engagement and Service: The Chapter continued to make a significant impact in the community this quarter. In alignment with its commitment to service and unity within the Divine Nine, the Chapter supported two major events hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Additionally, the Chapter successfully hosted its inaugural Annual Golf Scramble, attracting 44 contributors in a well-attended event that combined fellowship, fundraising, and community engagement.

Looking Ahead: Excitement is building for the Chapter's upcoming signature event—the Second Annual Casino Masquerade Ball, set for May 3, 2025. With more than 250 attendees expected, this highly anticipated event will raise funds in support of the Chapter's newly developing foundation. Proceeds will benefit St. **Jude Children's Research Hospital** 

#### **BREAKING HEADLINES**

WHAT'S GOING ON ACROSS THE WESTERN PROVINCE





**WESTERN PROVINCE UPDATES** 

### COMING SOON: Dues Modernization Initiative (DMI)

Starting September 1, 2025, the Western Province is launching the Dues Modernization Initiative (DMI) – bringing automated QuickBooks Online invoicing straight to your email!

#### **WHAT'S NEW**

Automated email invoices for all 3,000+ Western Province Brothers

One-click payments via PayPal, Venmo, ACH, and all major credit cards

**Autopay options for future convenience** 

#### KEY DATES

September 1: Invoices distributed

October 1: Payment due date (Remember: finish line, not start line!)

#### **SUPPORT**

**DMI Support: 425.892.3353** 

Leadership: koe@kapsi-western.org | akoe@kapsi-western.org

No Brother left behind – full technical support available.

Get ready for the future of fraternal dues! More details coming soon.

#### Western Province Life Membership Program

The Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is proud to announce:

**The Western Province Life Membership Opens in August 2025** 

The Western Province Life Membership Program is one of the most progressive initiatives that will catapult The Great Western Province into the next 100 years!

Brothers please consider joining our Province Polemarch as part of the exclusive Λέσχη του Αιώνα (Century Club) in becoming one of the first 100 Brothers to become a Western Province Life Member!

#### Membership Offers the following benefits:

- Fulfillment of Province Dues for Life! 1926
- An exclusive Western Province Life Membership Lapel Pin
- Personalized Western Province Life Membership Plaque
- Personalized Western Province Life member Card

#### Western Province Life Membership Program

#### **Additional Benefits Include:**

- Exclusive discounts on Western Province events and promotional Items
- Special Recognition for all Life Members on the Western Province Website.
- And Much More...

The Province Polemarch will send correspondence on how to secure your Western Province Life Membership this Month. Only 100 Slots will be available with a cut off of 10/31/25!

Stay tuned...

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE IRVINE-ANAHEM (CA) ALUMNI PAST POLEMARCH

From Dream to Reality: The Irvine Anaheim Kappa League Words from the Chapter Polemarch

**Dear Western Province Reporter,** 

For eight years, the dream of establishing a Kappa League chapter in Irvine, Anaheim, flickered in the hearts and minds of our dedicated brothers. It took countless hours of hard work, dedication, and unwavering belief from previous Polemarchs and chapter members to finally bring this vision to life. Navigating the complexities of chartering, recruiting, and developing a program that truly serves our community was no small feat. There were challenges, setbacks, and moments of doubt. But through it all, the commitment to our community and the belief in the transformative power of the Kappa League never wavered. And now, we will witness the impact of the Irvine Anaheim Kappa League; we will see the fruits of that labor. We see young men eager to learn and grow, being mentored and guided by our brothers. We see a community being positively influenced by the leadership and service of these young men. The need was there, palpable and undeniable. And now, because of the vision and hard work of those who came before us, the Kappa League is filling that need, changing lives, and shaping the future of our community.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE IRVINE-ANAHEM (CA) ALUMNI PAST POLEMARCH (cont'd)

It's truly inspiring to see the change happening in real-time. These young men are learning about leadership and scholarship and living it. They're volunteering their time, giving back to their community, and developing the skills they need to succeed. The ripple effect of their positive actions spreads throughout Irvine Anaheim, touching families, schools, and neighborhoods.

This is more than just a program; it's an investment in the future. It's a testament to the power of brotherhood and the unwavering commitment to uplifting our community.

The Irvine Anaheim Kappa League is a legacy in the making, a testament to the hard work of our brothers, and a beacon of hope for the young men of our community.

We are witnessing firsthand how this dream, once a flicker, is now a flame, forever changing the landscape of Irvine Anaheim. We are incredibly proud to be a part of this journey and excited to see the incredible things these young men will accomplish.

Yours in the Bond Dru Castle Past Polemarch (2022-2025)

# KAPPA LEAGUE: IGNITING EXCELLENCE AT THE IRVINE-ANAHEM CHAPTER

On Sunday, January 12, 2025, after an 8-year absence, Brother Dr. Marc Fleming called the Irvine-Anaheim (CA( Chapter to order the first charter inauguration of the Kappa Youth Leadership Development League at Second Baptist Church of Santa Ana, Pastor Brother Ivan Pitts.

Four young male candidates, their parents, families, and emotional support network of friends were present to witness the ceremonial pinning.

"To gain knowledge of being a part of a program like a fraternal organization, for the mentorship opportunity.

-Jesiah Greathouse

"To gain the growth potential that comes from mentoring."

-Real Love Monday

"Being the only boy in the home, connecting and being a part of a brotherhood, and having a mentor will be a great benefit for me, especially with the society and things we face in this world that sometimes Mom and Dad aren't able to understand."

-Edward Pittman Jr.

""The Kappa League will give me valuable skills and connections that I can use throughout my life."

- Colin Spurlin

# KAPPA LEAGUE: IGNITING EXCELLENCE AT THE IRVINE-ANAHEM CHAPTER (cont'd)

Keynote Speaker Brother Victor Marshall Esq. delivered an inspiring speech to the candidates, encouraging them not to limit themselves and to aim for "High Achievement." He shared that each candidate is "Blessed" to have parents present, family, and their emotional network support.

Brother Dru Castle and Brother Joshua Hudson administered the Ceremonial Induction Pledge to Jesiah Greathouse, Real Love Monday, Edward Pittman Jr., and Colin Spurlin, pinned each, and presented each candidate with a Certificate from the City of Anaheim as charter members of the Irvine-Anaheim Alumni Chapter Kappa League Mentoring program.

Brother Dr. Marc Fleming presented a signed copy of his book No Regret College: A Guide to Choosing the Right Major and Maximizing Your Education to each of the new Kappa Leaguers.

Brother Virgil Owens gave Closing Remarks congratulating the IAAC Kappa Leaguers, expressing appreciation to the parents and the Chapter Leadership, and thanking the Kappa League committee members for their work in making this chartering ceremony a reality.

Brother Dr. Roderick Seamster gave the Benediction. The chartering program concluded at 12:45 pm.

# KAPPA LEAGUE: IGNITING EXCELLENCE AT THE IRVINE-ANAHEIM CHAPTER (cont'd)





## TACOMA (WA) ALUMNI: HEARTS & HANDS IN ACTION

THE FOLLOWING WORDS ARE FROM THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY THE STEP BY STEP FAMILY PROGRAM IN WA STATE...

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Tacoma (WA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for their generous support of the mothers and children in the Dreams Work job readiness program this holiday season. Led by David Wright, fraternity members arrived at Step By Step in their signature red coats, bringing not only gifts but a powerful message of compassion.

Their donation of gift cards, paired with Thanksgiving meal baskets, was a true blessing for our families facing rising costs. This kindness eased burdens and brought hope during Thanksgiving. The Tacoma Alumni Chapter's strong history of serving underserved communities and their unwavering commitment to lifting others up is inspiring.

The Step By Step team and clients are deeply thankful for this meaningful gesture and look forward to future collaborations that will continue to spread hope and support. We are honored to receive their kindness and extend our heartfelt thanks.

## TACOMA KAPPA LEAGUE: MAKING MOVES, CREATING FUTURES

The Tacoma (WA) Alumni Chapter Kappa League was established in November 2024 and held its first official induction ceremony in December of 2024.

The induction consisted of three extraordinary young men, (2) Seniors and (1) Freshmen. One senior will attend Morehouse University and the other will attend Hult International School of Business in London next Fall.

Our Morehouse Senior is also a finalist for the Bill Gates Millenium Scholarship Award. One of our seniors was also recognized as the March National Kappa League student of the month. The Kappa Leaguers have participated in various Chapter community events such as Shop with a Kappa, a private fund raising showing of Captain America, the packaging of over 2,000 care bags for the homeless, assisting Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in a youth symposium and are currently collecting clothes to assist homeless teenagers and homeless veterans.

The Kappa Leaguers will also be assisting our local Big Brothers Big Sisters in a bowling night. The Kappa League program is now at a total of eight young men, three of whom were inspired by our original three Kappa Leaguers at one of the community service events. We are presently preparing for our college signing day and are very proud of our two seniors that have both received multiple scholarships.

Tacoma Alumni Chapter is honored to have the privilege to mentor these young men and thankful for the trust and support of their parents.



#### TACOMA (WA) ALUMNI: BUILDING CARE PACKAGES FOR THE UNHOUSED

Brother Joseph Mitchell III of Tacoma (WA) Alumni Chapter has led a project called Minor Input Major Impact for a number of years.

Each year on the Saturday before the Super Bowl, he brings together volunteers to create care packages for the unhoused. These packages include water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, hand warmers, etc. Brother Mitchell gets all the package supplies donated from local charities, organizations and individuals. On the day of the packing party, members of the Tacoma (WA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc, our Kappa Leaguers, friends and family came together to help Brother Mitchell create the care packages. There were over 2000 care packages created. Each volunteer walked away with a set of care packages to give out when and where they see fit over the next few months.

As the title of his company says, minor input major impact. Brother Mitchell also received an honorable mention during the awards portion of the 78th Western Province Council closed banquet for his program.



## BROTHERS LIGHT UP MURRIETA'S TASTE OF SOUL

Our amazing Brothers of CLT (CA) brought the energy to Murrieta's 4th annual Taste of Soul and Black Business Expo!

With smiles wide and pride high, we showcased the incredible work happening in our CLT community. The crowd couldn't get enough when our talented Delta Epsilon Brothers took the stage with their show-stopping performance!

Star-studded lineup of Brothers representing included:

- -Polemarch Larry Ferguson
- -KOR Pierre Towns
- -Board Members Brent Burton and Friedel Greene
- -Brother Sean Gibson
- -Retired Judge Gene Verin

It was a day full of soul, celebration, and brotherhood - spreading our mission and making connections that matter! Can't wait for next year!



#### SACRAMENTO (CA) ALUMNI KAPPA LEAGUE FIELD TRIP

On Saturday, March 22nd, Sacramento Alumni Chapter's Kappa League took a trip to Effie Yeaw Nature Preserve, embarking on a trail where they came across wildlife and got to spend quality time learning about the history of the tribes who lived there before.

Led by Director Mark Havener, and joined by parent volunteers and Brothers from the chapter, the Kappa Leaguers in attendance had an amazing time; ranging from a rock skipping competition, to being able to explore different insects, and we look forward to going on more outdoor adventures this Summer.



#### 50-YEAR CHAPTERVERSARY

**Cheers to 50 Extraordinary Years!** 

Vallejo-Fairfield (CA) Alumni Chapter

Congratulations on an incredible 50 years of excellence, Vallejo-Fairfield Alumni Chapter!

For half a century, you've transformed lives, strengthened our community, and created a legacy of service that has touched countless hearts. From scholarships to mentorship, from community projects to lifelong friendships—you've shown what happens when passionate people unite around a common purpose.

As you celebrate this golden milestone, may the spirit that has carried you through these amazing 50 years continue to inspire even greater achievements in the decades to come!

Here's to the visionary founders, dedicated leaders, and every member who has made this journey possible. The Vallejo-Fairfield Alumni Chapter isn't just marking an anniversary—you're celebrating a beautiful story of impact that continues to unfold.

With admiration and excitement for your bright future

#### 50-YEAR CHAPTERVERSARY

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. | The Vallejo-Fairfield Alumni Chapter

50th Year Chapter Anniversary Gala Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield, CA - April 12th, 2025



#### **50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA**

VALLEJO-FAIRFIELD ALUMNI CHAPTER

Honoring Our Chartered Members:



(ILeft to Right) Bro. Jerome Williams, VFA Polemarch; Chartered Members E. Herm Wilson and Michael L. Wison; Bro. Gary Hopkins, Master of Ceremony



Bro. Michael L. Wison



Bro. E. Herm Wilson

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS' COCA-COLA TRUCK PULL



Honolulu (HI) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. TAKES THE GOLD!

Incredible news from the Community Division competition at Ka Makana Ali'i shopping center!

Our amazing Honolulu (HI) Alumni Chapter team CRUSHED IT with a blazing fast time of just 14 SECONDS to secure the win!



What an outstanding achievement by our dedicated team members who put in countless hours of preparation for this event. Your hard work and determination truly paid off! Want to support our champions?

Team donations are still being accepted! Every contribution helps fuel our future success and community involvement.





#### Honoring 53 Years of Excellence

The Honolulu Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated its 53rd Charter Day in 2025, commemorating a legacy that began on May 20, 1972, when eighteen distinguished men of vision established the chapter with unwavering commitment to excellence and service. These founding brothers truly embodied the fraternity's principle of "achievement in every field of human endeavor," including five Army officers with two Special Forces members, one Air Force officer, and one medical doctor.

The chapter maintains meaningful traditions that honor its heritage, including the solemn practice of laying flowers at the grave of Brother Charles A. Burghardt at Schofield Barracks and visiting the home of Brother John Hawkins. These rituals serve as powerful reminders of the sacrifice and dedication that built the foundation upon which current members stand.

Today's brotherhood continues the charter members' legacy of diverse professional excellence, with current members serving distinguished roles in military leadership, mental health, law enforcement, real estate, and numerous other fields. Guided by the fraternity's Five Objectives and motto, the Honolulu Alumni Chapter remains committed to uplifting and empowering their community while building upon the solid foundation established over five decades ago. Their enduring success demonstrates how the vision of eighteen pioneering men continues to inspire achievement and service across generations.

#### Palo Alto Alumni Chapter Community Service

On May 28, 2025, the Palo Alto Alumni Chapter demonstrated exceptional community engagement by conducting a mock interview competition for middle school students at Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School in East Palo Alto. Brothers Steven Redmond (Spr 25), Jon Blue (Spr 78), Donald Hills (Spr 84), and Shelton Welch (Spr 22) volunteered their time to provide valuable professional development

experience for local youth.

The competition focused on 13 students from the school's **Black Student Union, with Brother Redmond serving as** the primary interviewer while **Brothers Blue, Welch, and Hills** acted as judges. Students were asked thoughtful questions designed to help them articulate their personal qualities, career aspirations, and the steps needed to achieve their goals. The structured format encouraged self-reflection and public speaking skills while providing real-world interview experience.



#### Palo Alto Alumni Chapter Community Service

The event was notably successful, with all participants demonstrating high levels of engagement and mutual support throughout the process. The top nine performers were rewarded with gift cards, recognizing their preparation and presentation skills. This initiative exemplifies Kappa Alpha Psi's commitment to mentoring young people and preparing them for future academic and professional success through practical, hands-on learning experiences.



# Palo Alto Alumni Chapter Partners with WPAF to Support Higher Education

On June 16, 2025, the Palo Alto Alumni Chapter, in partnership with the Western Province Achievement Foundation, demonstrated their commitment to educational advancement by sponsoring a \$500 scholarship through the Umoja Community Program at Foothill College in Los Altos, California.

The Umoja program, whose name derives from the Kiswahili word meaning "unity," represents a comprehensive year-long learning community specifically designed to enhance the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students. The program provides a holistic support system that includes a tight-knit cohort community, dedicated academic counseling, free textbooks and supplies, specialized coursework, and culturally relevant educational experiences such as college tours and conferences. This scholarship contribution addresses the growing financial challenges facing students pursuing higher education. By partnering with programs like Umoja that focus on the legacy of the African and African American diasporas, the Palo Alto Alumni Chapter continues its mission to bridge educational funding gaps and support student success. The initiative reflects the fraternity's ongoing dedication to empowering the next generation through strategic educational investments and community partnerships.

## Exclusive \$200 Discount: Law School Prep Course

Brother Hwesu Samuel Murray (Omicron '67) is offering an exclusive opportunity for our fraternity members preparing for law school. His comprehensive Law School Prep<sup>sM</sup> program, featuring eleven subjects with nearly six hours of lectures, is available to Kappa Alpha Psi brothers for only \$99 – a \$200 discount from the regular price.

As Brother Murray emphasizes, "Law school is very different from college. That difference can make or break your career." His program is specifically designed to help brothers prepare this summer for their first year of law school through accessible online lectures that can be accessed anytime.

This is an ideal opportunity for brothers starting law school at the end of this summer to gain a competitive advantage. The program provides essential preparation that bridges the gap between undergraduate studies and the rigorous demands of legal education.

To take advantage of this fraternal discount, register using Promo Code NU1911 to receive the special \$99 pricing.

For questions about the course content or registration, contact Brother Murray directly at (914) 275-8019.

Don't miss this investment in your legal education and future career success.



#### San Diego Alumni Chapter Serves Nearly 450 Families in July

The San Diego Alumni Chapter made a significant community impact through two back-to-school events in July, reaching families across San Diego County.

On July 12, 2025, the chapter partnered with the 39th Senate District for a Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway and Resource Fair at KIPP Adelante Prep Academy, serving nearly 300 families with essential school supplies.

Two weeks later, on July 26, 2025, the brothers continued their service at the Community Expo Event at Chula Vista Elementary School District Center. This event provided over 150 backpacks, 100 first aid kits, and 50 educational books and games to local families.

These initiatives demonstrate the chapter's commitment to educational excellence and community uplift, ensuring hundreds of students entered the school year better prepared for

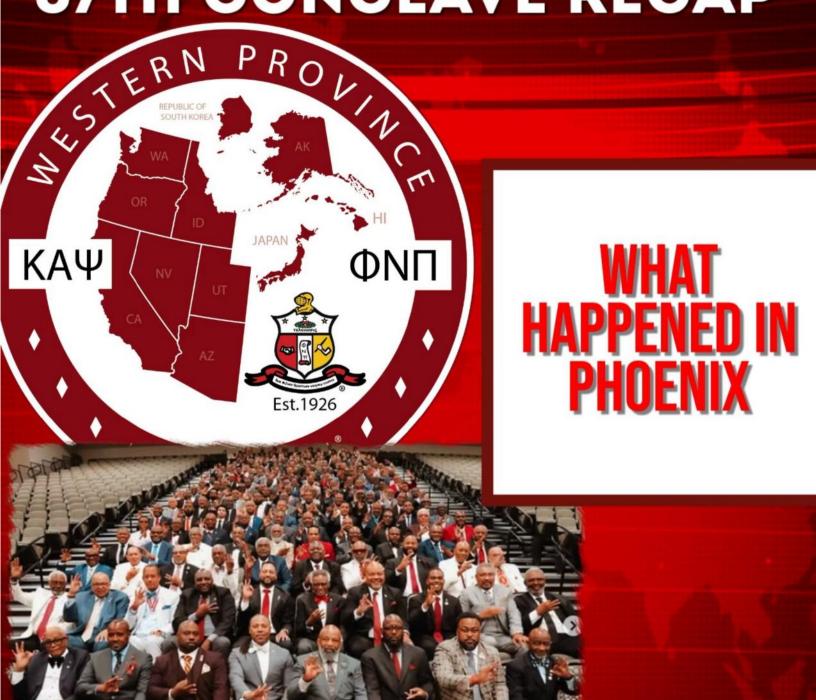
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#### San Diego Alumni Chapter Serves Nearly 450 Families in July



#### 87TH CONCLAVE RECAP



**GRAND CHAPTER MEETING UPDATES** 

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#### 87th Grand Chapter Meeting

The Phoenix (AZ) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was proud to host the 87th Grand Chapter Meeting in July 2025—a historic milestone for the chapter, as this was the first time Phoenix served as host city for this prestigious national gathering.

Chartered in 1947, the Phoenix (AZ) Alumni Chapter had a rich legacy of leadership, service, and achievement. For decades, they were a pillar of strength within the Western Province—consistently committed to the Fraternity's core values of brotherhood, scholarship, and community impact. From award-winning Guide Right programs and impactful civic partnerships to national recognition for excellence, Phoenix long stood as a model of what dedicated Kappa men could accomplish.

Most recently, the chapter's outstanding work was recognized at the 2025 Western Province Council, where it earned three major awards:

James O. Whaley Chapter of the Year Award – Celebrating overall excellence in programming, leadership, and impact.

Sterling Dover Alumni Scrapbook Award – Honoring their exceptional documentation of fraternal and community engagement.e of the fastest-growing and most vibrant cities in the country.

#### 87th Grand Chapter Meeting

We warmly welcomed all Brothers of the Western Province and beyond who joined us in the Valley of the Sun. They came to celebrate this historic occasion, experienced the beauty and culture of Phoenix, and witnessed firsthand the strength and spirit of the Phoenix (AZ) Alumni Chapter. We made history together in July 2025!



#### Grand Chapter Recognition

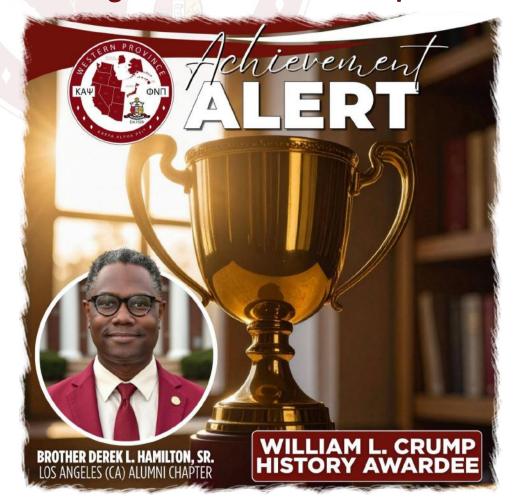
Congratulations to Brother Derek L. Hamilton, Sr. a Spring 2010 Initiatee of the Los Angeles (CA) Alumni Chapter on receiving the prestigious William L. Crump History Award at Grand Chapter in Phoenix!

This national recognition highlights your outstanding dedication to preserving our fraternal legacy and history. The Los Angeles Alumni Chapter and the entire Western Province celebrate this incredible honor with you.

Your commitment to documenting and sharing our brotherhood's rich heritage is truly exemplary.

What an achievement to be recognized on the Grand Chapter

stage!



## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COMPLETE

We just wrapped up something pretty incredible - our discussions and voting on over 20 constitutional amendments that came out of the 87th Grand Chapter Meeting. Talk about getting things done!

Our brotherhood came together in true Kappa fashion, diving deep into these proposals and making some solid decisions. When the dust settled, we passed 20 amendments that are going to make our fraternity stronger and more organized than ever. Eight others didn't quite make the cut, but that's democracy in action, right?

The changes we approved are actually pretty exciting. We're talking about clearer membership standards, way better financial reporting across the board, and some new councils that'll help our record keepers and treasurers stay connected and coordinated.

These updates go live October 1st, and honestly, it feels like we're stepping into a new era of Kappa excellence. The whole process showed what we're all about - brothers coming together, having real conversations, and making decisions that'll benefit our fraternity for years to come.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COMPLETE

The best part? Everyone had a voice in this process. That's the Kappa way, and it's what makes these changes so meaningful. We didn't just vote on amendments; we invested in our future.

Bottom line - we just leveled up our Constitution and Statutes, and I couldn't be more proud of how our province handled this whole process. Here's to building an even stronger Kappa Alpha Psi!



#### Moments From Grand Conclave







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# EVENTS ACROSS THE PROVINCE





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