

**HISTORY OF THE CHESAPEAKE-VIRGINIA BEACH (VA) ALUMNI CHAPTER
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The seed for a new chapter in the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach communities was planted over an extended period of time by Brother Robert Eugene Ferebee. However, it did not take root until early on Saturday morning, July 16, 1983, while Brother Ferebee and two (2) other alumni brothers of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to participate in an annual Greek picnic in the park. The seed which was sown by Brother Ferebee was cultivated with the assistance and support of Brothers Nathan R. Saunders and Ernest M. Ellis, Jr. Upon their return to the Hampton Roads area, the Kappa Brothers watered the seed and began planning to share the concept with other Kappas who were not affiliated with any alumni chapter. Brothers David Harrington and Kent Davis actively united with Brothers Ferebee, Ellis, and Saunders in the planning process until they accepted employment and moved out of the Hampton Roads area. Great care was exercised in setting an agenda for the first organizational meeting. These brothers exhibited a commitment that was a will for service and not merely a quest for personal fame or fortune.

On Thursday night, September 29, 1983, ten (10) Kappas braved a severe rainstorm and hurricane watch to organize what is now known as the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach (VA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Brothers Marvin E. Alexander, Thomas B. Campbell, Jr., Kenneth L. Day, Ernest M. Ellis, Jr., Robert E. Ferebee, Willie C. Garrison, Eric W. Hines, Richard T. Joe, Frank D. Miller, Jr., and Robert M. Oliver were in attendance at the organizational meeting. The meeting was held at the Indian Creek Apartments Club House in Virginia Beach. As the Brothers expressed their desires for an alumni chapter, they concluded that the objectives of Kappa Alpha Psi stated explicitly what they wanted to experience. They strongly desired the new chapter to be an avenue where every member would be committed and deeply grounded in the ideas and objectives of Kappa Alpha Psi. Also, they desired a chapter where fairness was the order of the day, and each member would have the opportunity to use his talents in advancing the Fraternity. Brother Ellis was elected as the moderator until such time as it would be appropriate to elect officers. After agreeing to meet on the first Thursday of each month and completing other business that came before the group, the meeting was adjourned.

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Six meetings were held between the initial meeting and the chartering banquet. As commitment was exhibited to other Brothers, the ranks of the alumni colony grew. The Senior Grand Vice-Polemarch and the Eastern Province Polemarch, Brothers James B. Abram, Jr. and Clarence F. Nelson, Jr., respectively, were extremely helpful in getting the charter approved by the Grand Board of Directors.

On Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1984, the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach (VA) Alumni Chapter was chartered during a banquet held in the West Campus Dining Hall of Norfolk State University. Brother Abram provided the keynote address and Brother Nelson presented the charter, installed the first officers, and charged the infant chapter to involve itself in reclamation and social action. The twenty-one charter members and first officers are:

Willard G. Adams
Marvin E. Alexander (Lieutenant Strategus)
Rudolph A. Blanding
Bruce M. Burwell, Sr.
Thomas B. Campbell, Jr. (Vice-Polemarch)
Kenneth L. Day
Marvin L. Duke
Ernest M. Ellis, Jr. (Polemarch)
Vincent I. Epps
Robert E. Ferebee (Keeper of Records)
Willie C. Garrison (Parliamentarian)
Eric W. Hines, Sr. (Strategus)
Reynard K. Horston
Richard T. Joe (Keeper of the Exchequer)
Ellsworth E. Mayfield, Jr. (Member - Board of Directors),
Frank D. Miller, Jr. (Assistant Keeper of the Exchequer)
Richard F. Oliver, Sr. (Member - Board of Directors)
Robert M. Oliver (Dean of Pledges)
Donald A. Saunders (Member - Board of Directors)
Nathan R. Saunders (Assistant Keeper of Records and Historian-Reporter)
Arthur Whitmore

The Chapter initiated its first Scroller Club into the Fraternity on July 13, 1985. Initiates were Donnie W. Mangum, Clarence E. Parker, Nelson E. Reid, and Milton E. Waters. The initiates enveloped the spirit of fraternity and interwove their talents with those of the other brothers for the

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advancement of the Chapter in particular and the Fraternity in general. Subsequent initiations were held by the Chapter until the Fraternity embraced cluster initiations at the province level. In addition to the initiates named above, the other initiates are as follows:

SPRING 1985	Donnie W. Magnum Clarence E. Parker Nelson E. Reid Milton E. Waters
SPRING 1986	Dean L. Hobson Willie L. Jones
SPRING 1987	Kevin M. Freeman Charles D. L. Logan Richard R. Peacock Anthony L. Wooten
SPRING 1989	Gilbert G. Campbell Jr. **Roderick A. Lamb **Antione R. Paige Ellis M. Savage, Sr.
SPRING 1991	Carlton C. Bland
SPRING 1992	Michael J. Bond Kent L. Howard
SPRING 1996	Clarence G. Grier, II
SPRING 2001	Edward J. Allen Carl L. Caudle Gerry W. Jeremie
SPRING 2002	Derek K. Bond Louge Gunn
SPRING 2003	Randee D. Artis
SPRING 2005	Rodney L. Craig, Sr. Bertram D. Hinton, Sr. Jasper L. Owens, Sr.
SPRING 2006	Rashad D. L. Cartwright Anthony Evans Clifton L. Freshwater Ronald R. Harding, Jr. Richard A. Thomas, III Welton Thomas, Jr.
SPRING 2007	Franklin J. Burrus, III Anthony Hill, Jr. Jamaine T. Pearson Xaivier G. Ransome Danny I. Thompson
SPRING 2008	Lyonell L. Lee Ezra N. Locke, Sr. Kevin L. Sneed

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	Sean L. N. Williams
SPRING 2009	Antonio D. Brown Sean F. Hickman L. Eric Miller Everett W. Whiten
SPRING 2010	Franklin A. Bradford, Jr. Tobias Chappell, II DeAndre T. Howard Shahn L. Taylor Germaine T. Williams
SPRING 2011	Rodjane Bailey Gregory D. Hopson, Jr. George Parker, III Jerome Patrick, Jr. Alvin T. Payne, Jr. James Smith, Jr. Derrick L. Walker
SPRING 2012	Jaren J. Ford Harry E. Jenkins Juan A. Johnson, Jr. David J. Liston, III Melvin D. Walton, Jr.
SPRING 2013	Sherron A. Childress William J. Harkins Clifton M. Harmon, III Rashard A. Pearson Christian D. Porter James G. Scott, Jr. DeShawn L. Showell Tariq J. Smith
SPRING 2014	Zaire W. Allen Joseph L. Barnes, Jr. Oscar C. Bazemore, III Frederick D. Credle, Jr. Bryant A. Jenkins Shawn J. Mull Marcus R. Thornton Cornelius F. Walker Ty-Shaun L. Watson
SPRING 2017	Rushard D. Anderson Michael T. Bane William E. W. Blanks, Sr. Omar J. DeCosta Jordan M. Ellison Christopher Fantroy Jeremy J. Jones Stevie K. Jones, Jr. Carl K. G. Hamilton Derek L. Savage

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	Marquon D. Webster Thurgood M. Wynn
FALL 2017	Darius L. Boone Cameron O. Brown Sakin A. Burt James J. Hayes, II Martin J. Tipton
SPRING 2019	Justin W. Beatty Damiyan J. Caldwell D'Andre T. Henderson Jahmatis K. Rainey
SPRING 2020	Deon E. Haraway Jesse Matthews, Jr.
SPRING 2022	JaQuan K. Anderson Patrick L. Boone Shawn Z. Tarrant, Jr. Cordero R. Wallace
SPRING 2023	Sean L. Bronner, Jr. Bryce L. Compton Julian J. Herbert Tevin J. Ringo David W. Thompson Andre M. Thercy Brian K. Warren

From its chartering up until now, the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach (VA) Alumni Chapter has been fortunate to have had good leaders with unselfish desires to advance the Chapter. The polemarchs included the following brothers:

- Ernest M. Ellis, Jr. (1984 to 1985)
- Robert E. Ferebee (1985 to 1986)
- Ellsworth E. Mayfield, Jr. (1986)
- Richard F. Oliver, Sr. (1986 to 1987)
- **Richard T. Joe (1987 to 1988)
- Donnie W. Mangum (1988 to 1991)
- Michael W. Graves (1991 to 1992)
- Ernest M. Ellis, Jr. (1992 to 1994)
- Arcino Quiero, Jr. (1994 to 1998)
- Charlie Riley (1998 to 1999)
- Charles D. L. Logan (1999 to 2001)

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****Joey P. Powell (2001 to 2003)**
Col. Randy B. Bell, Sr. (2003 to 2004)
Michael W. Graves, Sr. (2004 to 2006)
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Cornelius Hudgins, IV (2007 to 2012)
Troy A. Lindsey (2012 to 2014)
Germaine T. Williams (2014 to 2016)
Cornelius Hudgins, IV (2016 to 2019)
Germaine T. Williams (2019 to 2021)
Antonio D. Brown (2021 to 2023)
Larry M. Norman (2023 to present)

Under the leadership of these astute men, other resolute officers and members gave generously of their time and resources to create an environment where all Kappas could live up to the high principles upon which Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded.

In keeping with the objectives of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the purpose of honorable achievement, the Chapter has sponsored and participated in many worthwhile projects. The pride and joy of the Chapter is its Beautillion Militaire Leadership/Scholarship Program for male high school seniors. This signature Guide Right program was envisioned by Brothers Earl Sconiers and Avery Gathers and debuted in 2002. Charter Member Brother Vincent Irvin Epps led the way in devoting countless hours to make certain that this and other programs were presented to the public with great class and the highest quality. During the years of our existence, we have initiated and, or participated in many projects. Other projects at various times have included toys for tots at Christmas, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas gifts for children, Paint your Heart Out, scholarships, Thanksgiving dinner for the needy, Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas food baskets and gifts, voter registration drive, bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Halloween parties for kids, assisting with shelter for the homeless, recruiting donors for bone marrow transplants, picnic for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and serving as positive role models in the public schools during Black History Month. Several outside interests have benefited from the Chapter's financial support.

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Additionally, the Chapter has sponsored many social affairs. Through the Chapter's social action programs (community service), the Fraternity has become much more meaningful to its members and their families, along with the extended community.

The Chesapeake-Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter received great visibility in the Eastern Province with the grand style in which it hosted the Virginia Chapters' Founders Day Banquet on January 19, 1991, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Virginia Beach. Also, the Chapter hosted the Eastern Province Council at the Norfolk Airport Hilton Hotel March 31 to April 3, 1994. To date, this particular Province Council records the largest registration in the history of the Eastern Province. More than five hundred (500) Kappas were registered. They were made to feel welcome with the assistance of the newly chartered silhouettes of the Chapter under the dynamite leadership of Silhouette President Johnetta Sowell Ewell. The hospitality extended to Brothers, Silhouettes and guests set a standard that has yet to be matched. Some brothers answered the call from beyond the Chapter to serve on committees at the Eastern Province level. They include Brother Clarence E. Tucker, Jr. who previously served as chairman of the golf tournament to benefit the Fraternity's international service program in raising money for the St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Brother Cornelius Hudgins, IV currently serves as the chairman of the St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital and Brother Ernest Ellis, who previously served on the Eastern Province Council Planning Committee, currently as the chairman of the Eastern Province Budget Committee. The example set has been often imitated, but never actually replicated.

Of the many brothers who entered through the doors of the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter, two (2) transitioned thus far into the Chapter Invisible. With profound sadness, we acknowledge the passing of our fifth polemarch, Brother Richard Joe, into the Chapter Invisible on October 15, 1989. Brother Joe, a charter member, made many sacrifices to advance the Chapter. He was an educator and a positive role model. He leaves a rich legacy of molding young minds to become all that they were intended to be. The Chapter named its scholarship in memory of Brother Joe. The Richard T. Joe Memorial Scholarship has aided many high school graduates in the pursuit of higher education. In addition, Brother Roderick A. Lamb entered the Chapter Invisible on

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December 19, 2004. Brother Lamb was initiated with the fourth (4th) class of initiates through the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter. Soon after his initiation he relocated to Maryland.

In closing this historical sketch, it would be a gross oversight if we did not state that there were other members who played vital roles in ensuring the stability and growth of the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter between its inception and present state. Those brothers include Cleve W. Ewell, III, who joined the Chapter soon after the chartering and has served the Chapter as the Keeper of Records for more than thirty (30) years. Other brothers have served as officers, committee chairmen, on committees and, or in various other capacities. They include, but are not limited to Brothers: James F. Graves, Jr., Wilford Lee Hargrove, Nathaniel Motley, Jon Sizemore, Bradford W. Smith, Linwood J. Smith Jr., Kendall C. Thomas, Antonio L. Sisco, Joseph E. Twyman Jr., Samuel Younger, Sean Davenport, Anthony Williams, Earl (Brown) Sconiers, Avery Gathers, John Darensbourgh, LTC Elgear J. Primus, Eric High, Derek T. Anderson, Earling M. Hunter, Devon M. Mack, Stenette Byrd, III, H. Jodda Crabb, Phillip L. DeBoe, Larry D. James, Troy A. Lindsey, Paul L. Roberts, Jr., Kendall Slatton, Keith L. Thornton, Herman J. Wine. Each has indelibly placed his Kappa Spirit in the history of our Chapter.

With continued commitment, we look forward to adding many more pages to this history. While our history is yet being played out, we know without a doubt that each brother who affiliated with and, or served in the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter has contributed in no small way to our very existence. Although we have moved from being the best kept secret in the Eastern Province, we are still a chapter of opportunity. It is still a good day to be a Kappa! We are living examples of Grand Polemarch Dwayne M. Murray's theme of "One Kappa."