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Polemarch's Corner

Written by Bro. Kevin D. Kyles

24th Polemarch of the Northern Province

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to a new fraternal year! My hope is that 2016-17 will be a productive and prosperous one for the Northern Province.

The 24th Administration has been moving quickly since our term began on May 1, 2016. Hopefully by now you have either heard a presentation or viewed the presentation of the 24th Administration's strategy to deliver the Grand Polemarch's Six Point Plan. If you have not, please go to our refreshed web presence at www.kapsi-np.org and go to the Brothers Only section to view it.

Below is a list of accomplishments to date as we move the Northern Province forward.

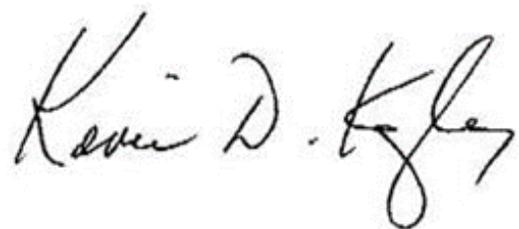
- Developed and rolled-out 24th Administration Strategy to support the Grand Polemarch's Six Point Plan
- All administrative and committee appointments were assigned
- Risk Management Committee and structure was established
- Province Operating & Governance structure was established
- Attended Summer Grand Board Meeting in Columbus, OH on 06/03/2016
- Province Officer and Board of Director Members Planning Retreat held on 06/18/2016
- Polemarch & Committee Chair Summit held on 08/27/2016
- Refreshed Website launched on 08/27/2016
- Adopted Google as the technology platform of choice for the Province
 - * Established Google Drive cloud storage solution
 - * Moved e-mail list service to Google Groups
- Developed Quarterly Chapter Reporting requirements
- Began the reactivation process for Benton Harbor (MI) Alumni Chapter

- Attended various chapter meetings, events and town halls
 - * Fellowship with Lansing (MI) Alumni Chapter
 - * Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti/Inkster (MI) Alumni Chapter Meeting
 - * Kalamazoo (MI) Alumni Chapter Meeting
 - * Detroit (MI) Alumni Chapter Meeting
 - * Western New York Chapters Town Hall Meeting (Buffalo, NY)
 - Southfield (MI) Alumni Slugfest & Fellowship
- Reported the following status to the Grand Polemarch and Senior Grand Vice Polemarch on key Grand Chapter initiatives:
 - * St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - \$13,891.00 raised to date
 - * Smithsonian African American Museum - \$8,000.00 paid against a \$40,000.00 pledge
 - * Senior Kappa Endowment Fund - \$7,500.00 contributed to date by 15 Brothers
- CRWLC held the weekend of October 7-8, 2016 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University with a record of 175 Brothers registered. Our 33rd Grand Polemarch Brother Thomas L. Battles, Jr. was in attendance and provided transparent, frank and candid comments on the State of the Fraternity.

We have accomplished much in five months, but there is still so much more work to do. I want to thank ALL the Brothers of the Northern Province, our Polemarchs and Province Leadership for all that they do to make Kappa great. Your support of the administration's plan is appreciated.

Remember to complete your Chapter Certification and Program Documentation by October 31st.

Yours in the Bond,



Kevin D. Kyles, Northern Province Polemarch

Chapter Updates by Bro. Jordan Walker

The recent situations at my Alma Mater, Eastern Michigan University, have deeply disappointed me. As of a few weeks ago, some racial slurs were spray painted on the side of a school building (King Hall) early during the school day.

I was informed of the incident when one of our fraternity brothers who happened to be on campus sent the picture of these slurs to our group text chat. The racial slurs read “KKK (painted in red, white & blue), NIGGERS LEAVE!”

Seeing these words spray painted on the side of an educational building deeply disturbed me on a few different levels. I must first say that this incident does not reflect EMU as a whole, but I can't say that I was surprised that something like this came out. I attended Eastern from 2011- 2016, and I've almost lost count on the number of degrading statements I've seen scribed on the walls of bathrooms and dorm buildings. Things from KKK



symbolizing to Nazi Logos. It disappoints me that in 2016 these types of images and phrases are displayed publicly.

Another part that connected with me was all of the controversy that Brother Colin Kaepernick has received for his protest of the National Anthem. A lot of people have been questioning his motives for kneeling down during the national anthem, but they must understand he is doing it for situations like these. He kneels during the anthems because KKK was Spray Painted on school building in “our” countries Red, White, and Blue colors. He kneels down because “Niggers Leave” was spray painted on the side of educational buildings promoting us to leave these college campus and stop pursuing higher education.

Chapter Updates



After five weeks of hard work, members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and Successful Black Women of MSU came together to help students in need in the Lansing area.

The two groups held a backpack drive to benefit Lansing area K-12 students during the Labor Day Weekend.

The drive was held Saturday at Lansing's Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy and was open to K-12 students.

Selena Crummie, an actuarial science senior and vice president of Successful Black Women of MSU, said 45 backpacks filled with school supplies were given out.

After they ran out of backpacks, the group continued handing out supplies, she said. Overall, they aided more than 50 students.

"We're trying to show the community we're here (to help)," food industry management senior and Kappa Alpha Psi member Salim Lancaster said "The only way the community can thrive is with the support of clubs and people."

Organizers sought to create an event that worked with the schedule and needs of the community.

"We can provide supplies to students in need, in a convenient location and (at) a convenient time," student life coordinator at the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy Elvin Caldwell said.

The drive was also beneficial to parents who might not have been able to afford school supplies for their children.

"When you're a parent on a budget, it really helps," Lansing resident Latisha Taylor said.

Taylor is the mother of Jordan Taylor, age 9, who received school supplies from the drive.

Students Terance Miller, age 6, and Laniya Ly, age 8, were excited to receive school supplies and to be going back to school.



The Delta Pi Chapter at Michigan State University celebrated 60 years of achievement the weekend of October 14-16, 2016. Nearly 200 initiates of the chapter returned to celebrate this historic milestone. Friday evening featured the closed banquet. Brother Tim City (2009), an up and coming comedian, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. 50 Year members were recognized with plaques and a special achievement award was bestowed upon Province Polemarch Kevin D. Kyles, who is a 1984 initiate of the chapter.



50+ year members of the Delta Pi Chapter.

Beta Xi

Chapter Updates by Bro. Rayshawn Wells



Beta Xi and Tau Chapter at Homecoming after performing community service.



Beta Xi Community Service at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.

Epsilon Tau Chapter Updates



Brothers of Epsilon Tau supporting Brother Colin Kaepernick during the Ferris State University Annual Black Greek Council Annual Marchdown.

Delta Beta Chapter Updates



Brothers on the yard pictured with Brother Marquise Francis (Delta Beta Spring 2011) as he stops by to serve on a panel for Newhouse 44– an alumni networking mentorship group.

Iota Phi

Chapter Updates



On Saturday October 1, 2016 the Iota Phi Chapter welcomed back to campus a very special chapter alumni, Brother Mark Tatum, the Deputy Commissioner of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Spring 1988 initiate of Fraternity. Brother Tatum discussed his life, his career and how Kappa played a part in his life's journey. The audience of Cornell students, Kappa Leaguers and Brothers (Iota Phi Alumni, Corning-Elmira Alumni and the members for the Iota Phi Chapter who planned the event) all actively engaged with Brother Tatum in a spirited question and answer period before the event closed and migrated to a more intimate forum of brotherly dialog and bonding.

Gamma Beta Chapter Updates



Brothers of Gamma Beta giving back clothes to the needy.

*Congrats to
our
Kappa
Graduates*





Our Undergraduate Brother of the Month

Bro. Malik Evans

Our featured Undergraduate Brother for the month is **Brother Malik Evans**. Brother Malik Evans is a Fall 2015 initiate of the Delta Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at Syracuse University. He holds the position of Northern Province Strategus.

He is a senior double majoring in advertising and marketing with a minor in psychology. On campus, he is the Comptroller working with a \$2.9-million-dollar budget, which is allocated to the 300+ organizations at Syracuse. Through this role, he strives to build deeper connections with various students in order to foster collaboration, but also for their organizations to better serve the campus and its community.

Recently, he was selected to be a Remembrance Scholar, which is composed of 35 Syracuse seniors who represent the 35 Syracuse University students who tragically lost their life on Pan Am Flight 103. Brother Evans is also actively enrolled in Syracuse University's first-year experience through his role as an Orientation Leader.

Within the Bond, his chapter has instilled in him the value of honorable achievement and he is thankful to all the Brothers who came before him to instill these values.



2016 C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference



The 2016 C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference (CRWLC) was held on October 7–8, 2016 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI. A record number 175 Brothers were registered for the event.

Friday evening started with dinner and a brief overview of the 24th Administration’s strategy to deliver on the Grand Polemarch’s Six Point Plan by Province Polemarch Kevin D. Kyles. That was followed by a town hall that featured the current Province Polemarch and all living Past Province Polemarchs of the Northern Province (E. Ken Glass, Jr. – 19th, Harry G. Franklin – 22nd and Dr. Desmon R. Daniel – 23rd). A myriad of questions were asked on various topics and great dialogue occurred amongst the participants. Friday evening closed with a team building event.

Saturday featured several different training tracks, MTA Certification and a lessons learned presentation on Risk Management. However, the featured speaker of the day was our Grand Polemarch Brother Thomas L. Battles, Jr. Brother Battles’ comments were very candid and frank. He provided a very transparent view on the State of the Fraternity and ad-

addressed many issues that concern the membership. He concluded his remarks by officially swearing in Brother Kyles as the 24th Northern Province Polemarch. The entire membership of the Northern Province received him very well and was so pleased that he made time in his busy schedule to be with the Brothers in the North. Below you will find a video greeting from the Grand Polemarch to the Northern Province.

[Grand Polemarch's Message to the Northern Province](#)

Thanks are in order for CRWLC Chairman and Province Board Member Gregory Thomas (Corning-Elmira Alumni) and Meeting Planner and Province Board Member Phil Anderson (Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni). These brothers continue to demonstrate excellence in everything they touch. Thanks also go out to the host chapters of Delta Nu, Sigma and Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni. The Province appreciates all that you did to make the 2016 CRWLC the biggest and one of the best ever



The 33rd Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi with the living Province Polemarchs of the Northern Province.

Ann Arbor Ypsilanti Inkster Alumni Chapter Updates

The Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni Chapter (AAYI) volunteered at the Ypsilanti District Library's Prime Time Read Program on September 12, 2016. Families of children between the ages of 3-10 participate in an interactive program that works towards improving childhood literacy. The Ypsilanti District Library works with the Michigan Humanities Council as part of this program. The AAYI Chapter provided dinner for over 60 children and family members.



Delta Nu and Sigma Undergraduate Chapters along with Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni Chapter hosted the 2016 CRWLC in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti (Eastern Michigan University), October 7-8, 2016. This year Grand Polemarch Thomas L. Battles, Jr. joined the Brothers Saturday afternoon and

provided an enlightening powerful presentation. The AAYI Chapter had over 22 Brothers that attended this year's CRWLC.

Brothers from the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni Chapter made a financial contribution and participated in the Washtenaw County 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's. The walk was held at Washtenaw Community College on October 9, 2016.



A Father's Legacy

Written by Bro. Michael Kinloch Senior Province Vice Polemarch



My sons are a gift from God and their membership into Kappa is a gift to me, so I am a very proud Dad”.

My sons were interested in Kappa since they were children. I thank God for giving them the opportunity to join the greatest fraternity on the planet. It is a true testament they appreciated the impact and contributions Kappa has made to our family. They also observed how I used Kappa as a vehicle to serve the community and I trust that they will do the same. Now my prayer is that Kappa will be around so that their reward for being a Kappa will at least equal the rewards I have experienced for being a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Lansing Alumni Chapter Updates



The brothers of the Lansing Alumni Chapter volunteered their time and energy to greet students returning to school at the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy (MMLA). Brother Darius Cunningham works at the institution and was instrumental in coordinating efforts. This event was conducted in collaboration with Power 96.5 a local radio station, and Men Making A Difference at part of the 100 Men in Suits campaign.

Buffalo Alumni's Kappa Town Hall



On Saturday September 17, 2016 the Western New York Chapters of the Northern Province sponsored a Kappa Town Hall. The town hall was hosted by Buffalo Alumni Chapter Polemarch Justin Lewis, Phi Chapter Polemarch Shaquille Jones and Province Kappa Spirit Committee Chairman Kent Olden. Approximately 30 Brothers were in attendance representing nearly 100% participation by each chapter.

The town hall featured Province Polemarch Kevin D. Kyles who shared the 24th Administration's strategy to deliver on the Grand Polemarch's Six-Point Plan. Brother Kyles emphasized the need to foster Brotherhood, supporting our Undergraduate Members and protecting the Fraternity using robust risk management processes. After Brother Kyles' presentation, the 19th Northern Province Polemarch and Past Grand Board Member E. Kenneth Glass, Jr. provided words of wisdom and encouragement to all present.



A Moment in Kappa History: Kappa Paddles

Written by Bro. Harrison R. Duke III

One of the most endearing and prominent symbols of fraternity life is the craftily constructed wooden **paddle**. Stylish **paddles**, from the ornate to the bland, adorn dorm rooms, chapter houses, homes, work places, businesses, offices and museums. **Paddles** come with the instinctive connotation of fraternity pledging, initiation rituals, hazing, cruel punishment, particularly because of the shape. The **pledge paddle** is like the mythical siren whose melodic song cannot be ignored. Grip secured it becomes an extension of the arm, an instrument of power and control. The American fraternity story has a few unpleasant chapters within the national history of college organizations dedicated to the “**spanking paddle**”. The “**spanking paddle**” may have been originally invented for the punishment of slaves as a way of causing intense pain without doing any permanent damage to the recipient. In many former slave states the **paddle** was used after the Civil War in school, elementary through college.

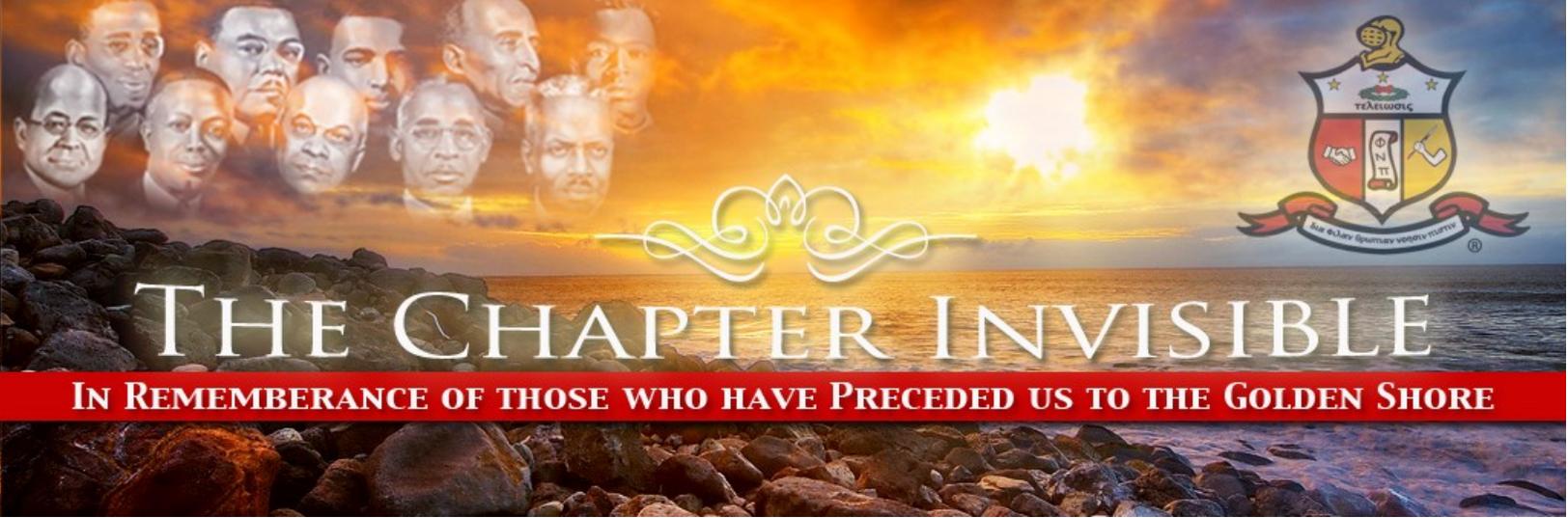
The **spanking paddle** is an implement used to strike a person on the buttock. Occasionally holes are drilled to lessen air drag when approaching the buttocks producing a lasting pain. Yes, from 1915 to 1994, the **Kappa spanking paddle/pledge paddle** was meant, to be used for hazing/pledging rituals. “**Wood is good**” was the chant, echoed across the Kappa landscape. Or, my brothers are **Kappa paddles** also a time honored Greek fraternity tradition of recognition and achievement? Neo’s once received a **pledge paddle** when they crossed the burning sands. The **spanking paddle** has now become a Trophy, a tangible certificate of earning your K, achievement. The **pledge spanking paddle**, has evolved into a **ceremonial paddle**, proudly adorned with Kappa History, the pledge challenge, line name, list of your sands, crossing dates, etc.

Or are paddles a covert message of machismo, our fondness for the ladies, gentleman character, we created the **sweetheart paddle**. Adorned with messages of admiration, symbols of affection, in one of two colors, krimson or kream. That 6 ft. **show paddle** the pledgees made for their DP, or Chapter Polemarch. A symbol of ego, just Nupe’n it up, a **commissioned paddle** of respect. **Gift paddles** are those generic fraternity paddles that have KAψ written on it, wood or plastic, in raised krimson letters, on a standard industry shaped paddle. Nothing special, just the good intent of a non-Greek, to acknowledge your Nupeness. Province Meetings and Founders Day have given **commemorative paddles** as gifts that are sometimes adorn with a clock, thermometer, or photo. **Souvenir paddles** are the pieces and splinters of **spanking/pledge paddles** glued together to commemorate the day and time, it was broken over your ass.

A few brothers are the proud caretakers of **esoteric paddles**. Paddles with secret chapter and pledge line symbols, words, **Phi Nu Pi** the Scroll, the diamond and a complete Coat of Arms. The **keychain paddle** may fit in your pocket, never

the less it is what it is. **Kappa Lapel pins** in the shape of paddles can be found on official jewelry websites. The first reference of the **Kappa spanking paddle**, **the Journal** Volume 19, No. 6, August 1933, “A Code for Pledging”, Brother Robert Ming wrote “paddling is nothing less than vicious.” The **Kappa paddle** first appeared in **the Journal of Kappa Alpha Psi**, December 1933, Volume 20 #3. “New Chapter Established at Langston University”. The photo captures a 6 foot **Kappa** paddle that takes center stage, steadied by two brothers, surrounded by the entire chapter, suits and ties, gentlemanly in character. **1948** undergraduates complained that too often alumni brothers hijack pledge sessions and paddle too excessively.

What makes these handmade non-pledge paddles special, yes, paddles of achievement ... is their content of **Kappa Spirit**. These paddles are an extremely personal narration of challenge, personal sacrifice, a personal journey, love, brotherhood and tradition within each paddle. A trophy, symbolic of an exclusive experience, a spiritual connection only “felt by a **Kappa man**”. Within every **Achievement Kappa paddle** are the spirits of a brotherhood, a bond, sweat equity and the personal attention, of the designer/creator, owner and achiever. As **Kappa** looks forward, we all agree that the origins and traditions of the **spanking pledge paddle** are now archived history, a past tradition. A tradition to be honored but put to rest, retired, revered but not forgotten. Only to be shared in **Kappa** folklore, archives/displays, song and poem. It would be a tragic mistake to attempt to erase 94 years of Kappa history. During these years of overt hazing, the **spanking paddle** was often a pledgee’s refuse. The lesser of many resources used to administer a judgment, compared to some of the other creative methods of punishment, proxies of the **spanking/pledge paddle** for unfocused **Scrollers**. Paddles must now and forever more symbolize *achievement*. This is another moment in **Kappa History**.



Leo Clark

Sigma Chapter, Spring '51

Leo Clark was hired by Ypsilanti Public Schools, becoming one of the first African American teachers at Ypsilanti High School, as an assistant coach and science teacher. In 1976, when NAACP action threatened to close Perry school, Leo developed an alternative plan. Leo recommended the creation of Perry Child Development Center. His proposal would have Ypsilanti children begin and end their educational experience together. Perry CDC is still serving the Ypsilanti community and is a model of early child development programming. Bro. Clark transitioned to Chapter Invisible on July 23, 2016.

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