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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Brothers all,  
I hope you all had a successful Fraternal year and are enjoying your summer. In this issue we capture a small snapshot of this past spring in the Middle Eastern Province. I want to thank all the brothers and chapters who have shared articles. I also want to thank those who have contributed information to this issue. Let us continue to share stories of achievement as they can serve as inspiration to others. If you are interested in sharing a story, send any submissions to me at [Kwin10Mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:Kwin10Mitchell@gmail.com).

Yours in the Bond,

Quentin A. Mitchell

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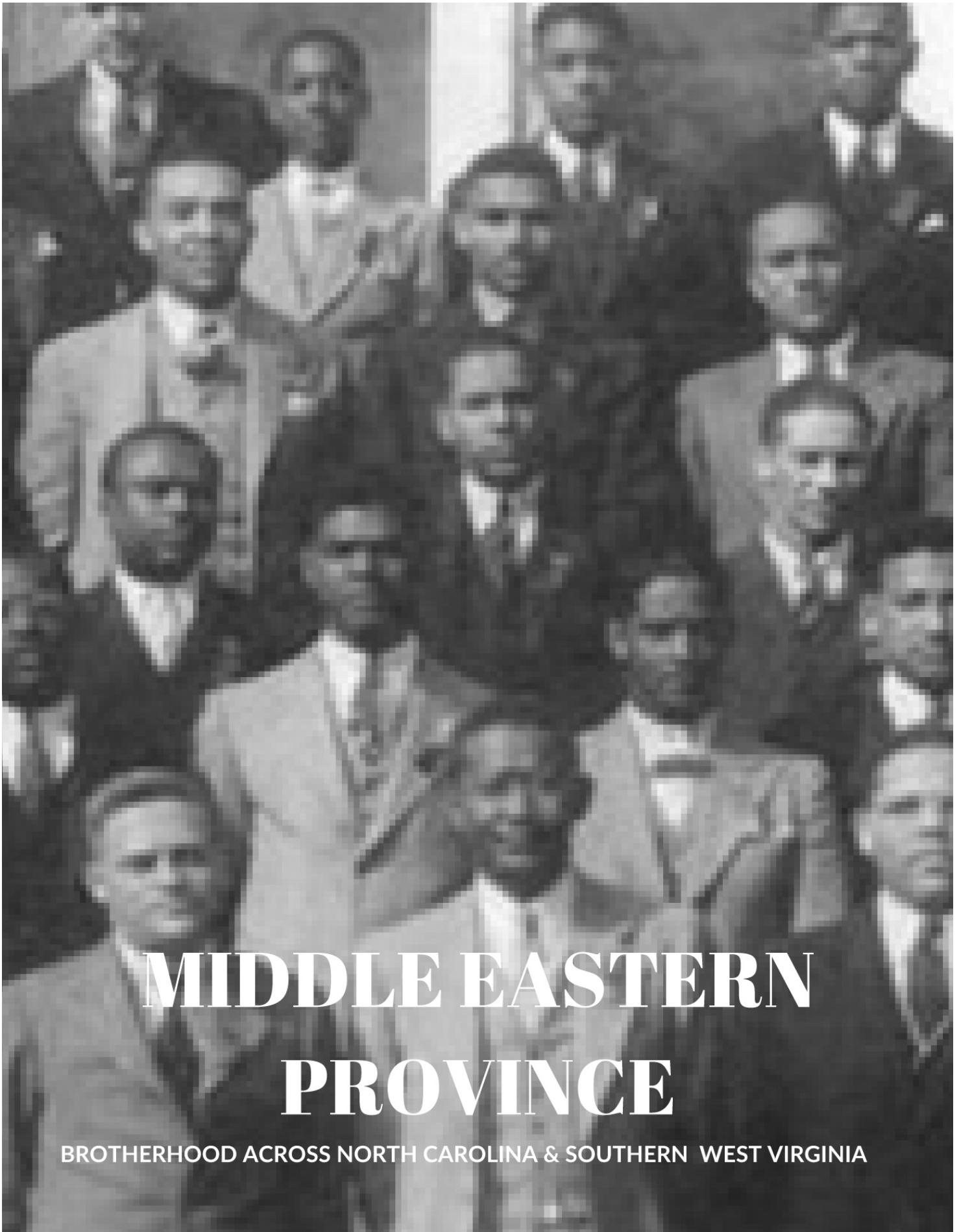
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# MIDDLE EASTERN PROVINCE

BROTHERHOOD ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA & SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA



## COVER STORY



## Areas of Interest and Concern

**Voting Rights/Suppression Tactics**  
**Governor's Budget/HBCU Support Legislation**  
**Prison Reform/Gun Reform**  
**Education**

**“Just now is the time that we must come together for our voices to be heard” - Middle Eastern Province Polemarch Michael Brown**

The 3rd Annual North Carolina Divine Nine Legislative Day was held on May 16th in Raleigh, NC. Approximately 900 attendees convened on Halifax Mall in the NC Government Complex for the largest attendance in its young history. Past Province Polemarch Carlos D. Watson was one of the architects in creating this event four years ago. It has grown and caught the attention of the Divine Nine across the nation. As a result, other states are planning similar events in their capital cities. This year was the first year that all of The Divine Nine national leadership was in attendance. Also, this year was unique because it was held in proximity of the NC Public Schools Day of Advocacy also known as “The March for Students.” This march had over 25,000 participants and coverage from the national media. Although these events briefly overlapped, the NC Divine Nine Legislative Day was not to be overshadowed. The day before the VIPs made stops at the campuses of Shaw University and Saint Augustine’s University. They ended the day by being hosted by Governor Roy Cooper at the Governor’s Mansion. The Legislative Day was more than bringing the Divine Nine together in front of guests from the NC Government. There needed to be attention given to many topics that affect our interests. As Province Polemarch Michael Brown stated, “Just now is the time that we must come together for our voices to be heard.” The topics of interest ranged from voting to education.



## COVER STORY



The day started with breakfast and introductions by Antonio F. Knox, 40th Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated—this year's Official Host for the event. The next four hours of the event included various guest from NC Government and the Divine Nine. Guests from State Government included members of NC Black Caucus, Representative Tim Moore who is the current "Speaker of the House" for the NC House of Representatives, and 6th District Representative Melvin Mitchell. The Governor of North Carolina, the Honorable Roy Cooper, spoke on education and voter rights. Many of the speakers had a common message of coming together as a team to address issues that affect our state. The Divine Nine speakers included Garner Road Community Center CEO Johnson of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. who was a first hand witness to the effect on our youth. Our 33rd Grand Polemarch Thomas L. Battles Jr addressed the crowd along with some of the other Divine Nine leadership. The day concluded with an open lunch discussion.

The success of this event will hopefully continue to build and see advancements in each of the topics that we seek to be addressed. We do know that we have the foundation to help support these efforts. As Vaden Whitaker, The Province Political Action Chairman for our Province, said, "The Divine nine needs to start using our strength in numbers and resources to influence outcomes of local elections."

## 7TH PROVINCE COUNCIL MEETING



# 77th Province Council Meeting

## Wake Forest-Rolesville Alumni Chapter

The 77th Province Council Meeting (PCM) was held in Raleigh, NC in April. This year's PCM was hosted by the Wake Forest-Rolesville Alumni Chapter. The theme was "Advancing Achievement through Brotherhood." It had a strong start as more than 600 Brothers registered for the weekend. This was one of the largest PCMs in our province's history. The weekend kicked off with a golf tournament at RGA Golf Course where forty brothers participated in the tournament. After the golf tournament the province held a cookout and fish fry at Laurel Hills Park. There were over 100 brothers in attendance for the cookout. Simultaneously the Membership Training Academy (M.T.A.) committee was conducting intake training for the aspirants. The Province initiated 189 new members that weekend. These newly initiated members started off their Friday learning the business of Kappa in the Business Session 1 that was held. There was a Brotherhood Awards luncheon to attend after the Business Session. This event was to celebrate achievement within our province as awards were presented to both individuals and chapters.

Friday concluded with a Public Meeting where the public and representation from the Divine Nine were in attendance. The guest speaker was Judge James A. Wynn, Jr. from the U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit. Judge Wynn, a member of our fraternity, delivered an entertaining and strong message. His message was to not just be in the "situation room" but to be involved in the process. Saturday started off with the last Business Session and ended with the Closed Banquet. At the Closed Banquet, 33rd Grand Polemarch Thomas L. Battles delivered the main address. The weekend concluded with our "Sunday of Hope" program in which over 100 brothers were present at Mount Calvary Word of Faith Church. Also, this weekend the Wake Forest-Rolesville Alumni Chapter "Silhouettes" facilitated a successful set of meetings. This was one of the largest attended meetings for the "Silhouettes" within the past twenty years in the province. The Middle Eastern Province wants to thank the Wake Forest-Rolesville Alumni Chapter for hosting this successful weekend.



## 77TH PROVINCE COUNCIL MEETING





**ALPHA NU**

(Current Alpha Nu Chapter and alumni photo take on the steps of the Dudley Building of North Carolina A&T State University, during the 3rd Annual Alpha Nu Retreat.)

### **My Brother's Keeper: Reclamation, Renewal, Revival**

**BROTHER CHRIS  
MARTIN**

On the afternoon of April 21, 2018 in Greensboro, North Carolina on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University, brothers from the Alpha Nu Chapter gathered for a photo on the steps of the Dudley building in front of the historic A&T Four statue, while taking a moment to reflect as the 3rd Annual Alpha Nu Retreat ended.

One hundred seventy-two brothers made the trip to their Alma Mater to partake in a weekend designed with a key purpose of strengthening fraternal relations within the chapter and fellowship amongst all brothers, new and seasoned. Kicking off the weekend with a golf tournament and happy hour, brothers gathered together to pass the loving cup and fellowship.

Day two was for Kappa business; topics included networking, being a Kappa in today's social climate, brotherhood, and committee reports.

Saturday wasn't all business. Following the formal meeting, brothers were entertained at the First National Bank Field for "Meet Me at the Diamond." At the field, the brothers took in America's oldest pastime by attending the local Greensboro Grasshoppers' baseball game. On day three, brothers enjoyed brunch together to wrap up the festivities.

Seven years had passed since the Alpha Nu Chapter had a presence on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University, the largest HBCU in the country.



## Alpha Nu

That inactivity sparked a need to create an environment to help cultivate a void between generations and set the tone for future brothers for years to come. That environment is the Alpha Nu Retreat. "There had always been talk amongst alumni from the Alpha Nu Chapter to have a retreat," says brother Justin Neal, one of the architects of the event.

He goes on to explain, "Our chapter being in existence for 85 years, over 800 brothers have been initiated. We recognized there was a disconnect between the seasoned brothers and the younger brothers. Uniting all the generations of Alpha Nu, allowed us to combine ideas and resources to strengthen brotherhood, reclamation, and advancement of the fraternity's initiatives."

Now in its third year, the retreat has made great strides towards its goal. Since its inception, the retreat has served as a springboard for reclamation, boasting a strong 38% increase in financially active status amongst brothers over a two-year span, and a 15% increase year-over-year. The chapter has already been recognized twice as National Reclamation Chapter of the Month by the Grand Chapter. In addition to those numbers, the chapter has also accumulated 11 new Life Memberships across six different lines. Not one to rest on laurels, the brothers have set their eyes on achieving a stretch goal given by the National Reclamation Chairman of 75% active-living membership.

Top Photo: Creators of the Alpha Nu retreat Josh Canzater-Spr 04 and Justin Neal Spr 04  
Middle Photo: Alpha Nu Brothers fellowshiping at First National Bank Field, Greensboro, NC  
Bottom Photo: Spring 2018





The Durham (NC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, also well known as the Bull City Kappas, hosted the 2018 Sundresses and Seersucker Kentucky Kappa Derby on May 5th. The event was held in Durham, NC at Doyle's Vineyard, a lakefront vineyard property. The event welcomed 250 guests that came in dapper suits and flowing sundresses. Many organizations attended the event to show support and fellowship. This is the 4th year that brothers of the Durham (NC) Alumni Chapter have held the event, but the first time outside of their Kappas of Durham Foundation Center, which made it a huge success. The guests could partake in food, spirits, vendors, and music.

## DURHAM ALUMNI CHAPTER

Brother Quintin Murphy



## Seersucker & Sundress Kappa Day Party







## WAKANDA FOREVER!!!

### BROTHER BROTHER TEAL

I am a Principal in the Durham County Public Schools System. Today was an outstanding day for my mentoring programs. The Brother to Brother and Sister to Sister mentoring programs from Pearson Elementary School and Shepard Middle School, attended a private viewing of Black Panther at Southpoint Cinemas. This event was a successful one as the kids really enjoyed this blockbuster movie. They will always remember this positive experience. I want to publicly thank Mr. David Walk, general manager of Southpoint Cinemas, for having us and providing concessions for the entire group.

Wakanda Forever!!!





## 13th Annual National Founders Day



# ROAD TRIP: 13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOUNDERS DAY

By Brother Randy Hill

THE CHARLOTTE (NC) ALUMNI CHAPTER ATTENDED THE 13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOUNDERS' DAY IN NASHVILLE, TN. APPROXIMATELY 40 BROTHERS, FROM NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA GATHERED AT THE CHARLOTTE FRAT HOUSE AND BOARDED A CHARTER BUS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL EVENT. "I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR BROTHERS TO GET OUT, AND SEE THE FRATERNITY ON A PROVINCE AND NATIONAL LEVEL," SAID POLEMARCH OF CHARLOTTE ALUMNI, ANTON DURRAH.

BROTHERS ATTENDED SOCIAL EVENTS, VISITED THE ALPHA THETA KAPPA KOLONADE, AND SOME EVEN PARTICIPATED IN MTA CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS. "CHARLOTTE ALUMNI HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS FOR YEARS. I'M GLAD WE FINALLY MADE IT HAPPEN," SAID FORMER MIDDLE EASTERN PROVINCE POLEMARCH, CARLOS WATSON. MANY BROTHERS FOUND THE TRIP TO BE MOTIVATIONAL IN GETTING BACK ACTIVE AND/OR FINDING THEIR BROTHERS THAT MAY HAVE STRAYED AWAY FROM THE BOND. AS BRYAN FOSTON, FORMER POLEMARCH OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK (NJ) ALUMNI CHAPTER SAID, "I NEEDED THIS TRIP. THIS HAS REALLY RENEWED MY KAPPA SPIRIT." BROTHER FOSTON IS NOW ASSISTING IN SPEARHEADING THE KAPPA FOUNDATION OF CHARLOTTE'S 5TH ANNUAL HEALTHY ACHIEVEMENT 5K, WHICH TAKES PLACE JUNE 16, 2018.



## 50 Years in the Bond



### Raleigh Alumni Chapter

This past spring our chapter took time to celebrate our Brothers who have been in the bond for 50 years. The original idea was to present a plaque, certificate or polo shirt. That morphed into a bigger plan of giving cream blazers to recognize this great milestone. Gifting the blazers is only a small token of our appreciation. It was an honor to recognize these Brothers as they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. The influence they have on the Chapter, Province, and their communities cannot be measured. For us to continue to properly grow this Fraternity that we love and adore, it is important to build on its foundation. These Brothers have made a great contribution to our foundation. We want to give some special thanks to our Vice Polemarch Brother Clem Lacy for putting his thoughts and energy into this event.

**Brother Alfred Perry: Spring 55 Alpha Nu**

**Brother Frederick Smith: Spring 55 Gamma Epsilon**

**Brother William Hooker: Spring 56 Delta Gamma**  
**\*Elder Watson Diggs Awardee**

**Brother Leroy Sturgis: Spring 63 Beta Chi Chapter**

**Brother Dr. Jerry Wiley: Fall 67 Gamma Delta**

**Brother Samuel Greene: Fall 68 Fayetteville-Ft Bragg-Pope AFB NC Alumni**

**Brother Eugene Johnson: Spring 68 Epsilon Zeta**

**Brother Clem Lacy: Spring 68 Nu Chapter**

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