

Poughkeepsie (NY) Alumni

May 4, 1968

Poughkeepsie Alumni Chapter was chartered in May 1968, at the Northeastern Province Meeting in New York City. Twelve able, dedicated and community conscious KAPPA MEN saw a need and endeavored to get involved. Early in the chapter's existence a significant amount of energy was put into providing support for the youth of the community. This support came in the form of a yearly Career Day Program and Scholarship presentations. In addition, high school students were bused to a local college to gain insight into college life, matriculation requirements, financial aid opportunities, etc. In 1980, the Poughkeepsie Alumni Chapter had the pleasure of hosting the 50th Northeastern Province Meeting. Poughkeepsie Alumni continues to focus on community involvement. Annually, at Thanksgiving and Christmas, turkeys are distributed to 26 families. Also, on an annual basis, the Chapter donates all food and supplies as well as its time, to feed 150-250 homeless individuals at the Beulah Baptist Church in the City of Poughkeepsie. In addition, the Chapter has sponsored a Drug Awareness Program that is done in conjunction with New York State Troopers, New York Correction Officers and area School Administrators. Poughkeepsie Alumni, which celebrated its 25th Anniversary in May 1993, is the proud recipient of the Small Chapter Reclamation Award (1992-1993) and the Guide Right Program of the Year Award (1993-1994). Under the leadership of thirteen Polemarchs since the chapter's inception, there has been total dedication to the principle and beliefs of Kappa Alpha Psi.

CHARTER MEMBERS (alphabetically)

William K. Banks — Johnson C. Smith (Alpha Epsilon) 1955

James B. Clarke — Springfield College (Camp Atwater) 1955

Clarence Gittens — Columbia University (Omicron) 1941

Emmett B. Jeter — Delaware State (Beta Sigma) 1952

Luke Lucas — Clafin College (Gamma Nu) 1953

Algernon Lyons — Indiana University (Alpha) 1954

John William Mason — North Carolina A&T (Alpha Nu) 1954

John H. Pleasants III — Hampton Institute (Beta Chi) 1955

Columbus L. Stanley — South Carolina (Alpha Lambda) 1958

Ernest L. Walker, PhD — Indiana Inst. of Tech. (Delta Phi) 1966

John M. Watkins — Allen University (Beta Rho) 1965



Chapter Chartered brothers at Kappa Alpha Psi Province meeting at the New York Hilton May 3-5, 1968 (foreground table)



Kappa Mu brothers from West Point Military Academy attending Poughkeepsie Alumni 1999 Fall Dance