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113 Years of Achievement

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1911

2023-2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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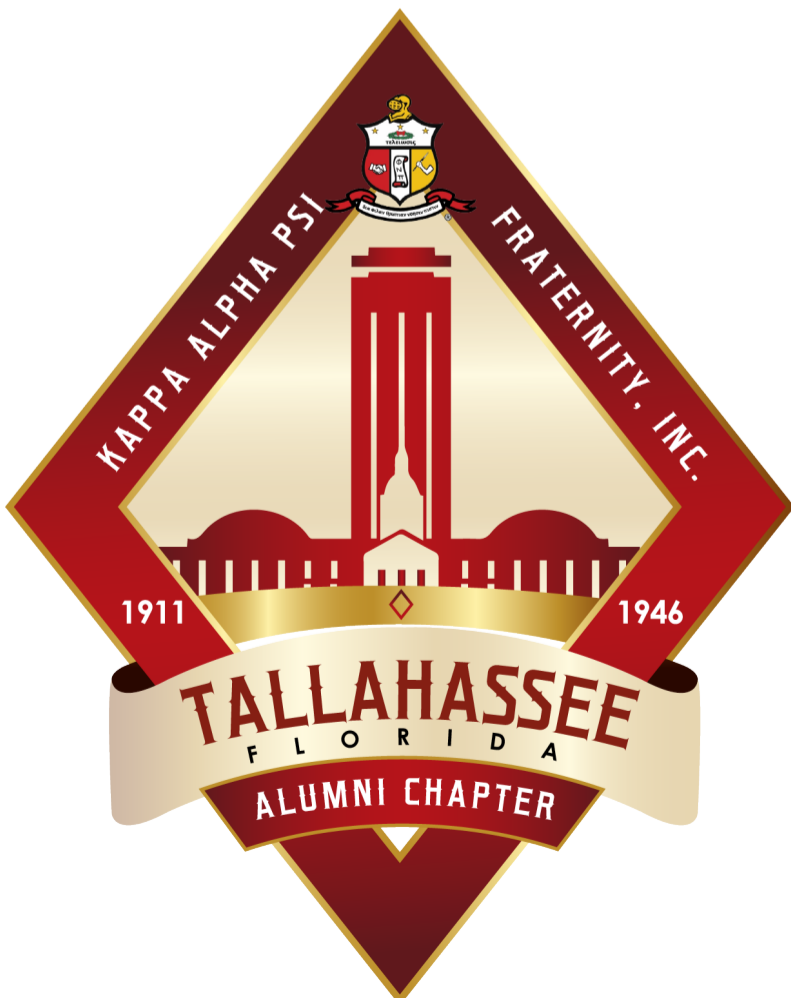
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HISTORY OF THE TALLAHASSEE (FL) ALUMNI CHAPTER

On Saturday night, June 29, 1946, 14 Kappa Men of Tallahassee, Florida, confirmed their inclination to establish a local alumni chapter. It was at the Mount Olive Masonic Lodge Hall, located at the southwest corner of Macomb and Tennessee Street, that these inspired men, presided over by then Southeastern Province Polemarch W. Dickerson Donnelly, chartered what is now known as the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



EDITOR'S NOTES

“OUR NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR NEW WEBSITE, TALLYNUPES.COM.”



Greetings Brothers. This month's issue includes a recap of our Founders' Day Celebration, an article on the Technology Committees roadmap and commitment to bring innovations to the chapter with purpose, an update on the progress of the Capital Campaign, and recognizes life events from some of our brothers. Our newsletter is now also available on our new website, TallyNupes.com.

I will continue to reach out to brothers to obtain stories, spotlights, etc., for future issues of the Nupe Letter. I appreciate your support.

Yours In The Bond,
Robert Cooper III, Reporter
TAC, Spring '23

Submission Guidelines

Brothers who wish to submit articles, special announcements, achievements, etc., can email Brother Robert Cooper III at crispene@icloud.com.

- Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.
- Photos should be submitted in JPEG, PNG, or other format that supports high-res photos. Please do not submit screenshots.

FOUNDERS' DAY

Originally founded as Kappa Alpha Nu on the campus of Indiana University on January 5, 1911, upon Christian principles and the central purpose of achievement.



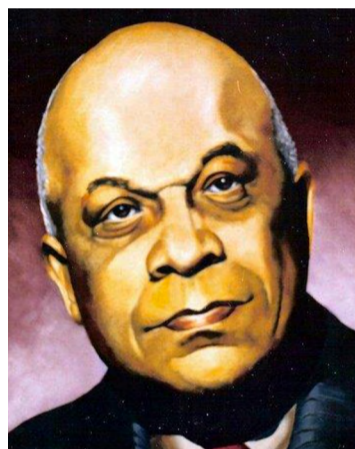
Elder Watson Diggs
1883-1947

We pay homage to our revered Founders. On this momentous occasion, our Fraternity reflects on our past that has defined and shaped us as we look toward our future.

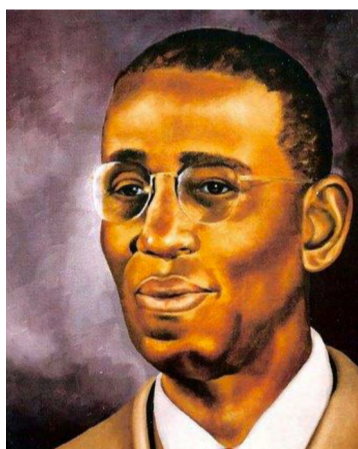
-Kevin Scott, Grand Historian



Ezra Dee Alexander
1891-1971



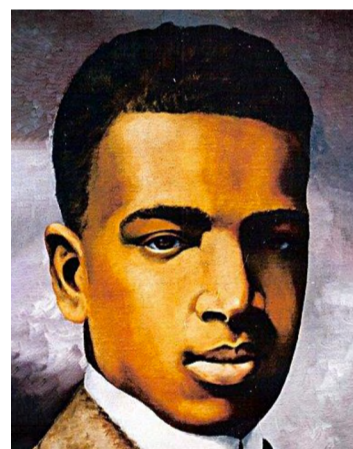
Byron Kenneth Armstrong
1892-1980



Henry Tourner Asher
1890-1963



Marcus Peter Blakemore
1889-1959



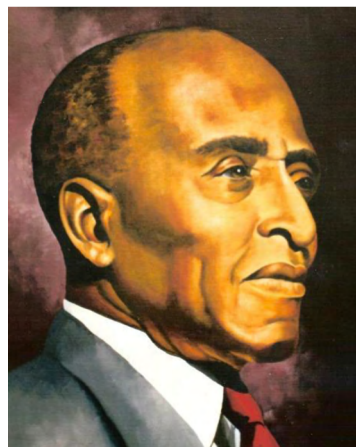
Paul Waymond Caine
1890-1931



George Wesley Edmonds
1890-1962



Guy Levis Grant
1891-1973



Edward Giles Irvin
1893-1982



John Milton Lee
1890-1958

FOUNDERS' Day CELEBRATION

J5 Luncheon



J5 Happy Hour



J5 Banquet



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BROTHER DR. MATTHEWS

**The Doctor will see you
now!**

Congratulations, Brother (Dr.) Eugene Matthews, on obtaining his doctorate of Philosophy in Education Leadership at the Fall 2023 commencement at Florida A&M University.

We appreciate the dedication and focus it takes to seek an advanced degree, particularly a doctorate. We asked Brothers Matthews a few questions to provide a glimpse into his journey.

“WHILE COMPLETING MY DEGREE, I ENJOYED MY RESEARCH ON COLLEGE RETENTION AND GRADUATION AND INDULGED IN WAYS TO INCREASE GRADUATION RATES.”

NupeLetter: What inspired you to pursue your doctoral degree?

Brother Dr. Matthews: My inspiration to seek a doctoral degree derived from working at Florida A&M University with other advanced scholars. I had already earned two master’s degrees, one in Instructional technology and the other in Curriculum and Instruction. I have always had a craving for learning, and I knew that earning a Ph.D. would enhance my knowledge in the field of education and open up many more career opportunities for me down the road. While completing my degree, I enjoyed my research on college retention and graduation and indulged in ways to increase

graduation rates. I am now working with other scholars, developing strategic plans to increase graduation rates at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

NupeLetter: What advice would you give brothers who may be thinking about pursuing an advanced degree?

Brother Dr. Matthews: The advice that I would give other brothers wishing to pursue an advanced or terminal degree would be for them to be certain that this is what they want to do. Research thoroughly the program and the institution that they plan to attend. Once they start the program, ensure they manage their time wisely,

remain focused, and get it done.

NupeLetter: What next for you?

Brother Dr. Matthews: I am currently working with and assisting two other classmates who are completing their Doctoral degree. I am also working jointly with other department administrators at the university, focusing on strategic initiatives to increase the retention and graduation rates in their departments while awaiting the development of an advanced administrative position here at Florida A&M University.

“I am now working with other scholars, developing strategic plans to increase graduation rates at historically black colleges and universities.”

2023-2024 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FOR THE GOOD OF **Kappa**

The 2023-2024 Capital Campaign is underway and Tallahassee Alumni Chapter members are asked to contribute \$1,000 to assist with the renovation efforts at 730 Wailes Street. Brothers may contribute more than \$1,000. Brothers contributing \$5,000 or more will be appropriately recognized as key contributors with a commemorative plaque, forever displayed at the Norman J. Clement Community Center at 730 Wailes Street.

Brothers, we need you to achieve our goal! Capital Campaign contributions should be made out to the Guide Right Foundation of Tallahassee, Inc. Contributions are tax deductible. Please submit contributions to Brother Quentin Cooper, Guide Right Treasurer.

Brothers may see our progress on the Capital Campaign and a list of contributors for the 2023-2024 fraternal year below.

GOAL: \$70,000



Name	Contribution
Otis Cliatt, II	\$5,000.00
Cornell Cummings	\$1,000.00
Jerome Davis	\$1,000.00
Vandon Jones	\$500.00
Alfred Lawson	\$500.00
Grand Total	\$8,000.00

 Key Contributors

Note: The goal is based on the current number of fully financial members.

INNOVATION WITH PURPOSE

This year's Technology Committee set out to find technological ways to innovate business processes and procedures for the Tallahassee (FL) Alumni Chapter (TAC), where needed. Our goal is not to "gold-plate," a term we use in Project Management to describe the phenomenon of enhancing a product or adding features we believe people will like, rather than meeting a need. We will not introduce technology without a purpose, and we appreciate the support of Brothers as we bring technical ideas to make our procedures more efficient.

Our Innovation with Purpose roadmap for TAC is underway, beginning with the launch of the new TallyNupes.com website on January 13, 2024. Please visit the new website and explore a summary of our chapter history, lineage, chapter officers, events, photo gallery, latest news, and more. We will continue to update the website regularly with content. We encourage Brothers to contact us for revisions and additional content, including line pictures, so we can continue to catalog our rich history.

“WE WILL NOT INTRODUCE TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT A PURPOSE”

Next on our roadmap is implementing an electronic sign-in for chapter meetings. At the January chapter meeting, we piloted a new sign-in process using QR codes to allow Brothers to sign in quickly. This process streamlines the sign-in process, verifies whether a quorum is established in real time, and allows our Keeper of Records to record attendance information for chapter records effortlessly.

Next on our roadmap is enabling Microsoft 365 accounts for fully financial TAC members. TAC previously procured Microsoft 365 licenses with the assistance of Brother Anthony Acosta and others. We now have access to

enable access to tools such as Microsoft Teams, SharePoint, Outlook, and more, allowing TAC members to access chapter documents, instant message members, and manage their TAC business through secure channels.

The rollout started with the technology committee and chapter officers. Next, we will roll out access to committee chairs, committee members, and the remaining Brothers. Be on the lookout for workshops and office hours to support this transition.

“WE APPRECIATE BROTHERS' PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK”

Next, we will introduce electronic voting. Two voting activities are candidates for electronic voting – Membership Training Academy (MTA) – Membership Interviews and Chapter Officers Voting. Your technology committee has been hard at work reviewing potential electronic voting solutions and piloted electronic voting at this year's MTA – Membership Interviews. We appreciate Brothers' participation and feedback during the pilot.

Finally, our roadmap includes ideas for enhancing our audio/visual capabilities in the basement at 730 Wailes Street to improve in-person meetings and presentations and support virtual meetings for Senior Brothers unable to attend in person. Through a donation, we've secured one 60-inch television that will be mounted and used for multimedia presentations and more in the basement. Next, we will seek additional televisions, speakers, and microphone options to help us achieve our goal.

We will continue to review our operations and procedures to find ways to be more efficient and serve our chapter better.



“Cancer has affected too many people around the world”

Cancer has affected too many people around the world. Brother Robert Cooper III has created a team for the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi to join Relay for Life to celebrate survivors, remember those we've lost, and offer support to anyone in our community affected by it.

We've set a goal to raise \$1,500 as a team. The funds we raise will sustain critical research and provide services for people trying to cope with their cancer experience. Every dollar counts, so we're asking every brother to donate today.

FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$1,500

You can access the TAC Team page to donate at the following link: [TAC Relay for Life Team Page](#).

This donation campaign ends on May 4, 2024.

The Relay for Life fundraiser concludes with its annual event at the North Florida Fairgrounds on May 4, 2024. As we get closer to the event, we'll coordinate attending the event with a tent, food, etc.

MLK PARADE & FESTIVAL



POLEMARCH CUMMINGS
WITH BROTHERS MCNEIL
AND COMBS



BROTHERS WITHERSPOON,
ARNOLD, KIMBROUGH,
COOPER, MYRIE, AND
WELCH

MLK PARADE & FESTIVAL



TAC & KAPPA LEAGUE

Participated in the commemorative MLK march and parade.



TALLAHASSEE NPHC

The D9 was well represented in this year's celebration.

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

KELVIN FARMER - DECEMBER 4
DR. KEVIN FOREHAND - DECEMBER 4
THORNTON WILLIAMS - DECEMBER 6
TODD BYRON - DECEMBER 13
ORENTHIOUS HILL - DECEMBER 17
EDWARD MORAGNE, JR. - DECEMBER 23

JANUARY

CORNELL CUMMINGS - JANUARY 2
MARK WEATHERSPOON - JANUARY 4
JEROME DAVIS - JANUARY 6
ACORI MYRIE - JANUARY 22
MICHAEL COMBS, II - JANUARY 23
BYRON MENCHION - JANUARY 23
ANTONIO WITHERSPOON - JANUARY 29

KAPPA-VERSARIES

DECEMBER

CORNELL CUMMINGS - 12/4/1971 - Beta Zeta (52-Years)

REGINALD SMITH - 12/6/1974 - Zeta Phi (49-Years)

JULIAN WHITE - 12/9/1960 - Alpha Xi (63-Years)

CHARLES HOBBS, II - 12/20/1995 - Tallahassee (FL) Alumni (28-Years)

JANUARY

FRED SEAMON - 1/5/1969 - Gamma Theta (55-Years)

ERIC FRIALL - 1/14/1987 - Theta Eta (37-Years)

ALTON ROYAL - 1/23/1965 - Delta Psi (59-Years)



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2024

Sweetheart Affair (Brothers Only)

- February 3, 2024, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Parkview at Cascades Ballroom.
- Brothers can RSVP to the Sweetheart Affair via TallyNupes.com.

The Southern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Present: Kappas at the Kapital

- February 20, 2024, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 400 S. Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL.
- View more details on TallyNupes.com.

March 2024

TAC Kappa Week

Date/Location: TBD

April 2024

TBD

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