

# MEMBERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY (MTA)

#### 2019 - 2020 KAPPA KORE CURRICULUM SESSION #2 WITH QUIZ#1 REVIEW

# KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.





Kappa Alpha Psi, a college fraternity, now comprised of functioning Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country, is the crystallization of a dream.

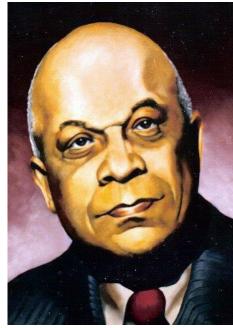
It is the beautiful realization of a vision shared commonly by the following founders of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



**Elder Watson Diggs** 



Ezra Dee Alexander



Byron Kenneth Armstrong



Henry Tourner Asher



Marcus Peter Blakemore



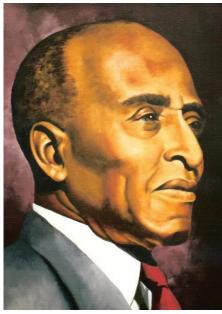
Paul Waymond Caine



George Wesley Edmonds



Guy Levis Grant



Edward Giles Irvin



John Milton Lee

*Elder Watson Diggs* was born on December 23, 1883, in Madisonville, Kentucky. Following graduation from Indiana State Normal School in 1908, he enrolled at Howard University, and transferred to Indiana University in the fall of 1910. He subsequently became the first Black to earn an A.B. degree from Indiana University's School of Education and his Master's degree of Education from Howard University in 1944.

He served as Grand Polemarch for the first six years of the fraternity's existence, as a Grand Board Member and as Grand Historian. He contributed invaluable aspects to the development and growth of the Fraternity. For this and other outstanding contributions to the Fraternity, he was awarded the Fraternity's first Laurel Wreath in 1924. The second highest award available to celebrate a member's achievements or service to the fraternity is dedicated in his name. He died November 8, 1947.



**Ezra Dee Alexander** was born in Bloomington, Indiana on July 18, 1891 and graduated from Bloomington High School in 1910. He matriculated to Indiana University in the fall of 1910 and graduated from Indiana University in 1917 with an A.B. degree. He received his M.D. degree from the Medical School of Indiana University in 1919.

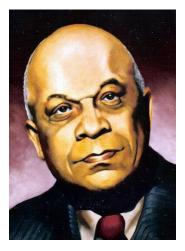
He practiced medicine in Indianapolis for nearly 50 years. He died September 29, 1971.



**Byron Kenneth Armstrong** was born in Westfield, Indiana on April 8, 1892. He enrolled at Howard University in 1909 and transferred to Indiana University in the fall of 1910. He graduated from Indiana University with an A.B. degree in the fall of 1913 and subsequently earned a Master's degree from Columbia University in 1914 and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1940.

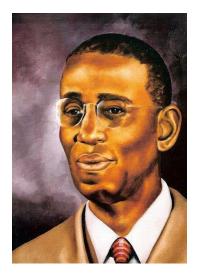
He was one of the primary potent forces behind the founding of the Fraternity, for which these and other significant contributions, the 6<sup>th</sup> Laurel Wreath was conferred upon him.

The Byron K. Armstrong Scholars Award, the only Grand Chapter award available to fraternity undergraduate members for outstanding achievement, is named in his honor. He died June 28, 1980.



*Henry Tourner Asher* was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, on June 30, 1890 and graduated from the Bloomington High School in 1910. He graduated from Indiana University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. He became an instructor at Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, Missouri from 1914-1915 and subsequently attended the University of Minnesota, where he earned his MA degree in 1917.

He received the degree of LL.B. from the Detroit College of Law in 1928. He died on March 5, 1963.



Marcus Peter Blakemore, born in Franklin, Indiana in 1889, moved to Anderson, Indiana where he attended public schools and graduated from high school in 1909. He entered Indiana University the following year.

After leaving Indiana University, he organized the Electric Engineering Company, which he operated until he enlisted with the U.S. Army in World War I.

He later entered the Dental School of the University of Pittsburgh, from which he graduated with a DDS degree in 1923. In 1949, he became the first Black to receive the MS degree in Prosthetic Dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. He died on October 9, 1959.



**Paul Waymond Caine** was born on May 17, 1890 in Greencastle, Indiana, where he attended elementary and high schools. He enrolled at Indiana University sometime in 1909 and helped the other Founders in organizing the Fraternity.

Because of a disastrous fire in the fraternity house in which he was employed, he never finished his sophomore year. He subsequently set up the Caine Catering Company in several cities. He later went into business in Rockford, Illinois, where he was burned during an explosion of gaseous materials as he worked in his dry cleaning business. He later succumbed from pneumonia he acquired from the fire and died on April 15, 1931.

Outstanding Alumni Chapters are presented the Paul W. Caine Award, named in his honor.



*George Wesley Edmonds* was born in Knight Township, Indiana on August 13, 1890. He attended the Carver Elementary School and Clark High School in nearby Evansville, Indiana and enrolled at Indiana University in the fall of 1910.

After he returned home for the summer of 1911, his father became ill and died. He was the eldest son, became the head of the family, thus preventing his return to school. With the new responsibility of supporting the family, he took a job with the area coal mines and with the railroad. He died on June 13, 1962.



*Guy Levis Grant* was born in New Albany, Indiana on April 9, 1891 and graduated from Scribner High School in 1909, and later entered Indiana University. He subsequently graduated with the A.B. degree in 1915. In 1920, he received the D.D.S. degree from Indiana University Dental School; he practiced dentistry in Indianapolis for over 50 years.

He served the Fraternity as Grand Historian for 16 years. The Guy Levis Grant Award is named in his honor to undergraduate members of the fraternity who exhibit extra meritorious contributions to the Fraternity's advancement. He died on November 11, 1973.



**Edward Giles Irvin** was born in Spencer, Indiana on August 13, 1893. He graduated from Kokomo Indiana High School in 1910 and entered Indiana University the same year. He did not return to the university following the spring term of 1911. After leaving school, he pursued a Journalistic career in various cities throughout the country until World War I, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was awarded for his duty.

Following the War, he promoted athletics in the small town schools of Indiana. He also organized and operated the Afro-American Manufacturing Company in Chicago, which produced novelties, candies, and specialties. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges.

He was honored to have the Laurel Wreath Award conferred upon him. The Fraternity named an award in his honor, the Edward G. Irvin Award, bestowed upon the most outstanding Undergraduate Chapter. He died on November 4, 1982.



**John Milton Lee** was born in Danville, Indiana on September 7, 1890, where he attended public schools and subsequently enrolled at Indiana University in 1910. He completed three years of pre-medical work before leaving the university. He subsequently enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University but had to withdraw from both due to health reasons and a death in the family.

He enlisted in the Army in 1917, into the 349<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, and served overseas as a First Class Sergeant and Gunner. His battery

enjoys the unique distinction of having been the first Battery of Negro Artillerymen ever to open fire upon an enemy. He fired the first shot.

He helped organize, and for several years was president of the Fairview Golf Club, the first Negro Golf Club in Pennsylvania. He was also engaged in several other vocations. He died on January 3, 1958.



It was the vision of these astute men that enabled them in the school year 1910-11, more specifically the night of <u>January 5, 1911</u>, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin.

The Constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of ACHIEVEMENT through a truly democratic Fraternity.

Chartered and incorporated originally under the laws of the State of Indiana as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911, the name was changed to KAPPA ALPHA PSI on a resolution offered and adopted at the Grand Chapter in December 1914.

This change became effective April 15, 1915, on a proclamation by the then Grand Polemarch, Elder Watson Diggs. Thus, the name acquired a distinctive Greek letter symbol and KAPPA ALPHA PSI thereby became a Greek letter Fraternity in every sense of the designation.

From its inception, and for the next six years, **Elder W. Diggs** served as the Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Through his leadership and indefatigable application, augmented by the efforts of **Byron K. Armstrong, and John M. Lee**, who comprised the remainder of the original Grand Board of Directors, the infant Fraternity was guided through the most perilous years of its life.

Accordingly, much of the credit for the organization's survival through this period is shared by these three men.

From its inception, every endeavor was directed toward establishing the Fraternity upon a strong foundation before embarking on plans of expansion.

By the end of the first year, working together, Diggs and Armstrong had completed the ritual and had commenced work on the coat of arms.

Work on the latter was completed during the following summer by Diggs, Armstrong and Lee while they were pursuing employment at a hotel in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In selecting a motto, Diggs, Armstrong and Lee solicited the aid of a Professor of Greek Art at Indiana Technical College at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Having adopted a motto which mutually suited them, they carried a sketch of the coat of arms to a commercial engraver in Fort Wayne, from which he made the first metal plate.



For years, in order to safeguard the ritualistic secrets of the Fraternity, Diggs laboriously typed and bound the rituals.

It was not until he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he met an old German printer in whom he had confidence, that he entrusted the esoteric materials of the Fraternity to a commercial printer.

In the spring of 1912 Diggs wrote in a little blue examination book the first Constitution, which was adopted in 1920 with but a few revisions.

This edition remained in use until 1926 when it was supplanted by the codified edition jointly written by Diggs, J. Ernest Wilkins, and W. Ellis Stewart. In 1957 the Constitution again underwent major revision.

Now substantially established and provided with a Constitution, Ritual, coat of arms, motto, and guiding hand in a dynamic Grand Chapter, the Fraternity was ready for expansion.

In the winter of 1913 Founders Diggs and Caine and W. Ellis Stewart visited the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, President of the "Illini Club".

This club constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois Chapter, the Beta, which was chartered on February 8, 1913.

The original Gamma Chapter was established on December 29, 1913 in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was comprised entirely of Alumni members of the Fraternity, who were largely inactive and after a brief period of existence, the chapter recognition was withdrawn.

The Delta Chapter was established at the University of Iowa on March 7, 1914.

The latter was subsequently changed to Gamma Chapter, and the designation of Delta assigned to Wilberforce University Chapter at Wilberforce, Ohio.

The first Alumni Chapter, Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter was established April 17, 1919.

The Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Chapter was established October 15, 1920. Some of its members were comprised of the original Gamma Chapter members.

*Epsilon Chapter*, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, was established *December 4, 1915*, as the first chapter in the East.

Elder W. Diggs journeyed from Indiana to give this chapter his personal and official installation, recognition and blessing.

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To unite college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity;

-To encourage honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor;

-To promote the spiritual, social, intellectual, and moral welfare of its members;

-To assist the aims and purposes of colleges and universities; and

- To inspire service in the public interest



# Q & A



#### QUIZ REVIEW SESSIONS 1 AND 2

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- 1. List and draw the Greek letter alphabet and symbols.
- 2. When was Kappa Alpha Psi incorporated?
- 3. What month, date and year was Kappa Alpha Psi founded?
- 4. What type of fraternity if Kappa Alpha Psi classified?
- 5. What are the official colors of the Fraternity?
- 6. What is the official flower of the fraternity?
- 7. What is the International Headquarters address?
- 8. What is the purpose of the Code of Conduct?
- 9. What is the fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.?
- 10. What are the objectives of Kappa Alpha Psi?
- 11. On what college campus was Kappa Alpha Psi founded?
- 12. The fraternity name changed to Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. effective on what date?
- 13. What was the original name of Kappa Alpha Psi?
- 14. List the Founders of Kappa Alpha Psi.