



NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

October 4, 2011

Brothers All,

This year we continue to celebrate 100 years of Achievement of our Noble Klan. I hope that most of you were able to attend the 80th Grand Chapter Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you were fortunate enough to be present, you had the opportunity to be a part of history in the making. Many of you took the pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Bloomington, where you visited Kappa landmarks such as the location of Mollie Spaulding's home, the campus of Indiana University, the Jordan River, and the first Fraternity House on Hunter Ave., where our revered Founders lived, and shaped and molded our fledgling organization. Furthermore, the Centennial Historical Collection displayed Kappa artifacts, documents and photographs from 1911 to current day. A museum of this magnitude was only possible because various Brother's/chapter's generous donations and contributions.

However, in spite of the items displayed at the Centennial Historical Collection, our Fraternity is at a deficit in regards to the recovery, collection and retention of these artifacts. In fact, the items displayed at our Centennial Celebration just scratches the surface of the items that lay dormant in the closets, basements and attics of Brother's homes. To ensure Brothers will continue to enjoy viewing artifacts such as were on display and to aid in learning more about our illustrious history, it is paramount that we all contribute to the preservation of the Fraternity's history. If not, as Brothers pass to the Chapter Invisible, our history will pass along with them.

On a regular basis, there are Brothers who inevitably enter the Chapter Invisible. Along with this unfortunate circumstance, too many times, our Brother's paraphernalia, pledge keepsakes and fraternity esoteric material that are kept at their homes are discarded or placed for sale at auction or on eBay to the highest bidder.

Due to this circumstance, I have created the North Central Province Historical Initiative which extends from each (Undergraduate and Alumni) chapter throughout the North Central Province. Our Province Polemarch and Board of Directors has approved this initiative and is mandating that each chapter Historian within our Province adhere to the initiative for the recovery, collection, and archival storage of said materials. Chapter Polemarchs will ensure this responsibility is carried out and a quarterly report will be furnished to the North Central Historian.

To preserve our history, chapter Historians are charged with locating historical artifacts, storing them properly to prevent deterioration, developing a catalog of these items and finally, providing a copy of the documents (electronic and/or hard-copy) to the North Central Province Historian and the Grand Chapter Historian.



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Additionally, chapter Historians will request Brothers to complete the North Central Province Archives Program Form. This form will provide Brothers the option of listing specific or general fraternity related items which they possess. This form will let the Brother's family be aware of his wishes of what he wants to do with these items. Brothers can choose to have the items retained for his family member (as a Legacy/future Kappa) or they can be donated to the North Central Province Historical Archives or to his local chapter.

The guidelines and instructions of this initiative are compiled in the North Central Province Historical Archive Management Directive. This document provides specific instructions to properly recover, collect and store these Kappa archive materials. This directive will be instrumental for your chapter Historian to successfully recover and retain local chapter, North Central Province and Fraternity history.

I believe that one of the most important agendas we should embrace and actively participate in is the preservation of our history for all of posterity. Brothers, I wish you much success as you fulfill this most important endeavor of collecting and preserving our Fraternity's heritage. I need your help and this vital cause cannot be accomplished without your valued assistance. I can be reached at the below listed email address and/or phone number for any questions.

Yours in the Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Scott", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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