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man from membership merely because of his color, creed, 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 April 15, 1911, the name was changed to Kappa Alpha Psi on a resolution offered and adopted at the Fourth 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.

Now substantially established and provided with a Constitution, Ritual, Coat-of-arms, motto, and the guiding hand of a dynamic Grand Chapter, the Fraternity was ready for expansion. In the summer of 1912 Diggs visited the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, President of the old "Illini Club." This club constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois Chapter, the Beta, which was chartered on February 8, 1913. Gamma Chapter (later changed to Indianapolis Alumni Chapter) was established on December 29, 1913, followed by the establishment of Delta Chapter at the University of Iowa on March 7, 1914. The latter was subsequently changed to Gamma Chapter, and the designation of Delta assigned to the Wilberforce University Chapter at Wilberforce, Ohio. 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.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, relatively early, envisioned the modified attitudes of college administrators and administrations regarding certain frivolous activities previously identified with Greek-letter organizations; and it initiated appropriate changes. Among the early changes brought about was the banning of paddling and other forms of physical abuse, and the introduction of constructive endeavors during pledgship and probation. Today Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is organizationally and administratively mature. It moves steadily toward a tomorrow of promise, productivity and influence.

[image - photograph of a group of men]

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8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Registration.  
9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. First Business Session.  
1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M. Public Relations Lunch  
2:30 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings & Workshops.  
7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Get Acquainted Party.  
9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Open Dance.

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8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Registration.  
9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon Second Business Session.  
12:30 P.M. Undergraduate-Alumni Luncheon.  
2:30 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings: Time and Place Resolutions.  
7:00 P.M. Closed Grand Chapter Banquet.  
10:00 P.M. Dance.



8:30 A.M. Registration.  
9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon Third Business Session.  
12:00 P.M.-1:15 P.M. Luncheon.  
1:15 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Fourth Business Session.  
10:00 P.M. Closed Grand Chapter Ball.

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