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In 1914 IT ALL BEGAN...

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits, rather than his family background or affluence...without regard to race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we”.

From its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity’s motto, “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity”.

Today, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, members of the Fraternity have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization of the Fraternity.



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A BROTHERHOOD OF SERVICE TO OUR GREATER KC COMMUNITIES!



Greetings! On behalf of the Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated and, Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Greater Kansas City, welcome to our 2nd “Blue Carpet Affair: Community Impact Awards & 90th Year Gala!”

As we celebrate our chapter’s 90 Years of continued service to our Greater Kansas City Communities,

we will also honor the individuals, businesses and organizations whom have committed to doing the same.

One of the many things my late mother would always instill in me is to make sure I “pay it forward,” I truly believe Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated gives me the best opportunity to do just that.

Since its founding, on January 9, 1914, the men of Sigma have believed in the unity of purpose and being of service to our communities, as expressed in our motto “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity.”

As we honor this remarkable milestone, and this evening’s Honorees, we reflect on our rich legacy and renewed commitment to advancing the ideals of Phi Beta Sigma for generations to come!

Thank you for your continued support to the Men of Sigma!

DeAngelo Strickland
President



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Southwestern Region



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter
90th Chapter Anniversary Celebration

Dear Brothers, Guests, and Honored Supporters,

On behalf of **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.** and the **Southwestern Region**, it is with profound pride and heartfelt joy that we celebrate the **90th Anniversary of the Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter**. This milestone is more than a marker of time—it is a testament to an enduring legacy and a reflection of the unwavering commitment to **Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service** that has guided this chapter for nearly a century.

Since its founding, Alpha Delta Sigma has stood as a beacon of excellence, leadership, and community engagement. For 90 years, the chapter has cultivated a rich history of impact—uplifting communities, empowering young minds, and fostering unity among men of vision and purpose.

As we gather to commemorate this historic occasion, we honor:

- The **trailblazers** who laid the foundation,
- The **brothers** who carried the torch,
- And the **future leaders** who will continue our mission.

This celebration is not only about looking back, but also about moving forward with **renewed energy, deeper purpose, and a stronger bond**. I applaud you on this momentous celebration. Your presence affirms the strength of our brotherhood and the importance of our shared journey. May this anniversary inspire us all to continue building a legacy worthy of our founders and reflective of our ideals.

Welcome to the 90th Anniversary of the Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter—where history meets vision, and tradition fuels transformation.

In Brotherhood,

Brandon Hill

Bro. Brandon Hill
23rd Southwestern Regional Director
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



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Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Greater Kansas City
Community Impact Awards &
90th Year Gala

Dear Brothers and Guests,

Congratulations to the Brothers of the Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.

On behalf of all who celebrate your legacy, congratulations to the distinguished Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated in Kansas City, Missouri, on 90 years of exemplary service, brotherhood, and community leadership.

For nine decades, your chapter has embodied the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service, uplifting countless lives and strengthening the Kansas City community through your dedication and vision. Your commitment to the ideals of Phi Beta Sigma continues to inspire generations to lead with purpose and compassion.

May the next 90 years be filled with even greater impact, unity, and success. Congratulations on reaching this historic milestone — a true testament to your enduring legacy and the power of collective service.

“Culture for Service and Service for Humanity.”

Brother Marcus Gowins
Missouri State Director





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Dear Brothers of Alpha Delta Sigma,

It is with great pride, honor, and profound respect that I extend heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the State of Kansas to the Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, as you celebrate an extraordinary milestone — **90 years of unwavering service, leadership, and impact** in the Greater Kansas City community.

Chartered on **October 29, 1935**, at the historic Paseo YMCA by seven visionary and dedicated charter members, Alpha Delta Sigma has since stood as a pillar of excellence, resilience, and brotherhood. Through the decades, this chapter has been a shining example of what it means to truly live out the high ideals of our beloved fraternity.

Your legacy is one of **substance and significance**. Alpha Delta Sigma has been home to distinguished **doctors, educators, musicians, business leaders, community activists**, and **regional and national leaders within our fraternity**. Each has added to the fabric of this chapter and to the larger mission of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

I can say, with 100% certainty, that the Greater Kansas City area has been **made better** because of the work and commitment of the men who have called Alpha Delta Sigma home. This chapter has been a beacon — illuminating paths, uplifting communities, and mentoring future generations of Sigma men.

As you reflect on the past 90 years, I encourage you to continue building upon this strong foundation with the same passion and purpose that has defined this chapter since 1935. The bond you share, the legacy you uphold, and the lives you touch are all testaments to what makes Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. an agent of change in our world.

Congratulations once again on this historic achievement. May the next 90 years bring even greater accomplishments and an ever-deepening impact.

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Marcus D. Gladdis
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
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Dear Esteemed Brothers of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter,

On behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and the Midwestern Region, it is my honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, as you celebrate nine decades of exemplary service to the Greater Kansas City community.

Since your chartering in 1935, your chapter has embodied the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service with unwavering dedication. For ninety years, you have stood as pillars of strength and compassion in Greater Kansas City, inspiring generations through your transformative community impact.

Your notable community programs exemplify servant leadership:

- Monthly Harvest Food Distributions provide nourishment and dignity to families in need;
- Back to School Cookout and School Supply Drive ensure youth have resources to succeed; and
- Partnership with Infinite Scholars Scholarship Drive invests in the educational advancement of future leaders.

These initiatives represent hope, empowerment, and the enduring spirit of service that defines Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

As our brothers, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority shares a special bond with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. We celebrate this milestone with you and honor the fraternal love that unites our organizations.

As you commemorate this remarkable anniversary, may you reflect with pride on your achievements and look forward with vision to the next chapter of service and excellence.

Congratulations once again on this momentous occasion. May your light continue to shine brightly in the Greater Kansas City community and beyond.

In the bonds of Sweet Love and Service,

Danné L. Johnson, JD, CDP, RP
Midwestern Regional Director



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Stacy Johnson

MO MWR State Director

To the Distinguished Brothers of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter

On behalf of the Mesmerizing Missouri Zetas and Zeta Amicae, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the distinguished men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter as you celebrate 90 years of unwavering brotherhood, visionary leadership, and impactful service.

Chartered on October 29, 1935, Alpha Delta Sigma was built on the bold vision and enduring commitment of your charter members:

Dean J. Ernest Brown

Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy

Leon J. Ollison

Dr. Arthur C. Prewitt

James W. Pryor

Forest S. Smith

Dr. Raymond M. Williams

Their legacy continues to resonate through your chapter's unwavering dedication to brotherhood, scholarship, and service. Your impact across Greater Kansas City reflects a proud legacy of educational leadership and cultural empowerment. Through consistent mentorship, especially via the Sigma Beta Club and hands-on service like tutoring and community projects, your chapter continues to uplift lives and embody the true spirit of service. Your example reminds us of all that service is not just what we do, it's who we are.

As your sisters in Zeta, we celebrate the bond that unites us through our shared principles and founding partnership. May this Gala be more than a celebration, it is a living tribute to the legacy we share, the strength of our bond, and the promise of continued excellence between our two organizations.

May this 90th anniversary honor your past, elevate your present, and inspire future generations of Sigma men to lead with integrity, compassion, and vision.

With Zeta love and admiration,

Stacy Johnson | 1st Elected & 22nd Missouri State Director

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John T. Thornton
**BIGGER & BETTER BUSINESS
HONOREES**

Named after John Thomas Thornton, a member of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter, who was well known in civic areas in Kansas City. He was greatly involved in the community and as a business man, acquired many skillsets.

Brother Thornton was a champion in the promotion of black enterprise, and embodies the ideal of BIGGER & BETTER BUSINESS.



BLACK MARKET CUTZ
Waylon Wallace
Founder



THATCHER'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.
Robert Davis, Jr.
General Manager



James Wendell Pryor
EDUCATION HONOREES

Named after Charter Member, James Wendell Pryor, who taught in the Greater Kansas City Area for 36 years, was a teacher at the Boys' Home; KCMO. Taught Engineering at Prairie View College, Prairie View, TX, and Industrial Arts at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, before becoming a teacher of Industrial Arts and Mathematics at Manhattan High School and the former R. T. Coles High School.

This award is named after him because he embodied one of the core programs of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated...EDUCATION!



DR. TIFFANEY WHITT
Hope Leadership Academy
Executive Director & Principal



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Director of Finance &
Support Services for
Belton School District #124



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Leon J. Ollison
SOCIAL ACTION HONOREES

Named after Charter Member, Leon James William Ollison. Phi Beta Sigma's very own, the late John Lewis, would often say, "Let's get into some Good Trouble." This phrase summed up who Brother Ollison was. He was very much a civic leader in Kansas City, holding director and leadership positions in several organizations pertaining to Our Community.



CHRISTAL WATSON
Executive Director, KCK School
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&
CEO & Mayoral Candidate for
Wyandotte.Ci. / KCK



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Helen Beteet, President

Forest S. Smith
COMMUNITY IMPACT HONOREES

Named after Charter Member, Forest S. Smith for his impact in our Kansas City Communities.

For 20 years, he was the Executive Secretary for the Paseo YMCA in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District...which in itself is Community.

Forest S. Smith exemplified what "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" means...to be of service to the COMMUNITY.



Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy
CHAPTER RECOGNITION AWARD

Named after Charter Member, Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy, who was greatly relied upon, especially in the infant years of the chapter, when it came to maintaining the operations of the chapter and moving it in a forward direction. He was tasked with the many day to day operations, whether it be chairing our annual Bigger & Better Business Weeks held every April, to building partnerships with local organizations and businesses to the benefit of our chapter. Dr. Kennedy was often appointed as the chapter's Chairman of Programs



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Dean J. Ernest Brown
PRESIDENT AWARD

Named after Charter Member and Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter's First President, James Ernest Brown. He was a Dean at Western Bible Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and a Pastor at several churches.

Dean Brown was in every word, a natural leader, and held several leadership positions in Our Communities.

Dean J. Ernest Brown...FIRST PRESIDENT



MELISSA ROBINSON
City of Kansas City, MO
City Council Member
Third District



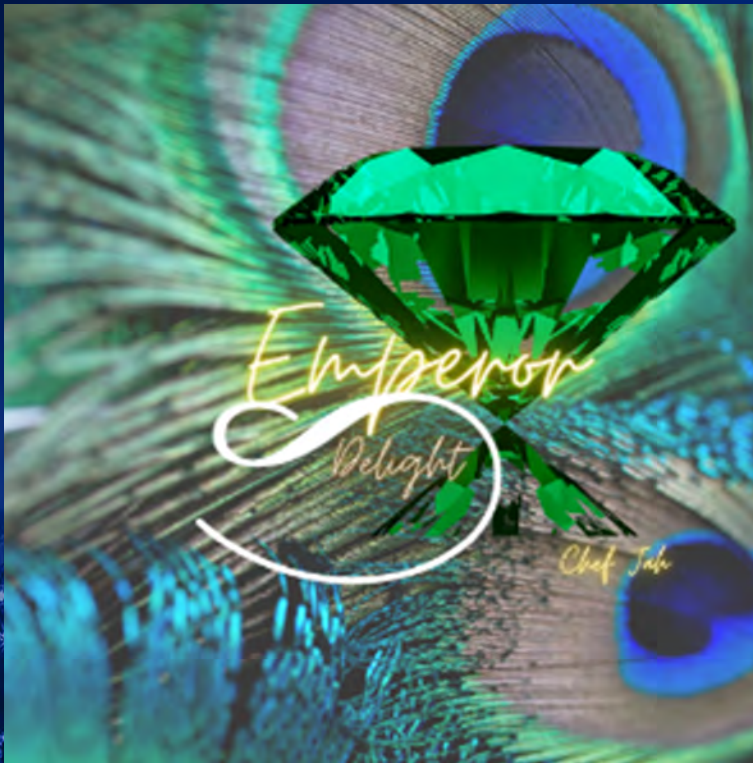
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A special thank you for this evening's decorations



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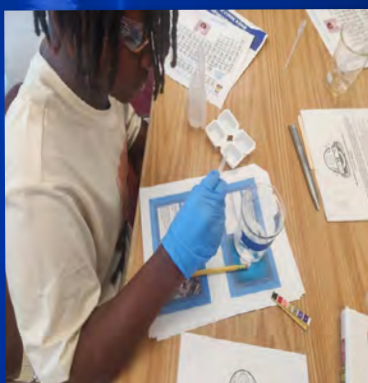
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In the Beginning

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ALPHA DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER

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MET TO ORGANIZE A LOCAL CHAPTER

Local Members of The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity met Thursday evening, January 3, 1935 at the Paseo Y.M.C.A. to discuss plans for the establishment of a local chapter of the fraternity here.

At this meeting, a tentative organization was effected with the following officers: Dean J. Ernest Brown of Western Bible College (KCMO) - President. Forest Smith, Executive Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. - Secretary. Wendell Pryor, teacher at the Boys' Home - Treasurer. Raymond M. Williams - Chairman of the Investigation Committee. Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy - Chairman of the Program Committee.

The following were additional local Sigma Men who were identified by the fraternity: Russell P. Young, Santos D. Swancy, Ulysses S. Arnold, Lloyd M. Williams, Wilburn Johnson, and Dr. Arthur C. Prewitt.

The next meeting was held at the Paseo Y.M.C.A. Tuesday, January 8 at 9:30 p.m. All Sigma Men were invited to attend.

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER ESTABLISHED

On Tuesday, October 29th, 1935, The Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated was established. That same evening, 3 men were initiated:

- Dr. Charles P. Washington
- Dr. John R. Williams
- Forest S. Smith (also made a charter member)

The following were chapter officers at the establishment of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter:

- James Ernest Brown - President
- Russell Peter Young - Vice President
- Forest S. Smith - Secretary
- James Wendell Pryor - Treasurer
- Dr. Charles P. Washington - Chaplain
- Santos D. Swancy - Sargent at Arms
- Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy - Chairman of Programs
- Dr. John R. Williams - Editor

Charter Members

- Rev./Dean James Ernest Brown
- Dr. A. Marcelle Kenney
- Leon James William Ollison
- Dr. Arthur Carl Prewitt
- James Wendell Pryor
- Forest S. Smith
- Dr. Raymond Montrose Williams

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter, proudly celebrates 90 Years of unwavering dedication and impactful service throughout the Greater Kansas City communities. Since its initial meeting to organize on January 3, 1935, the chapter has embodied the true essence of the fraternity's motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity," and through its Ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. For nine decades, Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter has stood as a beacon of leadership, empowerment, and progress - uplifting individuals, supporting educational initiatives, and driving positive change. As we honor this remarkable milestone, and this evening's Honorees, who have also made a great impact in our Greater Kansas City Communities, we reflect on our rich legacy and renew our commitment to advancing the ideals of Phi Beta Sigma for generations to come!

PICTURE TAKEN FROM THE CRESCENT: DECEMBER 1937

Front Row:

Dr. John R. Williams, Edward B. Stevenson, Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, Dean J. Ernest Brown,
Russell Peter Young, James W. Pryor, J. Wilburn Johnson

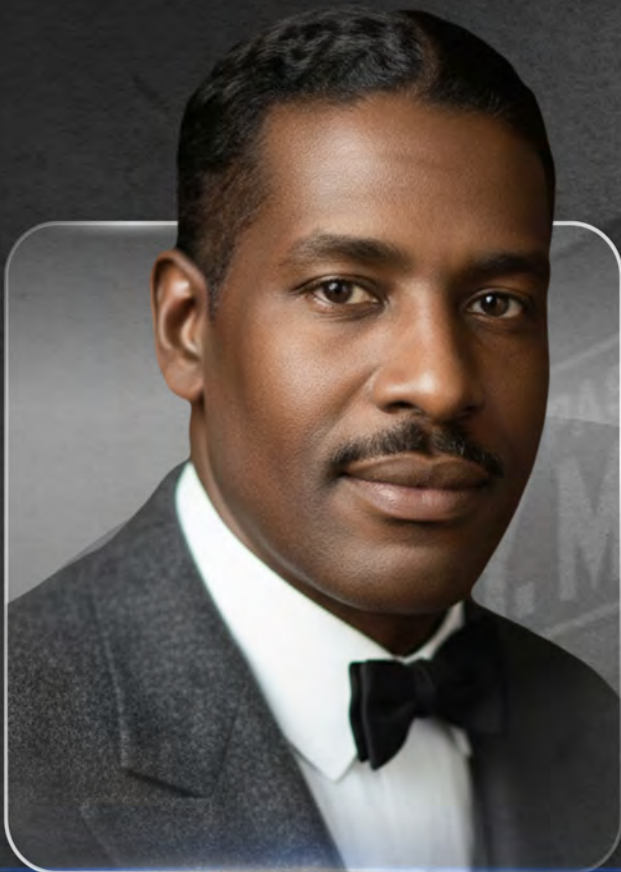
Back Row:

Leon J. Ollison, Forest S. Smith, Dr. Charles P. Washington, Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy,
Dr. John M. Gill, Robert H. Williams



CHARTER MEMBERS OF ALPHA DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER

James W. Pryor, Forest S. Smith, Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy, Dean J. Ernest Brown,
Leon J. Ollison, Dr. Arthur C. Prewitt, Dr. Raymond M. Williams



Dean / Rev. James Ernest Brown
First President

Born in Danville, KY in 1901. He was an Indianapolis resident from 1904 to 1924.

Received his college and theological degrees from Simmons College and of Central Law School in Louisville, KY. He did graduate work at Univ. of Cincinnati and Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, OH.

While at Simmons College, he was initiated through the Tau Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

He also attended Kansas City Teachers College and the Univ. of Kansas for a time.

Before arriving in Kansas City, Rev. J. E. Brown served the Portland Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, and the Bethel Church, Anchorage, KY.

He was the Dean for several years at Western Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, MO.

Later, he was a supervisor of adult education and principal of the R. T. Coles night school at Lincoln High School (KCMO)

Charter Member

Charter Member Brown was the Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, arriving in Ft. Scott, KS, June, 1938, Serving for 5 years before being called to Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Topeka, KS.

Charter Member Brown was a critic for the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City, chairman of the religious committee of the committee of management of the Paseo YMCA, and a representative of the Urban League.

Dean Brown met his wife, Elizabeth Parker-Brown at Simmons College, who had formerly taught in the public school systems in Kentucky and North Carolina.

He passed, November 29, 1945, in Christ Hospital in Topeka, KS.

He's buried in Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN.

He was only 44 years old.





Dr. A. Marcelle Kennedy *The Chemist & Physician*

Born: 1893 in Marshall, MO

Passed: Thursday, October 10, 1968 in KCK. He lived in Kansas City for 30 Years.

Dr. Kennedy attended Douglass School and Western University, Quindaro, KS. In 1915, he received his diploma from the Elizabeth King Institute of New York as a graduate face specialist. He had the distinction of being the only face specialist of color on both sides in the 2 KC's. He holds degrees from the California College of Optometry and the Oakland College of Medicine.

From 1933 - 1936, he and his 1st wife, Nadine Steppe-Kennedy, conducted a private kindergarten and daycare at their home.

He was president of the Committeeman's League (Wyandotte Co, KS), Deputy License Inspector (KCK), Refinery Chemist (Topeka), president of the Towers-for-Representative club. He was a member of the AME Church, 8th & Nebraska, KCK.

His 2nd wife, Mrs. Fannie P. Kennedy, was the granddaughter of Booker T. Washington.

He was the 4th president of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter; conducted many of our chapter's Bigger & Better Business programs every April, starting in 1936.

Charter Member



BOOKER T'S DAUGHTER RELAXES.—Shown here is Mrs. Portia W. Pittman, only daughter and living survivor of Booker T. Washington with her daughter, Mrs. A. Marcelle Kennedy and Dr. Kennedy in the latter's home at 2120 Springfield. Mrs. Pittman, active in the Booker T. Washington Foundation and Birthplace

Memorial organization, Booker Washington, Va., came here to visit her daughter and go to Joplin, Mo., to present the first Carver Achievement award to William Duckworth, composer of "Sound Off." Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy are seated on the piano bench.



Leon James William Ollison
The Civic Leader

Born, February 5, 1904 in Springfield, MO and moved to KC Area 1930 (KCK)

He was initiated into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Phi Chapter, at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, AR in the late 1920's. He was Student Council chairman, vice president of the College Club and a star athlete on the football and basketball teams.

Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter's 6th President.

Married to Cora Morris Ollison for 50 years (passed away in 1980)

Buried: Highland Park Cemetery (KCK)

Member of Mason Memorial United Methodist Church for 65 years

Worked for Swift Packing Co., retiring in 1968.

At the time, he was one of the first few Blacks to serve as a Federal Jurist (Topeka 1945)

Chairman - KC-NPHC; elected Northern Regional Director 1956 (National Position)

Wyandotte Election Official for over 30 years

Was the last living charter member of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter until his passing January 17, 1995.

Charter Member



Dr. Arthur Carl Prewitt
The Pharmacist

Born Thursday, December 11, 1902, Missouri

He was a 1925 Graduate from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Initiate of Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., while attending.

Married to Mrs. Ada Mae Brown

He was a prominent citizen, pharmacist & owner of Prewitt Drugs (Kansas City, KS)

He was a secretary of Progress Lodge No. 77

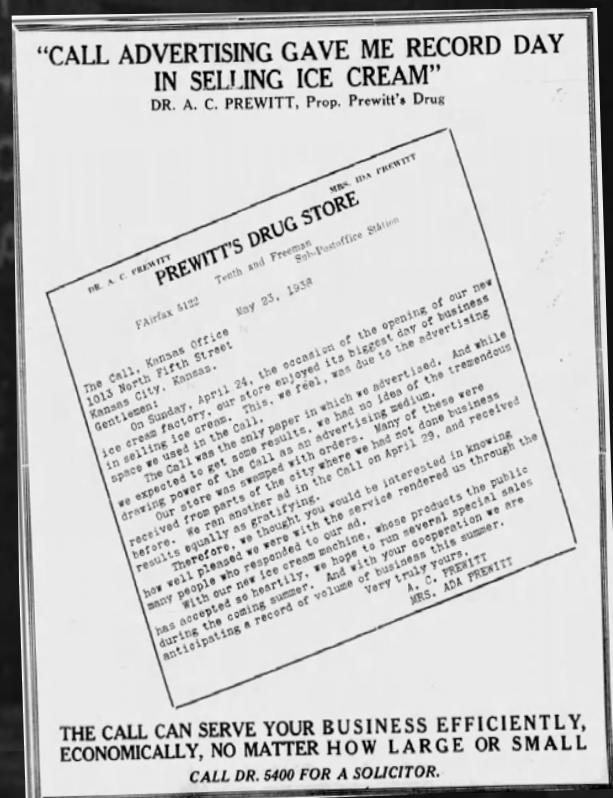
Ran for Representative of the 8th District (Did not win)

President of the KC Meharry Alumni Association; following him as alumni president was Dr. Evan A. Gilkes, Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter's 3rd president

Moved to Fayette, AL and was a member of Carbon Hill First Baptist Church.

Passed – Monday, May 26, 1986 in Fayette, AL

Charter Member



James Wendell Pryor
The Teacher



Born: April 8, 1897; Kansas

Taught in the Kansas City school system for 36 years before retiring in 1964.

Graduate of Lincoln High School; KCMO

Graduate of Kansas State Agricultural College (Kansas State Univ.), Manhattan, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Initiated in Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., while attending K-State

Was a teacher at the Boys' Home; KCMO. Taught Engineering at Prairie View College, Prairie View, TX, and Industrial Arts at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, before becoming a teacher of Industrial Arts and Mathematics at Manhattan High School and the former R. T. Coles High School.

He was a member of the Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church.

Passed: June 26, 1974 in Oakland California while visiting his daughters. Lived in KC 72 of his 77 years.

Buried in the National Cemetery, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Charter Member





Forest S. Smith
One of Three First Initiates - Exec. Secretary, Paseo Y

Born: February 1, 1890, Speed, MO

Lived in KC for over 48 years. He was well known in civic circles.

He began working at the Paseo Branch of the YMCA in 1915; it opened in 1914; working as a janitor and later as a busboy in the cafeteria. Soon, he became a desk clerk, and he was eventually elected as The Paseo YMCA Executive Secretary after the position was opened due to the prior's ill health. He held the position from 1926 to 1945. He retired for a short while and then re-elected for another year.

From 1946 to 1947 he served as the dormitory secretary. He was a real estate salesman for a short while before he became the business manager and treasurer of Western Baptist Seminary (KCMO), resigning there in 1957 because of ill health.

Brother Smith joined Second Baptist Church, and served as its treasurer and trustee for a number of years. He also taught a Sunday school class.

Brother Smith graduated with high honors and received a Business Degree from Western Baptist Bible College in Macon, MO around 1912 (eventually renamed Western Seminary when it moved to Kansas City, MO in 1927....not to be confused with Western University, Quindaro, KS (an HBCU here during that time). He married Addie M. Collins on January 1, 1914. Interesting to note, that his mother's name was also Addie.

Prior to the meeting to organize on Thursday, January 3, 1935, at the Paseo YMCA; when local members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, met to discuss the plans to establish a chapter here; Forest S. Smith, who was very prominent in civic circles in Greater Kansas City, and the Exec. Secretary at the Paseo Y where the meetings were held... that, not only did he become a pledgee, but Brother Smith was also made a Charter Member of the newly installed Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter when he, along with two others, Dr. Charles P. Washington and Dr. John R. Williams, were also initiated into the new chapter on Tuesday, October 29, 1935.

Charter Member





Dr. Raymond Montrose Williams
The Veterinarian

Born in Texas, Monday, September 15, 1902

1919 Graduate of Lincoln High School; Kansas City, MO

In 1919, he entered Kansas State Agricultural College (Kansas State Univ.); Manhattan, KS

Initiated into the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., while attending K-State

In 1924, he received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from KSAC

1930 Census: Veterinarian in a packing house in Kansas City, MO

He was the President of the Beau Brummel Club in KC. The Beau Brummel Club was a historic Black Social Club that was a pillar in KC's Black Community and stepped in to help improve the social and civic lives of Black Veterans and Civilians during the time racial segregation.

Chairman of the Investigation Committee when Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter organized in 1935

Moved to Chicago, IL in 1936

USDA - Meat Inspection Division Served for 46 Years
KC - Denver - St. Louis - Chicago At the time (1950's) he was the only black government veterinarian inspector in the Chicago area.

Passed in Chicago, September of 1973

Charter Member



Notable Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter Members

JOHN THOMAS THORNTON

A Brother of Many Traits:

A Sigma Man! A realtor. A building contractor. A churchman. An educator. A director of 3 financial institutions and a deep interest in the community's social agencies, serving on several boards of directors.

Bro. Thornton's advice was sought by many in real estate matters. He was an expert on buildings and on construction. His tenants looked upon him as a man of sympathy and understanding of their problems. As one tenant put it, "Mr. Thornton was the best landlord I ever had. If you were out of work or couldn't pay your rent, he would never put you out or tell you to move. He would say, "Well, just do the best you can."

He was regarded as one of the most widely known and highly respected people in Our Community.

Brother Thornton holds the distinction of being Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Southwestern Region's 1st Life Member (#17 overall).



Sadly, Brother Thornton was shot and killed on Sunday, Jan. 11, 1959, by a tenant while collecting rent in an apartment building he owned.

The Southwestern Region's Bigger & Better Business Annual Award is named after Brother Thornton.

BISHOP JAMES ARTHUR HAMLETT

A towering giant in the religious field

Brother Hamlett was born in Henderson, TN in 1882. He was a graduate of Lane College in Jackson, TN, and attended Washburn College (now University) in Topeka, KS and the Garrett Institute in Evanston, IL.



In 1926, he received a Master of Arts Degree from Northwestern University.

He was elevated to bishopric front the position of editor of the Christian Index, national publication of the C.M.E. church, from 1914 to 1929.

He was a Bishop of the C.M.E. church for 39 years, and was the Senior Bishop in his denomination from 1954 until his retirement in 1958. He was elected a bishop in 1922. In 1948, Bishop Hamlett was a delegate to the first assembly of World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland.

In 1954, Brother Bishop Hamlett and his wife, Lena Hamlett, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Brother Hamlett was also the father-in-law to another chapter member, Brother Samuel Luby Payne, who was the manager of the Parkview Hotel (in the 18th & Vine Jazz District).

Brother Bishop Hamlett, passed away, Saturday, February 17, 1962. He was 79 years old.

Notable Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter Members

JOE LOUIS MATTOX

Kansas City's Historian

- 11th SW Regional Director 1982 - 1985
- Noted for encouraging brothers and chapters to put their accomplishments in writing so that there would be a historical record
- Served as 2nd National Vice President. This is the highest elected office that can be held by an undergraduate.
- Authored The Perfection Scoop Handbook and the SW Regional Award Booklet
- First Black Certified Property Manager in KC
- 432LM
- Longtime Kansas City Historian and former newspaper columnist.
- Devoted researcher, writer and lecturer about the contributions of African-Americans in Kansas City and throughout the region.
- Initiate of Beta Chi Chapter at Lincoln University, Jefferson, MO



HONORABLE WAYMON PONDS

International Distinguished Service Chapter #106

- Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter President 1982-1985
- 12th SW Regional Director 1985 - 1988
- Increased membership in the Southwestern Region by 42%



- Activated more chapters over a three-year period than anytime in the Region's history
- Established the first SW Region Legal Counsel
- Established the first SW Past Regional Directors Council
- Secured more members on the General Board of the Fraternity than any time in the region's history
- Established the first International Regional Directors Council
- Introduced the concept of voting as a Regional Block to maximize our political might
- Served as Special Assistant to the 25th International President
- Served as the International Real Estate Chairman
- Hosted National Conclave 1987 as Regional Director
- Member of the SWRDSC. Served as its President for 12 years
- Initiate of Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Arkansas -Pine Buff, Pine Bluff, AR

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2. Dr. John R. Williams
3. Dr. Evan A. Gilkes
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6. Leon James William Ollison
7. Forest S. Smith
8. Dr. George H. Taft
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From the Men of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter
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WHAT A MILESTONE!

Congratulations on 90 years of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service — a legacy built on unity, learning, and giving back. 90 years is a testament to enduring values and the power of collective purpose. Here's to the next chapter of impact and excellence!

G.O.M.A.B.



FROM YOUR BROTHERS OF KAPPA SIGMA CHAPTER

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EST. OCTOBER 29, 1935

