

Richmond-Perrine (FL) Alumni Chapter

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Miami-Dade County, Florida
1998

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Members

November 15, 1997

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A HISTORY OF THE RICHMOND-PERRINE (FL) ALUMNI
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Kappa sounds and spirit flowed through the room. In one corner, a Nupe who crossed the sands in the mid-1950s sang the hymn low and sweet. In another corner, a young brother from EPSILON MU chimed in, with a higher pitch. In the middle, brothers who had pledged from Hartford to Tallahassee lifted their voices in praise. In praise of Kappa. In praise of fidelity, fraternity and fellowship.

This Kappa songfest was one of the highlights of the chartering ceremony that brought the RICHMOND-PERRINE (FL) ALUMNI chapter into the fold of our great fraternity. Mark the date, for it is important: November 15, 1997. It is a night that demonstrated how we all love Kappa and how it first loved us. The ceremony was the crowning achievement to a series of initiatives undertaken by brothers in southern Miami-Dade County.

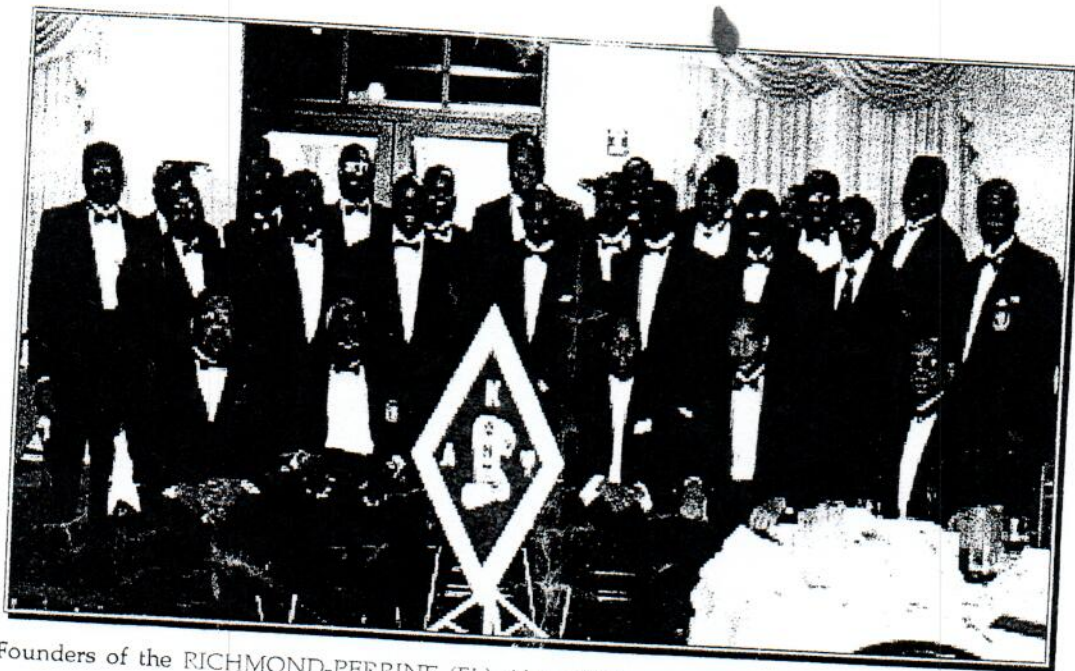
The RICHMOND-PERRINE (FL) ALUMNI chapter started as an idea among brothers: How can we propagate the message of Kappa further? How can we dedicate ourselves to individual and collective achievement throughout one of the nation's largest counties? Many brothers already lived or worked in southern Miami-Dade, and had for years faithfully attended events in northern Miami-Dade, the birthplace of Kappa in Greater Miami. To help spread Kappa's message, a group of brothers began plans to form a chapter. Inquiries were made of Southern province and national officials. Meetings were held at a school. Brothers were called. Some brothers were reclaimed after years of inactivity. Other brothers from the historical birthplace of Kappa in Miami-Dade assisted. Helpful, too, were brothers from IOTA CHI (University of Miami) and EPSILON MU (Florida Memorial College).

Unity among the brothers was crucial to the success of forming the chapter. Finally, during the fall of 1997, the acting officers of the RICHMOND-PERRINE (FL) ALUMNI received official word: The chapter is approved. Southern Province Polemarch Dr. Frank S. Emanuel ventured from Jacksonville to charter the first chapter of his tenure as our regional leader. "I'll always remember RICHMOND-PERRINE," Dr. Emanuel told the 50 brothers at a ceremony at Florida International University's South Campus.

Among the activities undertaken before the chartering ceremony were several get-togethers hosted by brothers, including a picnic in which brothers and their families were invited. While the event appeared to be a social one, the underlying message highlights why a chapter was needed in southern Miami-Dade. For families. For guiding young men, in particular, along the right path.

Brother Daryl Jones, a Florida state senator nominated by President Clinton as U.S. Air Force Secretary, put it succinctly in his speech to brothers at the chartering ceremony. "The young people of southern Miami-Dade County will be the beneficiaries from the new chapter. We can help show them the way.

That way flows through Kappa. It flowed through the blood of men named Diggs, Irvin, Armstrong, Grant, Alexander, Blakemore, Caine, Asher, Lee and Edmunds and we - the men of RICHMOND-PERRINE (FL) ALUMNI - intend to keep it flowing and to guide ourselves, our families and the young men of our community the right and righteous way.











Founders of the RICHMOND-PERRINE (FL) Alumni Chapter, with special guests Dr. Frank Emanuel, Southern Province Polemarch (front, far left), and Florida State Senator Daryl Jones, (front, second from right).

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