PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

@New Jersey Institute of Technology



MOMENTS INTIME



September 4, 1947 First Contact

A letter from J. H. McCann (Pi Kappa Phi) to Mr. William Hazell, Jr., Associate Dean, Newark College of Engineering, thanking him for the previous evenings meeting discussing fraternities at NCE. "I shall await with interest your advise as to the attitude of Phi Sigma Omega toward development of a contact with Pi Kappa Phi."

November 1947

A letter from Phi Sigma Omega, Beta Chapter, to all graduate brothers of the chapter informing them of discussions with Pi Kappa Phi, listing eight major points of that meeting and asking for their opinion. The eight point was: "At the meeting the undergraduate brothers and present officers voted in favor of nationalization, but before a final step in either for or against is taken, a survey of the opinion of the alumni would be made and considered in matter."

February 4, 1948

A letter from W. Bernard Jones, Jr., Executive Secretary of Pi Kappa Phi to Mr. William Hazell, Jr., "I note from our correspondence on the matter that you have been very helpful to our Mr. McCann concerning the possibility of the Phi Sigma Omega Fraternity's being nationalized by us. We have just received a petition from this group and would like a statement from your office about whether this would be approved by the School Administration...."

February 7, 1948

A letter from Will E. Edington, National Scholarship Chairman, Pi Kappa Phi to Registrar of NCE requesting the grades of each of the men of Phi Sigma Omega.

February 9, 1948

A letter from Mr. William Hazell, Jr. to Mr. W. Bernard Jones, Jr. Acknowledging NCE approval of Phi Sigma Omega to nationalize.

February 27, 1948

A letter from Mr. William Hazell, Jr. to Dr. Will E. Edington providing grade point averages for the brothers of Phi Sigma Omega.

March 26, 1948

A letter from Charles W. Martin, Traveling Counselor, Pi Kappa Phi to Mr. William Hazell, Jr. requesting he write a letter to a Mr. Embury of the National Interfraternity Conference regarding the national status of Phi Sigma Omega.

April 9, 1948

Mr. William Hazell, Jr. writes to Mr. Embury of the National Interfraternity Conference.

April 12, 1948

Mr. Embury of the National Interfraternity Conference writes to Mr. William Hazell, Jr. acknowledging receipt of his letter and stating that he had recommended the application of Pi Kappa Phi absorbing Phi Sigma Omega be approved by the Executive Committee of the N.I.C.

May 6, 1948

Announcement sent to all Phi Sigma Omega graduate brothers announcing the chapters decision to join Pi Kappa Phi, as well as the dates times and cost of the ceremonies:

Friday, May 28, 1948 Pre-ceremonial meeting with P.K.P.

delegate. All brothers present at 30-A, 7:30

P.M.

Saturday, May 29, 1948 at 12 Noon. All brothers to be present at

conference to be held at Essex House Hotel,

Newark, NJ 3rd Floor.

At 6 P.M. promptly. Hotel Essex House Banquet, cost \$4.50

P.S. A Reminder that Phi Sigma Omega is holding its Annual Dance at

the Newark Athletic Club on Saturday, May 15, 1948.

May 29, 1948

CHARTERED *initiating team: Alpha Xi chapter from Brooklyn Poly.* (Initiation Fee \$27.50)

Former local fraternity "Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Omega"

117 Warren Street, Newark, NJ (Alpha Chapter @ Cooper Union Delta Chapter @ Pratt Institute)

Michael A. Bravette βα 1 *Treasurer* Eugene G. Castagna βα 2

Frank Cozzarelli βα 3 Secretary Camillo P. Debonis βα 4

George T. Dib βα 5

John T. Fitzgibbon βα 6

James Gomes $\beta\alpha$ 7 Chaplain Constantin A. Gorshkoff $\beta\alpha$ 8 Historian

Robert O. Gourley $\beta\alpha$ 9 William Gray, Jr. $\beta\alpha$ 10 Herman P. Hempel $\beta\alpha$ 11 Raymond A. Howard $\beta\alpha$ 12 Theodore Jensen $\beta\alpha$ 13 Paul J. Kliminski $\beta\alpha$ 14

Robert E. Moore βα 15

George E. Perkins βα 17

Frederick S. Sakate βα 19

William Oakenell βα 16

Ferdinand Rokosz βα 18

Dominick J. Salamone βα 20

Nicholas A. Salamone βα 21 William Schlosser βα 22 Warden

Charles F. Sewell βα 23

Alfred Taboada βα 25 Archon

James R. Summer βα 24

Joseph Toboada, Jr. βα 26

Robert G. Vande Vrede βα 28

Jacob VanBroekhoven βα 27 Robert G. VandeVrede βα 28 Larew W. Wheatin βα 29 Carl F. Wheeler βα 30

Leonard B. Wilson, Jr. βα 31

William J. Zika βα 33

Andrew A. Young βα 32

September, 1948 @ 22nd Supreme Chapter; *Detroit, Michigan*

Winter 1949 NCE's Eberhart Hall appears on the cover of the Star & Lamp

August, 1950 @ 23nd Supreme Chapter; Portland, Oregon

August, 1952 @ 24th Supreme Chapter; *Miami, Florida*

June 25, 1952 CREATED

North Jersey Alumni Chapter of the PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY

John R. Albright βα 35 Michael A. Bravette βα 1 Eugene G. Castagna βα 2 Frank Cozzarelli βα 3 Camillo P. Debonis βα 4 George T. Dib βα 5 John T. Fitzgibbon βα 6 James Gomes βα 7 Raymond A. Howard βα 12 Theodore Jensen βα 13 Paul J. Kliminski βα 14 Frank B. Likens βα 37 George E. Perkins βα 17 Ferdinand Rokosz βα 18 Frederick S. Sakate βα 19 Dominick J. Salamone βα 20 Nicholas A. Salamone βα 21 William Schlosser βα 22 Charles F. Sewell βα 23 Alfred Taboada βα 25 Joseph Toboada, Jr. βα 26 Jacob VanBroekhoven βα 27 Andrew A. Young βα 32 William J. Zika βα 33

August, 1954 @ 25th Supreme Chapter; *Charleston, South Carolina*

January 7, 1955 Beta Alpha #100 initiated, Robert C. Curry

September 30, 1955 Repealed the house rule (motion of 10/22/54) prohibiting having beer and girls in the house at the same time.

November 17, 1955 INCORPORATED

Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, Inc.

A New Jersey not for profit corporation 133 Warren Street, Newark, New Jersey

Robert J. Anderson βα 95 William M. Cawthra βα 58 Anthony A. Divona βα 87 *agent* Donald C. Linske βα 75

John S. Urban βα 78

The purpose for which this corporation is formed are: promotion of cultural and scientific education, and moral and mental improvement

among the members of the corporation.

August, 1956 @ 26th Supreme Chapter; *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

April 26, 1957 \$857.58 in new house fund

Roy Schaufelberger βα 130, selected "Pi Kappa Phi Scholar for 1957"

October 11, 1957 Motion to end paddling of Pledges passes

July 29, 1958 Agree to rent an Apartment @ 119 Summit Street for \$70.00 / month

August, 1958 @ 27th Supreme Chapter; *Atlanta, Georgia*

February 1959 From "The Star and Lamp"

Brother Michael Kane βα 169 and Miss Berta Stelzer were married August

30, 1958.

A daughter, Kathleen Andrea was born November 24, 1958 to Brother &

Mrs. Art Sikora βα 131

Awarded Outstanding Fraternity Plaque by the NCE IFC for the college

year 1957-58.

August 1959 From "The Star and Lamp"

Durward W. Owen named Executive Secretary of Pi Kappa Phi by the

National Council at its mid May meeting in Louisville, Ky.

Aug 30-Sept 2, 1959 First "Pi Kapp College" held in Sumter, South Carolina

Founder Fogarty addresses Graduates

May 1960 From "The Star and Lamp"

"Under the able direction of Brother Steven B. Durski βα 171, Pi Kappa Phi Studios have just filmed two feature productions, 'The Saga of Pancho

Villa' and the 'Son of Pancho Villa'"

August 1960 From "The Star and Lamp"

Joseph Friend βα 179 receives the "Students Lamp Key Award"

August 24-27, 1960 @ 28th Supreme Chapter; Louisville, Kentucky

November 1960 From "The Star and Lamp"

Photo of Michael Kane βα 169 feeding newborn in wee hour of the

morning (not a pretty sight)

January 7, 1961 \$2,467.60 in new house fund

February 16, 1961 Beta Alpha #200 initiated, Thomas M. McCann

February 1961 The "Hole in the wall" incident. Chapter suspended from IFC, seven

brothers suspended from chapter, Faculty adviser quits.

March 1961 Move out of 119 Summit Street to the "Vets"

August 1961 From "The Star and Lamp" National announces the launching of a

"Voluntary Gift Program", ie; the first Alumni dues solicitations.

March 10, 1962 Founder Lawrence Harry Mixon passes to the Chapter Eternal, Aged 75

years 8/19/1887 to 3/10/1962

August 22-25, 1962 @ 29th Supreme Chapter; Lansing, Michigan

November 1962 "The Star and Lamp" pictures Roland S. Hanson βα 67, in recognition of

his achievements in business. Willard N. Endicott βα 188, in recognition

of receiving his paratroopers wings at Fort Benning, Ga.

August 24-28, 1964 @ 30th Supreme Chapter; *Mobile, Alabama*

September 9, 1964 Corporation Officers announce at undergraduate chapter meeting the

purchasing of 249 High Street

November 2, 1964 Final PSE&G bill @ 123 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ (\$14.19)

November 4, 1964 Purchased first house \$19,000.00

249 High Street

Newark, New Jersey 07102

\$4,000.00 cash

\$6,000.00 six year collateral loan from

Alpha Upsilon Chapter @ Drexel

\$9,000.00 15 year mortgage @ 6% from The First National Bank & Trust Co. of

Kearny

\$1,073.35 closing costs

President Daniel G. Alicknavitch βα 175 Secretary W. G. Muldowney βα 182



November 1964

From "The Star and Lamp"

Richard Hock βα 236 receives the Students Lamp Key Award for

scholastic leadership.

December 11, 1964 Office of House Manager created

February 1965 From "The Star and Lamp"

Anthony C. Vanagas $\beta\alpha$ 157 received the Order of the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross for his

heroics in Vietnam;

Beta Alpha's new chapter house pictured Pg. 20.



March 13, 1965 First initiation of Brothers in our own House, βα 256 through βα 265

October 1, 1965 The requirement of "Bringing prospective pledges names before the

brotherhood for three consecutive meetings" is rescinded from the by-laws

October 1, 1965 Petition the National Council for exemption from membership

qualifications based on race, creed, color or national origin.

July 13, 1966 The Corporation defined the law regarding girls above the first floor; "There shall be no girls on the second and third floor after 12:00 AM on

party nights, and no girls in rooms at any time."

August 23-26, 1966 @ 31st Supreme Chapter; Miami, Florida

"Champion Master Chapter Award"

Eliminated discriminatory language from the ritual and constitution Albert P. Brown $\beta\alpha$ 161 District I President (Area 1 Governor)

February 24, 1967 Beverages now allowed in chapter room (eating still forbidden)

March 5, 1967 Beta Alpha #300 initiated, Craig M. Miller

March 31, 1967 Women are allowed upstairs from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

August, 1968 @ 32nd Supreme Chapter; Virginia Beach, Virginia

Fall 1969 Won First place @ IFC "Greek Week"

Fall 1969 Won IFC Talent Show "Buena Serra Hiram Walker" the movie

August, 1970 @ 33rd Supreme Chapter; *Chicago, Illinois*

October 24, 1970 Peter Jensen βα 335 was shot in the chest and killed this night, on Campus

in the student center parking lot during intermission of the IFC talent show

October 31, 1970 Collateral loan from Alpha Upsilon Chapter paid off

November 4, 1970 Won rescheduled IFC Talent Show "Lisistrada" the play

1971 First place IFC Softball

1972 First place IFC Softball

May 10, 1972 Complaint-Summons (City Ordinance) issued this day to appear before

this Court on June 15, 1972 by Judge Harry Hazelwood, Jr. *City of Newark VS. Pi Kappa Phi Inc. & Russell Chomiak*

First Count - 15:6-2 - did conduct and operate a rooming house at 249 High St., Newark, without first having filed an application for a rooming

house license with the Director of the Division of Licenses.

August, 1972 @ 34th Supreme Chapter; *Atlanta*, *Georgia*

January 1, 1973	State of New Jersey reduces legal drinking age from 21 to 18 years of age
1973	"Master Chapter Award"
May 20, 1974	Steven DePalma βα 322 appointed Area 1 Governor
Sept 1974	School announces new name "New Jersey Institute of Technology"
Oct. 1974	New Hot Water Heater
March 9, 1975	Beta Alpha #400 initiated, Richard M. Labinsky
August 18, 1975	@ 35th Supreme Chapter, San Francisco, California "Master Chapter Award"
November 22, 1975	Dedication of the new Administrative Office in Charlotte, North Carolina
August 1977	@ 36th Supreme Chapter, <i>New Orleans, Louisiana</i> Al Brown βα 161 elected "National Council Chaplain" Al Brown βα 161 receives "Merit of Citation" award Office of Vice Archon created
Oct. 23, 1977	Insulation installed in Attic of Chapter House
Jan. 1, 1978	Position of Vice-Archon implemented
April 1979	Won IFC basketball championship in double overtime over Sigma Pi
Summer 1979	Chapter room plaster ceiling meets Chapter room floor (CRASH!!)
August 1979	@ 37th Supreme Chapter, 75th Anniversary; Charleston, South Carolina Stephen DePalma $\beta\alpha$ 322 named "Area Governor of the Year 1979"
November 2, 1979	Mortgage on 249 High Street paid off
August, 1981	@ 38th Supreme Chapter; Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
August, 1983	@ 39 th Supreme Chapter; <i>Mobile</i> , <i>Alabama</i>
May 11, 1984	Beta Alpha #500 initiated, Steven D. Lynn
January 1985	During semester break, Fire guts 247 King Blvd., causing extensive damage to Alleyway windows, sky-light, and front door of chapter house. (Firemen kicked in front door to enter and save chapter house).

August, 1985 @ 40th Supreme Chapter, Charlotte, North Carolina

Stephen DePalma βα 322 elected "National Council Treasurer"

September 1985 Housing Corp. & N.J.A.A. solicit Alumni for financial help, due to fire

damage & insurance short fall. Forty eight Alumni respond, raising

\$3,108.

Summer 1986 Photo of Beta Alpha Chapter House with undergraduate

brothers featured on the cover of "The Star and Lamp"

August 14-16, 1987 @ 41st Supreme Chapter; Dallas, Texas

"Champion Master Chapter Award"

Stephen DePalma βα 322 elected "National Council Vice

President"

James Krucher βα 341 named "Area Governor of the

Year 1987"

May 14, 1988 40th anniversary Rose Ball,@ Holiday Inn Springfield

175 people attend, including the National Council

August 6-19, 1988 @ Pi Kapp College

Al Brown βα 161 named "MR. PI KAPPA PHI 1988"

James Krucher βα 341 named "Area Governor of the Year 1988"

January 21, 1989 First "Planning Task Force Committee" meeting for "Plan 2000"

August 6-9, 1989 @ 42nd Supreme Chapter, Washington, D.C.

"Presidents Plaque Award"

Stephen DePalma βα 322 elected "National Council President"

July 1990 Corp. Structural Reorganization "Plan 2000" is ratified

April 25, 1991 Beta Alpha #600 initiated, Patrick M. Espiritu

November 6, 1991 Purchased Adjoining Lots for \$5,000.00 from Phi Lambda Sigma, Inc.

247 & 247½ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Newark, New Jersey 07102

\$5,000.00 Cash

\$1,242.28 closing costs

President John E. Pugliesi βα 402 Secretary Joseph J. Manfredi βα 352

August 1992 @ 43rd Supreme Chapter, Naples, Florida

James Krucher βα 341 awarded the "Beta Circle Award"

James Krucher βα 341 elected "National Council Member-at-Large"

June 10, 1994 Albert P. Brown βα 161 passes to the Chapter Eternal, Aged 56 years

10/17/37 to 6/10/94

August 13-17, 1994 @ 44th Supreme Chapter, Atlanta, Georgia

Durwood Owen retires

Stephen P. DePalma βα 322 awarded Merit Citation

November 1994 Al Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund started, a tax exempt savings fund

administered by the "Pi Kappa Phi Foundation"

76 Brothers pledge a total of \$11,800

August 1995 @ Pi Kapp College 1995

"Recruitment Excellence Award"

"PUSH Red Rose Award"
"PUSH Academic Award"

"Theron Houser Award Runner Up"

February 25, 1996 Wind storm rips rear third of chapter house roof off. Roof missing, Joists

missing, Masonry damaged and falling out. King Blvd. closed until City can remove debris from street. Occupancy is forbidden until structure is inspected by City Engineer on Monday 2/26/96. Star gazing sessions now

held in dining room.

August 10-14, 1996 @ 45th Supreme Chapter, San Francisco, California

Scholarship Award "Most Improved GPA, Area 1"

"PUSH Fund Raising Award"

James Krucher βα 341 elected "National Council Historian" Entire west coast Blacks-Out Saturday night of Supreme Banquet

(Under grads deny responsibility)

May 2, 1998 50th anniversary Rose Ball @ Wyndham Garden Hotel, Elizabeth, NJ

170 guests attend, including National Council

Golden Legionaries Awards presented.

May 29, 1998 50th anniversary of Beta Alpha Founding

August 1998 @ 46th Supreme Chapter, *Chicago*, *Illinois*

James Krucher βα 341 elected "National Council Secretary"

November 1998 50th anniversary Founders Day @ Wyndham Garden Hotel, Elizabeth, NJ

84 guests in attendance.

January 2000 Seton Hall Dorm Fire kills three students

May, 2000 Beta Alpha #700 initiated

August 2000 @ 47th Supreme Chapter, Orlando, Florida

James Krucher $\beta\alpha$ 341 reelected "National Council Secretary" David White $\beta\alpha$ 432 appointed District Governor Area 1 (NJ/NY)

NJAA wins Alumni group of the year award

Undergraduate Chapter receives award for PUSH fund raising efforts. John E. Pugliesi βα 402 and John F. Lee, Jr. βα 385 awarded Merit

Citation.

November 12, 2000 First recipients of Al Brown Memorial Scholarships announced.

Mark Timmes CEO of Pi Kappa Phi is guest speaker

January 2001 Attend Newark Municipal Court to answer charges of overgrown weeds in

our lots and loose trash in front of the house (trash bag was torn open on trash day). Yes Newark is cracking down, and no they are not singling out Fraternity houses. There were far more home owners, business owners, and yes even Ministers there, answering to the same charges then there were Fraternities. Everyone paid fines of \$100 per offence if you plead guilty, \$1,000 per offence if you plead not guilty. I'll leave it to you to

guess what I did.

Also, Per City ordnances we must now fence in our two adjacent lots. We have been put on notice. This shall proceed as soon as winter is done with

us.

April 2001 Chapter House Hot water heater blows lunch.

Basement flooding follows

Summer 2001 Benjamin Lerch βα 701 rides in PUSH America's "Journey of Hope"

San Francisco, CA to Washington DC

Sept 2001 Sept 11th attacks

Edward T. Keane βα 110 lost in NYC World Trade Center attack

OMENTS T I M E

March 2002	State of New Jersey serves Beta Alpha with Fire Code Violation.
Maich Zuuz	State of New Jersey Serves Deta Albha with the Code Violation.

Not in compliance with automatic fire sprinkler system requirements per NJAC 5:70 4.5 All dorms and Fraternity and Sorority housing must be equipped with Fire Sprinklers. All buildings without must be retrofitted. Legislation was a result of the fatal Jan 2000 Seton Hall dormitory fire. Universities are given four years to comply. They must complete a minimum of 25% per year, and be 100% compliant by July 2004. How do you do 25% minimum per year for a single Fraternity House? We requested an exemption from the 25% per year minimum, but to be

held to the July 2004 dead line. DENIED.

Sought a variance, conditions were unacceptable. We appealed. John F. Lee, Jr. βα 385 with Council Leonard S. DePalma, Esq. EΘ 001, attend hearing before Judge Dubin in Trenton on 04-September-2002. We are granted the extension until July 2004. Conditions are reasonable.

August 2002 @ 48th Supreme Chapter, Washington DC

Stephen P. DePalma βα 322 named "MR. PI KAPPA PHI 2002"

James Krucher βα 341 awarded Merit Citation

August 2002 Black Ball passes away. Black Ball was the Chapter house pet.

Saved two brothers a number of years ago by jumping in front of them on

the front porch and taking a bullet between the eyes. Yes the dog survived. Black Ball became a State of New Jersey Hero Dog.

Received a NJ State Hero plaque at a ceremony in Trenton. Story was

written up in the newspaper. The Chapter had him cremated.

Summer 2003 Dave White βα 432 rides in PUSH America's "Gear Up Florida"

August 2004 @ 49th Supreme Chapter, Charleston, South Carolina

100 Anniversary of Pi Kappa Phi

Dave White βα 432 awarded "Regional Governor of the Year 2004"

August 2004 Sprinkler System installation completed at 249 Dr. M. L. King Boulevard

June 2006 NJIT announces Gateway Project & Greek Village

> NJIT's Campus Gateway project is a multifaceted plan to revitalize the area around the NJIT campus. Involves King Blvd corridor from train station to campus, and Greek Village to be on located on NJIT property

off Warren street. Phase I to be Greek Village.

August 2006 @ 50th Supreme Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas

Dave White βα 432 elected "National Council Chaplain"

Summer 2007 Brandon T. Sorensen βα 680 rides in PUSH America's "Gear Up Florida"

August 2008 @ 51st Supreme Chapter, Denver, Colorado

Dave White βα 432 re-elected "National Council Chaplain"

Brandon T. Sorensen βα 680 receives "Chapter Advisor of the Year 2008"

for his work at American University.

August 2009 James Krucher βα 341 named "MR. PI KAPPA PHI 2009"

January 2010 249 Dr. M. L. King Boulevard over 120 years old

Chapter House since 1964

August 2010 @ 52nd Supreme Chapter, Orlando, Florida

May 2012 Ground Breaking for NJIT "Warren Street Village"

consists of Honors Dorm (360 beds) & Greek

Village (240 beds)

Three acre site bounded by Colden Street, Warren

Street, & Raymond Boulevard.



June 2012 NJIT Greek Life awards

Javier Vasquez βα 760 "Chapter President of the Year" Dave White βα 432 "Volunteer Chapter Advisor of the Year" Pi Kappa Phi "Excellence in chapter development and leadership"

Pi Kappa Phi "Most Improved Organization"

August 2012 @ 53rd Supreme Chapter, *Washington DC*

John W. Seazholtz $\beta\alpha$ 138 named to Pi Kappa Phi Hall of Fame Nationals Infrastructure Loan Fund re-named "The Steve DePalma

Infrastructure Loan Fund"

Chapter receives "Retention Excellence Award"

Chapter receives "Commitment to Continued Growth Award"

Sept 14, 2012 NJIT Inauguration of Joel S. Bloom,

Eighth President of NJIT



November 11, 2012 64th Beta Alpha Chapters Founders Day Celebration