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The 2008 Province Council was held on the beautiful island of Bermuda from March 13th through March 16th. The brothers and silhouettes of the Bermuda Alumni Chapter, "The Diamond in the Sea," hosted the event.

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Brothers,

It is truly a "Bermudiful" morning as the brothers of the Bermuda chapter would say. As we all know by now, we had a wonderful time in Bermuda for our 2008 Province Council. The brothers of the Bermuda Alumni Chapter showed us a time we will never forget. As you will see in this, the First Edition of the Kronicle under this administration, we have attempted to capture all the happenings that took place on the Island.

I am not going to steal the highlights of the trip, but I must say, having Grand Polemarch Dwayne M. Murray, Senior Grand Vice Polemarch, Randy Bates, the Junior Grand Vice Polemarch, Michael Davis, Alumni Grand Board Member, Anthony B. Hill, 2009 Laurel Wreath Designee, Dr. Carl Anderson, Past Province Polemarchs Clarence F. Nelson, Jr., Charles A. Brockett, William B. Croom, Rufus F. Clanzly, and four sitting Province Polemarchs in attendance made this occasion a truly historic Province Council.

As Province Polemarch, I truly want to thank the brothers from Bermuda, Brother Barnes and his PCPC committee, and all the brothers of this Province for all of your help to make this Province Council a memorable one.



Lastly, my brothers please join me in thanking our Eastern Province Reporter brother Emanuel Arnold for an outstanding job on this edition of the Khronicle. This is truly one to keep!!!!

**John T. Lanier, Eastern Province Polemarch
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Brothers All:

This year's Province Council was an incredible experience. I commend all of the brothers, silhouettes, and other people who worked diligently to make this meeting an overwhelming success. This special edition of the Eastern Province Khronicle will reflect various events and activities held at the Province Council meeting in Bermuda.

I would like to thank those of you who have sent me their contributions for this issue of the newsletter. I encourage all chapters to submit content. This newsletter is the voice of the Eastern Province. Let me know what your chapter is doing so that the news can be spread. Additionally, if you would like to write a feature article, or have ideas for an article that would benefit our viewership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in the Bond,

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The 2008 Eastern Province Council, An Event to Remember

*By Brothers Jamal Hart and Charles Daniels,
Bermuda Alumni Chapter*

March 13th -16th, 2008 shall forever be remembered in the history books of our Grand Fraternity. It was the first time that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. has held an Eastern Province Council Meeting outside of the continental United States. The brothers of the Bermuda Alumni Chapter were honored to have been chosen to be the host chapter. Held at the Fairmont Southampton Hotel, the 4 day event saw Bermuda host over 280 visiting brothers, silhouettes, and significant others, approximately 85% of whom were first time visitors to Bermuda.

The event started off with the first “international” KappaAlphaPsi Golf tournament, held at the Belmont Hills Golf Club. Brother Nate Fletcher of Baltimore Alumni won the 18 hole tournament, and our 31st Grand Polemarch, Brother Dwayne M. Murray, Esq., won the longest drive competition. There were 21 participants in all. Later that evening, the Bermuda Department of Tourism hosted a cocktail reception which was attended by local Bermuda government dignitaries, Dame Jennifer Smith, the Honorable Paula Cox, Minister of Finance, and the Honorable Dale Butler, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, to name but a few. Bermuda Alumni Past Polemarch Brother Nelson Bascome emceed the evening reception. The event was flavored with a presentation by H&H Gombey Dancers. The Eastern Province Board of Directors held a meeting following the Bermuda Tourism Reception. After the Board of Directors meeting, the Bermuda Alumni Chapter hosted a reception for the board members at their presidential hospitality suite.



Local Bermuda Government dignitaries, Dame Jennifer Smith and the Honorable Nelson Bascome, Minister of Health.

On Friday morning, Brother John T. Lanier, Sr., 23rd Eastern Province Polemarch, presided over the First General Session which was scheduled from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Upon recess, brothers took advantage of the various tourism activities available on the island.

At 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening, a public meeting was held. Mr. Phillip Butterfield, HSBC-Bank of Bermuda Chairman, was the keynote speaker. In true Kappa tradition, community awards were given to Aurelia Burch, former teacher and political activist, Suzette Harvey of United Dance Productions for her work with the youth, and Brother Greg Swan, CEO of TeleBermuda International, for their Corporate –Community involvement. Additionally, the 2008 “Pillar of the Province” Award was presented by our 23rd Eastern Province Polemarch, John T. Lanier, Sr., to Brother Dr. Bernard F. Barnes, Sr., Chairman, Province Council Planning Committee (PCPC), for his hard work and dedication to the Eastern Province.



Mr. Phillip Butterfield

A Friday night would not be complete without “a taste of Bermuda” on board the “Kappa Train”. This specially designed street train commuted Brothers and significant others from Front Street to North Hamilton in the city. Local favorites, Hubie’s Jazz Bar, Captain’s Lounge, Place’s Place, and restaurants Jamaican Grill and Greg’s Steakhouse



Eastern Province Polemarch John T. Lanier, Grand Chapter Polemarch Dwayne M. Murray, and Bermuda Alumni Past Polemarch Nelson Bascome present Mrs. Aurelia Burch with a Community Award.



Left to Right: Nelson Bascome, John Lanier, Dwayne Murray, Derek Smith, Brian Walker, Kevin Bean, Anthony Hunter.

entertained the older brothers, while our undergrads had opportunities at the Pier 6 Dance and The Beach across the street.

Saturday morning, Brother Dwight E. Thomas, Senior Province Vice Polemarch, presided over the Second General Session, which was scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Upon recess, an official photograph was taken. After the photograph, all province delegates submitted their ballots for the 2008 Province Elections before engaging in tourism activities on the island.

The Province Council concluded on Saturday with a Closed Banquet. The master of ceremonies was Brother Joseph L. Wiggins, Toastmaster and Director of Organizational Effectiveness for the Eastern Province. Our 31st Grand Polemarch, Brother Dwayne M. Murray, Esq., was the keynote speaker. Following the Grand Polemarch's dynamic speech, Brother Michael J.A. Davis, Junior Grand Vice Polemarch, presented Brother Murray with an award. Remarks were given by Brother John T. Lanier, Sr., 23rd Eastern Province Polemarch, followed by a presentation of Meritorious Service Awards. Brother Anthony J. Hunter, Polemarch, Bermuda Alumni Chapter, led the tribute to our revered founders, which was followed by an oath of rededication for the 2008-2009 Province Officers led by Brother John T. Lanier, Sr. and a toast by Brother Dwayne M. Murray, Esq. Rev. Alfred E. "Al" Harrell, III gave the benediction.

Following the banquet, the Manhattans performed

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to a sold out audience. Despite a late start, the 800 guests present were treated to a night of elegant attire and socializing with new found friends. The show was anchored by local comedian "Bootsy", always a class act for locals and visitors alike. He was followed by saxophonist Shine Hayward whose vintage style of smooth jazz tunes thrilled the audience. The Manhattans entered the stage and were greeted by a rapturous applause from the crowd. They held nothing back as they sang one hit after another. Their 90 minute performance made all present truly "feel the love" that night. In one of the smoothest transitions from concert to party, *DJ Double S* kicked right in with classic old school tunes. The younger brothers entertained the crowd even further with some smooth strolling. The party finished at 2:00 a.m., but the fraternizing continued at the Bermuda Alumni hospitality suite.

As host chapter for the 2008 Eastern Province Council Meeting, we are grateful for the accolades extended by the brothers of the Eastern Province and we are thankful for the help and the learning experience afforded to us by the support of the Eastern Province. We believe that our event will be remembered for several years to come. As one visiting brother put it, "The Bermuda Alumni Chapter has raised the bar." ♦



Bermuda Alumni Chapter Members - (rear) Billy Smith, Sam Brangman, Dexter Johnston, Melvin Douglas, (front) Derek Smith, Brian Walker, Jamal Hart , Anthony Hunter (Chapter Polemarch), Nelson Bascome, and Charles Daniels.

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Interview with Dwayne M. Murray, Esq, 31st Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

*By Brother James Bullard, Province Historian and
Brother Emanuel Arnold, Province Reporter*

What does it mean for Kappa Alpha Psi to have a Province Council in an international location such as Bermuda?

This is something that is very historic for Kappa Alpha Psi. I believe that, with our founders being so youthful in age with the creation of Kappa Alpha Psi, I feel comfortable in suggesting that they did not think there would be a meeting outside the United States of America. This is historic in itself just for that reason. But it is a vision of the fraternity that brings us to Bermuda. I think that it is the young men in Kappa Alpha Psi, our young undergraduate, our collegiate brothers that have given us the inspiration to reach out beyond the boundaries of the continental United States to have a meeting in Bermuda. We have the highest ranking official in Kappa Alpha Psi, the Honorable Nelson Bascome [of the Bermuda Alumni Chapter], which shows that even with your theme here for this Province Council, *Achievement Beyond Boundaries* at Bermuda is a perfect fit for Kappa Alpha Psi at this time.



What are your thoughts about the Eastern Province in general?

The Eastern Province has offered great leadership for a long time in Kappa Alpha Psi. Just to make a joke, it looks like you have to be at least 6 feet tall to be a province polemarch! But outside of the height requirement, we've seen great leaders: past Grand Polemarch W. Stud Green, Howard Tutman, and other great leaders who have come out of the East. In addition to that, just look at the rankings of your province polemarchs. You have Bill Croom who is now the Kappa Foundation president, you have Anthony Hill on the Grand Board of Directors, John Lanier who is offering great leadership currently to the East, and you have Brother Clarence Nelson who is leading our Habitat for humanity initiative who is also working with social action in the Eastern Province. You just have a wealth of knowledge. I look at the young Brother Sims, who has a 4.0 as an undergraduate-outstanding. So we have great leadership in the East. I think it is a pivotal province in Kappa Alpha Psi from the standpoint that there is true achievement going on here in the Eastern Province.

You have been very generous with your time and have attended a few of our business sessions, so you have an inside view. Would you give us a couple thoughts about the execution of this particular Province Council?

What has been remarkable is that Brother Lanier, your Province Polemarch, evidently is a stickler for time. Each of the business sessions have started promptly on time. The recesses have been very short, giving the brothers a moment to stretch their legs and take a break. But the business sessions have been very fruitful. What I like most about what I have seen here is the pure execution. It's obvious that a lot of planning has gone in to making sure that this meeting flows very well. The topics that have been on the agenda have all been, to me, strategically placed to where we can get in and out of the business sessions on time, so I think they are doing a great job with planning and execution.

Is there anything else that you would like to share?

Well, we are looking forward to the 2011 Conclave, our 100 year anniversary. But prior to that, we have to stop in the East one more time. And we are looking at the 2009 Conclave, which is going to be probably one of the greatest conclaves that we have ever had in the fraternity. So we are looking forward to coming back to the East, again to achieve without boundaries. Thank you very much brothers, I am enjoying this interview and enjoying this time in Bermuda. ♦

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Gombey Dancers perform at the Bermuda Tourism Reception on Thursday evening, March 13, 2008. The gombey dance is an iconic symbol of Bermudan culture. It mixes elements of British, West African and indigenous New World cultures.

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Photographed by Roswell A. Taylor

The Diamond in the Sea Hosts the 2008 Eastern Province Council

By Brother Dr. Carl Anderson,
Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter

As 30+ Kappa Brothers, their Silhouettes and significant others on March 13th gathered at National Airport for the flight to Bermuda for the Eastern Province Council Meeting, few among us could anticipate the depth of the warmth and graciousness with which we would be received by our Brothers in the Bermuda Alumni Chapter who called themselves "The Diamond in the Sea". We were greeted at the Bermuda Airport by a musical aggregation; whisked immediately to waiting taxis which proceeded along the scenic landscape to our destination, the fabulous Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel. Warm greetings, coupled with rum swizzles and expeditious registration arrangements, conspired to lull each of us into a tropical-like trance which enveloped all until we returned to the United States several days later. The days and nights were spent enjoying the taste, sounds and ambience of this exceptionally beautiful paradise. The opening reception on Thursday featured a performance by Bermuda's Gombey Dancers and the finale on Saturday evening concluded with a concert and dance headlining, The Manhattans. Tours, golfing, beach walking and just plain 'chillin' were constant reminders of how life should be approached. I should add that some Brothers strained credulity and managed to take care of official Fraternity business during this period. Kudos to our delegates Brothers Lacy and Hardrick. The Grand Polemarch, Brother Dwayne M. Murray's inspirational message during the Closed Banquet was received with

thunderous applause. One would be hard pressed to find a fellow traveler who articulates anything less than superlatives to recount the time spent there taking care of Fraternity business and replenishing one's inner spirit through food, fun and fellowship. As we returned to the U.S. the constant refrain was, "I would love to go back to Bermuda." A fair assessment of Bermuda and the hospitality received. The Brothers of Silver Spring (MD) Alumni now have the unenviable task of preparing to host the next Eastern Province Council on their home turf in March 2009. Hats off to all who made our journey to Bermuda unforgettable. ♦

Brother Dr. Carl Anderson is a Laurel Wreath recipient for the 2009, 79th Grand Chapter Meeting to be held in Washington, D.C.

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