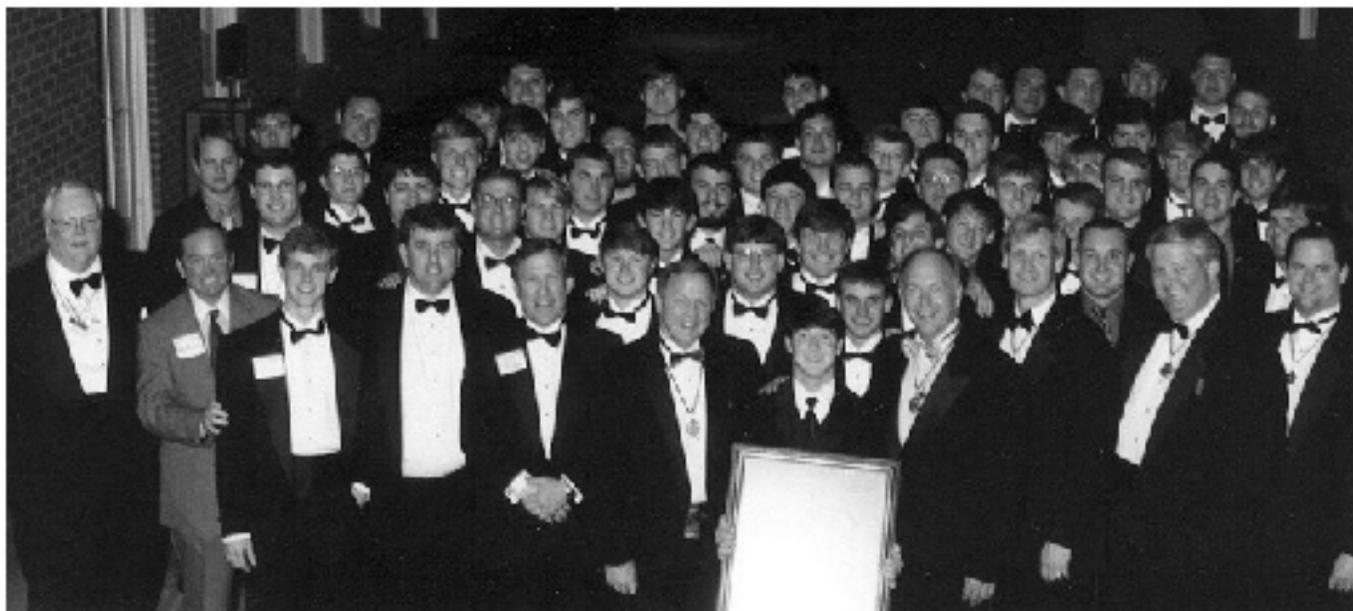




Kappa Alpha at Ole Miss

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER
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Knight Commander Jim Estes (center) with Paxton Little, No I, holding the Charter, with the entire chapter. Front row, left to right, Dick Wilson, Paul Burns, LA Province Commander, Sam Cole, No III, Tim Angle, Jon Turner, Jim Estes, Paxton Little, David Dogan, MS Province Commander, Dink Warren, Senior Councilor, Russell Brown, TX Province Commander, and Larry Wiese, Executive Director, Kappa Alpha Order. On the second row between Burns and Cole is C. D. iBubbaï Simmons, a BT Alumnus and former KA Staff member from Hollandale who helped; between Angle and Turner is Kendall Gregory who with Tim Angle provided an Oxford Anchor for the rechartering.

ALPHA UPSILON RECHARTERED! Sixty New Brothers Initiated

March 17, 2001 will be forever remembered by the sixty men who became fully initiated brothers of Kappa Alpha Order that day!

A dream came to fruition that day when the century old charter of Alpha Upsilon Chapter was reissued to a group that did not even exist six months before. The story of Rush in October 2000 was recounted in the previous newsletter. The exciting point is that barely four and a half months after the provisional chapter had been created at the end of October, it was fully chartered and existing! Probably a record in the history of the Order.

After first semester ended and we knew who had qualified academically for initiation and a date was set for

the rechartering by the Knight Commander, Province Commander David Dogan appointed former Province Commander Dick Wilson to be in charge of putting on an initiation for sixty men.

He came to the chapter a number of times in the weeks leading up to initiation to speak or to bring speakers to the initiates, and he spent the entire week before initiation on the campus helping us understand what was before us . . . again with speakers and assignments to small groups of initiates.

Then the great day came and all sixty of us gathered at the KA House at the appointed hour . . . excited and expectant. We were in the Living Room waiting for Dick when he

walked in . . . and with him the Knight Commander! Something special was afoot, we knew!

But we cannot go in to how special it was in this newsletter. Just know that our four sister chapters in Mississippi, Alpha Mu, Beta Tau, Gamma Zeta and Delta Beta all gave up part of their spring break to come and initiate us into this Order. We appreciate what they did and even more how they did it. Even though we did not know what to expect, no one failed to be overwhelmed by what we now know Kappa Alpha to mean.

And besides the Knight Commander, Jim Estes, who had been with us at the beginning of our journey in Rush and now was there to

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Knight Commander Jim Estes returns the Chapter's 1900 Charter to Paxton Little, No. I, while Tom Turner, No. I in 1960 looks on.

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present us our charter, the Senior Councilor, David Warren had come to Mississippi from North Carolina as had the Executive Director, Larry Wiese, come from the National Office in Lexington, Virginia. Also Chip Brownlee and Kenny Wright were with us from Lexington.

And Province Commanders Paul Burns from White Province (Louisiana) and Russell Brown from Mikell Province (part of Texas) were also with us. It is fitting that they

were here because originally White Province encompassed both Mikell Province and Irwin Province. Following initiation on Friday night and Saturday morning, there was the first Chapter Meeting

of the new Chapter . . . attended by all the dignitaries and representatives from all the Chapters in the Province; and the new officers were officially installed.

Then there was a reception for alumni, parents and friends at the KA House and that evening was a grand Banquet at the Oxford University Club, attended by some 300 NEW actives and dates, parents, alumni and friends. Knight Commander Jim Estes conferred the Knight Commander's Accolade on Jon Turner for his work in getting the



Jon Turner receives the award of the Knight Commander's Accolade from Jim Estes under the watchful eye of Dick Wilson, Master of Ceremonies.

Chapter started again. Senior Councilor Dink Warren gave badges out to all new initiates. And finally, eight former No. I's ó Tom Turner (1960), W. T. (Bubba) Brown (1972), Doug McKinnon (1975), Denton Pearson (1977), Andy Phillips (1983), Art Spratlin (1987), Josh Fletcher (1991), Jeff Wilson (1992) and Jimmy Rester (1996) ó looked on with pride as the Knight Commander presented the charter to Paxton Little, No. I!

For all who were there, it was a weekend never to be forgotten.



Brothers from Gamma Gamma Chapter (University of Memphis) present a KA Flag to Alpha Upsilon on behalf of the next most recently chartered chapter, Beta Upsilon (Marshall University), Continuing a tradition of the newest chapter being welcomed by the next newest! Gamma Gamma itself was rechartered in August 2000 and initiated by teams from the four chapters in Irwin Province.



Province Commander David Dogan, Educational & Leadership Consultant Kenny Wright, Jon Turner, Dick Wilson, Paxton Little, No I, Jimmy Rester, Former No I and Chip Brownlee, Director of Chapter Services, all admire the charter that was returned to the chapter.