

“Then something caused me to see at that moment the real meaning of the movement. That the students had faith in the future. That the movement was based on hope”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
1967

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Dear Hope Breakfast Attendees,

On behalf of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Lambda Chapter, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to the Martin Luther King Jr. Hope Breakfast. This event is a cherished occasion where we gather as a community, alongside our fellow Divine Nine organizations and Brothers, in remembrance of a man whose vision and voice continue to inspire change across the globe.

Today, we come together not only to honor our dear Brother, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but also to reaffirm our commitment to the principles he so passionately championed—justice, truth, and equality. Together, we celebrate his legacy by supporting ten deserving young men as they strive toward an education and a brighter, more promising future. Their potential reminds us of the importance of investing in the next generation of leaders as we collectively seek to create a better world.

The words of Dr. King resonate powerfully in our work today, serving as a reminder that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Yet, we know that this must not happen passively. It requires our collective action, perseverance, and unwavering dedication. As advocates of truth and justice, I encourage all of us to recommit to this work—by showing up, speaking up, and ensuring that every step forward is a step for all of us.

Thank you for joining us this morning and for being a vital part of this mission. Together, we can continue to illuminate the path toward justice and equality, not just for some but for everyone.

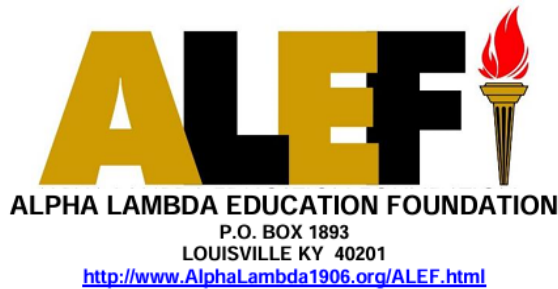
With advocacy, solidarity, and hope,

Michael T. Crawford
Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.

Founders

Henry A. Callis Charles H. Chapman Eugene K. Jones George B. Kelley Nathaniel A. Murray Robert H. Ogle Vertner W. Tandy

*Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes Brotherhood and academic excellence,
while providing service and advocacy for our communities.*



Dear Friends, Guests, and Brothers,

Welcome to the 12th annual Hope Breakfast sponsored by the Alpha Lambda Education Foundation (ALEF) and the men of the Alpha Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The ALEF was established by the brothers of the Alpha Lambda chapter in the year 1999 to foster educational achievement and high scholastic standards in the lives of young, African-American, and Latino youth in Louisville Metro. We accomplish this lofty goal through the allotment of collegiate scholarships to high school seniors who plan on matriculating to colleges/universities after graduation. From our inception the foundation has given thousands of dollars in scholarships with more than \$51,000 in the last five years – including this year.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded 118 years ago on the campus of Cornell University by seven young men who sought to support one another and ensure the scholastic success of the collective group. These men, who we refer to as the Jewels, accomplished this despite the racism and discrimination that was prevalent in the year 1906. Chapters quickly spread across the nation and we were fortunate to establish a chapter here in Louisville in the year 1911.

According to the National Center for Educational Studies, their research revealed that only 8.8% of Black males received a bachelor's degree in 2022. This is compared and contrasted with Asian males at 9.7%, Hispanic males at 12.6% and White males at 61%. Education matters!!

Education is the cornerstone which stabilizes the house of accomplishment. As a fraternity which was founded on the Aims of Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love of All Mankind we hope this monetary allotment will start these young men on the path to educational achievement and a lifetime of success.

Thank you for joining us at our event and I thank you for your support of the Hope Breakfast and these young men.

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Ed Goins, Jr., Executive Director
Alpha Lambda Education Foundation

Gerry Harris
Kentucky District Director

Michael Crawford
President, Alpha Lambda Chapter

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A Brief History of Alpha Phi Alpha

Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established by, and for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the “Jewels” of the Fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's mission of developing leaders, promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities.

Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were established at other colleges and universities, many of them historically black institutions, soon after the founding at Cornell; the first Alumni Chapter was established in 1911. While continuing to stress academic excellence among its collegiate members, Alpha also recognized the need to help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African-Americans in the early 20th century. Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as: W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, and many others. True to its form as the “first of firsts,” Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945.

The History of Alpha Lambda Chapter

Alpha Lambda, the first graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, had its inception in Louisville, Kentucky, as an outgrowth of the University Club which met at the Western Branch Library to discuss current topics of the day.

Jewel Eugene Kinckle Jones, then engaged as a teacher in the city schools of Louisville, was instrumental in persuading the following members of the University Club to become affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha: Messrs. J.O. Blanton, A. S. Brock, W.T. Peyton, J. H. Hubert, W. Welch, F. Johnson, C.A. Powell, J.T. Clark, W. Ballard, and D. L. Lawson. It is significant to note that these men were not members of Alpha Phi Alpha at this time.

On April 11, 1911, Brother Richard Hill, a graduate of Fisk University, came from the University of Michigan where he was studying law, and with the assistance of Jewel Jones set up the first graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The decision to establish a graduate chapter was met by opposition from the National Body. The opinion of the Brothers at that time was that the Fraternity was for undergraduates only. After careful consideration of the matter, however, it was concluded at the Fourth Annual Convention that this infant group would be Lambda Chapter since eight undergraduate chapters were in existence at that time.

The Fifth General Convention and First Alumni Reunion convened on December 26, 1912, hosted by Kappa Chapter, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. The new Lambda Chapter was ably represented by delegates A. S. Brock and J. T. Clark. A recommendation was presented by Brother Brock that all graduate chapters be designated similar to the undergraduate chapters, but with Lambda as a final letter. The recommendation was adopted by a motion of Jewel Kelly, seconded by Brother Dunn. Thus the Louisville chapter became known as Alpha Lambda and the system for naming the graduate chapters was established.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Lambda Chapter

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Benard, James	Nelson, Curtis
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Brown, Otis	Phillips, Henry
Buckley, Marlon	Poole, Shelton
Buntin, Ramon	Reed, George
Carey, Romin	Richardson, Rawleigh
Compton, Dwayne	Robinson, Corey
Cosby, David	Robinson, Quincy
Echeverria, David	Smith, Alfred
French, Eric	Smothers, Anthony
Garrett, Eric	Spotts, Garry
Goins, Ed	Stanley, Tory
Harris, John	Taylor, Quanta
Haywood, Dwayne	Thompson, Armond
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Jackson, Ron	Webb, Derwin
Jefferson, Kevin	Wilson, Kevin
Jones, Christopher	Woolfolk, Gregory

Alpha Lambda Education Foundation

History

The Alpha Lambda Education Foundation (ALEF) is a tax-exempt entity that was established by the brothers of the Alpha Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in the year 1999 to promote scholastic achievement and intellectual youth development. ALEF exists under the rules and guidelines of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3).

Mission

The mission of the Alpha Lambda Education Foundation (ALEF) is to perpetuate high social and intellectual principles by providing scholarships and other educational benefits to African-American and Latino youth in the Louisville Metro community.



Alpha Lambda Education Foundation

Board of Directors



(From L to R) Lathon Logan, Charles Piphus,
Ed Goins, Jr., Michael Crawford, Gerald Joiner,
Cecil Brookins, Ron Jackson

The Alpha Lambda Education Foundation is pleased to announce that with your generous donations, we will allot scholarships to the following Louisville Metro students in 2025:

Nolton Alfred
J. Graham Brown School

Anthony Alexander
DuPont Manual High School

Josiah Burton
W.E.B. DuBois Academy

Jaylen Dykes
Central High School

Nasir Hakim
Louisville Male High School

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Butler Traditional High School

Corvelle Jackson
Central High School

Adrian Lee
W.E.B. DuBois Academy

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DuPont Manual High School



Rev. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King lead marchers during a rally in Louisville at the Memorial Auditorium in 1967.

Caray Grace is the morning anchor on WLKY.

This year, she launched a segment called “Ask Caray” where she explores Louisville Metro and beyond, answering viewer questions about quirky things in the community.

Caray grew up in middle Tennessee. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Memphis where she studied Broadcast Journalism and Spanish.

She is married to Greg Vann. They have three beautiful children, a daughter and twin boys. In her spare time, she teaches dance. She is also involved in the community, spending many weekends hosting and emceeing events for charitable organizations.

Caray is a March of Dimes board member and proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Program

Breakfast

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks

Introduction of Emcee

Opening Remarks: Hon. Craig Greenberg, Alpha Lambda Chapter
President Michael Crawford

Remarks from our title sponsor: LG&E

Musical Selection: Lift Every Voice and Sing

Featured Speakers:

Ms. Isabella Bastien

Ms. Corenza Townsend

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Hon. Gerina Whethers

Rev. Dr. Frank Smith

Scholarship Presentations

Lyman T. Johnson & Frank L. Stanley, Sr. Award Presentations

Closing Remarks: Ed Goins, Jr., Executive Director ALEF

Benediction

Isabella Bastien was born in Glasgow, Kentucky, and spent much of her childhood in Fortaleza, Brazil, an experience that shaped her passion for global biodiversity and conservation. Isabella is currently a junior at the University of Louisville, pursuing an individualized major in Animal Behavior and Ethology, along with a certificate in Geospatial Technologies.

A passionate scholar in behavioral and evolutionary biology, Isabella's research contributions span from identifying ways to reduce agricultural pests via sexual selection to investigating the evolution of primate communication. With aspirations of pursuing a PhD and conducting fieldwork in the Amazon Rainforest, she is dedicated to advancing the scientific understanding of biodiversity conservation and evolutionary ecology through research, teaching, and policy advocacy.

A Porter and Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership as Vice-President of the MLK Scholars Society, where she has served on the executive board for two years. She is also President of SEEDS (Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability).



Corenza was named chief administrative officer for Norton West Louisville Hospital in November 2022. Known as a change maker and visionary, Townsend specializes in finding operational solutions around known community and workplace opportunities, which are sometimes complex.

Corenza, a trained licensed practical nurse, began her career with Norton Healthcare in 2009. She began her leadership journey in 2012 as a practice supervisor with Norton Medical Group. In 2016, Corenza was promoted to practice manager at the world-renown Norton Leatherman Spine Center, overseeing its day-to-day operations. From 2020-2022, she served as a director of provider operations for Norton Medical Group.

Corenza is active in the Louisville community, serving as a board member for several nonprofit organizations, including Dare to Care, GLI Foundation, Kentucky Derby Festival, Greater Lou. Medical Society and ElderServe.

Corenza earned her Bachelors of Business and Marketing and her Nursing degree from Sullivan University. She is the mother to Michael, a student ambassador and athlete.



Louisville's Chief Prosecutor, Commonwealth's Attorney Gerina D. Whethers, brings over 20 years of legal experience and professional expertise to her current efforts supporting public safety and safeguarding the rule of law in our community. Since taking office in May 2023, she has incorporated insights from her previous roles as an executive and community leader on the local, state, and national level to pursue justice ethically and fairly.

Attorney Whethers puts particular focus on advocating for justice for the victims of crime and on making sure all persons are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect throughout the legal process.

Attorney Whethers received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in the inaugural Pan-African Studies program from the University of Louisville. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

She is the first African American woman to serve as Commonwealth's Attorney for Jefferson County since the office's inception.



The Rev. Dr. Frank Mitchell Smith, Jr. has devoted his life to collaborative connectional ministry among pastors and churches. Having been in preaching ministry for 38 years with 27 of those as a Senior Pastor. After pastoring Newburg Church of Christ for 7 years, he founded Christ's Church for our Community in 2000. Dr. Smith also serves as the Executive Vice-President at Simmons College of Kentucky. A position he has held since 2007.

Dr. Smith holds degrees from Freed-Hardman University (B.A. Theology and General Communications), Indiana Wesleyan University (M.S. Management), and a Doctorate of Divinity from Simmons College of Kentucky.

Dr. Smith rigorously served in official capacities over 12 years with Louisville's Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition (IMC) ranging from Secretary to Vice President and ultimately President from 2009 – 2014. He has recently served as President of the IMC in an interim capacity throughout 2020. He continues to serve as a board member of the IMC.

He and his wife of nearly 18 years, Theresa, have one son, Jayson.



Frank L. Stanley, Sr. Leadership Award

This award recognizes an Alpha brother who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service which contributed to the success of not only the Fraternity, but also, to the community and his chosen profession.



Bro. Charles V. Piphus, Jr.

Frank Leslie Stanley, Sr. was born in Chicago, IL and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Central High School in 1925. He received his B.A. from Atlanta University in 1929 and began teaching English, first at Jackson State College, then later at Central High School from 1931-1933.

Stanley joined the staff of the Louisville Defender in 1933, becoming editor and general manager in 1936. He was also a civil rights activist; in 1950 he drafted Senate Resolution #53 which led to the integration of institutions of higher education in Kentucky. He served as general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. from 1955 to 1957. In 1960 he advocated for the creation of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

He was married to Vivian Clark Stanley and he had two sons from a previous marriage, Frank, Jr. and Kenneth.



Lyman T. Johnson “Torchbearer” Award

This award recognizes a person in the Metro Louisville community who has demonstrated a willingness and ability to make significant contributions to the community through their time, actions, and dedication. The person selected for this award should serve as a role model for advocacy, leadership, determination, and compassion in his/her efforts to affect positive change in the lives of African Americans and Latinos in Metro Louisville.



Rev. Dr. Daniel Corrie Shull

Lyman Tefft Johnson was born in Columbia, Tennessee on June 12, 1906. He was the eighth of nine children born to Mary and Robert Johnson. In 1937, Lyman married Juanita Morrell; they were married for forty years and had two children, Yvonne, and Lyman M.

Johnson received a Bachelor's Degree in 1930 from Virginia Union University and a Master's Degree in History in 1931 from the University of Michigan. He moved to Louisville in the spring of 1933 and started teaching history at Central High School. He spent the next forty years as a public and parochial school educator. In 1948 he fought successfully in federal court for admission to the all-white University of Kentucky and was also a plaintiff in the 1972-1975 federal court case that led to further integration of Louisville and Jefferson County Public Schools.

He died in Louisville, Kentucky on October 3, 1997.



Lift Every Voice and Sing*

J. Rosamond Johnson & James Weldon Johnson

*Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring;
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met thee,
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*

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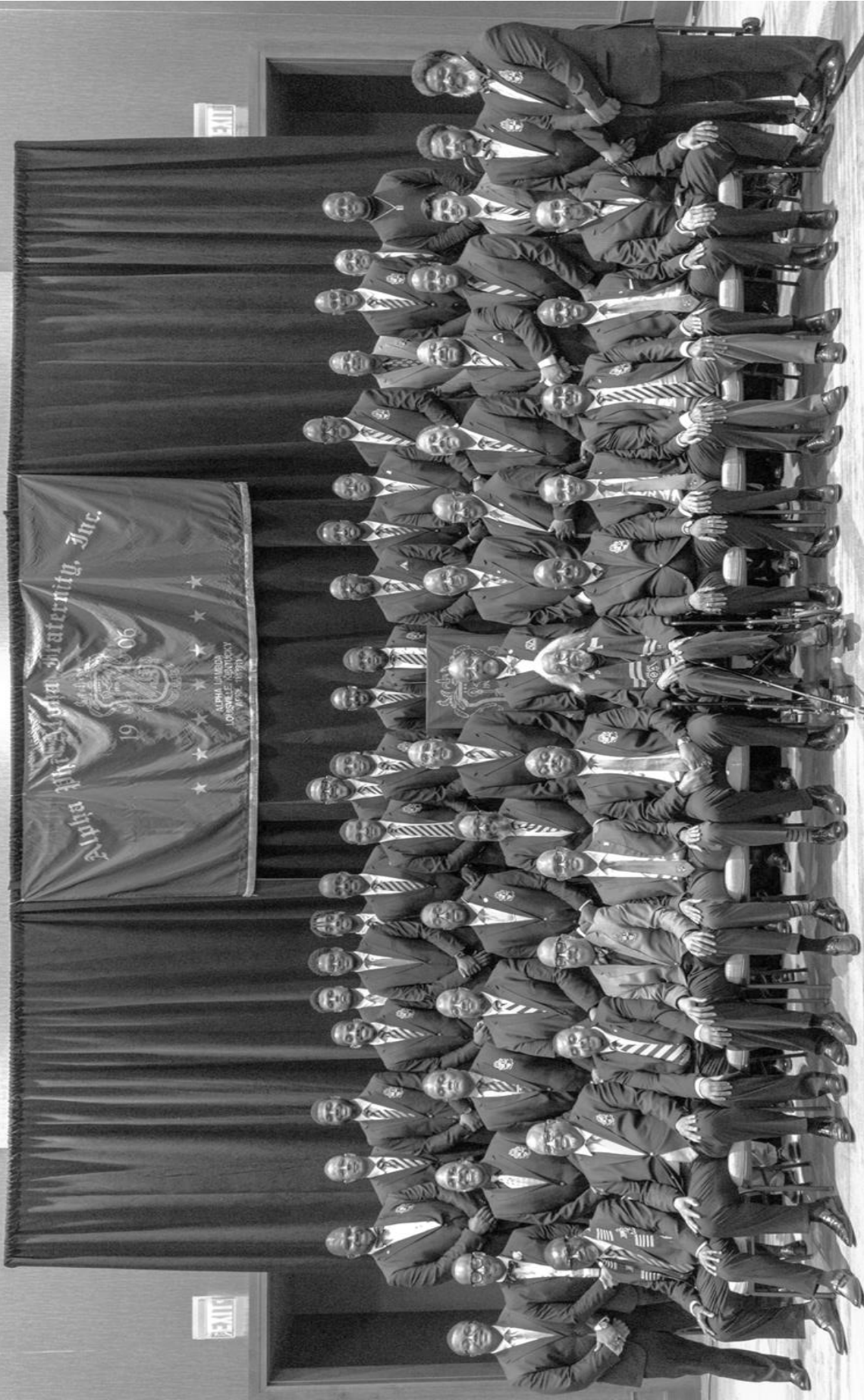
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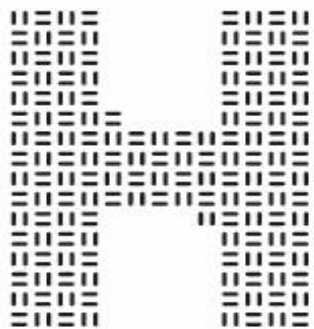
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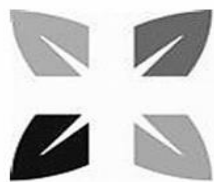


*How blessed are those
who keep justice, who
practice righteousness
at all times! Psalms
106:3*



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