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Name
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Incorporated

Founded
December 4, 1906

Founding Place
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Colors
Black and Gold

Flower
Yellow Tea Rose

Motto
First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all.

Aims
Manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind

Alpha Legacy:
A Brief History

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 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 principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.
“The House of Alpha”

Goodwill is the monarch of this house, men unacquainted, enter, shake hands, exchange greetings and depart friends. Cordiality exist among all who abide within. I am the eminent expression of friendship. Character and temperament change under my dominant power. Lives once touched by me become tuned and are thereafter amiable, kindly, fraternal.

I inspire the musician to play noble sentiments and assist the chemist to convert ungenerous personalities into individuals of great worth. I destroy ignoble impulses. I constantly invoke principles which make for common brotherhood and the echo resounds in all communities and princely men are thereby recognized. Education, health, music, encouragement, sympathy, laughter, all these are species of interest given of self invested capital.

Tired moments find me a delightful treat, hours of sorrow, a shrine of understanding, at all times I am faithful to the creed of companionship, to a few, I am the castle of dreams, ambitious, successful, hopeful dreams. To many, I am the poetic place where human feeling is rhymed to celestial motives; to the great majority, I am the treasury of good fellowship.

In fact, I am the college of friendship; the University of brotherly love; the school for the better making of men.

I am Alpha Phi Alpha!!!