

Brothers and Readers All,

It is with humility and gratitude that I greet you as the newly elected Polemarch of the New York Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past Polemarch Gregory D. Thomas for his service and servant leadership for the last three years. It has been a pleasure serving with you as your Vice Polemarch for all three years. I want to thank all the brothers that have held the position of Polemarch before me and all the Senior Brothers for sharing and giving me your wisdom, knowledge and wise counsel. I want to thank my 80s, 90s and younger Brothers as well for your energy, continuous support, knowledge and wisdom. We are truly the chapter with **"Kappa At Every Generation"**. I want to congratulate all of the brothers in their newly elected / re-elected positions as Board of Directors / Leadership Team members and Committee Chairmen for the fraternal year 2018 – 2019.


I strongly believe that our mission is one of great importance. There is a huge responsibility placed upon us and it will be up to us as fellow Board members working in conjunction with our various Committee Chairmen as well as all the members of the Chapter as a team to formulate the programmatic drive of this upcoming fraternal year. I am honored to have been elected to the office of Polemarch for the New York Alumni Chapter. You should be just as proud of being elected / appointed to your respective positions as well. The chapter has honored us with the gift of their trust, so it falls upon each of us to focus on the development and implementation of one common goal **"We Do The Work That Feeds The Souls Of The Brothers And People In Our Community; Not Our Egos"**.

Let us be mindful that the decisions that we will make together are for the best interest of the chapter and the work that we do in our community. We should respect each other and our differing opinions on any and every matter that any of us may offer for the expansion of this chapter and the growth of the work that we do in our community.

Our chapter continues to be blessed and the membership continues to grow through initiation and reclamation. Now is the time for our serving to grow throughout New York City as well. We will continue to do for our Harlem community as we expand our services throughout the whole Manhattan Boro from location such as Washington Heights to the Lower Eastside and Chelsea (Uptown, Midtown and Downtown) with our initiatives and partnerships. We look to continue our Thanksgiving Meal Service, Sunday of Hope, and Toys Drive for the Christmas Holiday, and Adopt – A – Family initiatives. Also, we look to continue our partnerships with organizations like the Urban League, 100 Suits, Boys Scouts of America, other Greek Letter Organizations and many more. We will continue to improve and enhance our signature events such as our Annual Black & White Gala fundraiser.

Here at New York Alumni and the Kappa Kastle (which I call the **Safe Haven**) is where we as true leaders do not create followers; we create more leaders. Where we motivate, teach and enhance Brothers and serve our community. I am very much looking forward to working with each of you, building better relationships with each of you and above all working for Kappa with you as we carry out the theme for the 2018 – 2019 fraternal year **"We Do The Work That Feeds The Souls Of The Brothers And People In Our Community; Not Our Egos"**.

Yours In The Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hatcher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brother Michael Hatcher, Polemarch

