



NLI 2009: A summit of leadership

The seventh Number I's Leadership Institute (NLI) was held this past January in the mountains of Sophia, North Carolina at the Caraway Conference Center. One hundred twenty nine Number I's gathered together for intense training for their respective office. Number I's were led through engaging small and large group sessions in order to learn how to effectively lead

and manage their chapter. Through empowering leadership sessions, Number I's were re-educated on policies and procedures, roles and responsibilities, and were given myriad resources to support their chapter operations.

Twenty-two staff and volunteer facilitators met with the Number I's in small groups, called Council Meetings, to have discussions on goal-setting, values and ethics, *KA Laws*, risk management, academics, and reinforced numerous resources available for their position. Every year, our Number I's give high marks to the Council Meetings which allow them to focus on important issues for their position. They also enjoy hearing from other brothers that are facing similar situations. The NLI faculty did an outstanding job teaching and facilitating various sessions covering the core areas of leadership, confrontation, accountability, and the resources available to the Number I. NLI is scheduled to take place next year January 8-10, 2010. 🇺🇸

"NLI has been a very positive experience. Some of the issues that seemed very intimidating now seem very manageable. Maybe the most important aspect of this institute is that you get a sense that you have many allies in the Order and that you are not alone in the challenges ahead."

Taylor Lansdale
(EO – Western Kentucky '06)



NLI Faculty

Brent Fellows, Director of Educational Programming (Programming/Logistics)

Speakers

Knight Commander Michael Duncan, Dean of the Institute; Russell Brown, Councilor; Larry Wiese, Executive Director; Jesse Lyons, Director of Chapter Development; Michael Wilson, Director of Chapter Services; Greg Singleton, National Scholarship Officer and Dean of Students at Austin Peay State University; Todd Reaves, KAOEF Trustee and President of Omega Financial; Bill Myers, former Number I; Dwain Knight, Deputy Chaplain

Facilitators

Aaron Hunt, Commander of Forester Province; Bo Mantooth, Greek Advisor at Auburn University; Cas Heilman, Alumnus Advisor for Gamma Epsilon Chapter; Chris Churchill, Associate Director for Chapter Services; Clint Cummins, Forester Province Court of Honor Registrar; Collin Taylor, Commander of Candler Province; Charley Grant, Associate Director for Chapter Services; Dave Ambrosio, Associate Director for Chapter Services; Dave Pinson, Alumnus Advisor for Univ. of Arkansas Fort-Smith Provisional Chapter; Dwain Knight, Deputy Chaplain; Greg Singleton, National Scholarship Officer; Jesse Lyons, Director of Chapter Development; Jim Schmuck, Commander of Chiles Province; John Pfingston, Associate Director for Chapter Development; John Rooney, Commander of Irwin Province; Lee Oliver, Commander of Hardeman Province; Matt Bonner, Director of Communications and Editor of *The Kappa Alpha Journal*; Michael Wilson, Director of Chapter Services; Pat Apperson, KAOEF Trustee; Randy Beard, Associate Director for Chapter Services; Steve Steele, Chief Alumnus; Rock Houstoun, President of the KAOEF