



**KAPPA ALPHA ORDER**  
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
AT MULBERRY HILL

Dear Sir or Madam:

Kappa Alpha Order was founded at Washington College (what is now Washington & Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia, in December of 1865. The founders of Kappa Alpha Order sought to preserve the ideals of the true gentleman as inspired by Robert E. Lee, the spiritual founder of Kappa Alpha Order, who was President of Washington College at the time. Since 1865, Kappa Alpha Order has evolved into 130 chapters all across this great nation and our members are commonly referred to as an Order of Christian Knights.

The initiation ceremony of Kappa Alpha Order seeks to enlighten new members on the ideals of chivalry and gentility. This reverent ceremony creates a path for the men of Kappa Alpha Order to live the remainder of their lives upholding an ancient code of gentlemanly conduct in a new modern world. Since the initiation ceremony is very religious in its basic essence, a place of worship is needed to further inspire new members to uphold the motto of Kappa Alpha Order which is "Dieu et les Dames" (French for God and Women).

The serious tone of our initiatory customs is also very evident in many of the prominent volunteers throughout the history of the Order. Great Kappa Alphas like William McCleod Frampton, who was a former National president of Kappa Alpha Order and ordained Presbyterian minister, to James L. Duncan, also a former National president and was the first bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of southeast Florida. These men, and many others in their profession, understood the importance of Kappa Alpha Order and how the initiation ceremony could enlighten young men all across this country.

I would like to personally thank you for your consideration in allowing our local chapter of Kappa Alpha Order to use your facilities for their initiation ceremony. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Larry Stanton Wiese  
Executive Director

*Excellence is our Aim!*