

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.®

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The Legacy of a Brother



INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as a pit from poll to poll,
I thank whatever Gods may be,
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud,
Under the bludgeoning of chance,
My head is bloody but unbowed;
Beyond this place of wrath and tears,
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years,
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

William Ernest Henley

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I CHOOSE TO STAY
A Black Teacher Refuses to Desert the Inner City
by SALOME THOMAS-EL with Chad Winkle



Senior Kappa Affairs Chairman George F. David, III, Salutes John E. Patterson, a 1928 Initiate, at International Headquarters

GEORGE F. DAVID, III

98TH RECIPIENT OF THE ELDER WATSON DIGGS AWARD - 2013

The *Elder Watson Diggs Award of Kappa Alpha Psi*, named for Founder *Elder Watson Diggs*, recognizes the outstanding contributions of members to the *Fraternity*. The award consists of a *Certificate of Achievement* and an engraved medallion bearing the likeness of Founder *Diggs*. The medallion is worn at *official* events of the *Fraternity*. It is presented to the recipient at a program, open to the public, held during a Grand Chapter Meeting.



George F. David, III

Elder Watson Diggs Awardee

Baltimore (MD) Alumni Chapter

Initiated December 7, 1940 at the Wilberforce University chapter,
the Delta of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



George F. David, III kneeling to receive the Elder Watson Diggs Award at the 81st Grand Chapter Meeting of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in Indianapolis, IN in August 2013.

When Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity convened in Houston, Texas for its 81st Grand Chapter Meeting, many of us rejoiced knowing that Brother George F. Davis, III, was going to receive the highly coveted Elder Watson Diggs Award. Many of us opined that "Finally our dear brother was receiving flowers while he could still smell them".

For almost three quarters of a century, Brother Davis has served the fraternity with a zeal and passion unequalled by most. Although his father, George F. David, II was the third Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, George David, III pursued his fraternal journey always walking in his own moccasins.

During the night of Thursday, April 3, 2014, the doors of Chapter Invisible swung open to welcome another Kappa giant into the fold.



GEORGE F. DAVID, II, DELTA 1915



Chapter Invisible



GEORGE F. DAVID, III, DELTA 1940

**TWO GREAT KAPPA MEN WHO TOOK TWO PATHS TO GREATNESS,
WHO NOW CELEBRATE A GREAT REUNION IN THE SKY**

**I knew Professor David more than three-score years ago;
 He taught me Social Science and all the students loved him so;
 He was a friendly educator who made it easy for us to learn;
 Yet he taught us that our future depended on what we'd earn.
 I met George the third much later on my journey in Phi Nu Pi;
 I didn't meet him while in school; George was 13 years older than I;
 Later I joined the Washington Alumni, since my home was in D. C.
 George was in Baltimore Alumni and he wasn't far from me.
 I had a cousin named Charles Tildon; he was a Baltimore Kappa man,
 He was a great friend of George; they seemed to get along hand in hand;
 Now everybody knew that Charles Tildon tended to want things his way,
 But George was not a potted plant, he'd make darn sure to have his say.
 As years went by we worked in the Kappa vineyard sharing as we'd go;
 We had a tremendous respect for each other and both loved Kappa so;
 When I looked at my emails on April fourth early in the day;
 I read that my friend had borne his cross and silently stole away.
 So I won't listen for the telephone, I won't dial his number anymore;
 I'll just wait and keep on working for Kappa, until I reach that golden shore;
 I hope that I'll get to see his father again, and see George three at his side;
 Ride on dear brother, ride on my friend, it's been a magnificent ride.**

**Earl T. Tildon
 Chairman, Publicity and Publications Commission
 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 April 8, 2014**



George F. David, III attended Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio. His father and our third Grand Polemarch, George F. David, II was a professor at Wilberforce. Wilberforce University was founded in 1856 by members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Wilberforce is the first predominantly African-American private university in the nation.

George F. David, III was initiated at Wilberforce University, December 7, 1940 into the Delta of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Over the years Brother David continued to be a viable member of the Wilberforce Delta Alumni Chapter, where he remained a beloved participant with his Delta brothers.

In later years, Brother David joined the Baltimore (MD) Alumni Chapter where he served zealously until his peaceful transition in 2014. David was an advocate for fraternity history, especially vocal about inaccuracies that he observed in our Story of Kappa Alpha Psi and other documents he reviewed with great scrutiny.



BALTIMORE (MD) ALUMNI CHAPTER
KAPPA ALPHA PSI
THE **BENCHMARK** JAN. 05, 1911

Obituary

George Franklin David, III

George Franklin David III was born on November 6, 1923 in the family home in Wilberforce, Ohio. George was the first born child of Olivette Poole David and George F. David II. He attended Wilberforce University Laboratory School and the Wilberforce Academy. He entered Wilberforce University in 1939 at the age of fifteen. He had a very active college career. He was Vice President of his class the last three years, a member of the Student Government and Pan Hellenic Council, an Advanced ROTC student, elected to Sword and Shield (leadership honorary) and Sen Mer Rekh (scholastic honorary). He was initiated into the Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi in 1940 and subsequently served as Keeper of Records and Polemarch of that chapter. George majored in Chemistry and Zoology and graduated Cum Laude in May, 1943.

Upon graduation, George was detailed to the Chemical Warfare Service (CWS) Officer Candidate School in Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant CWS in August 1943. He volunteered to go overseas with the 165th Chemical Smoke Generator Company in December 1943. During World War II, George served in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, earning three bronze battle stars. As the war was ending in 1945, he was sent to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland under a special program to study Chemistry and Physics. Upon return to the USA, he served in the 25th infantry in Fort Benning, Georgia and ended his military career on the ROTC staff at North Carolina AT&T College. He was honorably discharged in 1949 as a Captain in the US Army.

George married Annie Lee Smith in 1952. To this union were born his son, George F. David IV, and his daughter, Lynn Anise David Irby. The marriage ended in divorce.

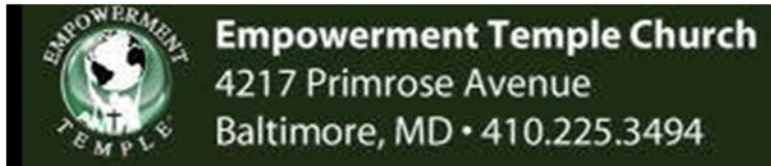
George began his professional career as a Quality Control Chemist of the Glidden Company in Chicago in 1950, working for Dr. Percy Julian, a renowned medical professional, academic, civil rights activist, and chemist. In 1952 he began his long and illustrious career in the meat industry starting with Oscar Mayer & Co. and holding increasingly responsible operations positions with Sinai Kosher Sausage Company and Superior Meat Company. He concluded his career in business at the Parks Sausage Company in Baltimore, Maryland beginning in 1968. Starting as Director of Manufacturing, he ended as Vice President of Operations and co-owner. George was part of a four person group that purchased controlling interest in the company. He retired from business in 1988, but continued an active volunteer career.

George was very active in the community. He served as President of Hilltop Community Association, member of the Liberty Road Community Council and the Western Alliance of Concerned Communities. He served on the Board of Directors for the USO of Central Maryland, the Children's Guild, and the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, as well as serving on their finance committee. He served as Treasurer of Mutual Housing of Baltimore and Director of the Public Member's Association of the Foreign Service. He received an award for community service from the United Fund. He remained an active supporter of Wilberforce University, serving as president of the Baltimore Alumni for a time. He was a life member of the NAACP and 100 Black Men of Maryland.

A significant part of his life was devoted to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The David family is proud to boast four generations of Kappa men. Initiated in 1940, George was a life member and active until the end. He did not miss a Fraternity Conclave since his son became a Kappa in 1973. Although he served in many capacities at the chapter and province level, his most significant contributions were as author of The History of the Eastern Province, first and second editions and as Chairman of the Senior Kappa Affairs Committee (International) from 1999-2013. He has received 25 chapter and province awards during his membership in the Baltimore Chapter, including two Pillar of the Province awards. On the international level, he has twice been awarded the William L. Crump History award and most recently was awarded one of the Fraternity's most prestigious honors, the Elder Watson Diggs Award, at the 2013 Conclave. Even with all of these accolades, George called himself a "Party Kappa". He loved the good times and the camaraderie of the Fraternity.

George found time for his other passions. Up until his 80's, he was an avid tennis player. He loved watching football and was a Baltimore Ravens season ticket holder. He also was a connoisseur of classical music and opera, holding season tickets to the Symphony and Opera, a love he shared with his Sweetheart, DeVera Redmond. He was a seasoned traveler and kept a large map with numerous pins showing where he had been. "I've been everywhere I wanted to go, and I've had a good life."

He leaves to cherish his memory his son George Franklin David IV, his daughter Lynn David Irby, his son-in-law Marvin Irby, two grandchildren, Jessica Nicole David and David Franklin Irby, his sister Virginia Hamilton, his sweetheart of 25 years DeVera Redmond and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, fraternity brothers and friends.



Transition Arrangements

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Visitation: 10am – 10:30am
Kappa Burial Service: 10:30am (Brothers are asked to assemble at 10am)
Memorial Service: 11:00am
Attire: Dark suit and Kappa tie
Location: Empowerment Temple
Address: 4217 Primrose Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215

Repast: 1:00pm
Location: Kappa Alpha Psi Youth & Community Center
Address: 1207 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD 21217

The Camera Tells Part of the Story



Each Photo is a Part of His Legacy

He Gathered With His Brothers



You're Watching His Eulogy in Action

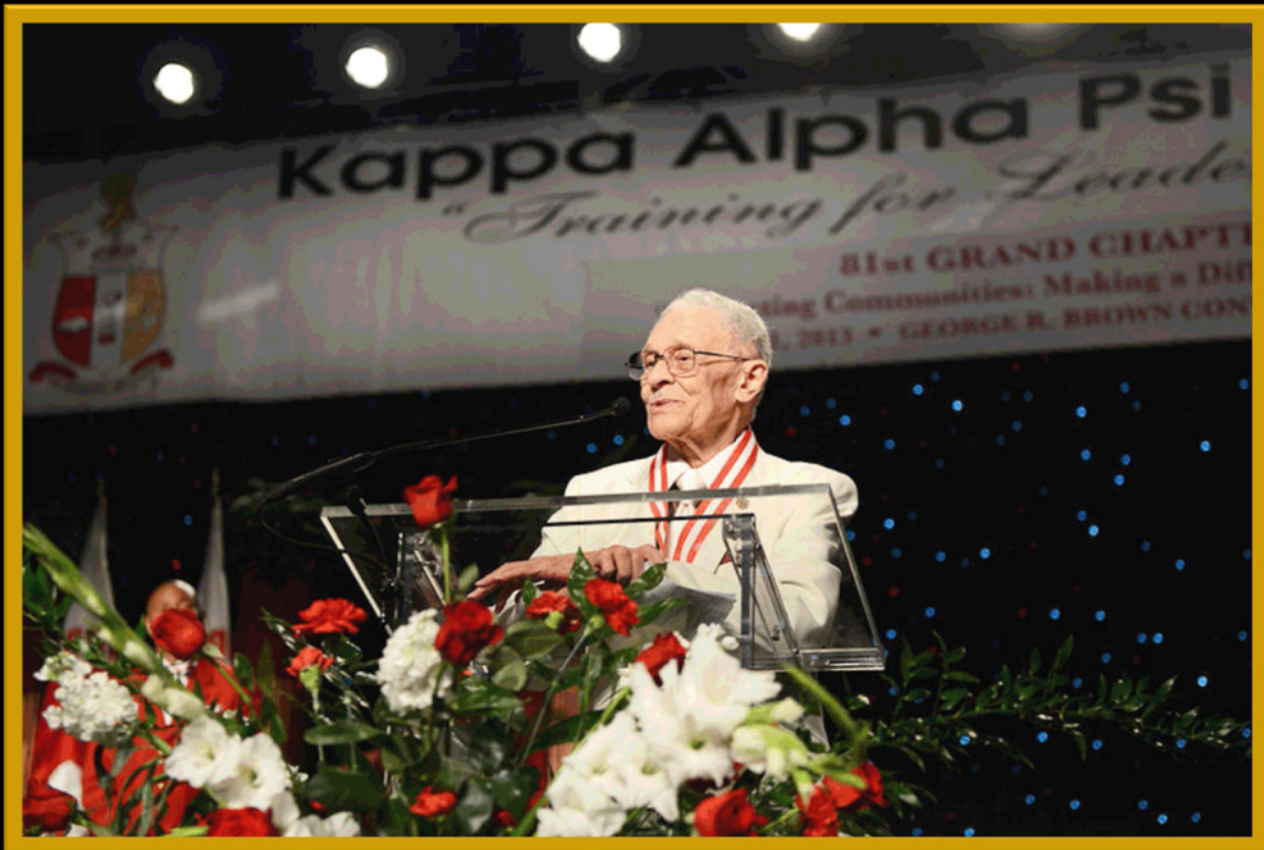


He Was Always Nattily Attired





Our Brother's Swan Song



At the 81st Grand Chapter Session in Houston, Texas, August 2013, Brother George F. David, III was honored with the Elder Watson Diggs Award. This award is the second highest award given to a brother by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. In response upon receipt, Brother David had the opportunity to address the filled assembly.

In great humility, yet with his own inimitable style, Brother David once again used the forum to "train for leadership" something he had done successfully throughout his seventy-three years as a Kappa. This occasion was the most joyful time in the Kappa life of Brother David. He had labored selflessly for four-score and ten years, never pausing to watch from the sidelines.

There are only a few Kappas that become octogenarians and still work tirelessly for the fraternity. When George F. David, III walked up the podium and spoke such gracious words of wisdom, most of us could only watch and listen with awe. Little did we know that we were listening to a great Kappa give his swan song, and we will forever be thankful that we were there.



George's Heavenly Journey

By Earl T. Tildon

Has anyone here seen our old friend George? Can you tell me where he's gone?
Oh, he helped a lot of people but it seems the good die young, yeah.
I just looked around and he was gone.

I wasn't at his bedside when he died, they say that he died in peace,
I believe that an angel whispered to George that his journey here had ceased;
I can imagine George laying there knowing that his time was near,
Knowing that the angel was on its way, but George had no fear.

I somehow believe that the angel said; "George your work is done,
The Lord has said it's time to travel somewhere beyond the sun;"
I believe the angel said to George; "Dear friend it's time to go,
We're traveling to a peaceful place with no sorrow and no woe."

And then like the twinkling of the eye they swiftly moved across the sky,
George held on to the angel as they soared higher than eagles fly;
Then I believe I heard George say, while looking back this way,
"Stand still dear family, I'm going home, I'm going there to stay."

I think I heard George three say to George four, do what patriarchs do,
Take my legacy for what it's worth, I'm leaving it to you.
I think he said to little girl Lynn, "What a wonderful mother you are,
Continue doing what you're doing and hitch on to a distant star."

And then a big smile was on George's face, bigger than ever before,
You could see the agape love for the grandchildren he adored;
I heard him say to Jessica; "granddad expects great things from you,
And David keep achieving in life in everything you do."

George said; "thank you Marvin for the years you've been my friend,
And to my loving sister Virginia who hung in there with me 'til the end".
And then I saw a special glow on Brother George's smiling face,
It was a loving smile for DeVera who helped him run this earthly race.

And then as he soared above the eagles looking down upon his friends,
I heard him say; "it's not over yet, because eternity is the end;
To my brothers in Phi Nu Pi, my relatives I've left behind;
I did all I could when with you, but now I have heaven on my mind."

"I learned long ago to send my timber up to heaven every day;
I learned that God would answer whenever I'd kneel to pray;
I learned that God is loving, and that he'd love this sinner too;
Now I'm passing all that good advice gladly down to you."

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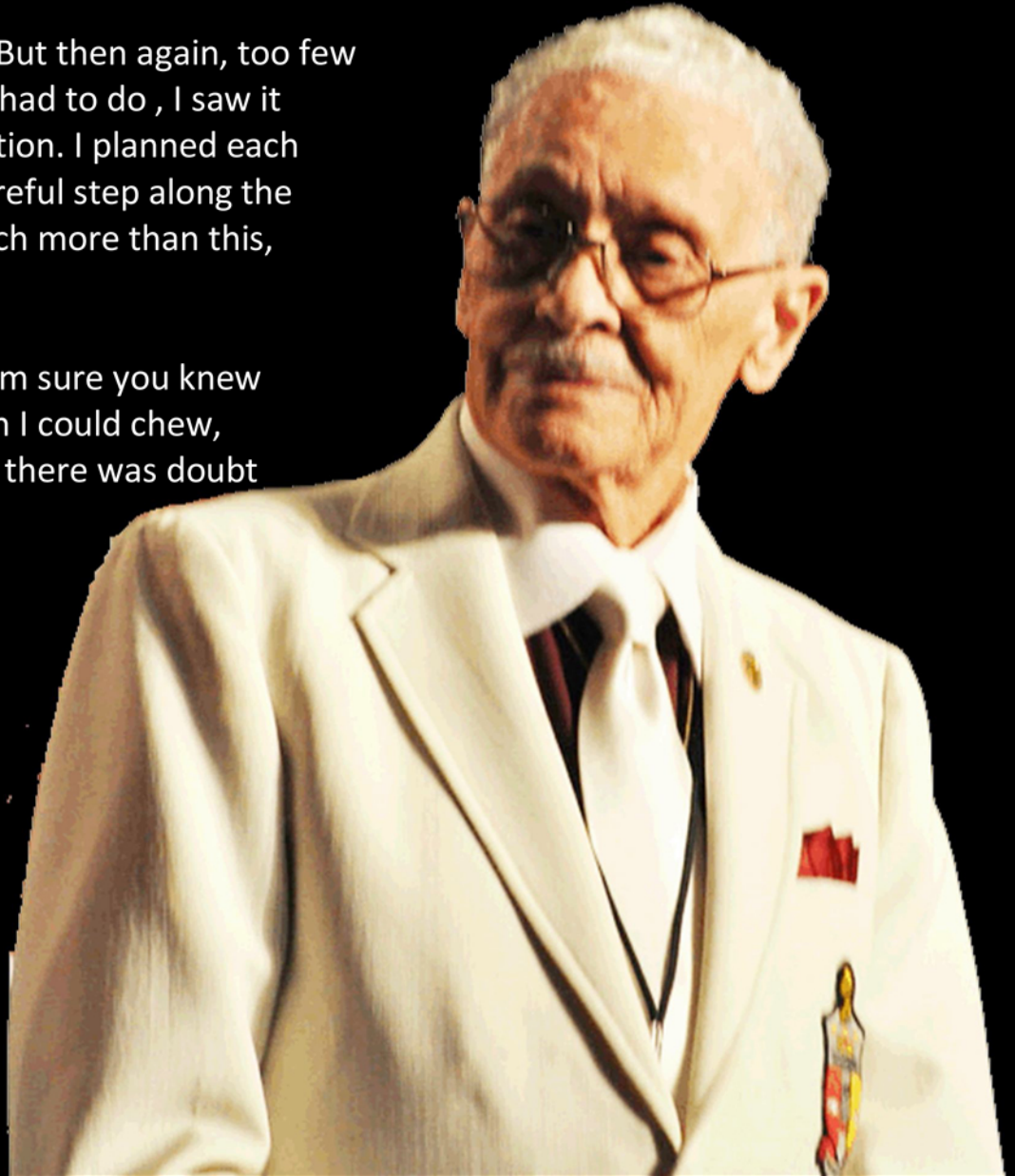
George David Did it His Way

**And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain
My friend, I'll say it clear, I'll state my case, of which I'm certain
I've lived a life that's full, I traveled each and ev'ry highway
And more, much more than this, I did it my way**

Regrets, I've had a few, But then again, too few
to mention; I did what I had to do , I saw it
through without exemption. I planned each
charted course, each careful step along the
highway; and more, much more than this,
I did it my way

Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew
When I bit off more than I could chew,
and through it all, when there was doubt
I ate it up and spit it out
I faced it all and I stood
tall and did it my way.

I've loved, I've laughed
and cried, I've had my
fill, my share of losing.
and now, as tears
subside, I find it all so
amusing. To think I
did all that, and may I
say, not in a shy way,
"Oh, no, oh, no, not
me, I did it my way"



For what is a man, what has he got? If not himself, then he has naught
The right to say the things he feels and not the words of one who kneels
The record shows I took the blows and did it my way!

**George ACHIEVED Like ALL GREAT Kappas Do
AMEN.**