

## Dallas Alumni Time Capsule

### *“Mitch is the Man”*

The other Spring 1978 Dallas Alumni initiate would quickly ascend to the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest office in all of Kappa Alpha Psi. **James C. Mitchell** earned his B. S. degree from Prairie View A&M University



and also attended Southern Methodist University. Brother Mitchell was an executive with Texas Instruments and also sat on the Board of Directors of the Texas Instruments Foundation. He also served on the Board of Directors for the NAACP, OIC, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, PBS, NSBE and Dallas Urban League. Brother Mitchell served as chapter Polemarch from 1981 to 1983, on the Southwestern **Province Board of Directors** and as **Senior Province Vice-Polemarch** before being appointed as **Province Polemarch** from 1986 to 1990 by then-Grand Polemarch, Randall C. Bacon. His four prime objectives would be to 1) Sustain Province Unification; 2) Increase Undergraduate Participation; 3) Achieve Parity among the

states on the Board of Directors and 4) Develop Leadership through Emphasis on Chapter Management. Brother Mitchell awarded a charter to Southern Methodist University on April 17, 1987 as the Nu Beta Chapter, joining Delta Sigma at Bishop College and Zeta Upsilon at North Texas State University as the 3<sup>rd</sup> undergraduate chapter under the advisement of Dallas Alumni.

Following his leadership as the 18<sup>th</sup> SW Province Polemarch, Brother Mitchell was elected to the **Grand Board of Directors** from 1990 to 1991 and was later elected as **Senior Grand Vice-Polemarch** from 1991 to 1993. After retiring from Texas Instruments, Brother Mitchell would later own and operate a mansion turned upscale reception hall located on Martin Luther King Blvd known



as St. Martin's Place. In recognition of his outstanding service to the Fraternity, Brother Mitchell was honored with the **Southwestern Province Lifetime Achievement Award** at the 69<sup>th</sup> Southwestern Province Council held in Natchez, Mississippi on April 2, 2005. Two years later, Brother Mitchell received the **Southwestern Province Edward Ellios Alumni Brother of the Year Award** at the 71<sup>st</sup> SWP Council in Little Rock, AR. Then on July 11, 2007, at the 78<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter meeting held in Minneapolis / St. Paul MN, Brother Mitchell became the 2<sup>nd</sup> member of Dallas Alumni to receive the **Elder Watson Diggs Award**, following Brother Emerson

Lattimore in 2005. By doing so he also became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dallas Alumni initiate to receive the award following the late Donald Grace. In 2015 Mitchell was appointed to the **National Achievement Commission as the Southwestern Province representative** by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Grand Polemarch, Thomas L. Battles, Jr.