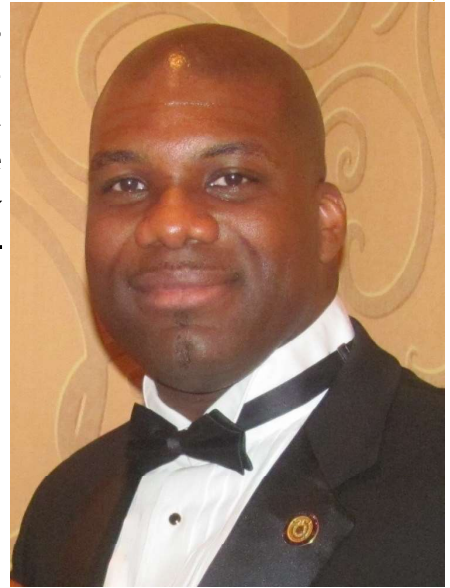


Spotlight on a Que: Brother Eric Allen

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Brother Eric Allen of Mu Beta Chapter, University of Texas at Arlington, crossed the burning sands as the deuce on the spring 1990 line. He is married to Kina Allen and two Dallas natives have been transplanted in Denver for over 10 years. We learned recently though that the couple will be going to Dallas permanently by the close of September. On behalf of the many fraternity members and their wives, a hearty best wishes is extended for their happy and safe return to the Metroplex from the Mile High City.

Brother Allen has been an active, involved, and committed servant of the fraternity since I met him in 2003 after church service at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. It was not long before he went to work performing the duties of master of ceremony for Chi Phi's dedicatory program at the Blair-Caldwell library in September 2003 as part of the chapter's 75th anniversary activities. He served in a similar role at the 75th Anniversary Gala in November 2003 where he linked up with the guest speaker, Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr., the 38th Grand Basileus. Brother Lee was serving as the First Vice-Grand Basileus and provided the keynote address.



Brother Allen's record of service in Chi Phi Chapter includes the chairman of several major endeavors, such as the Founders' Day Observance, the Masquerade Ball, and the Annual Paint-a-thon, the latter started in August 1989. Brother Allen's management, tireless effort, and time on the paint project elevated the event to higher heights each year over 10 years with a stretch goal of five houses in 2014. Brother Allen was invited and joined the Brothers Redevelopment Incorporated (BRI) board of directors due in large measure to the chapter's sustained success in painting 38 homes of senior members in our community. We celebrated 25 consecutive years in August. I view this deed as Brother Allen's crowning achievement and legacy in Chi Phi Chapter.

Brother Allen has been the Colorado State Representative since 2009, a path illuminated by Brother(s) Joachim Rogers, Dwight Gentry, Eric Dennis, and Kirk Dunham. Under his leadership, direction, and support, Chi Phi and Xi Pi Chapters accomplishments are extensive, including each chapter winning the Eighth District Chapter of the Year award in 2009 and 2012, respectively. Both graduate chapters attained International Chapters of the Year awards during his tenure. Brother Allen helped with the re-activation of the undergraduate chapter, Lambda Beta, at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. In 2012, Brother Allen received the M.O.D.E.L. (Men of Distinction, Excellence, and Leadership) award from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. At the Colorado state meeting in August, a proclamation was read extolling Brother Allen's selfless service. Brother Dr. William Ray Brown, 32nd Eighth District Representative wrote "he modeled the four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift for others to emulate and promoted the fraternity's motto of Friendship is Essential to the Soul for others to experience. Brother Allen is a custodian of his fellow brothers, leading, helping, guiding, encouraging, and praying for them and their families."

Brother Eric Allen and his wife, Kina will be missed but not forgotten. "Farewell! God knows when we shall meet again." William Shakespeare

Proverbs 17:17