



ESQUIRE XIII FRATERNITY, INC.®

OUR HISTORICAL JOURNEY IN BRIEF

The Formative Years

The earliest Squires/Esquires (pictured) known to date at an Historically Black College or University were on the campus of what is now Winston-Salem State University beginning with its 1948/49 academic year.



Similar organizations began to flourish at other HBCUs like North Carolina A&T State University in 1954 followed by Virginia State University in 1955 then Voorhees University in 1956.

The 60's and 70's witnessed a tremendous growth period for us when 10 loosely affiliated Esquire clubs and service fellowships were established including one at Fort Valley State University - the first among us to incorporate its chapter on June 5, 1975.

Recognizing their commonality, these various groups of Esquires gathered in Atlanta, GA for the National "Umoja (Unity)" Convention in 1981 and decided to become a national organization under the banner Esquire XIII Fraternity, Inc. - adopting the name used by our bretheren at Fort Valley State University.

Along the way, "Be Ye Always A Gentleman" became our motto and we committed ourselves to the purpose of "enhancing the progress and prestige of the urban community and its universities."

We continued growing for a couple of more decades which included having a chapter at predominately white University of Mississippi.

The Resurrection

We emerged from a brief hiatus by forming an Esquire XIII Fraternity Revitalization Board which assessed the viability of our return to the fraternal scene. Once it was determined to move forward with bringing the fraternity back to life, the "Board" approved new national bylaws, incorporated us in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 17th 2018, and began laying the strategic foundation for our future success. Grand Officers (collectively known as the Grand Council) were elected on June 22nd 2019 to usher in a new era of our fraternity that honors our historical roots while incorporating the best practices of today.

The initial and subsequent grand councils have enhanced our legal underpinning, operational infrastructure and market footprint so much so that we have chartered four alumni chapters and one collegiate fellowship in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Just as the phoenix rose from the ashes, we are back in business and coming to a campus or community near you!

In Recognition and Gratitude

Today, we proudly recognize the Vogue XIII Sorority as our sister organization and the Essences of Esquire as an affiliated women's group. Through all of our joys and pains over the years, they have supported us every step of the way - Thank you ladies!