

The Alpha Legacy

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MISSION STATEMENT - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities.

VISION STATEMENT - The objectives of this Fraternity shall be: To stimulate the ambition of its members; To prepare them for the greatest usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity of the individual; to encourage the highest and noblest form of manhood; and To aid down-trodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status.

My Brothers, as we enter the Thanksgiving season and soon the Christmas Holiday season, we have much to be thankful for, here in the Georgia District, in the Southern Region, our communities and homes. During the holiday season, I ask each chapter to think of those who our "Jewels" thought the most of, the downtrodden. Food, clothing and toy drives and assisting the Salvation Army in its fund drive should be on every chapter in the District agenda. When we think of those in need, we fulfill our mission and walk lock step with our "Jewels". From my family to your family have a "Happy Thanksgiving".

Congratulations to our newest Brothers, listed on page 4, initiated through the fall 2009 clusters. I had the opportunity to visit each cluster and I witnessed the initiation ceremony of the East Georgia cluster in Augusta on Saturday evening. I would also like to congratulate Brother James Ford and Brothers of the newly chartered Tau Zeta chapter at Kennesaw State University.

As many of you know, we lost *Brother Jeremy Jones* of Augusta and Eta Alpha to a heart attack, I thank the Brothers of Alpha Chi Lambda for assisting the Brothers of Eta Alpha with Omega ceremony, presentation of the Omega Resolution and donation of funds to assist the family. The family is in need of assistance to cover expenses, Brothers who can, please donate, \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can spare. Please contact chapter advisor, Brother Willie Agee at wagee2006@yahoo.com for additional information. We also lost during the Intake season an aspirant seeking to join the fraternity through the Iota Eta chapter at Mercer University, *Mr. Ronald Quashie*, from flu like symptoms, please keep both families in your prayers.

The deadline for the payment of Grand Tax without penalty is 15 November, if you have not done so, please pay your Grand Tax.

Chapter Presidents, please adhere to all deadlines and requests, log on to Alpha Net to update your directory and pay your chapter fees for FY 2010 and District Convention Fees. Chapters with aspirants who are not in good standing will not be allowed to participate in Fall Intake activities.

Brother's, the Intake season in Georgia is over, post HAZING activities will not be tolerated. I am committed to ensuring Alpha's future, if caught you will be suspended and/or expelled and I will ask the Legal Counsel to have you arrested and you and your parents sued in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. Brothers attending public colleges and universities, please note, I will adhere to the policy of the Board of Regents, which states any student disciplined for hazing will be permanently expelled from school. If you agree to participate in any illegal post intake activities, you will be held responsible and accountable for your actions, not Alpha Phi Alpha, think twice about your actions, nothing you do will determine if someone will be active for life or live the 3 T's life *tags, tattoos, tee shirts* and no service.

Chapter Delegate's are **required** to be in attendance at the Opening session on Friday, 29 January, at 8:30 a.m. for the chapter roll call and submission of chapter reports, College chapter **must** participate in two of the various award competitions, and all chapters must participate in the Chapter of the Year competitions at least once in a three year period. The topic for the 2010 Belford Vance Lawson Oratorical Contest is; *Losing the Common Touch: The Impact of the Internet on the Socialization of Contemporary American Society*

I am asking Chapter Presidents or Recording Secretaries to provide copies of the Alpha Legacy to those Brothers who do not have email accounts and distribute the Alpha Legacy at chapter meetings.

I'd like to express my appreciation to all of my Brothers throughout the Georgia District for carrying out the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy in our communities.

Fraternally,

Brother Ronald M. Natson, Sr.

Georgia District News & Notes

Congratulations to Brother Myron Cook on his election to the City Council in East Point Georgia.

Chapter Presidents/Membership Coordinators must get approval for Awareness Seminars from their Area Director. No Awareness Seminar will be held without the Area Directors approval, violations of this policy will result in the chapter being disciplined. Please note the Intake Fee increase and the increase in the non refundable administrative fee, which is now \$250.00

Alumni	\$1,046.00	Senior	\$731.00
Junior	\$ 806.00	Sophomore	\$881.00
		Freshman	\$956.00

Chapters are in violation of the **Constitution and By - laws** of Alpha Phi Alpha if they have not updated their chapter directory in AlphaNet or paid their required fees.

Please include the **Alpha Phi Alpha Mission Statement** on your official documentation and websites.

Chapter Presidents please notify the **Chief of Staff Brother Pitts, or District Chaplain Brother Rev. Benjamin Lett**, in regards to the Omega Chapter certificate presented to the Family of our deceased Brother.

Effective immediately, all Neophyte shows must start before 10:00 pm, cannot last longer than 2 hours, must be approved by the Area Director, invitations must be sent to college and university officials, the chapter must contact the Corporate Office for a special event insurance form and cannot have a death march or pictures of Apes. Please adhere to this new policy.

The Brothers of Beta Phi Lambda is requesting your assistance and donations in regards to their Alpha Bears program and their annual trip to Washington, DC, 27 - 30 May 2010. The program will hold its Fall banquet on 12 December 2009 at the EOA building in Savannah, with Commissioner Brother Van Johnson as the keynote speaker, tickets are \$10.00. Brother Elijah West is the chapter President, Brother Billy Smith is Alpha Bear advisor. Contact Brother Tyrone Price at tjl@hargray.com is you would like to make a tax deductible donation.

FBI Partnership, the FBI is hiring Brothers to fill positions across the country, the FBI pays for advance degrees, has a loan repayment program, and offers great career advancement opportunities. Brothers can apply or find out additional information at <http://www.fbi.gov> or <http://www.fbijobs.gov>.

View sessions of the **89th General Convention** at <http://www.apa1906.net> by clicking on the webcast link sponsored by Abercrombie and Fitch, also visit the Alpha Shop to purchase the Centennial Convention Commemorative DVD, the price is \$29.95. The Alpha South website; <http://www.alphasouth.org/> The Georgia District website - <http://alphaga.org/default.html>

Brothers cutoff Alpha shirts, sagging pants, doo rags, or Alpha hats turned backward are not image traits of an Alpha Man and should not be worn while in public, please protect our image, look, walk, and talk like an Alpha Man should. **Line jackets, shirts, sweaters, etc should be free of words such as "bloody" or "fly", additional colors, especially the color red and pictures of Apes or Monkeys**, which are not symbols associated with the Membership Intake Process, and just like the N - word, sends the wrong message to the public. **We are Alpha Men, not Apes.** Also, the Alpha Sweetheart song, not Fraternity Hymn should be the song utilized when honoring your queen and her court.

54th Georgia District Convention Information

Names are due for the Step Show, Scholars Bowl, Oratorical, and Miss Black & Gold Contestants and Awards are due on 4 December 2009. each College chapter **must** participate in two of the various award competitions, the Miss Black & Gold pageant does not count as one of the events. Eligible competitions are the Scholars Bowl, Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest, Step Show and Chapter of the Year. Also, a chapter may volunteer (more than one Brother) for service during the Step Show. This service will allow your chapter to step in other Step Shows for the remainder of 2010. The topic for the 2010 Belford Vance Lawson Oratorical Contest is; ***Losing the Common Touch: The Impact of the Internet on the Socialization of Contemporary American Society***

Chapter Delegate's are **required** to be in attendance at the Opening session on Friday, 29 January, at 8:30 a.m. for the chapter roll call and submission of chapter reports.

Host Hotel - **Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites**, room rate is \$109.00 plus tax, guaranteed until 14 January 2010, please call 800 868 - 5354 to make your reservation.

Fraternal Luncheon held in honor of our Past District Directors, with the 33rd General President Brother Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr. as the keynote address. Tickets are \$25.00 for alumni Brothers and \$15.00 for college Brothers.

Non - Delegate Registration Fee - \$50.00 (includes Convention Bag or Padfolio, Convention Badge, Miss Black & Gold Pageant ticket)

Individual Event Tickets

Step Show Ticket -	\$10.00
Miss Black & Gold Pageant Ticket -	\$10.00
District Fraternal Luncheon -	\$25.00(alumni) \$15.00 (college)
Belford Lawson Oratorical Luncheon -	\$40.00

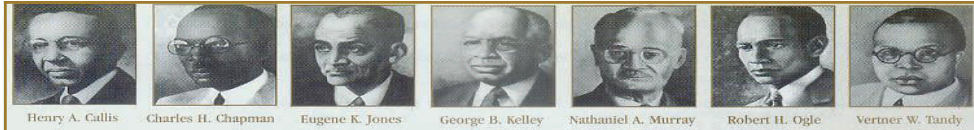
Visit the District website to register and purchase tickets

Souvenir Journal Ad Prices

Full Page	\$150.00
Half - Page	\$ 75.00
Quarter Page	\$ 50.00
One - Eighth, Business Card	\$ 25.00

Contact Brother Johnny Holmes at jholmes83@att.net for additional information.

*Make payments payable to; Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter
Mail payments to; P. O. Box 14752, Augusta, Georgia 30919 - 1475*



*I cannot believe that four out of five Alphas shed the Alpha spirit when they put away their diplomas.
Jewel Henry Arthur Callis. 44th Fraternal Address. Philadelphia. 1958*

From the pen of the 33rd General President

I, my wife Harmel, Jewel and Godari wish you and your family **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Congratulations to the Tau Zeta chapter for inviting me to serve as their keynote speaker for their chartering ceremony on 26 October 2009 on the campus of Kennesaw State University.



Congratulations to Brother Dr. Freeman Hrabowski 999, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) on being named by Time magazine as one of the top 10 college presidents, Brother Dr. Frank G. Pogue who has been named interim president of Grambling State University, Brother A.C. Wharton, elected mayor of Memphis, Tennessee and Brother R. Seth Williams, who is the first elected African-American District attorney in Philadelphia. How proud we are of these two great brothers

A building permit has been issued to the Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, the issuance of the permit allows for construction to begin on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial. We appreciate the hard work of past General President Brother Harry Johnson Sr., to make this monument go from our dream to a reality. We will be forming a special commission to plan our fraternal activities, projects and events leading up to the historic dedication of the memorial in the fall of 2011.

Registration for the Phoenix Leadership Conference and Summit on the African-American Male is now open. Go to www.alphaconvention.com to register. An installment plan for registration to the conference has been established. The conference is mandated for chapter officers, area, state and regional officers.

The fall edition of The Sphinx ® is in the final stages of production, once completed it will be electronically sent to Brothers. This will be the first issue presented initially by electronic means. We are supporting our "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Goes Green Initiative, by preserving paper.

We are weeks from the celebration of our 103rd Founders' Day and some major announcements which will be made on December 4. You will be very pleased with these announcements and upcoming projects and activities of the fraternity. I hope that your chapter is planning an appropriate observance to

College Brother affairs with Brother Deonte J. Simmons

My beloved College Brothers, I greet you in the spirit of our beloved Seven Jewels.



Congratulations to the charter members of the Tau Zeta chapter located on the Kennesaw State University. The chapter was officially chartered by our Southern Region Vice President Brother James Crumel on Sunday, 25 October 2009. The program planned by Brother James Ford, Area one Director and Advisor and presided over by Brother Brent Obleton, featured a keynote address by General President Brother Herman "Skip" Mason, and greetings from Brother David Hankerson, Cobb County City Manager, Dr. Daniel Sapp, University President, Brother Justin Harlow, ASRVP, myself, the director of Greek Life and the President of the KSU Pan—Hellenic Council. The charter members are Brothers Adewale, Akoegbe, Black, Hekmatnejad, Hills, Macon, Moore, Pilgrim, Robinson, Smart and Thompson. I look forward to their making a difference in the Georgia District and on the Kennesaw State campus.

College chapter Presidents are invited to send topics of discussions to me in support of the Council of Undergraduate Presidents, which is an initiative of my platform; "Enlarge Your Territory 2009".

Please adhere to the 4 December deadline in regards to the submission of names for the various District awards. Your participation is mandated and comes with consequences if you fail to adhere to the policy of the Georgia District.

I need all college Brothers to check the expiration date on your pass card, if the card expires on 31 December 2009 and you are still in school, you must pay your grand tax to be financially active for the fraternal year 2010.

The below information was sent by our ARVP Brother Justin Harlow to assist college Brothers in developing their leadership skills; LEADERSHAPE - develops participants to "lead with integrity and incorporates current leadership issues to meet the developmental needs of young adults <http://www.leadershape.org/institute/curriculum.asp> - IMPACT - a campus based leadership institute designed to foster improved relationships among campus leaders through an intensive, interactive two and one half day program, <http://www.nicindy.org/programs/impact/>. UNDERGRADUATE INTERFRATERNITY INSTITUTE - a five day institute that brings together fraternity men and sorority women from across North America to create opportunities to explore, define, and enhance their leadership skills, personal awareness, commitment to their fraternity or sorority, and grow to expect values based action from themselves and those they lead, <http://www.nicindy.org/programs/uifi/>. THE NATIONAL BLACK GREEK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - The NBGLC has been the home to many of the leading consultants and speakers on NPHC issues such as Dr. Walter Kimbrough, Mr. Lawrence Ross, Ms. Jennifer Jones, and many, many more. The NBGLC believes in the mission and goals of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and supports this mission through its programming. <http://www.nbgcl.org/nbgcl/>

DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENTS



GEORGIA DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 33RD GENERAL PRESIDENT

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF - BROTHER KEITH HARRIS

SENIOR ADVISOR - BROTHER JIM WRIGHT

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GEN PRESIDENT - BROTHER MARQUES WILKES

ASSISTANT SGT OF ARMS - BROTHER ELLIS ALBRIGHT

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENT - BROTHER DR. CLIFTON JOHNSON

CONSTITUTION - BROTHER RICKY BLAYLOCK

BELFORD V. LAWSON ORATORICAL - BROTHER GREGORY BAILEY

BLACK & GOLD PAGEANT - BROTHER ANDRE PROSPERE

BOY SCOUTS - BROTHER VERDREE LOCKHART

BUILDING FOUNDATION - BROTHER BOB JONES

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RACIAL JUSTICE - BROTHER DERRICK POPE

REV. DR. M. L. KING, JR. FOUNDATION - BROTHER FRANK RUSSELL

TIME AND PLACE - BROTHER MAURICE JENKINS

THE OFFICE OF THE SOUTHERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT

ASSISTANT REGION VICE PRESIDENT - BROTHER JUSTIN HARLOW

DISTRICT DIRECTOR - BROTHER RONALD NATSON

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR - BROTHER DEONTE SIMMONS

ALPHA UNIVERSITY - ADVISOR TRAINING - BROTHER GARY OLIVER

ALPHA UNIVERSITY - PROTOCOL - BROTHER DR. JOHN CARTER

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENT - BROTHER DR. CLIFTON JOHNSON

CHIEF SGT OF ARMS - BROTHER ELLIS ALBRIGHT

CONVENTION CHAPLAIN - BROTHER REV. CALVIN MCFADDEN

GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINE - BROTHER JAMES CAMPBELL

MEMBERSHIP, STANDARDS & EXTENSIONS - BROTHER RON MAGNUM

MILITARY BROTHERS NATIONAL REP. - BROTHER COL KEN BASKETT

MIS/TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL REP - BROTHER SHERMAN LOFTON

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS NATIONAL REP - BROTHER HEBREW DIXON

PROJECT ALPHA - BROTHER REV. CHARLES MARSHALL

Upcoming Activities and Events

NOVEMBER 2009

Last Day to pay Grand Tax/Chapter Fees without penalty -
15 November

DECEMBER 2009

103rd Anniversary Founders Day - - 4 December

District Fees/Taxes Due

Names of College Brothers/chapters competing in the Step Show, Scholars Bowl, Oratorical, Miss Black & Gold Contestant and Awards due.

Names of the Judges for the Oratorical, Scholars Bowl and Awards committee due

Delta Iota Lambda Founders Day -- 5 December

JANUARY 2010

Southern Region Tax/Fess due

54th Georgia District Conference - 28 - 30 January
Marriott Augusta Hotel & Suites, Augusta, GA

FEBRUARY 2010

3rd Annual Alpha Day at the Capitol - 18 February

March 2010

Southern Region Convention - 4 - 7 March
Marriott Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND/OR HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
IF YOU WERE BORN, INITIATED OR MARRIED
IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST BROTHERS

CENTRAL GEORGIA - BROTHER **ROBERT STEVENSON** ** JAKYM BATTLE, ARNELL FERGUSON, MARIO HALL, BLAIR HUNTER, BRANDON JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, RICO JONES, MARIO MCGREGOR, CHRISTOPHER MYLES, DOMINIQUE NICHOLS, ULYSSES PICKARD, DAMIEN PITTMAN, BRIAN TUKES, JARED WILLIAMS, SAMUEL WRIGHT, JOHN BEMBRY, LATRAVIUS ODOM;

EAST GEORGIA - BROTHER **ELLIS ALBRIGHT** ** ALDRICH BARNES, RUBEN CHIZA, ERIC CORBERT, JAY ENGLISH, JESSE FENTON, JULIUS GREEN, RODNEY McDOWELL, COURTREVEZ MCTIER, BRANDON RICHARDSON, MICAH WASHINGTON, JONATHAN BUGGS, DARIUS COPELAND, RAYMOND DUDLEY, JOVAN JOHNSON, MARCUS MCDANIEL, MASON RHODES, JOSEPH WILLIAMS; **NORTH GEORGIA** - BROTHER **SHERMAN LOFTON**, BROTHER **AL RAWLS** ** KRISTOPHER BAKER, ERRIO BOYD, ARHMANTI DIXON, WILLIAM HUNN, MICHAEL HYKES, DONTÉ JENKINS, ARMAN LAKES, JERRELL LAWSON, JAYMES MARSHALL, ANTHONY RUNDLES, DOMINIQUE WALKER, JAROD WASHINGTON, DONALD ESSEX, PAUL SCISNEY, DAVID SHILLCUTT, VICTOR CANNON JR., ANDREW DILLARD, GREGORY JOHNSON, JARRED THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER WATSON, ROCQUAN LUCAS, DARIUS REDMON, CHRISTOPHER RHODES, HERSCHEL SMITH, FINIS WHITT, MARLIN HOLMES, AUSTIN HOPE, KYLE JOHNSON, DANTE MONTGOMERY, CAMERON WILLIAMS, TERRANCE BANKS, JOE LEE JR., MATTHEW BRANTLEY, JOSELYN CAMPBELL, VERNON DAISE, ZACHARY HUNTER, JIHAD PRATT, KIMBO SANDA, GERRON SCOTT, BRANDON THOMAS, JEREMY EASLEY, WESLEY FORD, JEMIR MARTINEZ, CHRISTOPHER MCKENZIE, RONALD WILSON, CHARLES ALLEN, KHARY CALLOWAY, JOSHUA DELANEY, JORDAN MCCRAY, JUSTIN MCKITHEN, QUINTAY YOUNG;

SOUTH GEORGIA - BROTHER **BENNIE HAND** ** JOSHUA GREENE, CURTIS JEFFERIES, MIKESHAUND PASSMORE, CORDERO BAKER, RYAN BROWN, CALEB JOHNSON, ROBERT JORDAN, MICHAEL MCKERSON, ELLIOT PITTMAN, ADRIAN ROWE, JOSHUA D. WILLIAMS, JOSHUA J. WILLIAMS, CHARLIE GRACE, COREY LANGSTON, CALEB BOLDEN

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKET FOR THE
GEORGIA DISTRICT FRATERNAL LUNCHEON**
IN HONOR OF OUR PAST DISTRICT DIRECTORS
FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY 2010
BROTHER HERMAN "SKIP" MASON, JR.
33RD GENERAL PRESIDENT, KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ALUMNI - \$25.00, COLLEGE - \$15.00

Happy Thanksgiving
Ron, Darlene, Marcel Jr. & Renee

Happy Birthday
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Friday, 4 December 2009
103 years of Service, Leadership, Brotherhood
and Advocacy