

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, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, it is a festive period of holiday parties and the exchanging of gifts. Our fraternity was founded in December and for many years our general conventions were held during the Christmas Holiday. During the holiday season, I implore chapters to think of those who our "Jewels" thought the most of, the downtrodden. Food, clothing and toy drives, in addition to assisting organizations such as the Salvation Army, should be on the agenda of every chapter in the District. 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 very Merry **Christmas**, a Joyous **Kwanzaa** and a Prosperous **New Year**.

Brother's, the Intake season in Georgia is over, and post HAZING activities will not be tolerated. As stated in the November issue, I am committed to ensuring Alpha's future. Anyone caught violating our Standing Orders will be suspended and/or expelled. Why put your college career and future endeavors in jeopardy just because you think you are making someone right or you will not get caught. I am presently investigating hazing allegations at Mercer University and Fort Valley State University. Both chapters have been issued cease and desist orders from their respective campuses and the District Office. **Bryson Trumaine Amey**, Gamma Zeta (FVSU) chapter, was arrested for hazing and more arrests are to follow. Please note, I will ask the fraternity to sue you and your parents to recover any damages Alpha Phi Alpha has to pay. Brothers attending public colleges and universities, please note, I will adhere to the Board of Regents policy in regards to hazing, which states any student disciplined for hazing will be permanently expelled from school. If you agree to participate in any illegal 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, made right or live the 3 T's life tags, tattoos, tee shirts and no service. **I took an oath to protect Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., not you!**

Effective immediately, any chapter and any Brother seen, pictured or who knowingly allow Brothers who are inactive, not matriculating at your college, suspended or expelled, participate in Alpha activities, will face the same disciplinary actions as those who are suspended or expelled. Many problems occur when Brothers do not understand that graduation means just that, or those suspended or expelled are embraced by Brothers in good standing. Ignorance is no longer a defense, if you do not know who they are, ask, stop allowing renegades to tear down Alpha Phi Alpha.

The deadline for the payment of District Fees has passed, if you have not paid your District Assessment, please do so ASAP, contact Brother Prospere at prosperea@bellsouth.net if you have not received your 2010 chapter invoice.

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.

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 chapters **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.

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

I congratulate Brothers throughout the District for their dedication and commitment to promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy to our communities.

Fraternally,

Brother Ronald M. Natson, Sr.

Georgia District News & Notes

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.

Brother Waldo E. Johnson, Jr., the new chairman of the Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation, Inc., is making a year end appeal for college brothers to donate \$25 and alumni brothers \$50, in support of the Education foundation.

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.

College chapter President must notify their Area Director if they have not held their Neophyte shows.

Brothers please note, the General President mentioned this during the last Region Convention cycle and I again remind you, Apes or Gorillas are not official symbols nor do they give an accurate picture of who were are. Please remove all references from your website and do not buy shirts with their likeness.

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. 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>.

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

View sessions of the **89th General Convention** at <http://www.apa1906.net> and 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>

54th Georgia District Convention Information

Our conference theme; *The Georgia District: Academic Excellence, Leadership and Service for the 21st Century*

Names for the Step Show, Scholars Bowl, Oratorical, and Miss Black & Gold Contestants and Awards were 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*

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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. The Marriott Suites is all suites, the room rate is the same, Brothers can request a room in either of the two.

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. Alumni Chapters have asked tasked with purchasing at least two tickets for their mentoring college chapters.

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 (limited amount for sale)

Visit the District website to register and purchase tickets

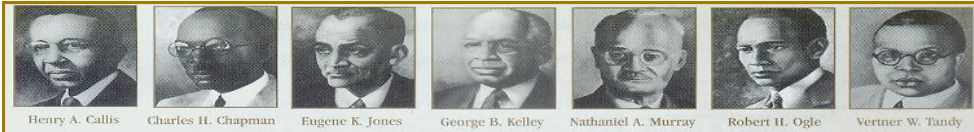
Convention Souvenir Journal

Please purchase an ad in the Souvenir Booklet now being compiled by the host chapters Alpha Chi Lambda and Eta Alpha chapter at Paine College. Your support is vital to the success of this endeavor. Please note the below 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

Happy Holidays from me, my wife Harmel, and children Jewel and Godari.

I have designated 11 - 13 December as Father/Daughter weekend in support of The Walt Disney Company's animated feature film, *The Princess and the Frog*, the first movie from Disney to feature an African American as a princess. All Brothers are asked to take your daughter out for dinner and a movie.



Hazing is not condoned by Alpha Phi Alpha and will not be tolerated. I want to assure every "good standing" brother of Alpha, that the leadership is moving swiftly to identify, charge and prosecute any person who has violated our standing orders or our Constitution or brought harm to the fraternity or any of our members. The fraternity is cooperating with law enforcement in effort to bring to justice those who have violated the law. You know the consequences for violating those rules. We have clearly defined it for everyone. We have had training on the issue. We have taken legal action in the past against those who have violated our rules. We cannot say this more clearly and emphatically: young men in the prime of their lives involved in brutality serve no purpose. We will take every legal means at our disposal, both civil and criminal, to charge and bring to justice any person who commits a crime and tarnishes our good name in the process. Internally any chapter or fraternity member that participates in any activity that violates our rules and regulations can expect to face stiff penalties including suspension and/or expulsion. Further, as a matter of our process for membership intake, any man who suspects, or witnesses any suspicious activity are obligated and encouraged to let the fraternity know. We applaud any young man who exposes hazing at any college or university

Register for the Phoenix Leadership Conference and Summit on the African-American Male at www.alphaconvention.com, please note an installment plan is available. Chapter officers, area, state and regional officers must attend.

The new edition of *The Sphinx* ® is almost complete and will be the first issue presented initially by electronic means.

Please visit the following links to view the Jewels gallery, listen to my Founders Day address to the Brotherhood and announcements. <http://jewels.apa1906.net>, <http://africanancestry.com/apa1906/> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/apa1906/Network#p/u/4/EM9WHpjjMell>

College Brother affairs with Brother Deonte J. Simmons

My beloved College Brothers, I greet you in the spirit of our beloved Seven Jewels and pray your attendance at a Founders Day celebration renewed your love for Alpha, encouraged you to adhere to its policies and reminded you that the foundation you stand on was not built by you, but those who labored long and hard, who endured much so we can enjoy the fruits of their labor.



Please have a safe Holiday season, I pray all will return to school ready to learn and led the way for others on campus to follow.

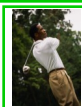
If you are interested in the position of Assistant District Director, please contact Brother Marco Pitts, marcopitts@hotmail.com, for the certification form needed for the election at the upcoming District Convention. The submission deadline is 31 December 2009.

It is imperative that you 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.

College Brothers should check your pass card to ensure it does not expire on 31 December 2009. If expired, you must pay your grand tax to be financially active for the fraternal year 2010.

Brothers we must stop the illegal hazing that will soon doom us if we are not careful. The General President, the Regional Vice President and the District Director all have zero tolerance policies in regards to hazing, it is not about you, it is not about how you feel about the Intake process, it is about Alpha, its Legacy and its future.

In support of his theme "Re-Engaging College Brother Leadership," *Brother Justin Harlow, SRAVP* provided the following info about the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, a paid summer fellowship designed to foster the entrance of talented students from diverse backgrounds within the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts into graduate school and faculty positions in U.S. Program dates are May 23-July 29, 2010 and the web site is <<http://www.unc.edu/depts/murap/index.html>>. The program also seeks to increase the presence of minorities and others who demonstrate a commitment to eradicating racial disparities in graduate school. A stipend of \$3500 (students holding Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowships, receive the difference between their summer stipend and MURAP's), a meal allowance of \$1450, an allowance up to \$500 to travel to and from Chapel Hill and on-campus housing at the University of North Carolina.



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

DECEMBER 2009

4th ** 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

30th ** Beta Phi Lambda Debutante Presentation Ball

31st ** Eta Lambda 80th Annual New Year's Eve Holiday Ball

JANUARY 2010

18th ** 16th Annual Rev. Brother Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service and Holiday

Southern Region Tax/Fess due

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

FEBRUARY 2010

18th ** 3rd Annual Alpha Day at the Capitol

March 2010

4th - 7th ** Southern Region Convention, Marriott Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi

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

SNAPSHOTS OF THE DELTA IOTA LAMBDA FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION WITH DISTRICT DIRECTOR RONALD NATSON



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



Have a
Merry **Christmas**, Joyous **Kwanzaa** and Prosperous **New Year**
Ron, Darlene, Marcel Jr. & Renee

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Celebrating 103 years of Service, Leadership,
Brotherhood and Advocacy