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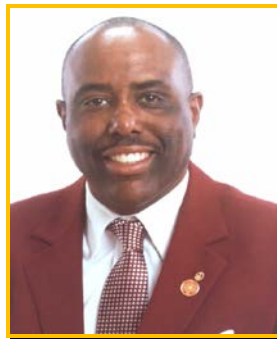
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Polemarch Message

It has been an awesome experience to serve as your Polemarch. This past year went by fast and I thank each of you for the support that you provided our administration. We set several goals and because of you we are on our way to accomplishing them.

We continue to lead the way in Guide Right where our Robotics teams are leading the way in STEM preparation. Brother Marlon Ridley and the NSBE Jr team are setting the standards for which other are judged in addition to our Lego Robotics team led by Brothers Marcel Anderson and Marco Jacobs. A special thanks to our reclamation team as our membership stands over two hundred.

We celebrate our Fortieth Chartering Anniversary in grand style with our very own Brother Gerald Lee serving as our keynote speaker. Brothers Warren Green and Zavin Smith chaired the Chartering Day and Black and White Ball respectively.

We remain committed to burning the mortgage and our campaign is in full effect with Brother Eugene Johnson leading the way. I look forward to the year ahead with a new team reinvigorated and ready to lead.

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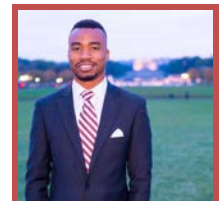
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Upcoming Events

- 16 Jul., Chapter Cookout
- 17-22 Jul., Kamp Kappa
- 5-7 Aug., A-F Planning Retreat
- 6 Aug, Mid-Summer Soiree
- 13 Aug., 26th Annual Kappa Alpha Psi Golf Tournament
- 20 Aug., 2016 Eastern Province Officers Workshop

Reporter's Corner

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Brothers I am honored to serve as the Reporter for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. It is my goal to capture the success of our great chapter and to tell our story to Kappa and the community at large.

Kenneth Taylor, Ph.D, AF Reporter

AFA Golden Heritage Celebration: 2016 Inductees

By John Blodger



On Saturday May 14th, the Golden Heritage Committee inducted two new Brothers into the club of Fifty years in the Fraternity. Those brothers were Jim Vance (Gamma Omega 61) and Riley Jacobs (Epsilon Epsilon 66). Additionally, the Committee recognized Brother Al Byrd (Xi 46) with the first Septuagenarian Anniversary Award. The committee, led by Brother John Blodger also presented the inductees a white blazer, a bronze Medallion with fifty years inscribed above the Coat of Arms. As always, the evening was first class and all had a wonderful time.

50 Year Brothers

Riley A. Jacobs

Jim Vance

&

Septuagenarian Anniversary:

70th Year Brother

Albert A. Byrd

*"...a spirit of fraternity,
unswerving Fidelity, and
Achievement in the
interest of mankind..."*

National Political Awareness



"Kappas on Kapital Hill"

By Kenneth Taylor, PhD



As the National Political Awareness Committee Chairman, Britton Smith of the Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter courageously coordinated and reignited the James "Biff" Carter Legislative Policy Conference. This three day legislative conference included a number of public policy sessions with members of congress staff, brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and policy professionals.

During a recent interview with Brother Smith he stated, "As a former Capitol Hill Staffer and Campaign Strategist, I understand the need for organizations such as Kappa Alpha Psi to carry the mantle and operate as vocal reflections of the communities we service."

The Provincial Political Awareness Committee seeks to engage our fraternity membership in civic and legislative matters at the local, state and federal levels.

The Joyce & Thomas Moorehead Foundation

By Richard Mattox



Brother Thomas Moorehead continues to rise to the occasion when there is a need. On April 23rd, Tom and Joyce's generosity was on full display when Tyrell Williams a young Georgetown University football player was partially paralyzed and needed \$23,000 worth of rehabilitation equipment to provide him with the hope of walking again. Upon hearing the news, Brother Moorehead reached into his network of influence and raised the money and purchased the equipment. Of course, he was assisted by the Washington Legends and Brother Jim Vance in this worthwhile endeavor.



40th Chartering Day of The Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter

By Kenneth Taylor, PhD

On Friday June 10th, 2016 the Alexandria-Fairfax Nupes celebrated our fortieth year of providing excellence through brotherhood and service. Since June 5, 1976, the Alexandria Fairfax Alumni Chapter has proudly served the Northern Virginia communities of Fairfax and Arlington Counties and the City of Alexandria.

This celebration, chaired by Past Polemarch Warren A. Green and co-chair Brother Victor Mullins was held at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. More than 125 brothers from AF and the surrounding chapters were in attendance, with guest speakers to include the 28th Eastern Province Polemarch Robert L. Jenkins, Jr., Esq. and Junior Province Vice-Polemarch Thomas J. Cover. Also in attendance were various fraternity dignitaries, province Past Polemarshs, Eastern Province officials and no other than the distinguished brothers of the Alexandria-Fairfax chapter. The evening was appropriately purposed by our keynote speaker, Brother, Judge Gerald Bruce Lee, made on AF's second line in 1978. The occasion and his brilliant message charged the brothers of AF to continue blazing the trail through leadership and service.



A-F Guide Right:

By Marlon Ridley

Can you say Guide Right? The program led by Brother Wilder Smith has had tremendous success during the Fraternal Year 2015-16. It is all about the kids and the brothers are giving them their all. Over the course of the year, the Chapter's Robotics team has been on the move. They traveled to Philly for the Black Engineering of the Year conference and participated in the Regional First Lego Robotics competition in Stafford, Virginia.



Additionally, the AF NSBE Jr Chapter is rapidly becoming the national model for the NSBE National partnership for the Fraternity. The **NSBE Jr. Chapter** is Chaired by Brother Marlon Ridley and the Lego Robotics Team is led by Brothers Marcel Anderson and Marco Jacobs. Guide Right will end with Kamp Kappa which is directed by Brother Conrad Washington. When it comes to Guide Right, AF is second to none.

Guide Right Accomplishments 2015-16:

- ❖ Developed a partnership with Microsoft. This partnership also included student attending Blacks at Microsoft Corporate HQ as well as DigiGirlz and Youth Spark Programing at the Microsoft store.
- ❖ AF NSBE Jr Chapter will become the national model for the NSBE National partnership for the Fraternity
- ❖ One of our Kappa Leaguers received an internship with Microsoft and another was provided a basketball camp scholarship
- ❖ Participated in the Regional First Lego Robotics competition in Stafford
- ❖ Advocated AF STEM program to area community leaders at Women Support Groups, Arlington STEM Symposiums, and area nonprofits.
- ❖ Sent 3 Kappa Leaguer students to Philadelphia, PA to attend the Black Engineering of the Year Conference
- ❖ AF GR shared its blueprint with the Fraternity via 3 STEM webinars, Webinar 1 Presented NSBE Jr STEM Programs, Webinar 2 Microsoft Youth Spark Program, Webinar 3 Computer Science 4 All



Black to the Future – 2016 A-F Kappa Alpha Psi Beautillion

By Eugene Johnson

On Saturday, 23 April 2016, the Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., employed a time-tested socialite tradition called a Beautillion to introduce 14 amazing young men into society. Brother Dr. Victor C. Mullins has chaired the event over the past three years and secured generous sponsorship through the Robert H. Smith School of Business. The Brothers of Alexandria Fairfax Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi were able to prepare, indoctrinate, and present the gamma “third” class of Beaus aspiring to assume their rightful role as tomorrow’s leaders.



Dr. Victor Mullins during the 2016 Beautillion

The Beautillion is a formal social dance that began in early 18th century Europe by French royalty. Later it became popular in England among families of nobility and wealthy white families in the United States, especially in the South. Affluent black families adapted the tradition in the early 20th century.

The Beaus were indoctrinated into societal norms and provided seminars for success with titles like: The 10 Ks of Personal Branding, Personal Financing (Becoming the CEO of your life), Seven Habits of Highly Successful People, Bow-ties and Character, and Interpersonal Male/Female relationships. During the same period the young men were taught ballroom dancing and Greek fraternity style stepping. Step Master, Michael Pratt, choreographed the drill routine and Mrs. Adrian Diggs choreographed the formal dance.

The Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Beautillion Ball celebrates the demonstrated perseverance, scholarship, achievement, dedication, and confidence of 14 young men culminating with a “Rights of Passage” pinning ceremony. Humble but confident characterizes these 14 future leaders of industry, sports, technology, fashion, politics, medicine and other professional fields of human endeavor. The 2016 college-bound Beaus were: Kenyatta Bellamy, Justin Boone, Randall Britt, Osaze Brown, Adisa Gittens-Smith, Ryquan Harris, Jalen Hayes, Zechariah Hunter, D’Andre Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Andrew Sheppard, Myles Thomas-Blangor, Samuel Travers, and Vincent Walker.

Well-groomed and handsomely attired in black tuxedos with matching ties, crisp white shirts, red boutonnieres, cuff links and spit-shined shoes; each Beau was introduced by name, then presented to the overflowing audience where he was pinned by his parent(s) or guardian(s) to immortalize the moment. The Beaus then flawlessly executed a special dance/step routine. While still on the floor, their beautiful escorts adorned in beautiful red gowns, stylish accouterments and coiffured hair joined the men. Light on their feet, they moved gracefully to the appreciation of the attendees. Finally, each Beau shared an appreciative/thankful formal dance (waltz) with his mother to symbolize the Beau’s transition from dependent youth to manhood.



Raising money for scholarships was generated through ticket and advertisement sales, and donations. The Beautillion scholarship money was awarded to each of the Beaus as well as deserving high school seniors either in college or planning to pursue a college education through the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund (KSEF). Anyone interested in supporting this endeavor in the future may pledge a donation at the following KSEF site: <https://www.givedirect.org/donate/?cid=1205>.

Member Spotlight on Achievement:



Brother Wilder Smith selected for SES Candidate Development Program. Brother Wilder Smith has been selected for the DHS Senior Executive Service (SES) Candidate Development Program. The program announcement received 420 applications and the highly competitive process ultimately selected 11 for Transportation Security Administration.

The Spring 1991 Kappa Chi initiate and Georgetown University Alum serves as the Guide Right Chair for Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter. He leads the Award winning Guide Right Program which earned him the Chapter's Service to the Community Award for the 1015-16 Fraternal Year.



Brother Kenneth Taylor, Ph.D. honored as The Network Journal's 40 under 40. With more than 14 years' experience in education, Brother Kenneth Taylor, Ph.D. is committed to increasing college readiness and diversity in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), evidenced by his work developing educational practices that enhance the participation of minorities, first-generation and low-income students in these career fields. "Ironically, I ran from education all my life," Taylor admits. "After taking my first job as a math teacher, however, I realized how much of an impact I could have on young minds, especially minorities."

In addition to elementary, Taylor has taught on the secondary level, and has held position in higher education with Morgan State University as an education research director. He began his tenure with the U.S. Department of Education as a data analyst before ascending into his current role as the senior quality control analyst with the Office of Federal Student Aid. "I enjoy organization development and improvement," he says. "The work I do allows me to identify problems and implement processes of improvement on a national level."

In 2013, just two years after receiving his doctorate in higher education administration from Morgan State University, Taylor founded the Partnership for Education Growth Systems (PEGS) to bridge the pipeline between industry and minority youth in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The first in his family to receive a terminal degree (Ph.D.), Taylor also holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Tennessee State University and a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University.

Recently appointed commissioner for the Mayor's Advisory Panel for Special Education, he is an active volunteer with several schools in the metropolitan area, and newly elected Reporter for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. Taylor is a 2005 initiate of the Stockbridge-Jonesboro (GA) Alumni Chapter.

Member Spotlight on Achievement:



Brother Dale Warfield selected to attend United States Air Force Officer Training School. Brother Dale Warfield will be leaving the Chapter on September 14th to attend Officer Basic Training at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

Warfield has excelled since his initiation into the Bond during the spring of 2009 at the Mu Mu Chapter at George Mason University. He served the Mu Mu Chapter as Keeper of Exchequer before serving as the Polemarch. Upon graduating, he immediately transitioned into the AF Chapter chairing various committees including the Younger

Brother Committee, Co-Chair of Budget and Social Committee before being elected to the position of Second Vice Polemarch.



Brother Chris Harris' company receives 2016 Best of Alexandria Award. ALEXANDRIA May 18, 2016 -- Harris & Associates Safety Solutions and Logistics, LLC has been selected for the 2016 Best of Alexandria Award in the Educational Consultant category by the Alexandria Award Program.

Each year, the Alexandria Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Alexandria area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2016 Alexandria Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Alexandria Award Program and data provided by third parties. Harris is the newly elected Lt. Strategus for the 2016-2017 fraternal year, and a 2016 initiate of the Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter.



Team Kappa raised more than \$20,000 for Tour the Cure!

American Diabetes Association NoVa Tour de Cure:

By Tommy Walker

Once again, *Team Kappa* led the way as part of the Northern Virginia Tour de Cure with 40 registered riders raising a total of \$20,035.33 to Help Stop Diabetes. Brothers participated from the following Eastern Province chapters:

Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni

College Park Sandy Spring (MD) Alumni

Silver Spring (MD) Alumni

Dulles-Leesburg (VA) Alumni

Washington DC Alumni

Annapolis (MD) Alumni

Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD) Alumni

Team Kappa retained our title as the #1 Club/Organizational team in fundraising and was the #4 fundraising team overall. This remains an impressive feat as we are competing with Corporate Teams that will match their employees fundraising efforts. Kudos to Brother Tommy Walker, Team Captain, raised \$2,700. Brothers Walker, Willie Evans, Frank Griffith (Co-Captain), Nick Nicholson, Keith Yancy and Rodney Robinson qualified as Champions for 2016. Brothers Tommy Walker, Rodney Robinson, Nick Nicholson, Warren Green and Bobby Mills represented Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter, along with Regina Hamilton, Suzanne Walker, Malachi Walker, Pat Cole and Terri Coles, raising \$8,100.



Congratulations to the Spring 2016 Initiates of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Alexandria-Fairfax (VA)
Alumni Chapter
(K.S. Krash Course)



Glenn Johnson
Wynton Lamb
Christopher Harris
Antone Smith
David Kimber
Lemuel Clayborn

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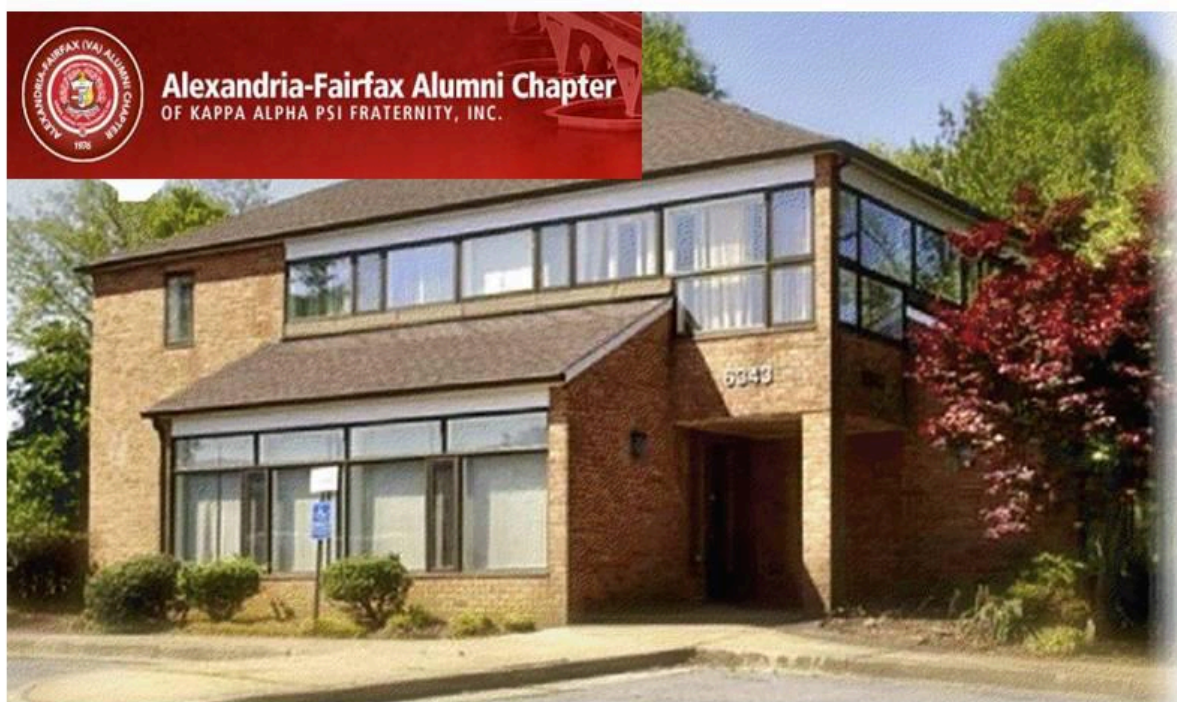
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