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Alpha Lambda Chapter

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

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State of the Chapter Address

To the Executive Committee, Committee Chairmen, Chapter Membership and friends of Alpha, I greet you in a spirit of thanksgiving and humility. I am thankful for that confidence members of the Alpha Lambda Chapter have shown in my leadership by electing me to a second term as your Chapter President. I am forever awed and humbled by the chance to preside over the first alumni chapter of the world's greatest Fraternity. The extraordinary vision of Alpha Founder Eugene Kinckle Jones and ten other exceptional men led to the chartering of the Alpha Lambda Chapter on April 11, 1911. Two years ago when my first State of the Chapter Address was delivered, I mentioned that Alpha Lambda members strode toward the doorstep of history and how that stride took us ever closer to 100 years of Alpha Phi Alpha in Louisville, Kentucky. Today, we stand six short months away from the culmination of a one hundred year journey to promote scholarship, develop leadership and uplift the downtrodden of mankind through service to this great city that sits along the Ohio. I spoke of a rich history and legacy during that previous address and implored the membership to showcase strong and ambitious leadership that was ready to move this historic chapter forward into the 100th year and beyond. I am thankful to all brothers who answered that call to service.

Two significant questions were asked in 2008: "1) Will the celebration (that will occur next year) simply be a marker of Alpha Lambda's historic founding or 2) will it be an opportunity to celebrate that founding AND highlight the accomplishments and achievements of a thriving and productive chapter continuing to build on its immense heritage?" As we continue our *Stride Toward the Centennial*, there is no more time to ponder the answer to these questions. Many members have worked diligently for this moment and the time is now at hand. Now is the time for teamwork, dedication, sacrifice and execution as we share with the local community all that continues to make our chapter viable and effective. We must appreciate our history, stand on our heritage while creating our legacy for future generations of Alpha Men to respect and appreciate.

The 79th Midwestern Region Convention, being held April 6 – 10, 2011 at the Louisville Downtown Marriott will be a chance for brothers, community leaders and all citizens to share in the celebration of Alpha Lambda's legacy and encourage its continued forward movement toward uplifting and advancing the cause and voice of Louisville's downtrodden. We must leave no doubt in the minds of others about the reason to honor the work of the Alpha Lambda Chapter. Brothers have worked to locate and secure our history, form and solidify partnerships and sponsors, and work as a team within the mantra of "One Voice, One Mindset, and One Purpose." While we have worked hard, there is still more work to be done. Brothers we need you! The Regional Convention Planning Committee cannot do this alone. Every member must be focused on making this Convention the best one yet. Do not let us down!

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Fall Calendar of Events

Chapter Meetings

October 8
November 12

Project Alpha

Project Alpha Week:
November 1-6

Neighborhood Clean-up

November 13

Community Involvement

Clothing Drive Kickoff:
October 8
Healing Place
Volunteerism:
November 20
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As all leaders must do, we evaluate our efforts and how it effects today and plans for the future. The State of the Alpha Lambda Chapter is one of stability. Alpha Lambda has made many advances over the last two years. Chapter membership has grown from 26 in May 2008 to 44 as of today. Each of our National Programs were done each year and with consistency. We honored our commitment to the special projects of the Fraternity through our volunteerism and fundraising efforts. Our Chapter Constitution underwent a much needed revision. Thanks to the tremendous effort of Brother Shaune Jones, we streamlined our committees for better efficiency. Due to an increase in membership and continued fiscal discipline, the Chapter Treasury increased. We have formed partnerships that allowed outlets to new service initiatives. Our Fraternal Calendar has maintained consistency and an array of options for brotherhood and community service. Finally, we took the visionary step to make a meeting location change to accommodate growth and a desire to provide more options for our members. If anyone asked the question, "Is Alpha Lambda better today than it was 2 years ago?", I believe the answer would be an *emphatic* "YES!" It is my hope that our collective, uniform vision will be to make this upcoming year the best year any of us can remember.

As we set our focus toward the days and months ahead, below is my strategic vision that allows the Alpha Lambda Chapter to thrive in areas of brotherhood, service and overall commitment to uplifting the Louisville community through service, community partnerships and thoughtful initiatives.

In areas of brotherhood, effort must continue to reach levels of understanding and continued commitment across the wide spectrum of Brothers who reside in the Louisville Metro Area. Our membership management committee has detailed strategies aimed to reclaim and retain inactive members. Previously, we have held membership development seminars, chapter retreats, brotherhood worship, Super bowl parties and impromptu gatherings to allow the spirit of brotherhood to permeate from one Alpha Man to another. Our chapter newsletter, The Louisville Sphinx, is in regular quarterly circulation. However, the results of these efforts have not been what was expected. As your President, the questions of "Why?" and "What can we do better?" often weigh on me. No matter your age, whether in life or years affiliated with the Fraternity, it is important to remember that we are all "One Alpha!!" There may be different communication outlets that exist in 2010, and I implore each Brother to remember to reach out and connect with others. Please reflect on the Fraternity Hymn, especially the piece that states, "...our renowned A Phi A, and dear fraternal bond, may they ever abide and with us stay."

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It is absolutely critical that every member of this organization remember our Fraternal bond. Celebrate that which binds us close together and become further dedicated to community advancement under the stewardship of Alpha Phi Alpha! Alpha Lambda will continue to host events that allow for brotherhood to be a central focus. This organization, just like all others, is bigger than any one person. Let your love, respect and admiration for this organization motivate you. I want to see an array of brothers lending their voice, experience and service for the community's greater good. As your President, I will work to ensure Alpha Lambda and its programming promote a harmonious, forward thinking environment that encourages each member to stay the course. Senior brothers, we request your presence. Middle aged brothers, we request your presence. Younger brothers, fresh out of college, we request your presence. You are the catalyst for growth. We must build and grow this House of Alpha one committed brother at a time. I challenge every active member to reach one brother that you know personally. Make it your duty to awaken *Espirit de Fraternite* within his spirit. Communication is vital. Before we had email, there was the telephone. Call one another. Visit each other. Make sacrifices and carpool. To the brothers out there, we are making an honest effort. If you are inactive and wish to return, please contact me. Dear brother I ask of you, "If not now, when?"

Speaking of younger brothers, when I became Chapter President in 2008, one area of focus was a commitment to the return of the Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of Louisville. Today, I remain totally committed to his objective. My time in this office has afforded a unique opportunity to converse with many bright, intelligent and "*Alpha Caliber*" individuals at the University. Our first effort to change the administrative sanction was met with an understanding that the University was not prepared to reverse its course of action. An olive branch was extended to resubmit a stronger, revised proposal in 2010 with the hopes of some reduction of the University sanction. Today, that proposal is under review. We have worked to chart a reasonable course of action if Alpha Pi is allowed to return in late 2011 or 2012. This is the 2nd proposal submitted. Should it be unsuccessful, we will move forward with an understanding that the Alpha Pi Chapter will not return to U of L until 2014. Brothers, in the event this proposal is accepted by the University administration, we must be cognizant of our responsibility *to the youth who march onward and upward towards the Light*. As I stated in 2008, we will be better brothers and our mentorship will be meaningful. We can do better, and I promise you, we will!

Regarding service, it has been said that this chapter has had strong service activity, but not enough community presence. The implication has been that our actions stand to benefit the smallest percentages of the community we love and strive to support. While I disagree with this position, I have heard the comments and seek to address any perceived concerns. The development of community and corporate partnerships increases visibility, effectiveness and opportunities for the Alpha Lambda Chapter. The Alpha Lambda Chapter has consistently reached out to various organizations for support and partnership opportunities to increase community participation and awareness.

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This year, we partnered with the Louisville Urban League Young Professionals in hosting a series of Mayoral Candidate Debates. Similarly, we partnered with the Yearling's Club for the same reason, along with sponsoring a Judges' Candidates Forum. We continued a long standing partnership with Operation Brightside through the Adopt-A-Mile Program as well as committed to support the Louisville Service for Peace during the MLK Season of Service and its Back-Pack Angel Initiative. Service projects such as Relay 4 Life, March for Babies, Big Brothers, Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids Sake", just to name a few, allow the chapter to maintain a viable community presence in a meaningful way. I cannot sit idly by and allow anyone to devalue this chapter's commitment to Louisville, Kentucky. We actively pursue opportunities that allow the community to see that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is committed to love for all mankind and being a representative voice for the disenfranchised.

Moving ahead, Alpha Lambda will continue to seek local and corporate partnership for the purpose of: 1) Youth and Leadership Development 2) Bringing awareness to community residents about support services aimed to educate, uplift and rebuild 3) Establish mutual long and short term allegiances that allow each organization(s) to advance its overall mission 4) to prepare members of Alpha Lambda for their greatest usefulness in causes of humanity, freedom and dignity of all individuals. This includes aiding the downtrodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status. The message and the purpose are crystal clear. As Alpha Lambda seeks efficiency and maximum effectiveness in its overall strategies and efforts, we look to those in the chapter and the community who have tangible ideas to accomplish the above stated goals. If we work together, think and visualize together, and put thought into action together, the outcome of such efforts would be immeasurably positive for those constituents we seek to serve and assist. I am proud of is the renewed commitment Alpha Lambda recently made in partnering with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Kentuckiana and the local alumni chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities in an effort to recruit African-American men to become Big Brothers for the many young minority males who need that presence. As leaders, we have a responsibility to encourage, mentor and inspire our youth. I ask all Alpha Men to join Alpha Lambda in this effort. Take an honest inventory and ask yourselves, "How much have I done?" Alpha Lambda has a 2010 goal to sign up *at least* 10 men to become Big Brothers. Let us strive to exceed the goal!!

The Alpha Lambda Chapter will remain committed to the National Programs of Alpha Phi Alpha. Encouraging youth to "Go to High School" and prepare themselves academically, emotionally and socially to "Go to College" is a responsibility given to each chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. To the coordinators of Go to High School, Go to College over the last two years, Brothers Cecil Brookins and Gerald Joiner, thank you for your drive and commitment. Thank you to Pastor Gerald Joiner and the Zion Missionary Baptist Church family for allowing us to share our program with your youth department over the last two years. Plans are ongoing to advance this National Program even further under the directive of Brother Shaune Jones. Every chapter member is asked to be excited and ready to participate.

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Every Alpha Man should continue to encourage citizens to participate in the electoral process through voting. More emphasis has been placed on the National Program "A Vote-less People Is a Hopeless People" over the last two years and we will not stop. Special thanks to Brother Richard Rowland for his diligence in leading this program. As more programming is created to advance this cause, I continue to ask each of you to remember "A Vote-less People Is a Hopeless People" and do your part to ensure every eligible individual has the chance to vote for their candidates of choice. Finally, Men of Alpha must remember the responsibility to educate and inform our youth. The Project Alpha program is critical to lowering cases of teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Ask yourself, "What if that was my son? My daughter?" Remember to continue working until your good is your better and your better is your best.

A vision plus action equals change for the world. In order for growth to take place, one must not only dream, but take necessary steps to accomplish such visualizations. The Alpha Lambda Chapter has steadily increased its membership and programming. As we continue to raise our efforts at maximum involvement, we must take action to make our visions reality. While it will not occur in the life of this administration, the challenge is set today for the Alpha Lambda Chapter to secure property for the continued advancement of the fraternity's mission in Louisville by the end of this decade. We need every member dedicated to this grand task! Members must utilize contacts and resources to create an opportunity of a lifetime: home/property ownership! Let us leave Alpha Lambda better than we found it and provide a gift that will keep on giving. The call is being issued for grant writers, realtors, financial planners and anyone else with innovative and relevant ideas to help the Alpha Lambda Chapter accomplish this goal. My administration will take a close look at this and lay the groundwork to bring this long term project to a successful completion.

In closing, as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated continues to expand and exert its leadership and influence throughout the world, it is essential that members located in the Louisville Metropolitan Area remember that *the test of a man is the fight that he makes, the grit that he daily shows. The way that he stands upon his feet and takes life's numerous bumps and blows.* We must remember, in the end, *it isn't the victory after all, but the fight that a brother makes.* We must fight to preserve our brotherhood. We must fight to decrease any deficiencies and ineffectiveness. While no person exists in perfection, an internal goal of any Alpha Man is the endless pursuit of perfection. I am not afraid to fail in pursuit of this lofty ideal, but I am afraid to not try. Thank you to all committee chairmen and officers who have worked with the Executive Board since 2008, thank you for helping our chapter moving forward. Thank you to the members who have been consistent and given your energy and ideas. Thank you to the brothers who have been initiated under my tenure as Chapter President. I hope that you have learned about the Fraternity and developed a deeper appreciation of it. Within Alpha Phi Alpha, we will grow stronger in remembrance that *Goodwill is the Monarch of this House.* Brothers and Friends of Alpha, let us work together for the greater good of those we serve. When the sun sets on an Alpha Man's earthly existence, may it always be said we embodied the motto of this organization, "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All." God Bless You and God Bless Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated!

-Brother Charles Piphus

National Convention, won the bet on a revised location!



90th General Convention

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. recently held it's 90th General Convention / 104th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas, NV from July 21-25, 2010. Originally planned to be held in Phoenix, AZ, the convention location was changed after a commitment by the fraternity's board of directors to boycott the states recently passed immigration law. It looks as if Brothers overwhelmingly approved of the decision. Though the move cost the fraternity in funds, its decision was made on principal. The convention was a success with over 1,000 brothers in attendance for this historical occasion. Brothers saw the sights, enjoyed the town, fraternized, and handled the business of Alpha.

There were too many distinguished guests to name; among them were Brother Andrew Young, Brother Dhani Jones, and Brother Wes Moore. Las Vegas, renowned for its buffets, didn't let the brotherhood down. All you can eat style buffets were set up at every meal allowing brothers to pick and choose from offerings. Speakers were, as always, insightful and interesting. Of particular note by the author is Brother Wes Moore's discussion of his new book, *The Other Wes Moore*.

The Mighty Midwestern region had a few highlights of our own. Our Midwestern Assistant Vice President Brother Thomas Flynn expressed his enjoyment of his time in office as he opened the floor to his successor Brother Cameron Thierry. Our wonderful Midwestern Vice President Mark Tillman will also say goodbye to us this year. Two candidates, Brothers John Williams and Elgie Sims, were presented. They will be voted on during the 2011 Regional Convention in Louisville, KY.

If you missed this year's convention ensure to make plans to make it out to Chicago next year. It's an event you won't want to miss!

-Brother Michael Branch



Alpha Lambda Labor Day Cookout

Fraternizing

The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held their annual Labor Day cookout this past Labor Day, September 6, 2010. The location this year was Cox Park located on River Road. The new locale provided a great breeze from the river and plenty of shade with a wealth of trees for coverage. Brothers dined on cookout favorites like ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, cakes, pies (shout out to Anitra Allen for the excellent Sweet Potato Pie and Brother Richard Rowland for being master pastry chef on the cakes), and pasta salad. The brotherhood also celebrated the birthday of Brother Chukudum Chukedebelu, as well as his recent one year anniversary with wife, Khia.

Be sure to thank this year's cookout organizer, Brother Derek Fulson, next time you see him. See everyone next year!

-Brother Michael Branch



Louisville NPHC All-Call

The Louisville Alumni Chapter of the NPHC is reminding all Alumni Greeks to come out to its general body meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm on the 3rd floor of the NIA Center, located just past 28th and Broadway. The Chapter is in the process of rebuilding itself from a hiatus in 2009. It needs any active (via their own organization's chapter) Greeks to participate in helping to further the role of the organization as a cooperative body amongst all "Divine 9" organizations. Come and be the voice of your chapter and share with us all your good works in the community! For more information please contact the chapter president, Rae Bullard, at raebullard@gmail.com

-Brother Michael Branch

PHItness PHirst

As African American men the topic of health is of great concern to us, in fact our female counterparts live, on average, 7 years longer than us. As Brother Dwayne Compton often stresses, we can be of no service to others if we do not have our health. As Alpha Men we should strive to be well rounded. One of the pieces of being well rounded is maintaining a certain level of fitness and health. It is my sincere hope that the issues discussed/advice provided in this section will help you to raise that level. Health is wealth brothers.

3 Keys to Fitness (A Trilogy); Continued..

We've all heard the phrase, "you are what you eat", and beyond a clever play on words this statement is actually true. The foods you eat will manifest themselves in your body over the long run. The grease and fat in a fast food combo meal digested on a regular basis can clog your arteries (not to mention build up around your waist). The sugar from those "occasional" sweets/snacks can rot the teeth and also usually convert themselves to fat that stores in the body. A proper diet has been linked positively with decreased susceptibility to disease, increased metabolic functioning, longer life expectancy, and proper body composition. This is not to say that we can't splurge on occasional sweets or indulge in some fried chicken every now and then, but these shouldn't be the staples of our diet. A nutritious meal plan includes plenty of lean meat, vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and some healthy fats (Omega 3's).

-Brother Michael Branch

Louisville Aids Walk

Community Service

The annual Louisville Aids Walk took place on Sunday September 26, 2010 at the Belvedere in downtown Louisville. Participants came out in swarms to support raising money for research and awareness of Aids issues. All in all the walk contributed \$147,078 in donations for the cause. A few brothers showed up to support the cause while socializing during the 2+ mile walk with the over 5,000 people attending. To all those who participated thank you, and we hope to see more of you next year!

-Brother Michael Branch

NPHC Alumni Cookout

Media Coverage, Food, and Fun

The NPHC has reinstated its annual cookout and it went well received by Louisville's Alumni organizations. The cookout, held on Saturday August 14 at Cox Park on the River, had attendees from all 9 organizations. Special mention must go to Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi for showing big numbers this year. All organizations signed up to bring something and we ended up with a few tables full of food, drinks, and desserts! Alpha Phi Alpha's very own DJ Deuce was on the 1's and 2's and provided music for the event. Media attention covered the special partnership agreement between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. It was truly a historic event, with the men pledging to sign on at least 30 African American "bigs" by the end of 2010. You may have even noticed our very own Alpha Lambda Chapter President, Charles Piphus, on the evening news! The attention helped to highlight the need for African American male mentors in the community at large. If you weren't there this year make sure you make it out to next year's cookout to grab some free food and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Greekdom.

-Brother Michael Branch



Community Service Overhaul

The Brothers of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have introduced an update to their community service plans for the 2010-2011 calendar years. Brothers have introduced a focus effort on three primary platforms: Uplifting the downtrodden, Love for All Mankind, and Manly Deeds. Pursuant to the platform are community service efforts for their Adopt-a-Mile clean up on Muhammad Ali Blvd., The Healing Place, and annual events such as Relay for Life, March for Babies, and the Louisville Aids Walk. Please take a look at the fraternal calendar and come out to both lend a helping hand in serving the community as well as to show support for their efforts. All volunteers are welcome (that means you)!

-Brother Michael Branch

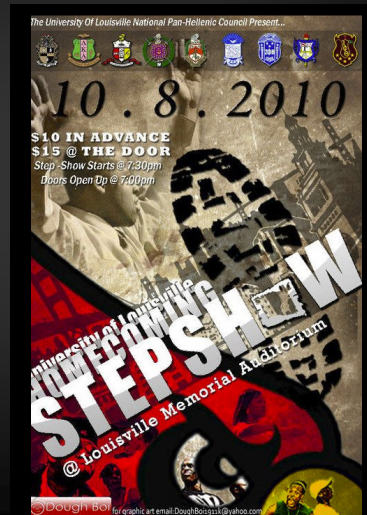
Upliftment...

University of Louisville Step Show

It's that time again!

The University of Louisville will be hosting their NPHC Step Show October 8, at Louisville Memorial Auditorium. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance (available through any University of Louisville Greek) and \$15 at the door. Come out and support our undergrads as they raise money and provide a night of entertainment.

-Brother Michael Branch



Community Corner

The 2010 Back Pack Angel held by the Louisville Service for Peace was held on Thursday, August 5 at Shawnee High School. This was the third year in a row that the brothers of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha have participated. Brothers assisted in collecting school supplies and helping during the event. Other partners included Shawnee Weed & Seed, Genentech, Kosair Childrens Hospital, Office Depot, and State Farm Insurance. The projects sponsor was Target, Inc.

For those who would like to continue their donations online, you can do so by visiting:

www.serviceforpeace.org/Louisville

Or donate directly at

<http://www.razoo.com/story/Back-Pack-Angel>

-Brother Michael Branch

Think Tank...Food for Thought

What does it mean to be a “Tiger”?

With the topic still shoved down our throats months after the debacle, Tiger Woods is still fresh on our minds as we discuss the fall of yet another star. Yes, he was wrong, but just like countless other celebrities who have come into the public eye for negative reasons (Kobe, Shaq, Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, etc.), the indiscretions noted are only a facet of their personality. I think that these instances of celebrity mishaps call attention to a more important topic; do we hold these individuals in unrealistically high esteem (or let our children do so)?

Add a couple of 0's on to the number of celebrities/public figures that have been outed for their indiscretions and we put a finger on the amount of “regular joes” that have done the same. Do we always shun the individuals when their mistakes become public knowledge? How would we react if the same happened to one of us or those close to you? The plain and simple fact is that none of us are perfect, far from it. One of the largest tragedies in situations such as these is that all of the good a person does, or the virtues that they otherwise stand for become overshadowed.

When discussing a perfect role model we can only look to religious texts, or fiction to come up with examples. That being said, I argue that we must take the indiscretions at face value and extract the positive qualities of an individual when we are looking for our sources of inspiration. The fact that athlete “X” cheated on her husband has no bearing on her athletic performance and the other positive qualities that she may have portrayed that we should aspire to. CEO “Y” may have been caught in a child support case, but it doesn't mean his philosophy of leading an organization is wrong. After all, should we neglect Kirk Franklins message because of his mistake?

By no means am I excusing any individuals for their behavior, wrong is wrong. People should strive to uphold the highest of values and morality; but we should also remind ourselves that a lesson can be learned from any story. Life is like a buffet line, take what is good and leave the rest. To be a “Tiger” still means to have a strong work ethic, to perfect your craft and attempt to excel in your chosen endeavor, and to have unwavering focus; traits that we should all seek to adopt. That other “stuff”, well, we may want to leave that on the table.

Where do we draw our inspirations? Do we cut down the entire tree if we find a bad apple? What can we do to ensure our children (and the youth we seek to mentor) understand the difference between a virtue that should be copied and a vice that should be shunned?

-Brother Michael Branch

Omega Chapter: Chapter of Sweet Rest

It is with a somber heart that I bring you news of the passing of our Brother, Dr. Joe McMillian. Dr. McMillian was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and passed away on Sunday, August 29 2010.

According to the Courier Journal Dr. McMillian was a retired professor at the University of Louisville, a member of "N" Street Baptist Church, Rainbow Coalition, Louisville Urban League, NAACP, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and Coordinator of the National Black Family Conference for 34 years. Dr. McMillian was 80 years old.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Jefferson County Public Schools Foundation and designate the "Street Academy" in your memo line.

-Brother Michael Branch



Kentucky District Roundtable

It was a Kentucky District Roundtable that I will not soon forget. On Saturday, September 18, 2010 I along with other Alpha Lambda Brothers left Louisville to experience the business of Alpha at the Colvin Community Center in Radcliff, KY. The roundtable kicked off with a rundown of the status of the district and the district's initiatives; March For Babies, Project Alpha, Alpha Day at the Capitol (February 10, 2011), District Fundraising initiatives, College to Corporate Life initiative (headed by Alpha Lambda chapter's very own Bro. Chuk Chukedebelu), and the District Constitution Review (also spearheaded by an Alpha Lambda chapter brother-Shaune Jones).

The brotherhood was energized as Bro. Dr. Robert Bedford unleashed the true spirit of Alpha and leadership on the attendees. He harped on the virtue of reading and how brothers should constantly look to deposit more knowledge into their minds. He further interjected that brothers should always strive to be the best that they could be; our fraternity has a history of members that have been the best of the best. Due to this we as brothers should honor one another and not only work on the business of Alpha but build upon our personal relationships. Brothers were given a quick review of the features of Alpha Net and how to best utilize them by Bro. Ronald Stovall. Lastly, we were given training on the ritual and symbolism of our fraternity, provided by the insightful knowledge of Bro. Dr. Willis Lonzer, III. For all the brothers that didn't attend the roundtable you missed a treat. Get ready for the district convention in Murray, KY, February 18-20, 2011; sponsored by Zeta Omicron chapter, because the spirit of Alpha is alive and well in Kentucky.

-Brother Richard Rowland

2010 Summer Quarter Fraternal Calendar

October

- (4) Fall 2010 Louisville Sphinx Mass Distribution Release
- (8) October Chapter Meeting: Canaan Christian Church Family Life Center Room 23; 6:30pm
- (8) Annual Clothing Drive Kickoff
- (15-16) Midwestern Region Leadership Staff Meeting/College Brothers Retreat

November

- (1-6) PROJECT ALPHA WEEK
- (12) November Chapter Meeting: Canaan Christian Church Family Life Center Room 23; 6:30pm
- (13) Neighborhood Clean-Up (10 AM): Muhammad Ali & 43rd St.
- (15) Chapter Dues/Fraternity Grand Tax Due
- (20) Healing Place Volunteerism (conclusion of 2010 Canned Good Drive)

December

- (5) Brotherhood Worship (11 AM)
- (10-11) BROTHERHOOD RETREAT
- (16) Lost Sheep Ministries Volunteerism (conclusion of 2010 Clothing Drive)

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**Make a Donation to the Alpha Disaster
Relief Fund**

A call from our General President:

The earthquake in Haiti has brought tragedy, devastation and death to this small, poor island. Haiti is the place which many of our members call home, and where they have relatives at this moment trying to dig out from the rubble.

Like many brothers across the country, the tragedy has hit me personally too. My mother-in-law was visiting her home there, and since the earthquake yesterday afternoon, we have not heard from her. Although we remain positive about the situation, I am asking all brothers to say a prayer for my wife, our family and all of the families of brothers affected by this very unsettling situation.

When Katrina hit New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, Alpha Phi Alpha brothers immediately stepped up to offer support. I ask that you do the same this time around for those who are in need in Haiti. You can go to AlphaNET and make an immediate donation to the [Alpha Disaster Relief Fund](http://www.apa1906.net) at www.apa1906.net and click on the [AlphaNET](#) tab.



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