



KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC
Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD)
Alumni Chapter

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Polemarch's Korner

Happy Holidays
Brothers:



We have hit the ground running with successful activities over the past three months. These activities include:

- Macy's Shop for a Cause Fundraiser
- Voter Registration Drive w/ AKA's
- SPCA Cookout (We provided music and fried fish)
- CBC Reception
- Kappa Kare Health Awareness Day
- Grand Polemarch Listening Tour Presentation
- Masquerade Party
- CRWLC
- Church Visitation at Ebenezer AME Church
- Thanksgiving Baskets for (5) Families in Prince George's County

We have raised funds, conducted community service and had fun. Thanks to all the brothers who took the time and effort to ensure that the chapter was successful over the past few months. Begin to think about how we can do the same activities even better next year. We will keep the momentum into December with our Chapter Christmas Party, Christmas Food Baskets and Toy Drive; and in January, the NBC4 Health Expo and Metro Founders' Day. Please continue to support our programs and activities. Bring at least one brother with you to each chapter meeting and encourage them to join "The U". Finally, reflect on the life of our dear Brother Andrew Cheatham, who joined the chapter invisible on December 10, 2006. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Ken Phillips

MOIP Interviews



On December 12, 2008, there will be a special call meeting to interview aspirants interested in joining Kappa Alpha Psi. The meeting will be held at Frederick Douglass High School, 800 Croom Road in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, at 7pm. We will interview the first aspirant at 7:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Baskets



[L-R] Gilbert Crook, Robert Bennefield, Kenneth Phillips, Leon Johnson, Javors Lucas, and Cedric Thompson (not shown) prepared and delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to five families in Prince George's County, Md. on November 25, 2008. The families who received baskets were identified by Prince George's County Social Services. Each Thanksgiving basket contained a turkey and enough traditional food items for a large family. Turkeys and other food items for the baskets were donated by members of the Chapter.

Christmas Party: The Chapter's Christmas Party will be held on December 19, 2008 at the home of Reuben Wilson, 14607 Debenham Way in Bowie, Md. The party will begin at 7pm. Bring a toy for the Toys for Tots Drive.

Fellowship of Christian Kappas



[Nupes pose for a picture following worship service at Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.]

The Fellowship of Christian Kappas kickoff began with church visitation at Ebenezer AME Church Men's Day Service on November 23, 2008. Those in attendance from our Chapter were Ken Phillips, Carl Farmer, Jr., Cedric Thompson, DeWayne Wilcher, Robert Bennefield, Gilbert Crook, Rudolph Tull, Kenneth Middleton and Aaron McKinney, as well as other Kappa Brothers who attend Ebenezer AME Church. The Chapter's fellowship tour will include other places of worship for Chapter members. Aaron McKinney is the coordinator of Fellowship of Christian Kappas.

Johnson Succeeds on Multiple Levels



[Jared Johnson (right) is shown posing for a picture with Roland Martin of CNN at the Congressional Black Caucus.] Congratulations to Jared Johnson who received a master's degree in Administration from Central Michigan University (Pentagon Location) in December 2008; made the Maryland Maniacs semi-pro football team as a linebacker in the fall of 08; and was appointed Ambassador for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, also in the fall of 08. He is a spring 2007 initiate of the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf Chapter.

Silver Anniversary of "The U"

This fraternal year the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD) Alumni Chapter will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Accordingly, the Polemarch has established a 25th Anniversary Committee to develop plans to best celebrate and commemorate this milestone. The committee is seeking input from each committee and each member on events and activities for this special year. Paul Jones has agreed to chair this committee. Please submit your ideas to Paul Jones or any member of the committee: Robert Bennefield, Harold Bennett, Laurence Cundiff, David Felton, Leon Johnson, Edward LaMothe, Aaron McKinney, Harvest Sampleton, and Ronald Watson, Sr.

Celebration

Happy Birthday—

Jared Johnson – Oct 2
Paul Jones – Oct 15
Harold Bennett – Oct 16
Kenneth Middleton – Nov 5
Owen Johnson – Nov 10
William Bell – Nov 15
Kenneth Mayo – Nov 21
Darryl Mitchell – Nov 23
Jermaine Armstrong – Nov 23
Reginald Jones – Dec 5
Kenneth Phillips – Dec 25
Reginald Hampton – Dec 29



NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo

Through Kappa Kare, the Chapter is scheduled to participate in its 3rd NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo on January 10 – 11, 2009. The Expo will be held at the D.C. Convention Center and volunteers are needed to help man our booth and to distribute healthcare literature about men's health issues, particularly concerning African-American men. Those who would like to volunteer to work at our booth should contact Solomon Brockington at sebrock@verizon.net.

Metro Founders' Day

The 34th Annual DC Metropolitan Chapters Founders' Day will be held on January 24, 2009 at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Md. The reception begins at 6pm. For a ticket (cost \$75) and more information, contact Kenneth Middleton at kenneth.middleton@pillsburylaw.com.