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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BROTHERS,

The year 2016 has started off in true PUL fashion, very busy and full of changes. We had a few officers who were not able to continue in their positions for the remainder of the fraternal year. Thankfully we had brothers ready to step up and fill the void so the chapter did not miss a beat.

We had a great joint Mid-Year retreat with the Foundation at the Maritime Institute of Technology. The accommodations, food and fellowship were on point. The time was well spent as we reviewed what the Chapter and Foundation have accomplished and looked ahead to where we hope to go.

The chapter has seen a tremendous increase in the number of visiting brothers who are coming out seeking to become active with a chapter. We should not take it for granted when brothers come to visit us. In the DMV there are 8 Alumni chapters. Brothers are coming because they have heard about the great work that the chapter is doing. It is imperative that we insure that visiting brothers are made to feel welcome

This past weekend we welcomed three new brothers into the fold. Congratulations and welcome to Brothers Omar Boulware, Craig Trower, and Jeremiah West. They worked very hard during their process and I look forward to watching them live up to their commitment and make contributions to the success of the chapter.

As we conclude the Spring 2016 IMDP the fraternity is unfortunately dealing with some serious issues concerning brothers and chapters continuing to not abide by the guidelines that were adopted at the 2013 General Convention. The activities of a few have the potential to cause great harm to the fraternity that we all use. I have been in conversation with leadership and I know they are examining ways to deal with the issues that we are facing. We have to remember that it does not matter how you were brought into the fraternity. It is your contributions towards the achievement of the fraternity's programs and work in the community that really matters.

We will continue to focus on reclaiming our brothers who have not been active with the fraternity. This is not only the job of the Reclamation Chair but all brothers in the chapter should be focused on this. All of us have LBs, neighbors, co-workers, friends, etc. who are brothers but are not active. We need to continue to invite them to activities and meetings.

I continue to encourage brothers to join the Chapter Prayer Calls on Monday mornings. Our Chaplain shares a scripture and prays for the chapter and all requests that are submitted to him. The call lasts for 15 minutes and is an opportunity to strengthen our brotherhood bonds.

Finally, this is an election year and the direction of our country will be determined by the outcome of the elections. It is imperative that all of us vote and that we encourage our friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to vote. The chapter will be doing voter registration activities. Please plan to support.

Let us continue to hold the light of Alpha high!

Fraternally,

Frank T. Malone

President
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAAC District Conference – March 4-5 @ Salisbury University
- Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up – March 26th
- March for Babies – April 30th
- Black & Gold Ball/Beautillion – April 23rd @ Bowie Comfort Inn & Conference Center

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
w/ Bro. Russell Campbell



On February 12, 2016, at PUL's February chapter meeting, we were honored to have our dear Bro. Russell Campbell, as our guest speaker for Black History Month. Bro. Campbell spoke to us very candidly about his personal life experiences, being a vital part of the Civil Right Movements as a Freedom Rider, and a few of his exploits in support of Dr. Martin Luther King, during the 1960s. It was a rollercoaster ride with moments of sustained laughter and yet the truest moments of anguish, heartache and the bleakness of where our country was at that point in history.

Out of all of the stories he spoke of, the one that resonated with me the most was his honesty of failing out of Morehouse College as a direct correlation to his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. In the midst of assisting in a greater cause Bro. Campbell was failing himself personally which the outcome would have had a negative impact to the Civil Rights struggle in general. He eventually made the decision in his mind to finish college and to fight for equal rights through academia. He later went on to attend and graduate college at another institution of higher learning.

Bro. Campbell's trajectory landed him to do greater work years later by being one of the key catalysts (proponents) for the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial, in our illustrious nation's capital. He is currently a member of IUL Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., located in Silver Spring, Maryland (Montgomery County).

Bro. Russell Campbell is a living legend and we are proud to call him our brother. Thank you Bro. Campbell for your dedication and service to Alpha Phi Alpha and to the citizens of this great country!

IMDP 2016

"...It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul. – Sir William Ernest Henley

Good Brothers of PUL,

After countless obstacles and waiting on a late night communication to see if IMDP was going forward, we finally received the "go ahead nod" to proceed with the Spring cluster. This set-back could have set a negative tone moving forward but the Brothers pulled through to make it an exciting time.

I would like to introduce to some and present to others, the newest addition to the Brotherhood, the **Spring 2016 Pi Upsilon Lambda Line**:



LINE NAME: "Golden Reformation"

#1 Omar Boulware – "Syn-A-tor"

#2 Craig G. Trower – "Phormal Affair"

#3 Jeremiah D. West – "CodAPHI"

This trio of Neophytes crossed the burning sands and into the light under the leadership and guidance of their Chapter Dean of Membership Development, Bro. Johnny Montgomery. We salute you Bro. Montgomery for a job well done!

I recently had the pleasure of asking them a few questions in regards to their journey into Alpha. I believe that it is most fitting for me to share their responses as we all reflect on our journey into Alpha,

Q1: With being newly initiated brothers into Alpha Phi Alpha, how was your journey into the House of Alpha?

OB – Long and full of many different challenges both expected and unexpected, but well worth the wait. I am truly honored to be a part of this powerful brotherhood.

CT – My journey was definitely challenging at times, however I learned a great deal about myself, and it forced me to be stretched beyond my comfort zones to successfully complete the process and become a member of this great fraternity.

JW – My journey into the House of Alpha was overall educational. It was at times, long and rough but very enlightening.

Q2: What were some of your challenges before and during the IMDP process?

OB – Before, this IMDP cycle began I had to clear outside distractions and responsibilities that would negatively impacted my ability to truly commit to the process. When interacting with other aspirants,

including my future line brothers, I had to learn how to become comfortable with showing vulnerability and be willing to expose more of myself to others. During the IMDP process I had to be patient and humble; two traits I have had some difficulty with in the past.

CT – Before the IMDP process, the challenge was pushing past my somewhat shy nature to call chapter brothers and have meaningful conversations. During IMDP, it was a challenge to maintain a level of balance between work, home and church responsibilities, and the responsibilities required of me and my line brothers. Ultimately, I made sacrifices and pushed through to make sure I upheld my commitments to all the various entities.

JW – Some of my challenges before the IMD process included time management, learning to work with a group with so many different schedules and being able to “cold call” brothers of the fraternity to “expose” myself to them. As a recent graduate, I was used to studying at a constant pace, but when you through last minute meetings and projects in, it changes the whole game. I had to learn to concede to others’ schedules that conflicted with times that I wanted to do some studying or bonding. I felt awkward and sometimes very tense when picking up the phone and placing a call to someone that I’d never seen before or sometimes hadn’t spoken to.

Q3: What are some of the goals that you have during your first year in Alpha Phi Alpha?

OB – I want to learn as much as I can about the business of Alpha Phi Alpha in order to figure out how and where I can have an impact. I also aspire to take a leadership role within the chapter or district.

CT – My goals are to come in and get active right away in the life of the fraternity and Pi Upsilon Lambda. I will continue the learning process that we began in IMDP and soak in as much information as possible to become an Alpha man of excellence. I also want to look for ways that I can enhance or improve current processes and programs.

JW – During my first year in Alpha Phi Alpha my goals include learning the ins and outs of how things work. I want to immediately jump into the mix and lend a hand wherever I can, which is why one of the first things I did was volunteer to help out on the Brotherhood Affairs Committee. I know that I can help make contact with vendors and various organizations to secure locations. I am excited about having the opportunity to jump into the YLDI as I love to talk with and mentor young men. I feel like a kid in a candy store because there are so many areas that I believe I can help out with but I’ll refrain from jumping into everything and risk overwhelming myself.

Q4: In which committees and/or national programs are you eager to support?

OB – Public service has been my life’s passion. I believe I would be a good fit serving on the PACE committee. I am also very interested in experiencing the brotherhood at every level, so I am also eager to support the Brotherhood Affairs committee.

CT – I definitely have a passion for serving seniors and those that are going through challenges, so Brother’s Keeper is on my list. I’d also like to serve on the P.A.C.E. and Brotherhood Affairs committees as those will allow me to serve the community and develop relationships with my brothers and their families.

JW – I want to be voter registration certified so that I may jump into getting people registered to vote and empowering them by providing them with information about the process, therefore supporting the national program: A Voteless People is A Hopeless People. Because I came into this for brotherhood I feel it is very important to be actively involved in Brotherhood Affairs. PUL Alphas for Community Excellence and Educational Activities. I’d also like to be part of the Marketing and Information Technology Committee so I can help with the maintenance and updating of the Chapter's website and email groups.

Q5: Do you have any words of advice for potential candidates?

OB – Do a lot of self-examination about why you want to be a part of this fraternity. Ask yourself if you are willing to make certain sacrifices to join the brotherhood. Make sure you know and understand Alpha history.

CT – Come to this process with pure motives, humility and a strong work ethic. Really evaluate why you want to be a member of this great fraternity and what you bring to the table; and above all else, be genuine and true to yourself.

JW – Have a true understanding of why you are wishing to join this great brotherhood. Understand the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. only accepts excellence and individuals that are going to be about the business of Alpha. If your goal obtains anything less, please don't waste your time nor ours. Also it is important to know that should you decide to attempt to enter the House of Alpha you will have to earn it. This will require much time and sacrifice on your part.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bro. Denny Johnson – newly appointed as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – National Director of Membership
Bro. Rasheen Smith – newly elected President of Mid-Atlantic Association of Alpha Chapters (MAAC)

We are excited for their new leadership roles and that they are members of powerful PUL! They are taking the fraternity to new and higher heights.

HAPPY ALPHA VERSARIES

February

Bro. Joe Brice – 21st
Bro. Keith Battle – 21st
Bro. Everett Martin – 22nd
Bro. Keith Holloway – 23rd
Bro. Dr. David Harmon – 25th
Bro. Kevin Stewart – 26th
Bro. Omar Boulware – 27th
Bro. Craig Trower – 27th
Bro. Jeremiah West – 27th

March

Bro. Jasper Saunders – 1st
Bro. Andrew Sheppard – 1st
Bro. Brian Stone – 1st
Bro. Raphael Taylor – 1st
Bro. Steven Robinson – 3rd
Bro. Denny Johnson – 5th
Bro. Joshua Johnson – 5th
Bro. Michael Nelson – 6th
Bro. Dale Wright – 6th
Bro. Joseph Fulmore – 8th
Bro. Michael Goodman – 8th

Bro. William Green – 9th
Bro. Charles Hines – 14th
Bro. Hasan Majied – 14th
Bro. Glenn Malone – 14th
Bro. Reginald Mitchell – 14th
Bro. Jamal Okon – 14th
Bro. Christopher Thomas – 14th
Bro. John Greene – 15th
Bro. Charmone Adams – 16th
Bro. Johnny Brooks – 16th
Bro. Johnny Montgomery – 16th
Bro. Antwan Powell – 16th
Bro. Keith Bell – 17th
Bro. Marquez Ball – 17th
Bro. Ramon Acosta – 17th
Bro. Donald McClure – 17th
Bro. Van Rawls – 17th
Bro. Larence Dublin – 19th
Bro. Dwight Deneal – 21st
Bro. Dr. John Harkless – 25th

Bro. James Massey – 25th
Bro. Dr. Michangelo Scruggs – 25th
Bro. Andre Watkins – 26th
Bro. Michael Bigelow – 31st

April

Bro. Kevin Woodson – 3rd
Bro. Christopher Moore – 7th
Bro. Anthony Harris – 8th
Bro. Ashley Hoover – 8th
Bro. Craig Clinkscale – 9th
Bro. Timothy Mcrae – 9th
Bro. Tyrone Smith – 9th
Bro. David Smith – 12th
Bro. Dr. Alex Bailey – 14th
Bro. Dr. Rashid Mahdi – 15th
Bro. Paul Brown – 16th
Bro. Dr. Jerenze Campbell – 17th
Bro. Peter Davenport – 17th
Bro. Jeffrey Johnson – 17th
Bro. Juneous Pettijohn – 29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

February

Bro. Duane Edwards – 4th
Bro. Reginald Mitchell – 5th
Bro. Jamal Okon – 23rd
Bro. Michael Bigelow – 26th

March

Bro. James Massey – 8th
Bro. Keith Battle – 12th

Bro. Jeremiah West – 12th
Bro. Christopher Moore – 16th
Bro. Wade Woolfolk – 16th
Bro. Craig Clinkscale – 18th
Bro. Anthony McIntosh – 19th
Bro. Dr. Anthony Barnes – 20th
Bro. Antoine Barnes – 20th
Bro. Dr. Dwayne Ham – 22nd

Bro. Durrell Bullock – 31st
Bro. Kevin Woodson – 31st

April

Bro. Dr. Zollie Stevenson – 6th
Bro. Michael McCoy – 7th
Bro. Dr. Michangelo Scruggs – 18th
Bro. Jerome Tarver – 26th

PULSE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please submit all committee events, accomplishments and other information by the deadline below to:

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****Summer 2016 – April 30th**

SPHINX ARTICLE

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Any article ideas for consideration for submission to the SPHINX? Please submit all article ideas and subsequent pictures to me by the deadlines listed below. Send all submissions to: rdiontaylor@gmail.com

****Summer 2016 – April 1st**