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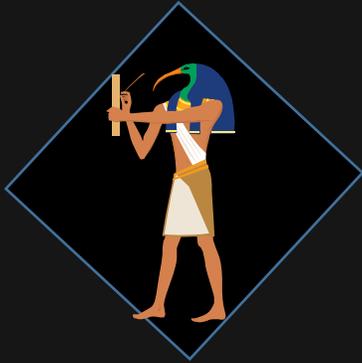
PI UPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER

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THE PULSE

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**BROTHER FRANK MALONE**

***BROTHERS,***

**A**fter an enjoyable holiday break it is time to get ready to do the work of Alpha in 2015. Although the first half of the fraternal year seemed to go at a slow pace, the chapter put on some outstanding programs and made an impact on our community.

We started off 2015 with an outstanding Mid-Year retreat where we had time to discuss issues that we face and potential solutions. I firmly believe it is a waste of time to sit around and discuss problems without coming up with solutions to the problems. The attendance from the chapter was great. What is even more notable is that we had three visiting brothers attend our retreat. I believe having visiting brothers willing to attend a chapter's retreat, demonstrates their high regard for the chapter. All of the brothers left with very favorable impressions of PUL. In fact we were able to successfully reclaim one of the brothers who has not been active in 10 years!

Our theme for this year is **Reclaim, Retain and Rejuvenate!**

We will continue to focus on reclaiming our brothers who have not been active with the chapter and 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.

Many brothers are going through some challenging situations whether it is sickness, death, unemployment, marital issues, issues with children or just plain issues. We need to support each other. The Chaplain is praying continuously for the Brothers of PUL. If you have not participated on one of the 6AM Monday morning Prayer Calls, I urge you to make the sacrifice and set your alarm so you can get up and join the calls. The calls are short and powerful; lasting for only about 15 minutes. We have heard some great testimonies from brothers concerning situations we have prayed about.

Finally, if you are not involved with a committee we need you to get involved with doing something to help the chapter. All of us are busy and juggle multiple responsibilities. More brothers stepping up and becoming engaged will continue to help move the chapter forward!

I want to close with an inspirational quote that someone shared with me that helps me deal with situations:

***"IN LIFE, WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE CRITICS. WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE DIFFICULT PEOPLE WHO TRY TO UPSET US AND STEAL OUR PEACE AND JOY. BUT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND TO EVERY CRITIC. YOU CAN DECIDE TO TAKE THE HIGH ROAD AND LET GOD FIGHT YOUR BATTLES FOR YOU."***

Let us continue to hold the light of Alpha high!

Fraternally,

***Frank T. Malone***

President  
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Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter

# ALPHA BLOOD

## BROTHER REVEREND JUMANNE B. BRADFORD



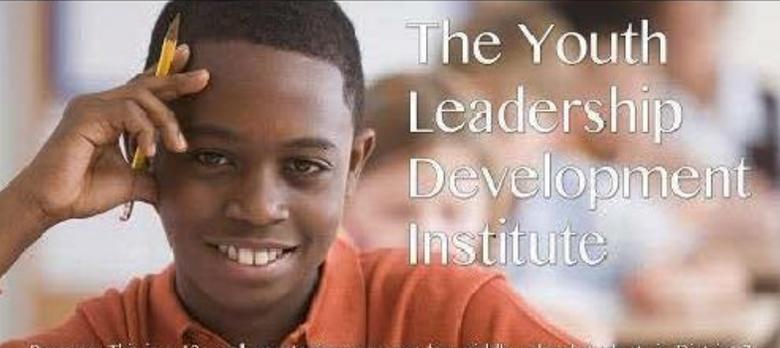
challenge you to look into the marveled eyes of these young men. The promise of responsible Sons, loving Fathers, productive Citizens, attentive Husbands, committed Scholars, and devout Patrons is **STOLEN** from them each and every day. Why should they suffer and fail when there are so many of us that can help? I dare you to shake the hand of a young man that may not live to see 21 years of age. If he does, you will be unable to embrace him with brotherly affirmation because the eyes that will stare back at you will be through a prison glass. Pick up that phone and stiffly communicate that you are sorry and that you have failed him. I dare you to give the excuse that you are not his father and that, somehow, wherever his real daddy is, he should have taken care of him. I dare you to unlock your door and step out into the streets that are occupied by some of these young, lost souls. When they needed you, you were too wrapped up in your life to lend a helping hand. Too busy leading your own life to protect their lives. Too selfish with your own, but you could not see that being a king of your village means to save them all. You focus too much on the blood that possesses your genes and you think that it is good enough. We live in a society now where it is deemed honorable to take care of just your kids. How foolish we have become...

Your responsibility is to the youth of today. The ones that are being sacrificed and slaughtered in masses while you stand by and complain, but don't vote. You allow the pants to sag and the brutality of the mean streets, but holler "f" the police. You, who do not mentor, does not lead, does not tutor, does not educate, but yet dare to take a slice of my pie? In these eyes, I see young, budding, and promising future Alphas. We save them not to be selfish, but to raise a consciousness that

has died because we have allowed the Black Male to become endangered. Some would even say that he is extinct, but I cannot let it go that far because I am still alive. The odds have been beaten. When we fail, that is Alpha blood that is spilled in the streets. We are the fathers to all. The Divine 9 to everything that's fine, we are the authors of both the written and spoken word, but we cannot write the final chapter or even think about closing the book until we have birthed the next generations of true men, Alpha Men.

Look into their eyes. I dare you! They desire to become greater than what they see around them. We must teach them. Behold, there is Alpha blood in them. They will adhere to what we say and mimic what we do. We just have to teach them. They look up to us, but are afraid to say because being intelligent, wise, and fortuitous have become the traits of a punk. How did we let this happen? Please spare me the talk of racism. It is the filthy crabs in your backyard that are to blame. Yes, you who would let an imposter into our ranks only to think that hazing is righteous. You DARE to spill Alpha blood for your own pleasure and fun! How dare you turn your backs on those that paved the way, crack our Jewels and have nerve to scatter their ashes under your feet? From whence did you spawn? You ignore our youth, bruise your Brother, and then have the gall to wear Black and Old Gold. It is time to strip you naked and bare to the bones. We must expose you for what and who you are. You are USELESS. I cannot bear to look upon you anymore. The ultimate difference between you and I is that I DARE to love our youth. I DARE to love my Brothers. I DARE to serve the community. I DARE to fight for justice. I DARE to shed my blood for the righteous. Why? Because my heart doesn't pump lemonade, it pumps ice cold, Alpha blood.

 The Alpha Phi Alpha Upsilon Lambda Charitable Foundation & The Office of the Honorable Karen R. Toles (Councilwoman District 7)

 The Youth Leadership Development Institute

Purpose: This is a 13 week mentoring program for middle school students in District 7. Applications are available via the APAPULCF web site [www.apapulcf.org](http://www.apapulcf.org) or your school's counselors office.

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There is always an opportunity to put our best and brightest in a position to excel and to win in life. Our program is now accepting students who want to go to the next level and secure a promising future with Men that care. Please contact us today for further details and to join.

# ALPHA NIGHT IN ANNAPOLIS

**BROTHER WADE WOOLFOLK**

**COORDINATOR-PACE PROGRAM**



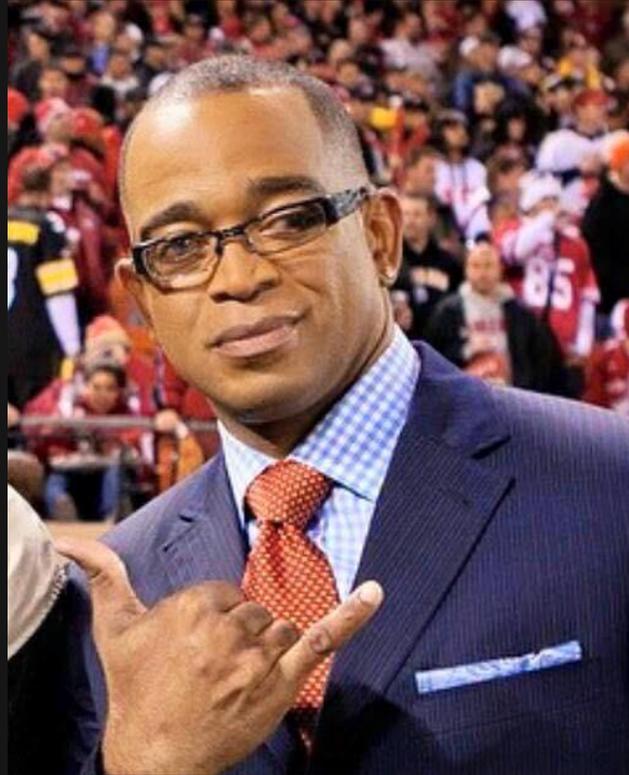
Bros.: McIlwain, Frank, Taylor, Malone, Washington, Johnson, Brown, Bailey, and Woolfolk

**T**hank you to the brothers that were able to make it out tonight for Alpha Night in Annapolis! Despite the weather, it was a good event and turnout. Bro. Delegate Alonzo T. Washington (pictured above), gave a shout out to our beloved chapter, Pi Upsilon Lambda. Bro. Washington served as co-host for the event. Also, Bro. Okey Enyla (not pictured), joined us later after getting off of work on The Hill.

Eastern Region VP Bro. R. Anthony Mills was the guest speaker. One of the things that he emphasized was the selfless sacrifice and dedication that we show in service to the community. Many of our acts do not benefit us, but the recipients of our tireless efforts to serve all mankind. To his point, our efforts will continue to benefit various communities and even make an impact on our children and their children for generations to come. We must continue our service with a sense of humility, purpose, and duty.

Hopefully, we will be able to schedule a meeting or two with elected officials in our county to discuss some important issues and work together on some future events. There is much to be said about the changes to come, but with intelligent minds, soft hearts, and positive attitudes, no matter who is in office, we should be able to move our counties and entire state forward. We have great wealth here in Prince George's County and it should be nurtured and protected.

# HERO BROPHILE



## **SALUTE TO AN UNCONQUERED SOLDIER**

*A TRIBUTE TO BRO. STUART SCOTT*

*BY BROTHER JOHNNY BROOKS, II*

***“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.....”***

***FROM “THE TEST OF A MAN” – AUTHOR UNKNOWN***

I first heard these words when I began my pursuit of Alpha. I then began to apply them to my day-to-day functioning, with the words resonating more and more. It was only fitting to think of a fellow Alpha in the midst of his fight, when thinking of these words again. The fellow Alpha I'm referring to is Bro. Stuart Scott. Bro. Scott's journey is so apropos to the words spoken in this poem from the first stanza to the last. His defiant attitude toward a disease that claimed so many lives boasted of a swagger held, or at least aspired to be attained, by all men of this great Brotherhood. His dedication to his craft was definitely something to behold; creating a style of sports casting that would be mimicked by the many that followed in his footsteps.

I was first introduced to the concept that was Bro. Scott back in 1994-95, when he was only a year and a half into ESPN. His smooth style, funny catch phrases, and constant references to pop culture were a breath of fresh air to the usual straight collar style that I was used to seeing. It could be argued that it was Stuart Scott who inspired many after him to become sports journalists in the first place and work for ESPN. The Stephen A. Smith's, Jemele Hill's, Michael Smith's, and Bomani Jones's would not exist if it were not for this man; he was a trailblazer for sure.

In seeing Bro. Scott battle cancer, aside from his physical appearance, you would not think that he even was in a battle though he most certainly was. His perseverance and appetite for life overshadowed any ailment that befell him. His fight to live was one to awe at. From his fitness regimen to his commitment to being a loving and devoted father to his two daughters, he provided a blueprint of how to combat any trial, let alone cancer. It was at this past year's ESPY Awards, when he accepted the 2014 Jimmy V Perseverance Award, that he gave his most poignant speech, which would also be his parting words. He said "When you die, it does not mean you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live and in the manner in which you live." And live he did.

Which brings me back to the poem, "The Test Of A Man", as we mourn our brother's transition into Omega Chapter. "It isn't the victory after all, but the fight that a brother makes...." In Bro. Scott's fight he obtained the victory because, as the poem also says, he defied fate and proved that just because you're hit with troubles, does not mean you stop living. No, you keep on going and continue making a difference to someone. Job well done, Bro. Scott. Thank you for fighting. Thank you for inspiring. Thank you for teaching. Thank you for living. Thank you for being. You can now retreat to your place of sweet rest, where it's "cooler than the other side of the pillow". Booyah!



## **MERIT KNOWS NO COLOR**

*TRIBUTE: AN ALPHA-GRAPHICAL SKETCH*

*BY BROTHER REVEREND JUMANNE B. BRADFORD*

**P**ioneers are extremely rare and hard to come by. Some would even describe them as being precious. I would describe this Alpha Man as a rare jewel. In a time when Blacks were gaining ground and certain footing in a society that was barely getting used to functioning without slave labor, an eventual hero was born. Not all heroes wear shining armor, wear costumes, carry a big weapon, or wear an "S" on their chests. Some just exist to bring about change and to cause an astronomical shift by slow, calculated, and determined movement. Brother Senator Edward W. Brooke III stood tall amongst political giants that wanted to lock him out in the cold without a voice. He was so much more than the first African American to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote in 1966 in the state of Massachusetts. It has been well documented that Massachusetts has been known for racial discrimination and blatant practices of bigotry towards Blacks. As a Republican, not only did he transcend the limitations of race placed on him by a society that was dizzy from the haymakers delivered by the Civil Rights Movement, but he stood firm as one of the most liberal Republicans of the last century.

Labeled as a "Centrist" and "Moderate," many of his fellow Republicans felt that he was not true the causes of the party. Bro. Brooke believed in justly leading by example and doing what was right and regardless of his political affiliation, he

had a duty to represent the best interests of the people. Recent interviews before his death shed light on his rise to political power in the Republican Party. Before legislation was enacted that prohibited candidates from running for a nomination from either or both parties, he ran for office as both a Democrat and a Republican. He was never able to gain a Democratic nomination for office, but was able to obtain several Republican nominations. With it, he became the first African American elected as Attorney General of any state in the country. His popularity in Massachusetts was overwhelming. He easily won two terms as Attorney General as a Republican in a Democratic state. He went on to serve two terms as U.S. Senator in Massachusetts from 1966-1978.

As a native Washingtonian, he understood the plight of Blacks in this country, but he never wanted to be considered a Black politician. He did not want to be considered a Civil Rights leader. Instead, he opted to be known by his character and used his voice to make life easier for Blacks from within the halls of the Senate. To be clear, Bro. Brooke never denied his heritage or ran away from his responsibility. He just chose to do it while serving all people and being equally far in the process. He did it through a party that had recognized the rights of free Blacks during the time of Reconstruction. Bro. Brooke was quick to point out that he was not the first Black in the Senate. Blanche K. Bruce and Hiram R. Revels have that distinction, but the difference was that they were not elected by voters, but by the Mississippi Legislature in the 1870s. Still his accomplishment was rare and timely.

He was a graduate of Dunbar High School, Howard University, and Boston University School of Law. Bro. Brooke served his country as an Army reservist in the 366<sup>th</sup> Combat Infantry Regiment, an all-Black regiment. Upon his discharge, he rose to the rank of Captain and received the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge. While in the military, he endured and fought against racial discrimination at a time when White regiments were allowed into combat, while Black regiments were used for security and other menial tasks. Early in his political career, he was best known for his stance against presidential nominee, Barry Goldwater even though they were both Republicans. Goldwater was a known bigot and segregationist. He was also one of the leading Senators that denied nominations to the Supreme Court of two judges by Richard Nixon that had questionable Civil Right practices and beliefs. He also was instrumental in demanding the resignation of disgraced president, Richard Nixon, following the Watergate Scandal.

Bro. Brooke entered Omega Chapter at the seasoned age of 95. He was a successful politician, attorney, and Civil Rights leader. Yes, he was indeed a Civil Rights leader. He held his own and affected change in areas where it was sorely

needed. His life changed a lot of minds and hearts. He was rewarded for his time and dedication. When he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, he was a long way from being the first Black to integrate the Senate Barbershop. He had become an icon, a legend, and a historical figure. He is more than just African American History, he is American History. Regardless of his middle class roots, his education, his political views, and his political party, he was an Alpha Man. He gave of his life in service to others. For that, we can be very proud. A rare jewel, indeed.

## Birthdays

Bro. Louis Fenney – December 1st  
Bro. William M. Green – December 2nd  
Bro. Michael Johnson – December 6th  
Bro. John Greene – December 7th  
Bro. Dwight Deneal – December 16th  
Bro. David Harmon, Jr. – December 31st

Bro. Kirk Foggie – January 6th  
Bro. Juneous Pettijohn – January 8th  
Bro. Glenn Malone – January 8th  
Bro. Christopher Greene – January 9th  
Bro. Jeffrey Johnson – January 15th  
Bro. Van Rawls, Jr. – January 16th  
Bro. DeLano McRavin – January 17th  
Bro. Rashid Mahdi – January 24th  
Bro. Rev. Jumanne Bradford – January 25th

Bro. Darius Beckett – January 26th  
Bro. Reginald Mitchell – February 2nd  
Bro. Duane Edwards – February 4th  
Bro. Courtney Hewitt – February 20th  
Bro. Jamal Okon – February 23th

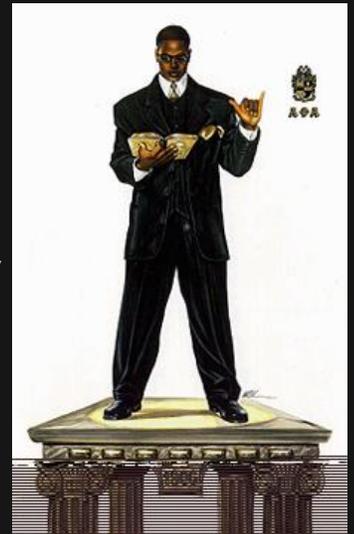
Bro. James Massey, Jr. – March 2nd  
Bro. Marvin Richardson – March 8th  
Bro. Keith Battle – March 12th  
Bro. Wade Woolfolk – March 16th  
Bro. Christopher Moore – March 16th  
Bro. Anthony McIntosh – March 19th  
Bro. Dr. Anthony Barnes – March 20th  
Bro. Antoine Barnes – March 20th  
Bro. Dr. Robert Patterson – March 29th

# THE POETRY OF A MAN

## *"There Goes An Alpha Man"*

*There goes a man of high impulse, of princely mien and grace.  
There goes a man of humble faith, a credit to his race.  
There goes a man of conscious vast, with will to reach his goal.  
There goes a man of lordly rank of heroes stock and soul.  
There goes a man of noble cast whom hardship cannot break.  
There goes a man in merit clad, whom duty won't forsake.  
There goes a man of culture verse, who holds a sportsman's creed.  
There goes a man too vigilant to bow to lust or greed.  
There goes a man whose life is spent in service, not in scorn.  
There goes a man whose majesty shines like a may time morn.  
There goes a man who is a friend to love and duty truth.  
There goes a man to help uplift the lives of wholesome youth.  
There goes a man with industry and faith at his command.  
There goes the best man in or out for he's an Alpha Man.*

*By Peter Clarke*



## *"Tried and True"*

*As the darkness fades  
At the presence of this golden figure  
Light shone pierces all corners and  
recesses  
Let there be light  
Pushing through  
To the point of explosion  
This figure looms larger than any  
A proud figure of grandiose  
circumstance  
Admired and respected  
He cannot be denied  
With the sun as his companion  
The wind beneath his wings*

*Convection causes increased  
momentum  
As he travels from areas highly  
concentrated  
To waters never ventured before  
The additions of light on this journey  
Are none other than his Brothers  
They hold the same torch  
Trust in the same values  
Accomplish many of the same goals  
Forever raising the bar  
Victory never comes without failure  
Leaders in every industry  
Powerful and masterful  
Head up, Soldier  
You have answered the call.*

*By Bro. Rev. Jumanne B. Bradford*

# A CONVERSATION WITH A SIGNATURE ALPHA MAN

**BROTHER DENNY N. JOHNSON**



**BRO. BRADFORD:** In your own words, what makes a “true” Alpha Man? And where do we find him?

**BRO. JOHNSON:** A true Alpha Man is not made, he is found. He has to find Alpha within himself. He has to understand the principles of Brotherhood and have a sense of humility. He must have a desire to uphold the highest of virtues, such as, integrity and respect for himself and all mankind. Alpha is found in his heart and never to depart.

**BRO. BRADFORD:** How have virtues like humility and honor become staples in your life to make you the man that you are today?

**BRO. JOHNSON:** I was raised on the principles of humility and honor by my Mother. She told me to always know who I am and whose I am. I developed an appreciation for all things. From Michigan to Alabama, I never developed a big head. I knew that I was blessed to be where I was and to have the things that I had. The smaller things caused my humility to become more grand and profound. May God rest her soul; my Mother made sure that I had these virtues in my life.

**BRO. BRADFORD:** What is the Scripture that drives you? Give one or a few.

**BRO. JOHNSON:** Paul’s letter to Corinth stands out. 1 Corinthians 15:58. I love this scripture because it speaks to me. I must have that perseverance and endurance to go that extra mile. None of my efforts are in vain. My favorite book of the Bible is Job. I have had some Job moments in my life, but I have overcome.

**BRO. BRADFORD:** What has your greatest accomplishment been as a Man of Alpha?

**BRO. JOHNSON:** My greatest accomplishment was realized on March 5, 1989 when I first saw the Light of Alpha. Having never been the most popular guy, I was delighted to be one of three of my line of twelve to receive a unanimous vote into Alpha Phi Alpha by way of Delta Gamma Chapter Alabama A & M University. In the 67 years of Delta Gamma, I am one of eighteen Brothers to receive the unanimous vote. I am extremely proud of that accomplishment.

**BRO. BRADFORD:** I know that you are passionate about our Youth. Tell me where that passion comes from and why is it so hard to get other men to feel the same way?

**BRO. JOHNSON:** Well, as young man, I recognized that male examples are needed for our young Black males. We need to establish a connection that realizes a person's success is based on a connection that is developed on more than one level. Never having a relationship with my father, I always had male figures around me through church and other areas of life. Being from a single parent home, I have a central understanding of our young Black males. I try to engage in conversation with the youth to bring out what is really going on with them. This is where I make the connection. I enjoy mentoring because there is a continuous need for real men to offer their time to mentor and guide these young men in our community. Dedication to the cause, the perseverance, and being loyal are characteristics that are needed to assist. I am passionate about these areas. Other men don't have the complete commitment that is needed to help. Some men have a different measurement of success. They think about their own fulfillment and once it is attained, they are out. They are done. We need to change that.

**BRO. BRADFORD:** Is there a "General President" inside of you? Are you thinking of any National Office?

**BRO. JOHNSON:** Yes. I think that any Brother that has a love for the Fraternity as much as I do and desires to be a leader or spokesperson has to have some General President inside of him. From the time I was initiated, I always envisioned myself running for high office. I ran for Chapter President my neophyte year because I believed that I had what it took to lead. I eventually became Chapter President of Delta Gamma. I am thinking about National Office. I have thought about District Director and Eastern Region Vice President. I definitely see it in my mind, body, and spirit. Right now, I have a pending groom and my focus is on my future bride. She supports me, but I want to make sure that I have her complete understanding and blessing. I definitely have the desire to be the sole servant-leader for our Brotherhood and continue to be the true testament of what this Fraternity was founded on... BROTHERHOOD.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**LOST & FOUND**



**NEOPHYTE BROTHERS FROM LEFT:**

**BRIAN STONE – “UNCONQUERABLE STONE”**

**RAPHAEL TAYLOR – “SHOCK FACTOR”**

**CENTER: CHAPTER DEAN OF MEMBERSHIP INTAKE – PUL**

**BROTHER DOCTOR MICHANGELO SCRUGGS**

**ANDREW SHEPPARD – “BLACK LABEL/GOLD ANCHOR (B & G)”**

**JASPER SAUNDERS – “THE AWAKENING”**

# OUR ROOTS NEED TO GROW TREES THAT BEAR FRUIT:

## WILL YOU MARCH WITH ME?

*BROTHER JOHN A. GREENE*



**My Good Brothers,**

**As we kick off the new year, it's that time again to help save babies from premature birth. So what better way to help then by participating and supporting PUL's efforts in the 2015 March for Babies Campaign. Last year, PUL raised over \$8,000 and my goal is to help us exceed that amount!**

**Here's how:**

**Brothers can become team captains and encourage others to donate to our campaign. If you have not been a captain in the past, this will be a great opportunity to try something new.**

So let's get started Brothers! Don't delay, sign up today!!! Let's help babies begin healthier lives and mothers have healthy, full-term pregnancies.

You can register as a team captain by clicking on the following link:

[PUL MARCH FOR BABIES 2015](#)

Note: If you were a captain in 2014, simply login with your username and password from last year and update your page! There is no need to re-register.

Please mark your calendars with the following:

**Saturday, April 25th - March for Babies Walk at Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro**

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



**This Vault is never closed. We are ICE COLD! Send  
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**God bless you, Brothers!!!**