



**Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.**  
**Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter**  
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## The Pinnacle

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### *Message from the Chapter Polemarch*

Greetings brothers,

As I reflect on the outstanding year we've had, I can sincerely say I'm proud to be a member of the Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter. In a short two year timeframe, not only have we grown significantly numerically, but we are well known as high achievers at the Province and International level.

We've consistently impacted our surrounding community in a positive manner which was the basis for chartering this chapter. We were very much involved in voter registration, mentoring programs, church activities, Thanksgiving food drive, Toys for Tots drive, awarding numerous scholarships to high school students, and a very well organized and inspirational breakfast for the recipients of these scholarships and their families.

However, the two events that I'm extremely proud were being the host chapter for 34<sup>th</sup> Metro Chapters' Founders Day banquet and the recent reception to show our appreciation for the Prince George's County Council. As we have done in the past and will continue to do in the future, these events were well organized and executed in the utmost professional manner. We have received kudos from the Fraternity's highest level of leadership for our perfectionist approach to all that we do.

Also, words cannot express how we have given the highest level of recognition to our fifty year brothers. Our actions have caused other chapters to implement similar programs. There is no doubt in my mind that the brothers of the Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter will display this same hard working attitude at the upcoming Grand Chapter Meeting and continue to set the bar for other chapters to follow.

I look forward to a great 2009-2010 Fraternal Year and I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health and happiness.

Yours in the Bond,

**R. Wayne Barnes**

### Historical Moments in Kappa

**This Day in Kappa Land – May 19 – 21, 1911:** The young Fraternity held its First Grand Chapter or convention May 19, 20, and 21, 1911. It was highlighted by a three-day house party. Diggs was elected to the office of Grand Polemarch; Irven Armstrong, to the office of Grand Keeper of the Records, and Lee, to the office of Grand Keeper of the Exchequer. The group took this opportunity to sponsor its first social function, patterned somewhat after parties given annually by one of Indiana's most affluent and best known Greek-letter organizations.

The party introduced black students to a social affair of the highest order and provided dramatic means for attracting young people to the University. But the Grand Chapter was called primarily to transact business, the most important of which was the establishment of a sovereign body, national in scope. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Excerpts taken from "The Story of Kappa Alpha Psi". 5th edition



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## *Guide Right*

*“A mind is a terrible thing to waste.”*



**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter**, in partnership with the Epsilon Sigma Collegiate Chapter, participated in the Henry G. Ferguson Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association General Body meeting on April 14, 2009. The brothers of Epsilon Sigma performed classic step show routines for the audience and stayed afterwards to conduct an interactive workshop for the school's step team and student body.



**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** provided a financial donation to the Isaac J. Gourdine Middle School during their awards night program on June 10, 2009. The chapter also provided Certificates of Appreciation to the school's staff. Brother McKinley M. Hayes served as the chapter's representative.



**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** honored its three 2009 High School scholarship recipients during its Achievement and Recognition breakfast held on June 13, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel, located in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The recipients received financial assistance totaling \$1,500. The chapter also presented Ms. Ebony Love Cross, Prince George's County 2009 Teacher of the Year, with a plaque saluting her achievement. Visiting dignitaries were Prince George's County Council Chairperson Marilyn M. Bland and County Council member Tony Knotts. Brother Michael T. Porter served as the Scholarship and Awards Committee Chairman.





## *Community Outreach*

**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter**, along with family and friends, participated in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Annual "Walk MS" on April 25, 2009 in Waldorf, MD. The chapter exceeded its fund raising goals in support of the organization's research and advocacy programs. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure Multiple Sclerosis, thereby improving the lives of those individuals affected by it. Brother Kennard L. Jones served as team captain for the MS walk.

**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** spearheaded a delegation of more than 90 members from the Prince George's County Alumni Chapters to meet with the Honorable Jack B. Johnson, Prince George's County Executive, and members of the County Council on June 16, 2009. The event's purpose was to provide thanks and praise for a job well done. Several Eastern Province officers were in attendance. This local event is the first of its kind and serves as a complementary extension to our national and state initiatives. Brother McKinley M. Hayes served as the Program Chairman.



## *Membership Achievements*



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** salutes Brothers David H. McElveen and Joseph G. Brown, Jr. on their 58<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Bond, respectively. Brother McElveen is an April 24, 1951 initiate of Alpha Nu. Brother Brown is a December 13, 1958 initiate of Gamma Xi. The chapter presented each of them with the traditional embroidered crème blazer during our recognition program.

**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** also welcomed six brothers home. Brother Reuben Collins (Alpha Delta - Fall '79), Brother Aaron N. Graves (Wilmington (DE) Alumni – Spring '00), Brother James C. Greene (Epsilon Beta – Spring '67), Brother Lester W. Jones (Washington (DC) Alumni – Spring '86), Brother Guy Lambert (Eta Chi – Spring '96), and Brother Walter Pickett (Alpha Iota – Fall '67). Welcome home brothers and we are proud to have you as chapter members.

## *Chapter Milestones*



**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** installed its officers for the upcoming 2009-2010 fraternal year on June 12, 2009. The elected officers are as follows: R. Wayne Barnes (Polemarch), David P. Baker (Vice Polemarch), Michael T. Porter (Keeper of Records), Michael J. Hancock (Keeper of Exchequer), Rodney E. Cannon (Strategus), Mark C. Dozier (Historian), Ernest J. Baker (Reporter), Board of Directors (James M. Banks, Arthur R. Bryant, Victor D. Watson). Brother Anthony B. Hill (Grand Board Member) presided over the installation ceremony. Congratulations brothers!

## *Membership Fellowship*

**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** celebrated its second anniversary at the Tantallon Country Club in Fort Washington, MD. The chapter was chartered on April 29, 2007 with 17 brothers and currently has membership in excess of 45. The guest speaker for the occasion was Brother William B. Croom, Kappa Foundation President.



## *Fundraiser*

**The Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter** hosted its first Golf Classic tournament on July 10, 2009 at the National Golf Center, Fort Washington, Maryland. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the chapter's scholarship program. Brother Kennard L. Jones serves as the event's Chairman.



## *Chapter Upcoming Events*

- 79<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Meeting - August 4-9, 2009 (Washington, DC)
- Chapter planning retreat – August 22, 2009 (Bryans Road, MD)
- Officers' Workshop – August 29, 2009 (Richmond, VA)
- Monthly Chapter Meeting – September 11, 2009 (Isaac J. Gourdine Middle School, Fort Washington, MD)