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THETA RHO LAMBDA EXPANDS TO ALEXANDRIA



By Bro. Kevin Glover

The Theta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has expanded into the City of Alexandria, Va., becoming a dual-seated chapter. The Chapter seat expansion was approved by the Fraternity on August 8, 2016, after a year-long effort by Brothers to give the city an official Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. This change will increase the visibility and effectiveness of Theta Rho Lambda in our local communities. It will as well help with the reclamation of Brothers within Alexandria when they do a search to find a local chapter. This will be a very enlightening adventure for the Brotherhood as Theta Rho Lambda is one of very few Chapters that have a dual seat in 2 adjoining jurisdictions. The Chapter has already been active within the community for a number of years through various programs. However, this designation will not have any adverse effect on our commitment to Arlington or any of the other communities within the Capital Beltway in Northern Virginia. Congratulations to the brotherhood of Theta Rho Lambda and welcome to the brotherhood, Alexandria.

Personal Announcements

- Bro. Shawn Pressley’s son, Evan Josiah Pressley, was born on June 9, 2016.
- Bro. Kevin Glover has been named Human Resources Operation Support Specialist at LSi.
- Bro. Maurice Smith has been named Director of Education Programs and Outreach for the Rodham Institute.
- Bro. Keith Laing and his wife, Ashley, are expecting twin girls.
- Bro. George White became a Life Member of the Fraternity.



Where Are They Now? The 2015 Education Foundation Scholarship Winner

By Bro. Matthew Johnson

The 2015 scholarship recipient, Ross Cooper, is currently attending the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). He plans to major in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management in the College of Natural Resources and Environment. He shared with the chapter that when he attended the Gateway Program for minority students at Virginia Tech, he knew then that he had found his dream school. Ross has repeatedly expressed his gratitude to the Theta Rho Lambda chapter for selecting him and helping him in his post-secondary pursuits.

Happy birthday to following brothers who are celebrating birthdays in the fall:

Bro. Jarryd Taylor

October 13

Bro. Lenard Williams and Bro. Adam Jackson

October 30

Bro. Kevin Glover

November 21

Bro. Thomas Jones

November 28

Bro. Bruce Cobb

December 11

Congratulations to the following brothers who are celebrating Fall crossing anniversaries:

Bro. Michael Frempong
October 28, 2006

Bro. Bruce Cobb

Bro. Derrick McMahon

Bro. Jarryd Taylor
November 10, 2007

Bro. Gregory Hinton

Bro. Kevin Glover
November 17, 2007

Bro. Benjamin Turman

Bro. Shannon Thompson

Bro. Lenard Williams
November 14, 2009

Bro. Andrew Clay

Bro. DeMickel McGrigg
November 12, 2011

Bro. John Stokes

Bro. Gillis Taylor

Bro. Justin Ortique
November 8, 2015

November 9, 2014

A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People

By Bro. Shannon Thompson



Brothers and guests gather to watch a General Election presidential debate.

Theta Rho Lambda brothers coordinated a series of debate watch parties throughout the election season this year. The debate parties were in support of one of our national programs: A Voteless People is a Hopeless People. The goals of the watch parties was to encourage people to become aware of candidates’ viewpoints and positions on an array of topics; to provide an opportunity for people to engage in dialogue with other people with either similar or opposing political perspective, and to, ultimately, help people become more informed voters. Brothers and members of the community convened at the Bus Boys and Poets in Shirlington, Va. on Feb. 6, Feb. 11, Sept. 26 and Oct. 19 to watch a Democratic and Republican Primary debate and two General Election debate. All of the debates yielded a good discussion among those present. The committee looks forward to engaging voters during the upcoming Virginia governor’s race.

#PhirstFridays *By Bro. Keith Laing*

For the third consecutive fraternal year, the Theta Rho Lambda chapter conducted a “Phirst Fridays” happy hour series as a social community engagement initiative. The intent of the events is: to provide an avenue for brothers to meet and greet other brothers outside of the monthly chapter meetings; to create a medium for other Greek affiliates, friends and family members to expand their social network; and to increase the chapter’s visibility within the Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, Va. communities. Phirst Fridays typically are scheduled the first Friday of each month and at a location in Arlington or Alexandria that is easily accessible via Metro train. Phirst Friday was relaunched in April, and the venue to host the event was Continental Pool Lounge in Rosslyn. Following Continental Pool Lounge, Phirst Fridays were held at San Antonio Bar and Grill in Alexandria in May, A-Town Bar & Grill in Ballston in June, Kora Restaurant in Crystal City in July and Arlington Rooftop Bar & Grill in the Courthouse area in August. Brothers and our guests enjoyed themselves thoroughly!



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Upcoming Chapter Events

Nov. 19: 2016 Black and Gold Ball, Fort Myer
 Dec. 3: Area 4 Founders’ Day Breakfast
 Dec. 21: Santa’s Winter Wonderland, Alexandria
 Jan. 16: Bro. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

2016 VACAPAF Convention

By Bro. Lenard Williams



The VACAPAF District Convention was held on the campus of James Madison University this year. Theta Rho Lambda had over seven brothers make the trip to attend the convention. This convention marked the first in which Theta Rho Lambda brothers served in District level positions under the new VACAPAF administration. Bro. Kevin Glover played a huge role in the execution and seamlessness of the convention as the VACAPAF Assistant Director of Conventions. Bro. Lenard Williams gave his first report to the district on VACAPAF reclamation and retention as the Chairman of the VACAPAF Reclamation and Retention Committee. Bros. Michael Frempong and David Preston assisted with the execution of the VACAPAF Black and Gold Pageant and step show. Brothers are looking forward to the 2017 VACAPAF Convention in Lynchburg, VA after a successful convention at James Madison University.



2016 Black and Gold Scholarship Ball

By Bro. Keith Laing

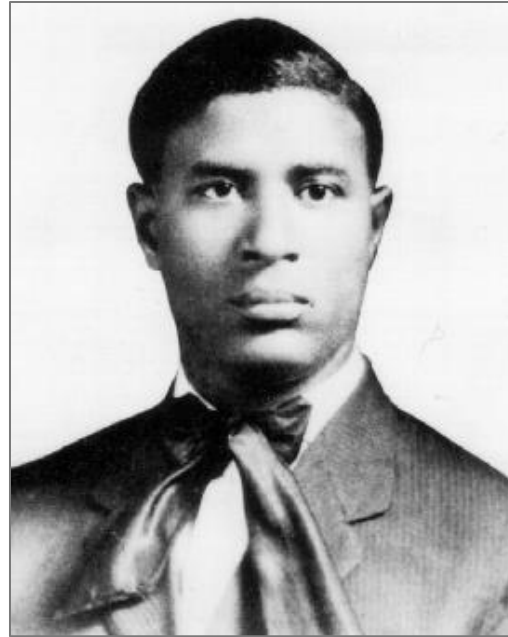
On November 19, 2016, the Chapter will host its annual Black & Gold Scholarship Ball at the Fort Myer Officers Club in Arlington, Va. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded that evening to a deserving high school student from the northern Virginia area. Members of the committee have been working tirelessly to ensure that this event will be an evening that meets the high standards of Alpha Phi Alpha. If you have not received your tickets to sell please let one of the committee members know, so that we can get them to you right away. Also note that tickets can be purchased online at <http://thetarholambda.org/black-and-gold-ball-tickets-online/>.

Remember you must have a ticket to enter the event.

A Moment in Alpha History

By. Bro. Chris Jones

In this article we would like to celebrate our honorary member Bro. Garret A. Morgan. For many here in the Washington Metropolitan area, you may not know but Morgan Blvd and Morgan metro station is named after this brother. Bro. Morgan was an inventor of many products that we utilized in today's world. Brother Morgan invented the 3 way (red, yellow, green) electric traffic signal, first version of a gas mask, hair straightening chemical, and friction drive clutch. Bro. Morgan was also active in the black community. He was an active member of the NAACP, Cleveland Association of Colored Men and Prince Hall Freemason fraternity. We celebrate our brother in his accomplishment as well as his commitment to upholding the aims of our great fraternity. Manly deeds, scholarship, and lover for all mankind!



Reclamation through Theta Rho Lambda Chapter

- Visit our Chapter Web site: www.thetarholambda.org for information about the chapter.
- Attend one our Phirst Friday events to meet Brothers in a social setting.
- Email us at info@thetarholambda.org to find out when and where our next chapter meeting will be.



Congratulations to the Fall 2016 neophytes of Theta Rho Lambda!

1. Bro. Marc Peters
Multi-PhACeTed, aka Phresh Look

2. Bro. Patrick Harris
Photo Phinish, aka Lean On Me

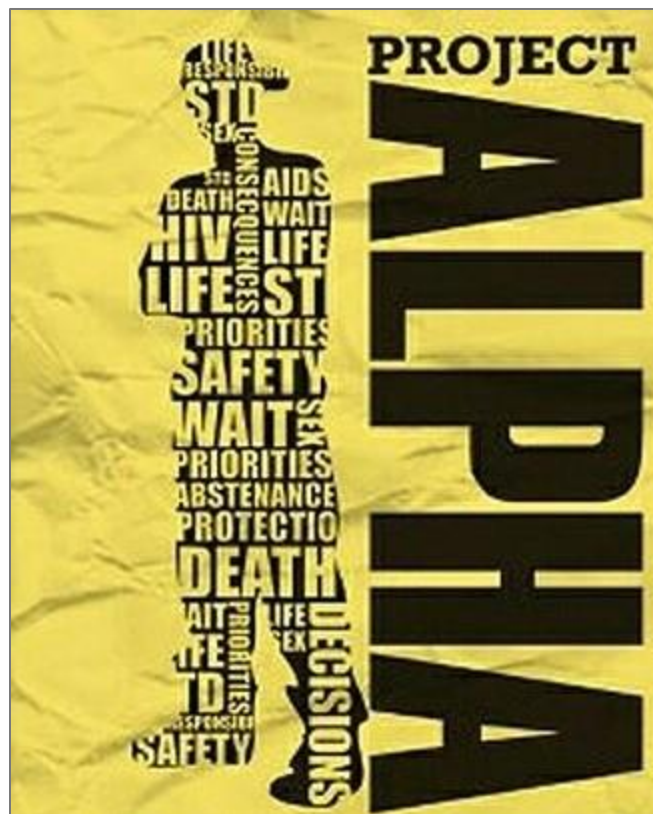
3. Bro. Lloyd Haskett
TREUmphant, aka Joe Buttons

4. Bro. Dockery Lambert
T.R.O., aka Phact Check

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Theta Rho Lambda seeks to educate Alexandria young men with Project Alpha



By Bro. George White Jr.

Project Alpha was held May 7th, 2016 at the Woodlawn Village Community Center 5375 Dairy Court, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 22060. We had a great number of brothers from Theta Rho Lambda available to teach young men about sexuality, teen pregnancy, responsible sexual behavior, interpersonal skills development and violence prevention. Brothers were also prepared for small group discussions and workshops where they will be required to execute problem solving skills and share their experiences. We were ready, willing and able; however, we did not receive participation from the community. We utilized social media and community groups to spread the word. The brothers of Theta Rho Lambda are eager for Project Alpha 2017 to share this information again so if you know of any young men between the ages of 12 -17 who could benefit from Project Alpha please send email to Projectalpha@thetarholambda.org.

Chapter Officers

President:	Bro. Kevin Glover	Director of Intake and Membership:	
Vice-President:	Bro. Lenard Williams		Bro. Chris Jones
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Fraternity Mission Statement

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