



College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
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2022 - 2023
Reclamation & Retention Newsletter
May 14, 2023



“Charting Our Path, Controlling our Legacy.”

Brothers of the College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter:

Greetings! As Chairman of the CPSS Reclamation & Retention Committee, I am honored to send you the May 2023 edition, the 11th Reclamation & Retention Newsletter of the 2022-2023 fraternal year. These newsletters are intended to keep all CPSS brothers up to date on ongoing chapter events and activities.

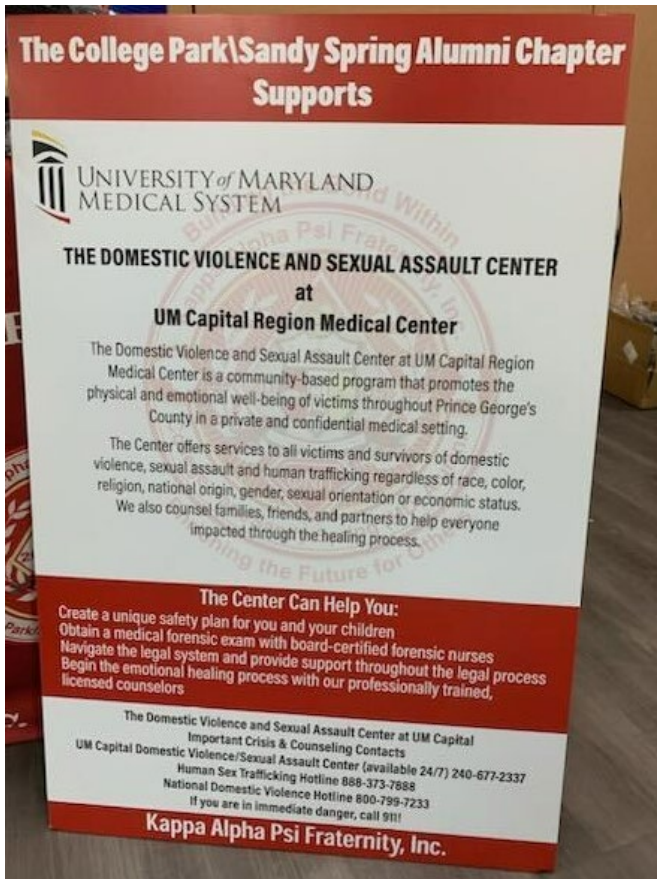
Our chapter is now **112** members strong, with over 112 brothers 2 years in a row! This newsletter includes the 3rd set of Chapter Brother Spotlights. The intent is to enable all the brothers of the chapter to get to know one another better. You can create your Spotlight by uploading at the following link: [Spotlights - Google Drive](#)

Below is an update since the last newsletter dated April 15, 2023. Previous newsletters are posted on the Reclamation & Retention page on the CPSS website: <https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-and-retention/>.

On April 21, 2023, prior to the **Monthly Chapter Meeting**, a donation was made to Dr. Delaine Smith-Clarke from PG County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center of over 80 items including sweatpants, shirts, underwear, water, and snacks.



Photo 1: Donation to PG County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center



Photos 2-4: Donation to PG County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center

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umcapitalregion.org

May 3, 2023

Mr. Sean Osborn
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
College Park Chapter

Dear Mr. Sean Osborn & the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,

On behalf of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center (DV/SAC) at the University of Maryland Capital Region Health, I would like to thank you and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for your kind donations of coats, sweatpants, sweatshirts, water, juice, and snacks for the families receiving assistance at our center.

Your commitment to DV/SAC is valued by our center. When you give to DV/SAC, you join a community committed to improving the lives of those in need and a part of something very special. When clients come into our center for a forensic examination, we must take their clothing in order to gather evidence. Clients greatly benefit from the sweatpants and sweatshirts since they can have clothing to go home with.

As you can see, your donation is very important to the clients we serve. Your ongoing commitment to the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center truly means the world, and we really couldn't do it without you.

Again, DV/SAC is humbled and blessed by your generosity.

Thanks for all you do to make our community brighter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Delaine Smith-Clark, MA, CA, VASIII
Victim Services Coordinator
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center (DVSAC)



Photos 5-7: Donation to PG County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center

On April 21, 2023, also prior to **Monthly Chapter Meeting**, a check was given to our scholarship winning student, Terrell Lawrence at Prince George's Community College.



Photo 8: Presentation of scholarship check to Terrell Lawrence

Also on April 21, 2023, after the **Monthly Chapter Meeting**, brothers gathered for a post-meeting repast and celebration of **Fedora Friday** leading to the **Kappa Derby**.



Photo 9: At Fedora Friday

On April 22, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for a **Chapter Community Service Project** at Rainbow Community Development Center. These Community Service projects are every 2 weeks and provide shopping carts full of donated food to over 200 families. In the words of Brother Ronnie Keller: IMPACT!!!

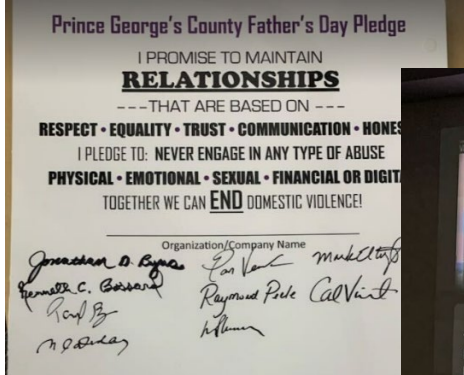


Photo 10: At Rainbow Community Development Center

Also on April 22, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered for a **Policing in America: Town Hall Meeting**. The purpose was to share information from two CPSS brothers who are police officers, Brothers Ean Vessels and Ray Peele, on how to de-escalate encounters with the police and to share their perspectives with the audience.



Photo 11: At Policing in America: Town Hall Meeting



Photos 12-17: At Policing in America: Town Hall Meeting



Photos 18-19: Fellowship with the Nupes after Policing in America: Town Hall Meeting

On April 27, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for fellowship over food, rum, and cigars at our CPSS **Cigar Night at Casta's Rum Bar DC.**



Photos 20-26: Good times with the Nupes at CPSS Cigar Night - Casta's Rum Bar DC

On April 30, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for our annual CPSS **Prayer Breakfast/Service and Chapter Picture Day.**



Photos 27-28: At Prayer Breakfast/Service and Chapter Picture Day.

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Photos 29-34: At Prayer Breakfast/Service and Chapter Picture Day.



Photos 35-36: At Prayer Breakfast/Service and Chapter Picture Day

On May 9, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered for the epic **1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby**. Videos and photos posted on Slack.



Photos 37-42: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby



Photos 43-52: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby



Photos 53-58: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby



Photos 59-66: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby



Photos 67-71: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby



Photos 72-79: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby



Photos 80-85: At 1st Annual CPSS Kappa Derby

On May 9, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered virtually for a **Health and Wellness Townhall on Unlocking the Mystery of The Colonoscopy & Gastrointestinal Issues**. A video of the seminar is posted on Slack.



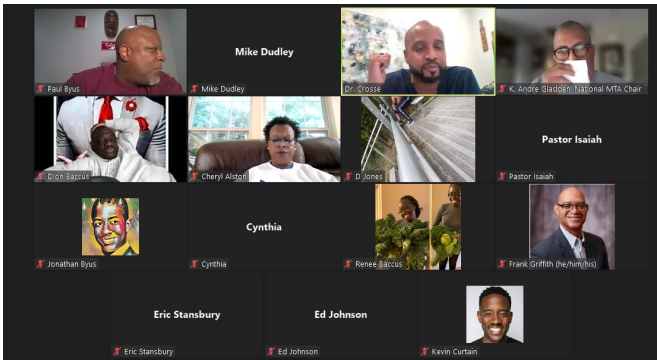
Ten Health Commandments

Kester Crosse MD
VP Clinical Affairs for GastroHealth



Goals

- Share the Common Diseases that Kill Us
- Share Recommendations to Lower our Risk of Death
- Motivate us to Continue to Maintain and/or Improve our Health
- Motivate us to get colon cancer screening
- ***Have to point out the Pre-existing American Conditions of Discrimination and Poverty from Discrimination can not be Under-stated



Top Ten Causes of Death for African American Men

- Heart Disease 27%
- Cancer (Lung, Prostate, Colon) – 22%
- Accidents (Car, Drowning, Drug Overdose) – 9%
- Stroke – 5%
- Diabetes – 5%
- Kidney Disease – 3%
- Liver Disease – 2%
- COPD/Lung Disease – 2%
- Homicide – 2%
- HIV/AIDS – 2%

Colonoscopy and Colon Cancer Screening

Colonoscopy is the gold standard and the only test that can detect and can remove pre-cancerous polyps

Having screening done decreases your risk of colon cancer by 90% and risk of death from colon cancer 99%

Stool DNA screening (Cologuard) detects polyps or early cancer at a rate of 92%

Colonoscopy screening detects polyps or early colon cancer at a rate of 99%

***60% of Americans that should be screened are screened



Photos 86-93: Unlocking the Mystery of The Colonoscopy & Gastrointestinal Issues Townhall Screenshots

On May 12, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for a **CPSS Monthly Happy Hour**.




Photo 94: At May CPSS Monthly Happy Hour

On May 13, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for a **Chapter Community Service Project** at Rainbow Community Development Center.



Photos 95-98: At Rainbow May 13

College Park/ Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Brother Spotlight



Ronald C. Taylor DDS, MSD
Chapter of Initiation – The Mu Omicron Chapter Stony Brook University
Line Name and Information – Against All Odds, Fall 1989 Four Klub
Kappaversary – December 9th, 1989, Stony Brook NY

Dr. Ronald Taylor is a native New Yorker, and he received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He enrolled in dental school at the University of Maryland and during his time there he did an externship at the University of Dundee Dental School in Dundee, Scotland. After completing his dental training and receiving his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from the University of Maryland he returned to New York and completed a General Practice Residency (GPR) program at The Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. He completed his endodontic specialty training and successfully defended his thesis, receiving his certification in endodontics and his Master of Science in Dentistry (MSD) from Case Western Reserve University. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and a member of the American Association of Endodontists, the American Dental Association, and the National Dental Association.

Dr. Taylor is the founder and CEO of Trident Endo, which provides management support services for six brands of endodontic group practices with a total of 11 locations, located in Maryland, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. He has served as an associate professor at Howard University College of Dentistry and as a Dean's Faculty clinical assistant professor at the University of Maryland Dental School. He has been a mock board examiner for endodontic residents in the United States Navy Post Graduate Endodontic Residency Program, the Medical College of Virginia, Boston University, and the University of Maryland. He has been appointed by the American Board of Endodontics College of Diplomates to serve as a mentor to board eligible endodontists. Today he serves on the Board of Directors for the College of Diplomates. Dr. Taylor is a past president of the Penick Endodontic Study Club, one of the nation's premier endodontic study clubs. He was previously selected to Bethesda Magazine and Washingtonian Magazine's List of Top Dentists.

One of the greatest things he ever did in his life was become a Fall 1989 Initiate of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., at the Mu Omicron Chapter at Stony Brook University. Ron is a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi and a member of the College Park /Sandy Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter where he has served on the Guide Right, Reclamation and Retention and Health and Wellness committees. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for College Park /Sandy Spring.

Dr. Taylor is married to his lovely wife Chalissa and has two beautiful children, Kayla and Evan. He enjoys traveling, grilling, deep-sea fishing, and music.

Photo 99: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Dr. Ron Taylor

College Park/ Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Brother Spotlight



Ean Vessels “Diplomatik Immunity”

Chapter of Initiation – College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni, Eastern Province

Line Name and Information – Orion, Spring 2018, 3 Klub

Kappaversary – March 24, 2018, Crossed the Burning Sands

Ean Vessels is a Maryland native from Prince George’s County and graduated from the University of Maryland College Park with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication. He is a man of faith, a visionary, and an intellectually disciplined thinker.



Ean is a 15-year veteran of the United States Capitol Police Department. He has served the United States Congress in a variety of capacities including the Presidential Inauguration, annual State of the Union address, Republican and Democratic National Conventions, Dignitary Escort teams, Pope Francis Joint Address to Congress, and completing daily operating objectives and missions to protect the legislative process of government. He also has worked as recruitment liaison and peer support counselor. In addition, Ean and a group of 10 African American officers also started a book club for likeminded people to discuss a wide variety of topics. Most recently the United States Congress awarded Ean Vessels and all his colleagues who worked on January 6, 2021, with the Congressional Gold Medal.



In 2019 Ean was awarded Neophyte Of The Year by CPSS. In 2020, the Eastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. awarded him the William L Crump history award. In 2021 he received the CPSS Polemarch’s Award, and he received a Community Service Award in 2022. Ean served as CPSS Keeper of Records and now serves on the board of directors.

Ean is married to his wife of 16 years Lillie Gaynor – Vessels. Ean is a “guys guy” - a vivid sports fan, loves a good philosophical conversation, and has never met a stranger. His favorite quote is: “If we don’t have Brotherhood and practice Fraternalism, we have nothing.”



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Photo 100: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Ean Vessels

Benefits of CPSS Membership: The Reclamation & Retention Committee developed the below to outline benefits of membership with CPSS. This slide is posted on slack in the **#reclamation** channel. Please feel free to share:

Benefits of College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Membership

- **Tangible**
 - Fellowship Events – at Reduced/Subsidized Cost
 - Hospitality (Meals) After Chapter Meetings
 - Retreat Food and Hospitality
 - Charter Day Food and Hospitality
 - Christmas Holiday Party
 - Conclave Hospitality
 - CBC Hospitality
 - Chapter Cookout
 - Kappa League
- **Intangible**
 - Communication and Connection
 - (via Slack “Members Only” App)
 - Professional and Business Connections
 - Community Service
 - Health and Wellness Activities
 - Spiritual Wellness Activities
 - Political Action Activities
 - Emotional Support
 - Brotherhood and Fellowship
 - A Sense of Belonging

3-time (2017, 2018, & 2020) Eastern Province Large Chapter of the Year! More info on Website: <https://www.cpsskapsi.org/>
For Overall Benefits of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Membership, go to Kappa IHQ Website: kappaalphapsi1911.com



Benefits of Kappa Alpha Psi Financial Membership: IHQ has also published the below 3 graphics defining the benefits of financial membership:

KAPPA ALPHA PSI® FRATERNITY, INC

FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

What are the benefits of being financial with Grand Chapter by October 1 of each year?

- Support for the Philanthropic Arm of the Fraternity (The Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation)
- Support for Kappa Kamp-Summer Enrichment Program
- Support for the National Guide Right/ Kappa League Program
- Support for Kappa League TV
- Support for the Undergraduate Leadership Institute (Iota Klass)
- Support for Undergraduate Chapter Advisors
- Support for Learn to Live
- Support for Room to Read
- Support for Health and Wellness
- Support for Financial Literacy
- Support for the infrastructure of the International Headquarters and much more.....



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FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS: THREE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS

What are the benefits of being financial on all three administrative levels in combination (Grand Chapter, Province of jurisdiction and a local alumni/undergraduate chapter)?

Grand Chapter:

- Eligible to receive Membership Discounts.
- Eligible to access your KappaAlphaPsi1911.com secure account.
- Receiving the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal four times a year (Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer) along with a special Conclave Edition during a conclave year.
- Receiving the Confidential Bulletin twice a year, along with a special edition during a conclave year.
- Eligible to register for National Founders' Day.
- Eligible to register for the Grand Chapter Meeting during a conclave year.
- Eligible to run for a Grand Chapter Office.

Province:

- Eligible to register for a Province Council.
- Eligible to register for the annual Charles Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference (CRWLC).
- Eligible to run for a Province Office.

Alumni/Undergraduate Chapter:

- Eligible to vote on chapter matters.
- Eligible to write a MTA letter of recommendation.
- Eligible to receive an invite to create a KappaOrg.com (MTA) secured account.
- Eligible to become Membership Training Academy (MTA) Certified.

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FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS & PERKS



What are the benefits of being financial with Grand Chapter by October 1 of each year?

1-800-Flowers | 10% Discount with Coupon Code KAPPA



AARP | Discounted Membership Fees



Delta Airlines | Discount for Grand Chapter Meeting Air Travel



Enterprise Car Rental | 10% Car Rental Discount with code XZ17993



Regions Bank | Kappa Debit Card



Avis | \$25 off with Coupon Code MUWA010



Listings in MyBlack.Biz filtered for brothers.

And More

Verification of membership may be necessary for benefit(s).

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Upcoming Events Links:

Jun 9 NBA Finals Fellowship



NBA Finals Fellowship
Jun 9, 2023
Fanatics Sports Book
Fed Ex Field
Free

[CPSS Chapter Dues Payment Link](#)

Jun 11 Fishing Trip

College Park/Sandy Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.,

**JOIN THE RECLAMATION
& RETENTION COMMITTEE**

FISHING
Excursion



**1st & 2nd
PRIZE**

Fish Cleaning Available
by Mr. Nate

SUNDAY June 11th / 6 am - 1:30 pm

REGISTRATION | \$65 Per Brother
Come fish fellowship & fraternize for a Sunday morning fishing excursion on the Chesapeake Bay. Meet up at 6:30 am Chesapeake Outdoors 1707 Main St, Chester, MD 21619.
Limited fishing pole rental & bait available. Complimentary bottled water and snack provided by Reclamation & Retention Committee.
What to Bring: Small cooler, lunch, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, cigars and beverage of choice

Kent Narrows, MD

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Mike Dudley 443-254-3274 / Jerome Parker 301-633-2419
Pay in Advance: <https://tinyurl.com/fishingnupes>



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[Fishing Trip Link](#)

Upcoming Events: There is a robust schedule of upcoming events and activities that has been developed in coordination with the Events Committee. The schedule is updated often. It is known that brothers cannot attend every event and activity, however the schedule is intended to provide awareness for planning purposes.

It is color coded so events and activities of interest can be identified easily whether they be community service, frat/chapter business, or Guide Right/Kappa League. The full schedule posted to the **#calendar** channel on slack. You can also find it on the Reclamation & Retention page on the CPSS website:

<https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-and-retention/>.

| Month | Date | Event | Sponsoring Organization | Purpose |
|-----------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| All Year | Varies | Weekly Chapter Prayer Zoom Call, Sundays 7pm | CPSS | Spiritual Renewal |
| May | 6 | Monthly Kappa League Meeting | KCDF/CPSS | Guide Right/Kappa League |
| May | 6 | CPSS Kappa Derby | CPSS | Events Committee |
| May | 9 | Health and Wellness Townhall on Unlocking the Mystery of The Colonoscopy & Gastrointestinal Issues | CPSS | Health and Wellness |
| May | 12 | Monthly Happy Hour | CPSS | Reclamation & Retention |
| May | 13 | Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC) | CPSS/RCDC | Community Service |
| May | 19 | Monthly Chapter Meeting | CPSS | Frat/Chapter Business |
| May | 20 | Monthly Kappa Walk | CPSS | Health and Wellness |
| May | 20 | Senior Kappa Breakfast | CPSS | Senior Kappa Affairs |
| May | 20 | Basketball with Silver Spring Alumni Kappa League | CPSS/SSA | Guide Right/Kappa League |
| May | 20-21 | Charter Day | CPSS | Reclamation & Retention |
| May | 27 | Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC) | CPSS | Community Service |
| June | 2 | Montgomery County NPHC Happy Hour | Montgomery County NPHC | NPHC |
| June | 4 | National Capital Tour de Cure (tentative) | Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. | Community Service |
| June | 4 | Montgomery County NPHC Ecumenical Service - Virtual TBD | Montgomery County NPHC | NPHC |
| June | 4 | Montgomery County NPHC Brunch/Day Party | Montgomery County NPHC | NPHC |
| June | 9 | Monthly Happy Hour/NBA Finals Fellowship | CPSS | Reclamation & Retention |
| June | 10 | Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC) | CPSS/RCDC | Community Service |
| June | 11 | Fishing Trip | CPSS | Reclamation & Retention |
| June | 13 | Health & Wellness Townhall on Diabetes & Autoimmune Diseases | CPSS | Health and Wellness |
| June | 16 | Monthly Chapter Meeting (Officers Sworn In) | CPSS | Frat/Chapter Business |
| June | 17 | Monthly Kappa Walk | CPSS | Health and Wellness |
| June | 17 | Kappa League Signing Day | Guide Right | Guide Right/Kappa League |
| June | 17 | Kappa Takeover 2023 | Metro DC Chapters | Reclamation & Retention |
| June | 24 | Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC) | CPSS/RCDC | Community Service |

Conclusion: Thank you for reading. See you at our **next 22-23 frat year chapter meeting** on Friday, May 19, 2023. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition to my email below, questions can be sent to reclamation@cpsskapsi.org. Follow us on Twitter at **@CollegeParkSan1**.

Yours in the Bond,
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