



College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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Reclamation & Retention Newsletter

April 15, 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 April 2023 edition, the 10th 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 **108** members strong, with over 100 brothers 2 years in a row! This newsletter includes the 2nd 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 March 12, 2023. Previous newsletters are posted on the Reclamation & Retention page on the CPSS website: <https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-and-retention/>.

NOTE: Please BUY your ticket **TODAY** for the **Kappa Derby** on May 6th. This is the 1st edition of our annual signature event. Link: <http://www.thekappaderby.com/>

On March 17, 2023, during the **Monthly Chapter Meeting**, Brothers Nyjel Greene, Myles Whitfield, and Julian Owens, CPSS Spring 2023, were presented crossing gifts by MTA Chairman Brother Ed Johnson, and Vice Chair Brother Charles Gross.



Photos 1-2: CPSS Spring 2023 at Chapter meeting with MTA Team

Also on March 17, 2023, also during the **Monthly Chapter Meeting**, Brothers William Taylor, Gerald Holland, and Wayne Bruce, our newest CPSS Senior Kappas, were presented with Senior Kappa Affairs (SKA) certificates by Polemarch Brother Mark Ellington and SKA Chairman Brother Hector Cooley.



Photo 3: At Chapter meeting with new Senior Kappas

On March 21, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered virtually for a **Health and Wellness Townhall on Prostate Cancer**. A video of the seminar is posted on Slack.

The image shows two screenshots from a presentation. The left screenshot displays the title "Prostate Cancer" and the presenter's name "Kerith Joseph MD". The right screenshot lists "Learning objectives" which include "Prostate anatomy and function", "Prostate screening and diagnosis", and "Treatment options".

Photos 4-5: Prostate Cancer Townhall Screenshots

Prostate cancer screening
Age 40 years for Black men
Blood test for PSA level
Digital rectal exam

Prostate cancer treatments

1	2	3	4
Active surveillance Low grade cancers Check PSA every 3-6 months Biopsy MRI	Local therapy Moderate grade cancers Surgery Radiation	Systemic therapy High grade cancers Chemotherapy Hormonal treatment	Combination therapy Higher grade cancers

Photos 6-14: Prostate Cancer Townhall Screenshots

On March 23-26, 2023, CPSS and Theta Theta brothers attended the **2023 Eastern Province Council (EPC)** at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA. 13 CPSS brothers attended including 2 Spring 2023 neophytes.



Photo 15: CPSS brothers at EPC closed banquet (461 brothers attended overall)

EPC Awards Luncheon Results:

- CPSS won 2nd place, William Thomas Carter Alumni Chapter Large Chapter of the Year
- Brother Dr. Pete Thompson won 1st place, Bert V. Wadkins Guide Right Award Large Chapter for the Most Outstanding Alumni Guide Right Advisor
- Brother James Howard IV awarded the Province Polemarch's Service Award as Chairman of the EP Social Action Committee
- Brother Rodney Keller awarded CPSS Chapter Brother of the Year
- Brother Wayne Brooks awarded The Professional Service Award
- Brother Mike Dudley awarded The Fraternity Service Award



Photos 16-20: At Eastern Province Council (EPC)



Photos 21-22: At Eastern Province Council (EPC)

On March 25, 2023, CPSS brothers and Kappa Leaguers 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!!!**



Photos 23-27: At Rainbow March 25

On April 1, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered for a **CPSS Final Four Fellowship Event with Silver Spring Alumni.**



Photos 28-32: At Final Four Fellowship Event

On April 8, 2023, CPSS brothers, Kappa Leaguers, and family members gathered for another **Chapter Community Service Project** at Rainbow Community Development Center. Over 200 families were provided with cart loads of food. IMPACT!!!



Photos 33-37: At Rainbow April 8

On April 11, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered virtually for a **Health and Wellness Townhall on Oral Health and Hygiene**. A video is posted on Slack.

Racial Disparities In Oral Health

Robert Gray, DDS
Barbara Gray, DDS
Ronald Taylor, DDS, MSD

Did You Know
Men that have gum disease have a much higher risk of developing cancer?

It's not just cancer:
Studies have found many diseases and health problems are seen more often in Individuals with poor oral health:

Introduction
RONALD C. TAYLOR DDS, MSD

What are the factors that contribute to racial disparities in dentistry?
Why is taking care of our teeth so important?
How can we increase our Dental IQ?

Participant Grid:

- Mike Dudley
- Barbara Gray
- Ron Taylor
- Nick Bullock
- K. Andre Gladden, National MTA Chair
- Sean Osborne, Sr
- Jonathan Byus
- Dion Baccus
- Chimene Castor...
- Keith Smith
- Julian Owens
- Myles Whitfield
- Dr. Sean Joe
- Carl Vincent
- Renee Baccus
- Lynda Brooks
- Mark Ellington

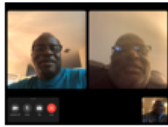
Photos 38-46: Oral Health and Hygiene Townhall Screenshots

On April 13, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for our first **CPSS Krimson Lounge - Kocktails and Konversations Event**



Photos 47-56: At Krimson Lounge - Kocktails and Konversations

College Park/ Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Brother Spotlight



Keith "Khapstick" Smith

Chapter of Initiation – Zeta Phi(re!), University of Florida, Southern Province

Line Name and Information – 13KT Solitaire, Spring 1986, 7 Klub

Kappaversary – February 23, 1986 (crossed burning sands at an undisclosed location)

Brother Smith is originally from South Florida, where he attended public schools and was raised by two prominent educators, Dr. Jerome Smith and Mrs. Claudia J Smith (deceased). Keith is a Kappa legacy, following in the footsteps of his father (Orlando Alumni 1965) and brother Tracy Smith (Fall 1984, Univ of Florida, Deuce Klub). Mrs Smith was an AKA, and both parents attend a HBCU for undergraduate.



Keith holds a BS in Computer Engineering, a MS in Computer Science, and multiple certifications in Project Management, Complex Project Management, and Cloud. At present, he is the IBM Cloud/Delivery Excellence Leader for Federal Cloud Shared Services and leads or participates in DEI initiatives within his company.



Keith is the proud father of one son (future Nupe??), and fraternal father of three (3) while serving as Dean as a member of the Daytona Beach Alumni Chapter. Brother Smith joined CPSS in 2009 after meeting Polemarch Craig Dean. Since joining he has served as Keeper of Exchequer (KOE) and Board member for multiple administrations.

For reclamation, Keith helped bring both Brother Griffith (immediate past Polemarch Data) and Brother Hawkins (award winning past GuideRight Chair) to CPSS Alumni 🙌



Brother Smith has gone through home life changes which prevent him from being physically present at many events. But rest assured he is only a call away if needed.



Photo 57: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Keith Smith

College Park/ Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Brother Spotlight



Khristian Merrell

Chapter of Initiation – Miami Alumni of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc

Line Name and Information – Konflikt, Fall 2012, Ace Klub

Kappaversary – October 26, 2012; Tampa, FL

Brother Merrell is a 2012 initiate of the Miami Alumni, of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He has served as Assistant Keeper of Records, Health and Wellness Chairman, Kappa League Advisor, Secretary of Miami Alumni Kappa Foundation, and Undergraduate Advisor for Florida Memorial University Chapter, the Epsilon Mu of Kappa Alpha Psi. He has recently become active member of College Park Sandy Spring (CPSS).

He currently works as the director of Human Resources for Urban Grow Group. Urban Grow Group is a social equity driven consulting firm, with a diverse team of business, government and healthcare professionals. Urban Grow Group team members monitor state and national regulatory landscapes and are able to advise on various sectors and industries. They collaborate with government policy makers, community leaders, and business industry experts to provide strategic consulting plans.

Khristian has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Florida A&M University (FAMU) and a master's degree in Finance from the University of Miami. Mr. Merrell is married to his lovely wife Kimberly Golden-Merrell and is proud of his two children, Kamali, 3 and Khristian Jr, 1.

Photo 58: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Kristian Merrell

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:

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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.

FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS & PERKS

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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).

Revised 10/1/20

Upcoming Events Links:

Apr 27 Cigar Night



CPSS Cigar Night
6pm ~ Apr 27, 2023
Casta's Rum Bar
Washington DC
Free

May 6 Kappa Derby

COLLEGE PARK-SANDY SPRING ALUMNI (E)
CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC. PRESENTS

KAPPA DERBY

College Park Sandy Spring Alumni (E)

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
12:00PM - 8:00PM

HENNESSY CREEK
13201 MARTIN RD,
BRANDYWINE, MD 20613

HOSTED BY
COMEDIAN JOE CLAIR
AND MORNING TV'S
BRITT WATERS

A FULL DAY OF MUSIC BY
DJ SPINRILLO
DJ TRINI
LEGENDARY DJ TANZ

VIP TICKETS INCLUDES
VIP TENT LOUNGE
VIP PATIO & BARN LOUNGES
CATERING BY KITCHEN CRAY

CONTESTS CATEGORIES
BEST DRESSED GENTLEMEN
BEST LADIES HAT/FASCINATOR
BEST DRESSED COUPLE

FEATURING
KENTUCKY DERBY SIMULCAST
VENDORS + CASH BAR
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT
SILENT AUCTIONS
AND MUCH MORE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
THE CPSS AWARD WINNING
GUIDE RIGHT/KAPPA LEAGUE
MENTORING PROGRAM
AND COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT

**MUST BE 21 & OVER TO
PURCHASE A DRINK**

FOR TICKETS & TENT/TABLE PURCHASES VISIT:
WWW.THEKAPPADERBY.COM

[CPSS Chapter Dues Payment Link](#)

Jun 11 Fishing Trip

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★ 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 | \$60 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** ★

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[Kappa Derby Link](#)

Jun 9 NBA Finals Fellowship

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

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
April	1	Monthly Kappa League Meeting	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
April	1	Final Four Event with Silver Spring Alumni	CPSS/SSA	Reclamation & Retention
April	8	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
April	11	Health and Wellness Townhall on Oral Health and Hygiene	CPSS	Health and Wellness
April	13	Krimson Lounge - Kocktails and Konversations	CPSS	Events Committee
April	15	Kappa League Quiz Bowl	CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
April	21	Monthly Chapter Meeting	CPSS	Frat/Chapter Business
April	22	Policing in America: A Town Hall Meeting (Noon to 2PM)	CPSS	Social Action (Community Service)
April	22	Monthly Kappa Walk	CPSS	Health and Wellness
April	22	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
April	22	The Fathers Initiative (Silver Spring Alumni) (6PM-8PM)	CPSS/SSA	Social Action (Community Service)
April	22	Eastern Province Guide Right Planning Meeting	CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
April	27	Cigar Night	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
April	30	Prayer Breakfast/Service and Chapter Picture Day	CPSS	Frat/Chapter Business
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 Importance of Annual Physical	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	Community Service @ RCDC or Vistas @ Lake Largo Senior Lunch	CPSS	Community Service

Conclusion: Thank you for reading. See you at our **next 22-23 frat year chapter meeting** on Friday, April 27, 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**.

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