



College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter
 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 9th Administration
 2023 - 2024
Reclamation & Retention Newsletter
 December 10, 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 the December 2023 newsletter. These newsletters are intended to keep all CPSS brothers up to date on ongoing chapter events and activities.

Our chapter has reached **64** financial members for the 2023-2024 fraternal year thus far this year. With your support, we will reach our 2023-2024 Reclamation & Retention goal of financial membership of over **115 brothers** for 3 years in a row!

This newsletter includes a **Silhouettes Calendar** and another Chapter Brother Spotlight which were created to enable brothers 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 November 12, 2023. Previous newsletters are posted on the Reclamation & Retention page on the CPSS website: <https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-and-retention/>.

On November 14, 2023, 9th CPSS Polemarch Mark Ellington was featured in **“Watch the Yard.”** The 7-minute video and interview transcript are available at this link: <https://www.watchtheyard.com/kappas/mark-ellington-kappa/>.



Photo 1: Watch the Yard Screenshot

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

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Note: This is our QR code if you want to share the Reclamation and Retention page on the CPSS website with your network.



On November 16, 2023, CPSS brothers as well as brothers from Columbia Alumni and Towson-Catonsville Alumni attended our **Thursday Night Football Ravens Watch Party**. Brothers enjoyed food, drinks, fellowship, & fun along with football.



Photos 2-4: At Thursday Night Football Ravens Watch Party

On November 19, 2023, CPSS and Theta-Theta brothers attended the last **UMD Football Tailgate** of the season. Fox's Big Noon Kickoff was on UMD Campus along with the Nupe Tailgate. Last Home Game & Last Nupe Tailgate of the Season. We had Michigan Sigma Chapter Alumni Nupes, Woodbridge Nupes, and Silver Spring Alumni Nupes in the house Fellowshiping.



Photos 5-12: At UMD Football Tailgate



Photos 13-17: At UMD Football Tailgate



Photos 18-20: At UMD Football Tailgate

On November 18, 2023, CPSS brothers and Kappa Leaguers participated in our annual **Chapter Thanksgiving Food Distribution Community Service at Rainbow Community Development Center**



Photo 21: At Thanksgiving Community Service



Photo 22: At Thanksgiving Community Service

On November 24, 2023, CPSS brothers & Kappa Leaguers distributed **Thanksgiving Meals** at Gateway Village Senior Community in Capitol Heights



Photo 23: At Thanksgiving Meals Distribution

On December 3, 2023, CPSS brothers along with brothers from other DC metro chapters attended the **Washington Commanders HBCU Game & Tailgate.**



Photos 24-27: At Washington Commanders HBCU Game & Tailgate

On December 9, 2023, CPSS brothers participated in our bi-weekly **Chapter Food Distribution Community Service at Rainbow Community Development Center.**



Photos 28-30: At Rainbow

College Park Sandy Spring Chapter Brother Spotlight



Billy Newson

Chapter of Initiation: Iota Omega (IQ)/University of Missouri – Rolla

Line Name: Steele Bill

Kappaversary: November 10, 1986

Brother Billy Newson was born and raised in Kansas City Missouri. He is the youngest from a single mom with 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

After graduating from Lincoln Academy in 1985, Billy enrolled at the University of Missouri-Rolla, now called Missouri University of Science and Technology majoring in Electrical Engineering. In the fall of 1986, he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi. He was number 2 of 5 on the KS Crusaders line (Pierre Jones # 3 and Anthony Patrick # 5 Chapter Invisible). He was fortunate enough to be made by the late great Jonathan Hicks and his line brother Anthony Patrick is on the Kappa Klassics soundtrack with Brother Hicks.

Billy transferred from University of Missouri-Rolla to Prairie View A&M University from which he graduated in 1991 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. After graduating, he went to work for GTE and moved to Dallas Texas. After 6 months, his second job rotation was in Atlanta Georgia. It is rumored that he is in the 'Freaknik' documentary. After his second rotation, he moved to Tampa Florida.

In 1995, he left GTE and Tampa Florida to pursue an MBA at the University of Virginia. After graduating from UVA in 1997, he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area.

In January 2008, he moved to the DMV from Oakland California. He lives in Montgomery County Maryland (Boyd) and works for Deloitte Consulting.

Billy loves to spend time with his daughter Grace and enjoys road cycling, hiking, traveling, cooking, live music and fellowshiping with good people. Billy has been a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi for over 20 years.



Photo 31: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Billy Newson

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

<p>• Tangible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fellowship Events – at Reduced/Subsidized Cost<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post Chapter Meeting Repasts• Hospitality Suites – CBC, Retreat• Charter Day Hospitality (Brunch)• Christmas Holiday Party (Dinner)• Sporting Events/Tailgates• Chapter Cookout/Fish Fry• Monthly Fellowship Events• Couples & Family Events• Kappa League	<p>• Intangible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication and Connection<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (via Slack “Members Only” App)• Professional & Business Connections• Community Service• Health and Wellness Activities• Spiritual Wellness Activities• Political Action Activities• Social Action Activities• Emotional Support• Brotherhood and Fellowship• A Sense of Belonging
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3-time (2017, 2018, & 2020) Eastern Province Large Chapter of the Year! More info on Website:
<https://www.cpskapsi.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.

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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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Key Upcoming Events:



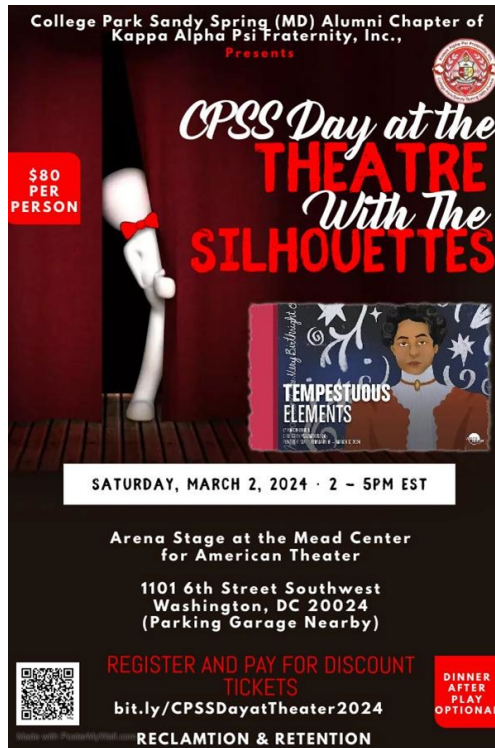
CPSS Holiday Party
6:30pm ~ Dec 16, 2023
Century Club
Free to 23-24 CPSS
Financial Members as of:
Dec 1, 2023

Note: Please pay your dues by Friday night, December 15 or pay \$30 to attend.

[CPSS Chapter Dues Payment Link](#)



[Wizards Game Link](https://bit.ly/CPSSwizardsgame2024)



[Theater Day w/Silhouettes Link](https://bit.ly/CPSSDayatTheater2024)

Silhouettes Calendar: As requested, here is a calendar of couples and family events brothers can share with silhouettes and significant others.

Red Font = tentative			CPSS and KCDF Calendar 2023-2024		Color code Blue - Community Service Orange - Reclamation & Retention Green - Events Red - Frat/Chapter Business Purple - Health and Wellness Silver - Senior Kappa Affairs White - Guide Right/Kappa League Pink - NPHC	CPSS = College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter KCDF = Kappa Community Development Foundation RCDC = Rainbow Community Development Center
October	7		Oct 2023 Fish fry with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
October	15		Wine tasting with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
December	16		Chapter Christmas Party		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
January	20		Game Night with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
February	24		House party/dinner/potluck with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
March	2		CPSS Day at the Theater ~ Play with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
March	10		Brunch with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
May	4		CPSS Kappa Derby		CPSS	Events Committee
June	15		Kappa Takeover 2024		Metro DC Chapters	Events Committee
June	22		Family Putt Putt		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Family Event
July	20		Boat ride with Silhouettes		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
July	27		Family Theme/Water Park		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Family Event
August	24		2024 Family Cookout/picnic/Fish Fry		CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Family Event

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.

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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 is 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
December	2	Monthly Kappa League Business Meeting	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
December	3	HBCU Night Out: Washington Commanders Game & Tailgate	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
December	8	Monthly Happy Hour	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
December	9	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
December	11	Guide Right/Kappa League Community Service Project	CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
December	13	Health and Wellness Seminar	CPSS	Health and Wellness
December	15-16	Chapter Christmas Toy Drive	CPSS/RCDC	
December	16	Chapter Christmas Party	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
December	23	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
January	2	Health and Wellness Seminar	CPSS	Health and Wellness
January	3	Pre J5 Fellowship (for brothers travelling to New Orleans)	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
January	5	EP Founders' Day	Eastern Province	Frat/Chapter Business
January	5	CPSS J5 Fellowship ~ KΑΨ 113th Founders' Day	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
January	5-7	National Founders' Day	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.	Frat/Chapter Business
January	6	Monthly Kappa League Business Meeting	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
January	12-15	KL Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp	CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
January	12	Monthly Happy Hour	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
January	13	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
January	15	MLK Jr Service Project with Silver Spring & Gaithersburg-Rockville	CPSS	Community Service
January	19	Monthly Chapter Meeting	CPSS	Frat/Chapter Business
January	20	Game Night with Silhouettes	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
January	27	Guide Right/Kappa League Community Service Project	CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
January	27	EP Metro Founders Day	Eastern Province	Frat/Chapter Business

Conclusion: Thank you for reading. See you at our **Christmas Holiday Party** on December 16, 2023. Please pay your dues by Friday night, December 15 or pay \$30 to attend. Also, see you at our **J5** celebrations starting January 3, 2024. Our next **Chapter Meeting** is January 19, 2024. If you have any questions or additional 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**. In addition, Our QR code is below at right if you want to share the Reclamation and Retention page on the CPSS website with your network.

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