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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Brothers and Friends of Alpha,**

This is a very emotional but exciting time for all of us. It has been a little over a year since we (people worldwide) have had to transform our daily lives due to a threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Everyone had to immediately adjust to several precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of the Brotherhood as well as their families. But, we prevailed!

Last March, Bro. Dr. Everett B. Ward, Immediate Past General President, called for all public events to be either postponed or canceled due to the virus' uncertainty. However, our Midwestern Region executed its first virtual Leadership Conference using ZOOM. With this vision and the fortitude of our Brotherhood, the Alpha Lambda chapter, without hesitation, began chapter meetings, committee meetings and fundraisers using the platform. Our annual fundraiser, the Hope Breakfast, March for Babies and Big Brothers, Big Sister of Kentuckiana were a huge success and all were virtual events. In fact, the second virtual Midwestern Regional Convention held in April 2021 and was another very successful event.

The Alpha Lambda chapter has pressed on with supporting its mission of helping the community by performing Manly Deeds, Scholarship and Love for all mankind. The chapter continued to move forward by answering the call to support the march for

justice during the Breonna Taylor and the Black Lives Matter efforts to fight systemic racism, injustice and violent assaults on African American men and women. Also, Brothers supported, the Get Out to Vote and A Voteless People is a Hopeless People campaigns through educating and registering individuals to vote during the national election of 2020.

Today, the Alpha Lambda chapter continues to move forward in the Louisville community with its programs aimed at mentoring youth, promoting scholastic excellence, and uplifting the community through service.

Lastly, as we continue to go forward for the year, we wish to say farewell to Brother Mike Calvin and Brother Kevin Lewis. These Brothers volunteered and supported numerous events within the chapter during their stay in Louisville. They are both retired from active-duty Army and are in the process of moving to their new residences in the Washington D.C. and Birmingham, Alabama areas respectfully. Thank You Brothers for all you did for this chapter and our dear Fraternity. God bless you and your family.

Fraternally Yours,  
**BRO. KENNETH W. ELLIS**  
President Alpha Lambda Chapter  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

## FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the Summer 2021 Edition of the Louisville Sphinx. We have a lot of great information to share about recent and upcoming events. The Alpha Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. effortlessly navigated through the pandemic, and we intend to keep that momentum. From participating in marches against police brutality to assisting with COVID-19 vaccinations, we continue to lead from the front.

As you enjoy the content of this newsletter we hope that you are encouraged to continue doing the work of Alpha. Brothers who are new to the area or looking to rejoin the PHold we are excited to have you! Please contact me or visit [www.AlphaLambda1906.org](http://www.AlphaLambda1906.org).

Brothers interested in contributing to future issues, please contact me. Our next submission deadline is September 6, 2021.

Fraternally,  
**BRO. GERMAINE RANDOLPH**  
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## Louisville NPHC Greek Game Night



Who said that having fun during the pandemic is impossible? It may be an adjustment, but it is certainly achievable. The Louisville Alumni Council of the National Pan-Hellenic Council recently proved it while hosting a virtual game night.

On June 4, 2021, seven organizations, including the brothers of the Alpha Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. participated in the virtual Greek edition of Family Feud. Teams were randomly selected to battle in a series of matches for the championship. Several people watched on Facebook Live as each organization engaged in some friendly competition while supporting a good cause. Donations were taken to help support AMPED (Academy of Music Production Education and

Development) and the NPHC Scholarship Fund. The host called it "Partying with a Purpose" and he was absolutely right.

Brothers Ken Ellis, Cecil Brookins and Germaine Randolph represented the Alpha Lambda chapter and despite a few technically difficulties the Louisville Alphas were victorious. Brother Charles Piphus, current president of the Louisville Alumni Council of the NPHC, and Brother Le'Artis W. Allen were also present.

If there is one thing 2020 taught us it's the importance of adaptability. As mandates and restrictions are being lifted more in person and hybrid events will occur. Although many of us desire the normality we once had, please remember to be safe and remain healthy.





# Alpha Phi Alpha & March of Dimes: A “Mother” of a Partnership

BY: BRO. JONATHAN MAHIN



**A**lpha Phi Alpha and the March of Dimes organization have had a long-standing relationship rooted in the love and support of healthy moms, healthy babies, and teenage sexuality awareness. Since 1980, Alpha Phi Alpha and the March of Dimes have partnered together to implement Project Alpha. Together the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha and March of Dimes educate about 25,000 young men annually. The goals of the program are to share knowledge by combating ignorance and fear with factual information, change attitudes by providing motivation toward positive changes in sexual behavior, and provide skills by creating a sense of empowerment and self-esteem.

The Brothers of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have a special relationship with the March of Dimes organization. We have participated in the annual March for Babies since the early 1990s. We have raised thousands of dollars and have volunteered countless hours for the cause of the March of Dimes. For two brothers, this partnership has manifested itself in more ways than one. Bro. Cecil Brookins and I (Bro. Jonathan Mahin), have benefitted from the services of the March of Dimes.

What Bro. Brookins and I have in common is that we are fathers to children who spent time at the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) due to premature birth. During this time, we both became more acquainted with the March of Dimes organization because of what they did for our families and us. We got connected with

a support group for couples and a group just for fathers. I remember Bro. Brookins leading the fathers' group while my son was in the hospital. The groups of individuals from the March of Dimes organization also made us feel special by coming in, speaking words of comfort and creating gifts for our families.

Bro. Brookins has led the March of Dimes committee for the Alpha Lambda chapter for quite some time. He has also volunteered his service and time to the March of Dimes organization by currently serving on the state board of directors. The legacy of Alpha's advocacy in the March of Dimes does not stop there. Our brotherhood network extends out and includes doctors, lawyers, teachers, tech industry workers, engineers and automotive industry employees all coming together to make the March of Babies one of our premier events and programs that we are involved with. As an African-American community, we are always challenged with different ailments, but the brother's of THE ALPHA LAMBDA Chapter will not let the increased numbers of childbirth deaths and prematurity among our African-American women deter us from the task at hand.

We will always rise to the occasion because Alpha's are “First of All, Servants of All, (and) We Shall Transcend All!”



## Alpha Lambda Chapter's 110th Charter Day- April 11, 2021

**I**t's been said that it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years. Whether it's serving the community, mentoring the youth or encouraging people to exercise their right to vote, the brothers of the Alpha Lambda Chapter have certainly had some impactful years. Sunday, April 11, 2021 we celebrated our 110th charter day.



Housed in Louisville, KY, the Alpha Lambda Chapter has been a beacon of light since its inception. Jewel Eugene Kinckle Jones and Brother Richard Hill were instrumental in establishing the chapter although the idea [of a graduate chapter] initially encountered some resistance. The Alpha Lambda Chapter worked tirelessly as the only chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha in the state of Kentucky for 17 years.



For over a century, the first graduate (alumni) chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has introduced initiatives and established partnerships to aid in the uplifting of humanity. This includes collaborations with March of Dimes, The Healing Place, Kammerer Middle School, Big Brother Big Sister of Kentuckiana, Habitat For Humanity, American Cancer Society and the Louisville NPHC just to name a few. In addition to effective community outreach by way of the fraternity's national programs, efforts such as the Annual West Louisville 5K Fun Run, Chess Tournament, Hope Breakfast, Get Connected (Professional Networking) and Adopt-A-Mile have also been successful.

Several brothers gathered to celebrate using a hybrid method (Zoom AND In-Person). The Kentucky District Director, Bro. Abdul Muhammad, Midwestern Regional Vice President, Bro. Ronald Stovall, AND our 34th General President, Bro. Mark S. Tillman all joined virtually to reminisce, celebrate and provide well wishes. Thank you Brothers!



Times change but the mission remains the same-- Develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy for our communities. Here's to 110 more years! 06!

# 110TH CHARTER DAY

## CELEBRATION PHOTOS



## CHAPTER CALENDAR

JULY 2021

9th: Chapter Meeting  
TBA: Chapter Retreat

◆ AUGUST 2021

13th: Chapter Meeting

◆ SEPTEMBER  
2021

10th: Chapter Meeting

## EVENTS

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