

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

KAPPA UPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER

2026-2027 AIMS & PLANS

(BUSINESS-BROTHERHOOD-SERVICE)

DOING WHAT WE CAN – NOT WHAT WE WANT!

2026-2027 Executive Team:

Shawn Cheatham (President) - Loren Bellamy (Vice President) - Patrick Miller (Treasurer) – Dave Harris (Secretary)



BUSINESS

KAPPA UPSILON LAMBDA FOUNDATION

- 501(C)(3) Status – Completion target date: November 2026 (Bro. Samuel Hercules completing application)
 - *Enables tax exemptions, partnerships, and corporate donations towards our chapter initiatives.*

FUNDRAISING (Foundation & Chapter)

- Chapter Day Party (June 2027) – Annual goal is \$1500 for Chapter Operation Expenses
 - *Need every Chapter Brother participating with ticket sales (Mandatory: 2 Tickets Per Brother)*
- Chapter Gala Dance (December 2027) – Annual goal is \$3000 raised for three \$1000 Scholarships
 - *Need every Chapter Brother participating with ticket sales (Mandatory: 2 Tickets Per Brother)*
- First Friday's Mixers (One Each Season) – Annual goal is \$1500 for Chapter Initiatives
 - *Need to re-establish or form new relationship with venue (ZEN) to fundraise through raffle*
 - *Initiative includes our share for joint area cookout expenses, cost to co-host NYACOA Conference Mixer, joint cost for college tour expenses, and any other expense required by the chapter*
- Chapter Fish Fry Fundraiser – Annual goal is undetermined for Chapter Initiatives
 - *New idea is to have it combined as a First Friday event at Bro. Dave Harris home poolside. Details will be discussed at an upcoming events committee meeting.*
- Alpha Cinema Series - Annual goal ranges between \$1500 - \$3000 for chapter Operation Expenses
 - Bro. Phil Pierre introduced us to this opportunity. December 2026 at the Middletown AMC theatre is our first opportunity. Slideshow presentation from Brother Curtis Cheeks on 8/4/2026

CHAPTER DUES & GRAND TAX

- Monthly payments meeting the \$300 Chapter dues (September/October/November)
 - *Idea is for \$100 each payment by the first of each month in time for immediate expenses due and seed money to cover delegate strength fees for NYACOA, Eastern Regional, & General Conventions*
- Each Brother Grand Tax should be handled individually through AlphaMX. Under special circumstances the chapter can handle the payment for any given Brother, but the chapter not be liable for the payment.

CHAPTER MEETING (TIMES & LOCATIONS)

- The consensus of the Chapter Executive team is to leave the schedule as it is for every third Friday. Please pencil in the following dates in your calendars: (Possible conflict in **Red**)
 - MEETING DATES: **September 18, 2026 – October 16, 2026 – November 20, 2026 – December 18, 2026 – January 15, 2027 (MLK Weekend) – February 19, 2027 – March 19, 2027 – April 16, 2027 – May 21, 2027 – June 18, 2027 (Juneteenth)**

- LOCATION: Meetings are in-person at Brother Harris home (302 River Rd N, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590) or otherwise specified in advanced. Virtual communication will be set up for brothers who can't make the in-person. Here is the reoccurring link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81180381406>

CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS (3 Delegates Each)

- NYACOA: [September 26-October 4, Harlem, USA](#)
- EASTERN REGION (ALPHA EAST): Tentative April 15-18, 2027, Hartford, CT
- GENERAL: July 7-11, 2027, Orlando, FL

BROTHERHOOD

BROTHERS KEEPER

Focus on keeping better contact with all Chapter Brother's, but more focus on the senior Brothers. Simply keeping in touch through phone call and/or text. Also offer assistance where it may be needed. Also hold a chapter seminar advising Brothers with instruction with leaving their family with Alpha wishes and contacts. Attached is a Wish Form for Brothers to use as a template. It was created by Brother Shawn Cheatham and not a sanction of the Fraternity, but a suggestion.

MID-HUDSON VALLEY NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

Continue with being financially active, volunteer for officer positions, and become more instrumental with fundraising ideas. We can do this by being more visible at the monthly meetings. In addition, consider supporting and/or partnering with our D9 family individually or jointly with events.

JOINT CHAPTER BBQ

Beta Pi Lambda & Kappa Upsilon Lambda chapters are celebrating Brotherhood and community by hosting a BBQ together on Saturday, September 12, 2026 (12pm-6pm). We will be at North/South Lake Campground (874 County Route 18, Haines Falls, NY 12436) at the South Pavilion. Chapter share of expenses equals half of \$2500. Brother's assisting is being asked to arrive at 9am. KUL needs \$70 from each Brother to contribute to the cost.

ALPHA ROUND-UP 2026

Targeted for the second or third Saturday this October. The round-up will consist of a morning photo shoot and afternoon brunch. Venue and timeline will be announced soon. The brunch will include invited family and friends with guest speaker Larry Blackmon. A special Omega Service with Bro. William Crawford in mind will be conducted to lend the names of all the Brothers who didn't have this service during their respective funeral or memorial. Beta Pi Lambda will like to join this effort.

NYACOA CONVENTION BASKETBALL TOURNEY AND RECEPTION

Team KUL was registered to participate in the 3 on 3 basketball tourney. Location will be at Rucker Park in Harlem on September 27th (1pm-6pm). We are looking for brave chapter brothers to suit up and have their meds ready. It's to my understanding that only Alpha Brothers can be a player on any given team. This event is part of the NYACOA Convention. Welcome Reception is scheduled for October 1st, 2026. Beta Pi Lambda, Eta Rho Lambda, & Kappa Upsilon Lambda chapters were asked to host this convention event. More details to follow for both.

RECLAMATION

By being fully functional and engaged, we can steer brothers back into the fold. Not just for them to be financial but them aiding the chapter on its mission. Review the names of brothers in the area in AlphaMX and reach out to them.

- Welcome Brother Robert Taylor (914-924-8852) into the KUL fold. He is running for Town Judge in his respective district in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

CERTIFICATION/RITUAL

Need ALL Brothers to be IMDP and Risk Management certified. We must be 50% certified with Risk Management to be in Good Standing with the general organization. We need volunteers to be Alpha Advisor certified to create an Advisory Team. See Alpha University with instructions how to get certified. General President is looking for every chapter to have a ritual committee or otherwise be considered not in good standing. He also stated that there is a new Ritual with special watermark on them that should always be in the possession of the Chapter President.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (LDI NORTH)

Goal is to sponsor at least one young man (preferably a brother's high school age son). Young men in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades with GPA between 2.5 – 4.0 are considered. The young man would also need to possess high moral and ethical character. Plus demonstrate self-respect for self and others, willing to challenge his own skills (social, interpersonal, and creative). More information can be found on www.ldieast.org. Projected cost per Alpha Ambassador is \$450.

INFORMATIONAL/INTEREST/INTAKE

Identify men interested in Alpha and invited them to everything that we can. Help us form a bond and vet the possible Brother. In addition, avail ourselves for ALL informational events chapter sponsored and Sigma Eta. All certified Brothers need to be in attendance for the IMDP process regardless if we do not have a candidate. (Only IMDP & Risk Management certified Brothers can participate).

The following men currently have interest in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc through Kappa Upsilon Lambda Chapter: No applications submitted for Fall 2026 intake as they were advised not to at this time. We should include them with correspondence with social events we sponsor or affiliated.

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| • Anthony Fiol (Internal Sphinx man) | 718-812-7532 | a.fiol1203@gmail.com |
| • Chris Grant | 845-464-0254 | CaGrant24@gmail.com |

RITUAL COMMITTEE/OMEGA SERVICE TEAMS

- General President Lucien Metellus announced that ALL CHAPTERS MUST appoint members into a Ritual Committee, otherwise the chapter will be considered not in good standing.
- Kappa Upsilon Lambda over a decade ago introduced having an A & B team for the Omega Service. I propose just a team to assist in learning the Omega Service or at minimum Brothers commit to memory the Omega Service Hymn.

SUPPORTING OTHER CHAPTERS/FELLOWSHIP

In moving forward, it's a desire to have our representation at other Alpha chapter events. Take photos and be KUL visual.

SERVICE

GO TO HIGH SCHOOL, GO TO COLLEGE

- HBCU College Tours
 - *Continue our partnership with Beta Pi Lambda Chapter with annual bus ride for students living in our respective areas of the Capital and Mid-Hudson Valley regions in visiting Black Colleges*

HOPELESS PEOPLE IS A VOTELESS PEOPLE

- Partnership with Newburgh Enlarged City School District & Mid-Hudson Valley NPHC
 - *Continue registering high school students and others to vote. (September/October 2026)*

PROJECT ALPHA

- Partnership with Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. - Kappa Eta Eta Chapter (Nursing Sorority)
 - *Agreement between our chapters to deliver abstinence information through seminars to school age students at locations TBA*
 - *Check with March of Dimes of the Mid-Hudson Valley to be included and see if they have allocated funding for our initiatives due to the national partnership we have with them.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Newburgh Unity Center (Newburgh Armory)
 - *Re-establish relationship with Kaplan team and at least commit once a month of service with one of the Saturday morning programs (9am-12pm)*
 - *Continue with Trick or Treat program in Newburgh and ask for each brother donate a bag of candy.*

EMAIL FROM NYACOA DISTRICT DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT LARRY BLACKMON

Good afternoon, Brother Presidents:

We have some important information to share with you and your chapters as we begin to launch another Fraternal Year.

1. 2026 Eastern Region College Brother Retreat:

- College Brothers of NYACOA – the Eastern Region College Brothers Retreat is taking place at Rowan University (Glassboro, New Jersey), hosted by Nu Iota Chapter – home of our Eastern Region Assistant Vice President, Bro. Theodore Young, Jr.
- The dates are September 11th–13th, 2026
- It is mandatory that all College Chapters send two delegates:
 - Chapter President or Vice President
 - Chapter Secretary or Chapter Dean
- Any active chapter that fails to send their delegation will not be allowed to have intake this fraternal year (Fall '26 or Spring '27)
- **The deadline to register is this Thursday, August 13th by midnight**
- The registration fee will be \$150.00 per required chapter representative and includes lodging and meals. You can register at: https://form.jotform.com/Jerome_Offord/2026_CBR_Registration or by scanning the barcode below

2. NYACOA Conference:

- The leadership is working hard to bring you a memorable conference in Harlem this year. It is important that your chapters are in good standing and represented!
- With the Convention taking place early this year, we need you to register your Delegates and Brothers much sooner than usual. As a reminder, each chapter has a delegate strength of 3 per our NYACOA Constitution & Bylaws.
- Log in to NYACOA.org, go to the Convention Page, and select the appropriate Registration link.
- If your chapter has fewer than three members, you must register all Active Brothers individually. We will reassign those Brothers as delegates.
- **Although the chapters have not gotten down to Fraternal Business for the new year yet, we still require you to get Brothers registered in advance so we can order the correct quantity of Conference gifts, food, and beverage in a timely fashion. Please register by Sunday, September 13th.**

3. IMDP & Risk Management Certifications:

- As you prepare to install your officers in September, please make sure they are all IMDP & Risk Management certified! It is also required for any Brothers wishing to sponsor/recommend candidates for intake. Lastly, at least 50% of all Brothers in your chapter must be certified for the chapter to have intake.
- All Brothers with current certifications, or those whose certs have expired within the last year, can log into Alpha University at any time to take the self-paced certifications. If you need assistance logging in, let us know.

- *For Neophytes & Brothers whose certifications expired December 31, 2024 or earlier - you must take the virtual training for IMDP certification. You cannot take the self-paced online courses. There are web trainings scheduled for August 13th, 15th, & 27th, as well as September 12th, 19th, and 26th that you must pre-register for in Alpha University.*
- **NEW:** *Brothers with 50+ years in Alpha and/or age 70+ can be exempt from taking the trainings. They can attend, but not actively participate in IMDP activities. However, if you wish to participate/sponsor/recommend, you must also be certified.*

4. Fall 2026 Intake:

- *The application window for Candidates opens on **September 1st**. Completion deadlines for NYACOA will be communicated at a later date based on our intake window. We strongly suggest your candidates get started on their applications early.*
 - *As a reminder, they will be unable to select a Brother who is not IMDP/RM certified when they are filling in their applications*
- *Headquarters will no longer allow for revisions to be made on submitted applications.*
- *Candidates will be rejected if anything is found missing or incorrect. Make sure you review your candidates' applications thoroughly before they submit them.*
- *In addition, ensure your Chapter applications are impeccable before submitting them.*
- *Work with your Chief Deans on when your respective Areas will hold intake this cycle.*
- *Candidates for this Fall will still be required to pay the NYACOA assessment, although they will miss this year's conference. Their payment will go towards covering their 2027 NYACOA Conference registration.*

Don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

Larry Scott-Blackmon

NYACOA President & District III Director

Jaime Offei-Okyne

NYACOA 2nd VP and Assistant District III Director

NOTES FROM GENERAL PRESIDENT TOWN HALL (AUGUST 19, 2026)

- Each chapter MUST create a Ritual Committee and report it to HQ (Not Good Standing Otherwise)
- Voteless People Is A Hopeless People – Heavy emphasis on pushing people to register to vote. Speak to General Committee as they may have grant to assist chapter with their initiatives. (Make sure we are insured) An App is being created for Brother from HQ
- 2030 Census coming and position ourselves as a fraternity to assisting.
- Concerns with social media and supporting Bro. John James who is running on the GOP ticket for Governor of Michigan. Be mindful how to respond or retaliate on social media. The fraternity doesn't support the views and affiliations of this brother.
- All brothers need to IMDP and risk mgt certified in all chapters is the mission.
- GRIP – IRS Group exemption (One single exemption vs per chapter) (Vouchers for groups)
- Investment Committee Board Meeting Development Project (Jackson State Univ)
- College Chapter Focus (Mentoring and Partnerships) – Fifty \$16K Scholarships
- Hazing Taskforce
- DEI Internal Committee (DEI and Belonging)
- IMDP – 70 years of age or 50+ year in frat (Rollout of Life Certifications)
- HQ Search, Virtual Credit Union, & Strategic Plan
- Ending Amnesty
- March on Washington
- 120th Celebration at Cornell University.



INFORMATION/CONTACT/WISH FORM

Brother Name

This form is designed to help the family or person responsible on the behalf of Brother named above with his fraternal information, who to contact, and with executing his desired wishes.

BROTHERS TO CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

PHONE: _____

OMEGA SERVICE: YES or NO (Provide desired Alpha photo)

CHAPTER OF INITIATION: _____ SEASON/YEAR: _____

LOCATION OF CHAPTER: _____

DONATION TO ALPHA: YES or NO IF YES, AMOUNT: \$ _____

CHAPTER and/or GENERAL HQ

HANDLING OF ALPHA MATERIAL/ARTIFACTS/PARAPHENELIA: _____

Brother Signature

Date

This form should be notarized and stored with your Will & Testament/Life Insurance.