

Pulse



Fall & Winter 2022 Edition



**PULLing Together in the New Normal:
The Legacy Continues!**

President's Corner

Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2022 edition of the **PULse**!

As we close out the first half of the 2022-2023 fraternal year, I am immensely proud of all that we have accomplished as a chapter. We are on our way to fulfilling our theme for this fraternal year, "PULing Together in the New Normal: The Legacy Continues."

We started off this fraternal year with our annual PUL Summer Retreat. This year we returned to a familiar location, the Donaldson Brown Estate in Port Deposit, MD. We were able to conduct business and tackle some tough topics as true Alpha men. After the business meeting, we ate and drank amidst a night of brotherhood bonding. We followed up the retreat by co-hosting a school supply backpack giveaway with our sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Gamma Omega chapter. We gave away over 160 backpacks filled with school supplies to the students at Princeton Elementary School in Camp Springs, MD.

We followed up that event with our annual Chapter Cookout hosted by our Spring

2022 Neophytes who did an outstanding job in planning and execution. As with our custom, we collected school supplies and donated them to the following elementary schools: Berwyn Heights, Cooper Lane, Rogers Heights, and Seabrook. We also conducted our Fall Highway Clean-Up, our monthly Food for Families distributions and our Thanksgiving Holiday Basket donation to the families of Cooper Lane Elementary school.

We tackled the relocation of our primary meeting space, and despite some technical difficulties for our September meeting, we continue our hybrid chapter meeting structure where we have 35+ brothers attend physically and approximately the same amount attending virtually. I want to thank Brothers Martrel Perry, Seythe McCoy-Leffall and James Riddick for all their work in ensuring that we can continue to provide this valuable service to the Brotherhood.

As we close 2022 and move into 2023, we still have work to do. We have several major events that will require the support from all the 137 brothers that call PUL home. I

encourage brothers to attend Executive Board and Chapter meetings and our upcoming mid-year retreat in January where we reflect on the first half of the year and plan for the second half. We want all brothers to have a voice in programming, but we need you there for your input.

In conclusion, I hope you enjoy this issue of the **PULse** published by Bro. Kendall Pace in one of his first roles as the newly installed Associate Editor to the Sphinx. I want to wish every Brother and their families a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Bro. Kevin D. Stewart

President, Pi Upsilon Lambda



PUL Chapter History

For nearly 30 years, the good brothers of the Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter have been making an impact in Prince George's County, MD and the surrounding communities.



The chapter was chartered in New Orleans, LA on August 1, 1993 at the 1993 General Convention.

The original catalysts during the chartering of PUL were 6 brothers of the Kappa Epsilon Lambda Chapter being **Bros. Alex C. Bailey, Raymond Blackstone, Thomas Brown, Sr., Robert Kirkland, Al Perrine, Sr., and Keith Wilson,** and later joined by **James Henderson,** a life member of the Fraternity.

PUL had one of the largest numbers of charter members for a chapter in Alpha history with 61 brothers becoming charter members. The initial seat was established in Brandywine, MD and later moved to Largo, MD. The primary focus of PUL, much like our larger Fraternity as a whole, has been community service, education, and scholarship.

The pillar of community service has been our P.A.C.E. (*PUL Alphas for Community Excellence*) Committee, which hosts a number of events every year such as the Highway Clean-Up program, Jingle Mingle Christmas Toy Drive, and a number of other events.



Our chapter, in conjunction with the PUL

Charitable Foundation, coordinates an annual Youth Leadership Development Institute, a 13-week engagement that educates young black males on topics they face in their day to day lives, and furthers Alpha Phi Alpha's original Go-To-High School and Go-To-College Programs.



The PULCF also provides scholarships to graduating high school students living in Prince George's County, MD who plan to pursue collegiate studies.

At PUL, we strive to be an Alumni Chapter with the Spirit of a College Chapter. We handle the Business of Alpha, while maintaining the all important aspect of Brotherhood that makes this organization great. The Proud Pi Upsilon Lambda.

30th Anniversary Planning

Charter Day & 30th Anniversary Kick Off Celebration

On August 1, 2022, approximately 30 Brothers of the Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter gathered together for the Charter Day and 29th Anniversary Celebration, hosted at TAP Sports Bar at MGM National Harbor.



The event also served as a Kick Off Celebration for the Chapter's 30th Anniversary branded events.



Bros. Alex Bailey and Kevin Stewart, the first ever and current Presidents of PUL respectively, attended the event among others. Brothers enjoyed food and fellowship as **Bro. Anthony Harris**, the 30th Anniversary Committee Chairman and 7th Chapter President, discussed the chapter's exciting upcoming events.

Powerful Podcasting

As our chapter approaches its 30th Anniversary, PUL is introducing a number of new and exciting community initiatives. Historian **Bro. Michael Richardson**, along with 30th Anniversary Chairman **Bro. Anthony Harris**, have partnered to produce the ***Phirst Impulse Podcast*** - a podcast focused on the history and impact of PUL in Prince George's County, MD. The project launched on October 21, 2022, with more episodes coming soon. [Episodes can be found here](#) as well as on other streaming platforms like Apple Podcasts and iHeart Radio. Show your support by giving it a listen today!



Summer Planning Retreat

Business & Pleasure

Brothers traveled to the Donaldson Brown Riverfront Event Center in Port Deposit, MD to attend the annual PUL Summer Planning Retreat from August 20-21, 2022. Over 50 brothers were in attendance, as they did the work of Alpha while also taking time to relax with the Brotherhood. The retreat featured an introduction of the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year Officers and Committee Chairmen, productive business sessions, competitive games of spades and billiards, Brotherhood Smokes, and delicious continental meals prepared by Donaldson Brown catering. Needless to say, the future of PUL looks very bright!



Summer Planning Retreat

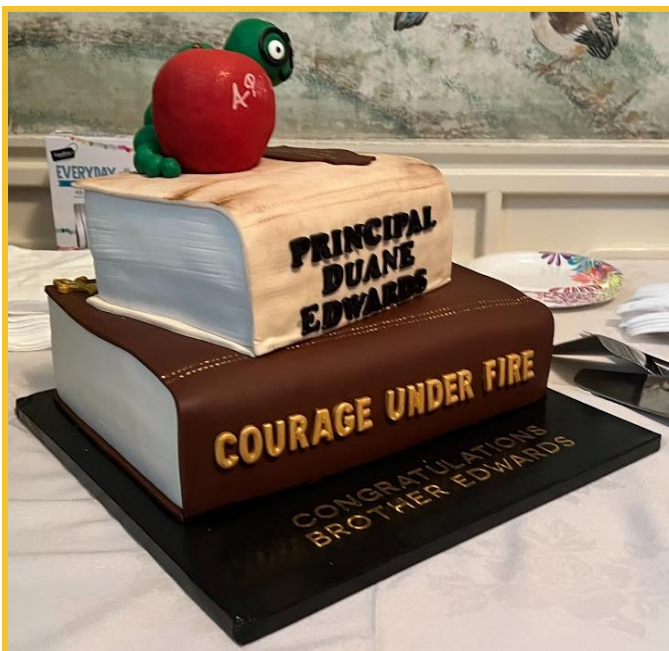
***Answer the Call* – A message from Bro. Michael Richardson**

During the Sunday Prayer Breakfast portion of the retreat, **Bro. Michael Richardson** delivered a message titled ***Answer the Call***. Here is a brief excerpt from his message:

The Brotherhood of Alpha is strong. Our aims are true. Manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind. We understand the power of relationships. We know the impact and necessity of service. It is through relationships that we work to and inspire others to be the type of savior needed in this moment. We are approaching the 30th anniversary of this great chapter. As we near our culminating celebration, we will look back and revisit lives touched through the work done. We will mourn relationships with those no longer in service with us. Today is our opportunity to save. People need help in this life - not in death. We are positioned to do this necessary work. We have each other, which means we have everything we need to be what they need. I look forward to continuing to answer the call with each of you, Brothers.

Bro. Duane Edwards Named Principal of Roger Heights Elementary School

Also during the Summer Planning Retreat, Brothers celebrated a milestone achievement for **Bro. Duane Edwards**, 10th Chapter President, as he was named Principal of Roger Heights Elementary.



Bro. Edwards has served the greater Washington Metropolitan area as an educator for decades, and has served in every position imaginable leading up to this appointment. Brothers celebrated this milestone with a toast and enjoyed cake and brotherly fellowship. Please help us congratulate our dear good brother!



Keeping up the P.A.C.E.



P.A.C.E. Backpack Giveaway

On August 27, 2022, the P.A.C.E. Committee partnered with the PUL Charitable Foundation and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Gamma Omega Chapter to distribute over 160 backpacks with school supplies to Princeton Elementary School students in Camp Springs, MD. Brothers ‘showed up and showed out’ for our first community service event of the year. Parents and children were able to enjoy a day filled with music and ice cream, while also having access to onsite medical services for last minute vaccinations before the start of the school year. Now that’s what I call service! It was a great success and a perfect start to the Fraternal Year!



Keeping Up the P.A.C.E.

Highway Clean-Up

The Fall Highway Clean-Up was held on October 15, 2022 at the chapter's adopted road on Martin Luther King Jr. Highway in Landover, MD. P.A.C.E. Committee Chair **Bro. Andrew Sheppard** did a great job spearheading this beautification initiative. As always, Brothers were able to fill several bags with trash while having the opportunity to fellowship. Performing this service for our adopted road speaks to the Fraternity's undying mission of "providing service and advocacy for our communities". We appreciate all brothers and guests that were able to attend!



Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution

The P.A.C.E. Committee gathered on November 18, 2022 to assemble and distribute Thanksgiving food boxes for 25 needy families at Cooper Lane Elementary School. The event went off without a hitch, as we always love servicing our community!

Jingle Mingle Toy Drive

The P.A.C.E. Committee co-hosted this year's Jingle Mingle Christmas Toy Drive with the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on December 8, 2022 at Center Pocket Cafe & Billiards in Bowie, MD. This event is always full of holiday cheer, as the toys collected from attendees are distributed to the students of Cooper Lane Elementary, Cora L. Rice Elementary, Roger Heights Elementary, Seabrook Elementary and Berwyn Heights Elementary - just in time for Santa's arrival. Food, drinks, billiards and plenty of strolling truly made this an event to remember!

Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter
Presents

Jingle & Mingle TOY DRIVE

Center Pocket Café & Billiards
4931 Tesla Drive, Unit H
Bowie, MD

Thursday, December 8, 2022
7pm - 10pm

"Masks Required"

Come jingle and mingle at our Annual Toy Drive! Entry is free with a new, unwrapped toy. Toy donations will benefit children at Berwyn Heights, Bradbury Heights, Clinton Grove, Cooper Lane, Francis T. Evans, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy, Rogers Heights, and Seabrook Elementary Schools.

Can't make it out? You may still support by purchasing a toy at <https://amzn.to/3MvPsFH>. It will be shipped to us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.DSTFWAC.org
www.pul1906.org/

Music by DJ Ease

PUL Charitable Foundation

New Faces, Same Mission

The PUL Charitable Foundation held its Annual Meeting on October 23, 2022, where stakeholders discussed the future of the Foundation. It continues its mission to improve the quality of life for Prince George's County residents through community-based programs, social policy, health advocacy and educational scholarship. Newly appointed officers and board members stepped into their roles, namely **Bro. Trey Scott**, as he was named the newest President of PULCF. We know he will do an excellent job leading the Foundation into a bright future.



Scholarship Golf Tournament

On September 26, 2022, the PUL Charitable Foundation held a Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Oak Creek Golf Club in Upper Marlboro, MD. Brothers and members of the greater Prince George's County community engaged in a competitive series of golf while raising money for scholarships to be given by the PULCF. Top golfers had the opportunity to win a multitude of highly-coveted prizes, including a brand new SUV. The event was a huge success and is a testament to the continuous organizational efforts of **Bros. Dr. Alex Bailey** and **Dr. David Harmon**!

Young Scholar Feature

On August 6, 2022, the PUL Charitable Foundation was able to present awardee **Remington Goodman** with his scholarship check. Remington is currently completing his freshman year at Tuskegee University where he is majoring in Aerospace Engineering. We are extremely proud of Remington and know he will do amazing work in college and beyond!



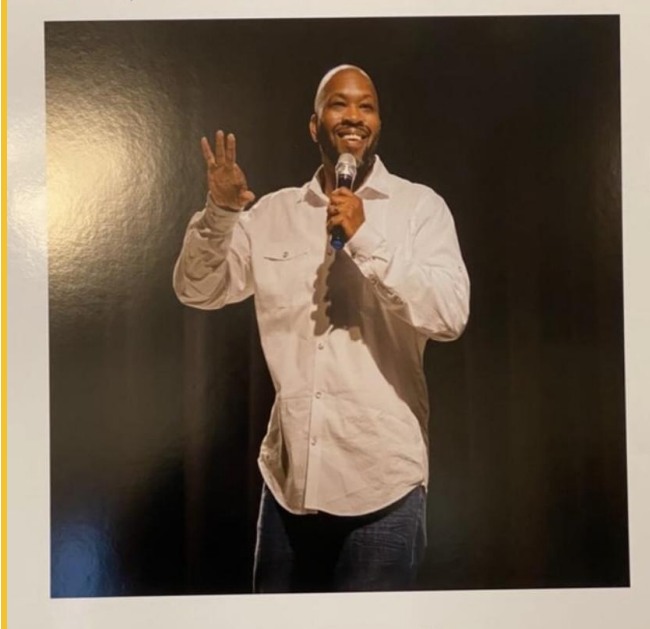
PUL Charitable Foundation



3rd Annual Gospel & Jazz Scholarship Luncheon

The PUL Charitable Foundation held its 3rd Annual Gospel & Jazz Scholarship Luncheon on November 13, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Greenbelt, MD. **Ms. Lynn and the On Kee Jazz Band** performed as the musical guests and set the mood for our lovely event. This year brought an added layer of fun to the luncheon, as gospel comedian **Walter Campbell** performed a set and kept the audience laughing out loud. Proceeds from the luncheon contributed directly to the PULCF scholarship resources, which is proud to have donated over \$250,000 in scholarships to deserving high school students in Prince George's County, MD since its inception in 1994.

Comedian, Master of Ceremonies and Public Speaker



Chapter Cookout



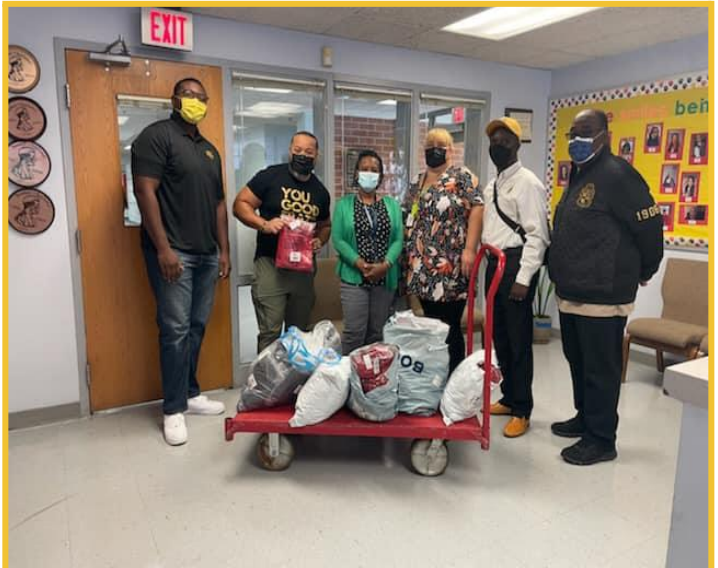
The PUL Spring 2022 Neophytes hosted the Chapter Cookout on September 10, 2022 at the Watkins Regional Park, Pavilion 7 in Kettering, MD. Brothers near and far came out for fellowship, food, music, games, fun and barbecue! The Brothers were also joined by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as well as other members of the Divine Nine Community and guests. The Chapter Cookout also incorporated a school supply drive in conjunction with the PUL Charitable Foundation.



Chapter Cookout

School Uniform, Backpack & Supply Giveaway

On September 23, 2022, PUL Chapter in conjunction with the PUL Charitable Foundation distributed the school uniforms, backpacks and supplies donated at the Chapter Cookout to Berwyn Heights Elementary, Cooper Lane Elementary, Rogers Heights Elementary and Seabrook Elementary Schools. The Brothers met with Principal, and PUL's own, **Bro. Duane Edwards** to distribute a combination of well over 300 school item necessities. The teachers and administrators were extremely appreciative, and there were plenty of hugs to go around! A special 'Thank You' goes out to **Bro. Trey Scott** for organizing this effort and everyone that donated items during the Chapter Cookout!



Health & Wellness

Real Men Wear Pink Cancer Awareness Walk

The PUL Health & Wellness Committee held a Cancer Awareness walk on October 22, 2022 at Watkins Regional Park in Kettering, MD. Brothers wore pink clothing with names of loved ones affected by cancer written on them to honor those lost and currently battling the disease. Supporting causes such as Cancer Awareness are extremely important for the health of our communities, as many of us feel the impact when we lose loved ones or see them suffer.

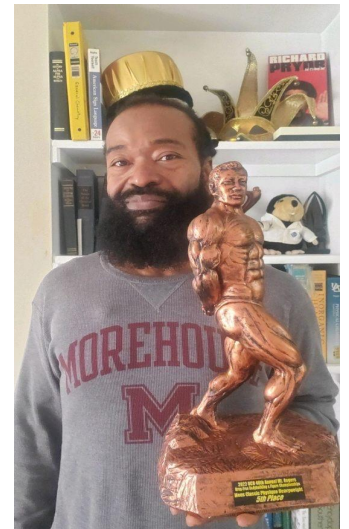


These community walks provide a setting to both exercise and share useful information on how to best defend ourselves from illness. PUL Chapter urges all to take the appropriate measures in visiting the doctor and screening for cancer. Remember: many diseases can often be successfully treated if discovered early! **Bros. Shawn Watkins, Brandon Strong, and Dr. Jonathan Goode** continue to do great work in reminding us of the importance of health and wellness.



Bro. Dr. John “Hercules” Harkless Continues to Shine

PUL’s very own **Bro. Dr. John Harkless** continues his bodybuilding journey, winning even more show awards in Richmond, VA! He inspires all of us at PUL to stay the fitness course - because maybe one day - we can be lucky enough to look like him!



A Voteless People is a Hopeless People

Midterm Elections

Alpha Brothers from all chapters nationwide ‘showed up and showed out’ during the 2022 Midterm Elections. Early voting began October 24, 2022, leading up to Election Day on November 8, 2022. It was a pleasure to see our **Bro. Wes Moore** elected as the first black governor in Maryland’s history, as well as **Bro. Raphael Warnock** win re-election to the U.S. Senate in Georgia! Keep up the great work, Brothers!



Brotherhood

Annual Fishing Trip

The Chapter continued its annual Brotherhood Fishing Trip tradition on October 9, 2022 in Edgewater, MD. The voyage saw a large turnout of 12 Brothers along with 4 of their children, as Brothers were able to reel in a grand total of 23 rockfish - much to **Bro. Steve Robinson's** delight. Congratulations to **Bro. Van Rawls** for catching the day's largest fish - a whopping 25 inches! A special "Thank You" goes out to **Captain Randy Dean** of Bay Hunters Charter Fishing for facilitating such a wonderful outing.



Brotherhood



Phrozen Fridays

The Pharaohs of Fun brought back a PUL classic on October 21, 2022 and December 2, 2022 with the fraternal year's first Phrozen Fridays! Several Brothers met at TAP Sports Bar inside the MGM National Harbor to have a night out while enjoying all the food and thrills the casino has to offer. Alpha Phi Alpha men work hard morning, noon, and night, so it is important that we also take time to destress and enjoy ourselves! You may even stumble upon a surprise appearance from **Bro. Eastern Regional Vice President Christopher G. Ellis, Jr.** Suggestions for future Phrozen Friday events and venues should be directed to **Bros. Brandon Buckner** and **Keith Alexander**. Let the good times roll!



Region & District News

24th Annual Tony Cheatham MAAC Founders Day Breakfast

The 24th Annual MAAC Founders Day Celebration was held on December 3, 2022 at the Metro Points Hotel in New Carrollton, MD. Brothers from all across the MAAC District gathered to celebrate and fellowship on the eve of our fraternity's founding. Attendees were able to witness the traditional Seven Candle Ceremony and Retirement of Jewels. Guest speaker **Bro. Dr. Ed Jackson Jr.**, a Spring 1996 PUL initiate, gave a powerful speech on Alpha Phi Alpha's role in a Post-Pandemic America. He is best known as the Executive Architect of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project. PUL's own **Bro. Steven Patterson** created and provided the handcrafted gift traditionally given to the event's renowned guest speaker.



ERC Staff Meeting

PUL Brothers attended and represented our Chapter at the annual Eastern Region Staff Meeting on September 24, 2022 at Rutgers University in Camden, NJ. **Bros. Kevin Stewart and Brian Halliburton** were in

attendance. The focus of the staff meeting was centered on collegiate chapter sustainability, risk management and alumni/collegiate Brother relations.

31st MAAC District Conference

Brothers from PUL again attended and represented our Chapter at the 31st MAAC District Conference on November 5, 2022 at Coppin State University in Baltimore, MD. Brothers attended both in person and via Zoom to hear the district's presentation. The focus and theme of the staff meeting was refocusing, recentering, and reenergizing the work of Alpha.

In Memoriam



Bro. Dr. Zollie Julius Stevenson Jr.

April 6, 1953 - July 8, 2022

The Brothers of the Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to take this time to acknowledge and celebrate the life and legacy of our very own dear Brother, **Dr. Zollie Julius Stevenson Jr.** Bro. Stevenson was a renowned Brother of Alpha Phi Alpha, serving in countless positions for the Fraternity during his storied life. Most recently in 2021, he was inducted into the Alpha East Hall of Fame for his immense dedication and unselfish service to the Eastern Region. Bro. Stevenson, your brothers here in the PUL Chapter and Alpha at large will continue to honor your legacy of holding up the Light. Thank you, and we continue to pray for and support your family and loved ones.

The Zollie Stevenson Scholarship

In honor of our dearly departed Brother, **Dr. Zollie Stevenson**, the PUL Chapter in conjunction with the PUL Charitable Foundation created the Zollie Stevenson Memorial Scholarship - a \$500.00 scholarship that was given to local student **Philander Smith**. Congratulations to Philander on his scholarship and we wish him the best of luck with his educational endeavors!



Dr. Jean Accius - November 4, 1998
Richard B. Black - November 25, 1980
Drewry L. Brown, Jr. - November 17, 2013
Thomas S. Brown - December 6, 1963
Durrell A. Bullock - November 11, 2006
Quintus Carlisle - November 12, 2005
Alvin L. Clark, Jr. - November 9, 1979
James H. Day, Jr. - November 19, 1988
Rodney T. Frank - November 13, 1999
Richard A. Greenlee, Jr. - November 11, 1988
Ricky A. Griswold - November 5, 2016
Darron J. Johnson - November 4, 2018
Dr. Marvin L. Jones, Jr. - November 11, 1989
Dr. Woodrow M. Knight - December 2, 1961
Michael McCoy - November 30, 1984
DeLano A. Raven - November 5, 2000
Dr. Keith Miller - December 23, 1985
Derrick D. Nunn - November 16, 1988
Dr. Rodney E. Oakley - November 8, 1985
Steven L. Patterson - November 3, 2019
James M. Riddick, Jr. - November 23, 1999
Charles L. Scott, III - November 19, 2016
Rasheen Smith - November 21, 1998
Dr. Jerome Tarver - October 26, 1984
Pierre N. Thomas - November 12, 2011
2001



Michael A. Johnson - December 4, 1977
Guizelous O. Molock, Jr. - November 4, 1977



Dr. Torrance T. Brown - November 15, 1997
Okechuku K. Eniya - December 6, 1997
Damian D. Taylor - September 27, 1997



Martrel A. Perry - October 28, 2017

Kaleb J. VanCleave - November 21, 2015
Wade A. Woolfolk - November 17,

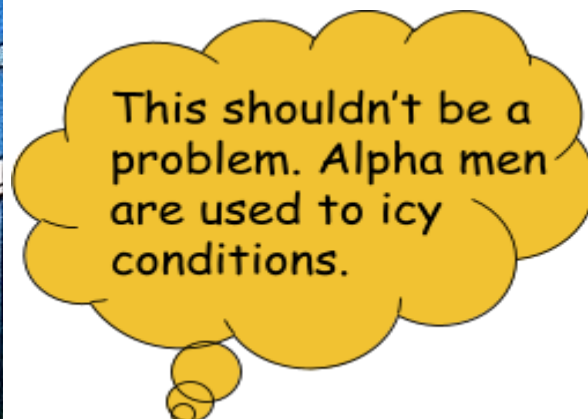
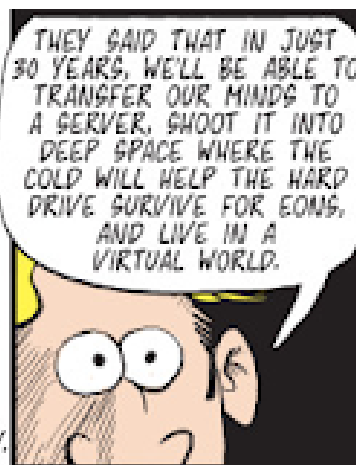
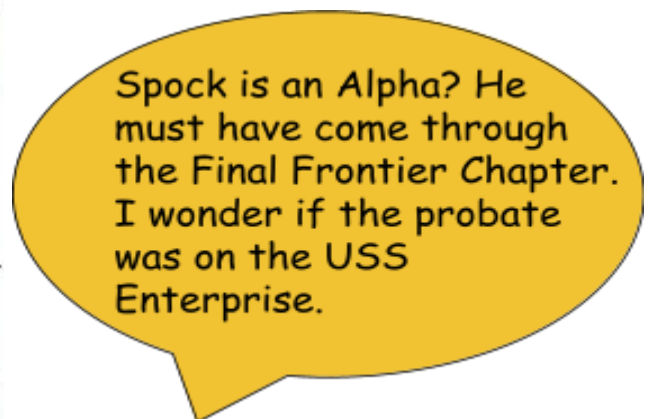
Alpha Amusement

Before you go, check out our new comic strip & game section! Just like the funnies in your Sunday paper - *but ice cold*.



Alphas are known for being intelligent. Can you solve this puzzle by finding all these Fraternity-related words?

Advocacy	Alex Bailey	Alpha
Brotherhood	Callis	Charity
College	Cornell	Foundation
Greek	Grip	Invictus
Ithaca	Jewel	Leaders
Phirst	PUL	Service
Stroll	Vote	Sphinx



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President - Bro. Kevin D. Stewart	Brotherhood Affairs - Bro. Craig G. Trower
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Secretary - Bro. Brandon A. Buckner	Reactivation & Retention - Bro. Gregory Gary
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The Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha meets on the 2nd Friday of every month, promptly at 7:06 p.m at:

SKC Early Education Center
70 Watkins Park Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774

This has been another exciting edition of the ***PULse***!
So long, and ‘til next time.....

“OHHHHHHH SIX”

