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DELTA TAU LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

Founders Day 2012 Celebration Imbued with Memories Fond

On an ice cold Tuesday, on December 4, 1906, seven young men came together to solidify the most illustrious order of collegiate men in modern history.

On December 1, 2012, the Brothers of Delta Tau Lambda came together to honor the 106th anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the 63rd anniversary of our chapter (December 3, 1949) during a dinner at the Radisson Phoenix Airport Hotel.



Celebration along with their family and friends.

Attendees were treated to a reflection on our dear fraternity's history by Bro. Erwin Fisher. He shared photos, news articles and stories about Alpha Phi Alpha and they were indeed inspiring to us all.

Bro. Bradie Hopper was selected as the 2012 DTL William "Bill" Corbin Award winner. This honor is bestowed upon a Brother who displays unquestioned dedication to the fraternity and the Delta Tau Lambda chapter.

Approximately 30 Brothers attended the Founders Day

celebration to the fraternity and the Delta Tau Lambda chapter.

Delta Tau Lambda to Host 2013 Tri-State District Conference

As the reigning 2012 Western Region/Tri-State District Chapter of the Year for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Tau Lambda looks forward to hosting a successful and productive 2013 Tri-State District Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

The 2013 Conference theme is "Brotherhood: An Impactful Investment."

The Conference will be hosted on February 8-10 at the Phoenix Airport Radisson Hotel, 427 North 44th Street, Phoenix. Plans for the weekend include a community service event, business meetings, breakout sessions, fellowshiping and an ecumenical service at First Institutional Baptist Church.

We look forward to record numbers at the Tri-State District Conference.

If you have not yet registered for the 2013 Tri-State District Conference, please do so by Feb. 9. The Registration link is: <http://tristatealphas.ticketleap.com/2013-tri-state-district-conference/>.



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Alpha Phi Alpha Installs Mark S. Tillman as General President in Detroit

The world's oldest intercollegiate fraternity founded by African-American men—Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity—celebrated the official installation of newly elected General President and Detroit resident, Mark S. Tillman, during a celebration and recognition of this Alpha brother and his vision for the fraternity, Jan. 4-6, in Detroit, MI, at the Detroit Marriot Renaissance Hotel.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's mission is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy to the community. Alpha has served the community in multiple facets, including its members being outspoken political advocates for the African American community.

"I honor the legacy and assume a post to lead every Alpha man to remain connected to providing service to the communities we serve," explained General President Tillman.

Mark Tillman has dedicated over two decades of service to making Alpha Phi Alpha a leader in the eyes of its membership and communities it serves.

A resident of Detroit for the past 24 years, Tillman is also dedicated to uplifting the community and remains actively involved. Tillman has a passion for empowering young African-American men, and has served as a three-time mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He was also recently honored as Detroit's WXYZ television's Detroit 2020 "Person of the Week" for his dedication to mentoring. One of the highlights of the inaugural weekend was General President Tillman's address to the Alpha Esquires, a mentored group of young African American men from the Detroit area.

"As Alpha Men, we are servants in our communities. I have been a Big Brother for over 10 years, and a witness



The official swearing in of General President Tillman was performed by legendary Detroit activist Judge Damon Jerome Keith and Alpha Phi Alpha 25th General President, Judge James R. Williams.

that mentoring can change the lives of young boys, and help them meet the growing challenges they will face going into adulthood. It is our responsibility to invest in each other and our youth. I encourage all brothers to register and become a Big Brother," says Tillman. With January being "National Mentoring Month", Tillman saw it very fitting to reiterate the importance of Alpha men becoming active mentors.

The 2,000 brothers from the Michigan District of Alpha Phi Alpha celebrated along with the over 100,000 brothers from across the nation.

General Convention Registration is Open for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

All roads are leading to the "Live Music Capital of the World" for our 107th Anniversary Convention/92nd General Convention. I am expecting great things and good times for you and your families.

In accordance with Article II, Section 5, of the Constitution of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, I do hereby issue the "Official Call" for the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to convene in the City of Austin, Texas, at the Hilton Austin Hotel. The official convention dates are Wednesday, June 26—Sunday, June 30, 2013.

Our fraternity has recently faced challenges, but we must rally the men of Alpha to act as one. My charge now is for us to come together and chart a course for what lies ahead, reinforce the trust with each other, and have success while making an impact. During this convention, we will make

some tough decisions. I am counting on you, Brothers, to invest in Alpha. I am counting on you to come prepared to work together as one.

This convention will not be consumed with all work. Make plans to attend the Miss Black & Gold Pageant, Hobart Jarrett Debate Competition, Collegiate Scholars Bowl Competition, National Collegiate Step Show, and the many parties and hospitality receptions hosted by the brotherhood and our corporate partners. You and your family will also have time to enjoy what the great city of Austin has to offer. The brothers of Delta Chapter (Houston-Tillotson University), Epsilon Iota Chapter (University of Texas-Austin), Mu Nu (Texas State University-San Marcos) and Gamma Eta Lambda Chapter are preparing to show everyone a good time.

We will end the convention with our

Black & Gold Awards Banquet. This year, every registered college brother will receive a ticket to the black-tie gala. I expect all brothers and their guests to attend and be prepared to take a historic fraternal photo. Remember, the Alpha investment is about both college and alumni brothers participating and working together as one.

My Brothers, be safe, and I look forward to seeing you in Austin.

Fraternally,

Mark S. Tillman
General President



Alpha Leads MLK Celebration

On January 21, Delta Tau Lambda members and our families and friends came out in force to honor one of our dear brothers Brother Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the City of Phoenix MLK March and Festival.

As Alpha men are called to do, we led the march from the front and carried the banner of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. from Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church to Margaret T. Hance Park.



Phoenix Divine 9 Bowling Trophy Is Back in the House of Alpha

After one wayward year, Delta Tau Lambda is proud to announce that we have brought the "Divine 9" trophy back into the House of Alpha where it belongs.

The bowlers included Dr. Robert Crosby, Myron Douglass, Shawn Hill, Julius Williams, Suchindran Chatterjee, Devin Dourisseau, Jason Callaman, Anthony Currie and Eugene Thompson.

Delta Tau Lambda won the "Divine 9" trophy during the 7th Annual SuperBowling Scholarship Fundraiser hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on January 26 in Scottsdale.

"We have some really good bowlers in the brotherhood," said Bro. Chatterjee. "I'm glad the light of Alpha was shown to burn high in the Valley. It was a true team effort and shall be repeated again in the coming years."

Alphas Making Business Connections in the Valley

Written by Bro. Shawn Hill

The Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce (GPBCC) held the 2012 Economic & Career Summit at the Marriott at McDowell Mountain in Scottsdale on Nov. 8-9.

Bro. Peter Hemingway is the Chairman of the Board and Bro. Brendon Riley is the Recruitment Chair for the Greater Phoenix Black Chamber. Other members of Delta Tau Lambda who attended the GPBCC Economic & Career Summit included Bros. Shawn Hill, Chapter Vice President and Curtis Johnson, President of the National Sales Network-Phoenix Chapter.

"This was the first event that I have attended with the GPBCC and the level of networking and informational content was the best that I have been a part of here in the Valley," said Brother Johnson. "I developed a better understanding of the economic status of the African American community and more importantly I realized even more channels of information for Black businesses."

Bros. Johnson and Hill also had the opportunity to meet, network, and take a photo with another prominent Alpha Brother, former NFL Tight End for the Minnesota Vikings, Steve Jordan. Bro. Jordan is the Director of Construction Services for Ryan Companies and he was a guest panelist who participated in one of the Entrepreneur Training Breakout Sessions.

The Brothers of Delta Tau Lambda also had an opportunity to hear from Derek Dingle, Senior Vice President/Editor-in-Chief, Black Enterprise Magazine. The GPBCC offers some wonderful networking opportunities and access to resources to African Americans in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Current Alpha Business owners, brothers with an entrepreneurial spirit and professionals in the Valley should seriously consider tapping into the GPBCC network.



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Delta Tau Lambda 2013 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2013

02/02/13 Chapter Meeting
02/08/13-2/10/13 Tri-State District Conference - Phoenix, AZ
02/16/13 E-Board Meeting

MARCH 2013

03/02/13 Chapter Meeting
TBD Project Alpha
03/16/13 Feed the Homeless
03/24/13 E-Board Meeting

APRIL 2013

04/06/13 Chapter Meeting (Office Nominations)
04/10-13/13 Western Regional Convention - Denver, CO
04/19/13 Feed the Homeless
04/20/13 E-Board Meeting

MAY 2013

05/04/13 Chapter Meeting
05/17/13 Feed the Homeless
05/18/13 E-Board Meeting

JUNE 2013

TBD Greek Alumni Bowl - BBBS
06/01/13 Chapter Meeting
TBD DTL Summer Splash Party
TBD 2nd Annual AZ Men's Health Expo
06/15/13 E-Board End of the Year Wrap-Up Meeting
06/21/13 Feed the Homeless
06/26-30/13 General Convention - Austin, TX

AUGUST 2012

TBA DTL Planning Retreat

Events subject to change without notice.

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