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

## Leading from the Front



**(From left) Bros. Marquis Scott, Saint Ranson, Roy Tatem and Tremaine Jasper pose with one of the newly unveiled Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard signs which will be placed on Broadway Road in Phoenix.**

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It is fitting that in January 2015, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is showing the Phoenix metropolitan area and the world at large that we lead from the front.

During the month of January, the city of Phoenix hosted two celebrations in honor of our Brother, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 15, which happens to be Dr. King's birthday, Brothers living the Valley of the Sun joined the community at the corner of 24th Street and Broadway Road, as Phoenix Councilwoman Kate Gallego, Councilman Michael Nowakowski, Mayor Greg Stanton and local dignitaries unveiled a ceremonial sign that renamed Broadway Road as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Bro. Marquis Scott gave an inspiring speech about Brother Dr.

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## Brothers Celebrate Founders Day, DTL's 65th Anniversary

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 6, 2014, the Brothers of Delta Tau Lambda came together to honor the 108th anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the 65th anniversary of our chapter (December 3, 1949) during a dinner and fellowship at the home of Bro. Brendon Riley.

Approximately 30 Brothers attended the Founders Day Celebration.

Bro. Julius Williams was selected as the 2014 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.



## Fraternal Factoids ...

### Congratulations

- Bro. Marquis Scott was overwhelmingly voted as Brother of the Year for the Delta Tau Lambda chapter. He will represent us at the Tri-State District Conference and hopefully beyond! Onward and upward Bro. Scott!
- Bro. Lovelle McMichael was one of six recipients of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream award. He was recognized at a breakfast in Phoenix on January 16.
- Bro. Nathan Cabbil has been approved for membership in the Executive Leadership Council (ELC). ELC is an organization designed to increase the number of African American Executives in the C-Suite (CEO, COO, CFO, CIO) and on the Board(s) of Directors of Fortune 500 companies. Bro. Cabbil is President, West Region and Senior Vice President of Republic Services, an environmental services leader and the second largest waste and recycling company in North America.

### Brothers On the Move

- Our loss is Texas' gain! Bro. Brendon Riley has accepted a position as Senior Vice President-Loan Team Manager with the Houston Commercial Banking Leadership Team and will be departing the Phoenix area with his daughter, Blayre, in February 2015.

### From the Editor

- The Beacon newsletter is a key tool for us to chronicle our numerous activities and accomplishments. If you would like to contribute stories to our publication, please contact Bro. Tremaine Jasper at [tremaine.jasper@phoenixalphas.org](mailto:tremaine.jasper@phoenixalphas.org).

### Social Media

- Did you know that we have a private Delta Tau Lambda Alphas Facebook group page? On this page, we share ideas, opinions, upcoming community events and anything else that comes to mind. If you would like to join the Group page, please contact Bro. Tremaine Jasper at [tremaine.jasper@phoenixalphas.org](mailto:tremaine.jasper@phoenixalphas.org).



*Manly Deeds, Scholarship and Love for All Mankind...*

## Welcome to the House of Alpha

The 5 Triumphant Suns of the House of Ra were initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. on November 22, 2014.

Our new Brothers, affectionately known as our "Neos," are already quite busy Holding High The Name, but took time to reflect on What Alpha Means to Them.

### #1 - Bro. Saint Ranson Amun-Ra aka Worthy Is the Lamb

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. represents everything that a man should encompass. When I think of Alpha, I think of leadership, intelligence, appreciation for the African American history and culture, commitment to the community and most of all respect for black womanhood and love for all mankind. In my effort to become a man that would uphold distinguished characteristics as such, I desired to seek membership into the Fraternity so that I might ultimately become the symbol of encouragement to other young men that Alpha has and continues to mean to me – the opportunity to be a leader and the chance to educate and cultivate the community among those around me to be a part of something larger than themselves. With this perspective, I declare with humility and sincerity that I, and those that come after me, will be significant contributors to the organization both locally and nationally, and at any level in which we are called upon to exhibit scholarship, fellowship, good character and uplift of humanity.

### #2 - Bro. Keeon Pullen Khnun-Ra aka Sarge

To me, Alpha Phi Alpha is the epitome of leadership, a group of selfless leaders who have a life-long commitment to uplift our community. Alpha Phi Alpha has a deep-rooted history filled with men of character and distinction, a standard that I vow to uphold. I am

honored to be a part of the same organization as Martin Luther King Jr, Thurgood Marshall and other leaders of their craft. On November 22, 2014 at 7:15 PM I was deemed worthy enough to become a part of this great organization. Although my time as been short, I have learned a great deal from the men who have prepared me for this process. I've learned to be the best at everything that I do and to continue looking forward while not forgetting about my community. I am prepared to do the work of Alpha.

### #3 - Bro. Benjamin Thomas Jr Khepri-Ra aka Academic

To me, Alpha Phi Alpha means a standard. A standard that comes with hard work and dedication in the communities in which we serve. Alpha Phi Alpha also means a long legacy of leadership, development, and achievement. An Alpha man must be a leader and not just a follower of a trend. One has to eat, breathe, and sleep Alpha in order to uphold the high standards of Alpha Phi Alpha. On November 22, 2014, I was so blessed to cross the burning sands and become a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. In my short time as an Alpha, I have learned that I must press to be the best minister, father, student, husband, and co-worker that I can be at all times. Alpha Phi Alpha means being a part of a brotherhood that will be with me until my last breath. I look forward to the journey that is ahead.

### #4 - Bro. Nathan Cabbil Atum Ra, a.k.a. "Boss"

To me, Alpha phi Alpha means lifelong brotherhood, leadership, a commitment to excellence, and dedication to serving our communities.

On brotherhood, I have found a place that I can "do me." A safe haven in which I can enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals who share common interests and goals. A place where I can seek mentorship and be

a mentor at the same time. A place where I can help others and also seek support. A place that I can give my time and energy and receive nourishment for my soul in return.

Alpha's commitment to excellence and leadership is a continuous and never-ending journey of personal improvement, professional and fraternal improvement; always persevering and always moving forward.

### #5 - Bro. DeMontrez Johnson Horakhty aka He who creates the LIGHT

The influential men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. left a lasting impression on me through their mentorship and leadership in the community. It was once said that the test of a man is the fight that he makes. I strive to improve the self image of African American men by living and ministering a physical example of what true successful men should be. I was told by one of my mentors that "Alpha Men are Real Men because it takes a Real Man to be an Alpha Man."

This quote inspires me to always aim for greatness. The passion and determination that I have seen current members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. express within the organization has provided a strong inspiration for me to enhance my leadership skills to be further qualified to endow change in my community.



## Arizona Men's Health and Wellness Expo a Great Success

The Sphinx Educational Fund and the Delta Tau Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Mayo Clinic Arizona to host the inaugural Arizona Men's Health & Wellness Expo held on November 1, 2014.

The Arizona Men's Health & Wellness Expo's goal was to increase awareness about the latest prevention, treatment and research options for prostate care available within the Valley and the state of Arizona.

More than 80 people attended throughout the course of the day.

The Expo showcased a panel of speakers, vendors, and community organizations and resources who were able to directly engage all participants.

Each of the speaker presentations was followed by a Q&A session that allowed participants to ask questions that may have started as personally relevant but that we soon discovered were impactful to all participants in attendance.

The Sphinx Educational Fund will continue to raise awareness about prostate cancer and the Arizona Men's Health & Wellness Expo is already looking forward to 2015!

For more information, visit [www.azmenshealth.com](http://www.azmenshealth.com).



**Members of the Arizona Men's Health & Wellness Expo planning committee included (from left, front row) Erica Luna, Bro. Andre Watkins, Raven Wells, (from left, back row) Bro. Myron Douglass, Bro. Roy Tatem and Bro. Tremaine Jasper.**

## Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Leading from the Front in Phoenix



**More than 1,000 people marched in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Phoenix. Delta Tau Lambda Chapter President Roy Tatem holds the torch (Photo: Tom Tingle/The Arizona Republic).**

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King's impact on our dear Fraternity and people of all races. He reminded the crowd that although the renaming of the street was a great tribute to a great leader, "our work is not done."

In a time when the ugliness of racism and police brutality dominates the headlines, Brother Scott's message urged every to continue to support Dr. King's dream.

On January 19, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. led the annual march which commemorates the holiday named for Brother Dr. King. More than 1,000 people came together to walk through the streets of downtown Phoenix.

The *Arizona Republic* published an excellent article about Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's leadership with the March. In addition, the story featured a photo of Bro. Roy Tatem and quotes from Bro. Dr. Earl Duval, Jr. and Bro. Scott.

The Light of Alpha is certainly shining bright in the Valley of the Sun.

### **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Founders**

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