

BLUE NOTES



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The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter
Celebrating 101 years of Brotherhood, Scholarship and
Service at the 2015 Founders Day Luncheon in Twinsburg,
Ohio

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NPHC of Greater Cleveland Silver and Gold Recognition

A few of our chapter brothers were honored for their many decades of service along with other members of the Divine Nine at the NPHC of Greater Cleveland Silver and Gold Award Recognition Program which took place at The Warrensville Heights Public Library back on January 25, 2015. Brothers Fred Kennedy and Monroe Kennedy were honored for 50 + years and Bro. Lee A. Jackson honored for 25 + years. Congratulations to these 3 gentlemen for their continued service to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. as we all hope to reach such milestones in our fraternity in the future.

NPHC President with Bros. Fred and Monroe Kennedy receiving their awards



(Left to Right) Bros. Taurean R. Adams, Monroe Kennedy, Lee A Jackson, Fred Kennedy and, Michael Brown

Bro. Lee A Jackson receiving his award from the current NPHC President



2015 Gamma Alpha Sigma Founders Day Celebration / Luncheon

The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma hosted its annual Founders Day Celebration / Luncheon this year at the Blue Canyon Restaurant in Twinsburg, Ohio on January 10, 2015. Our brotherhood has come a long way, especially after celebrating our epic and record breaking centennial last year in Washington D.C. where it all started 101 years ago on the campus of Howard University. The chapter this year during the celebration / luncheon had many things on its agenda during the program. The program started of with the 2015-2016 Executive Board being installed. Bro. Michael Brown (President), Bro. Taurean R. Adams (Vice President), Bro. Kimrick Crawford (Treasurer), Bro. Lee Tate (Recording Secretary) and, Bro. Jamie Taylor (Correspondence Secretary) were sworn in by immediate past President Bro. Percy Turner to get the program underway and officially turn the reins of the chapter over to the new exec board in charge of the chapter for the next 2 years. Exec board officers for our Sigma Beta Club were also sworn in. Vice President and also Sigma Beta Club Coordinator Bro. Taurean R. Adams swore into office Sigma Beta's Jay'llen Hathman (President) and, Jovon Jones (Vice President) for the year 2015. Secretary Deanjelious Brown (DJ) and Treasurer Devin Brown missed as they had sporting events to attend to that morning. The exec board of the Sigma Beta Club will hold positions for 1 year (unlike 2 for chapter officers) and will follow the chapter's time frame for nominations, voting and, swearing into office in the latter months of the year and going into our annual Founders Day program.



Along with the incoming of new officers for the chapter and Sigma Beta Club being sworn in, this year's founder's day program deviated from the usual line up of speakers that we usually have but instead having an engaging, open forum discussion on the issues of young black men and the police. Aligning with President Mason's "I Am My Brothers Keeper" Initiative, the chapter held a panel discussion revolved around this very hot button topic. The panel included many of Gamma Alpha Sigma's own and other notable individuals in the community. Bro. Narayan Stitt, detective for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Bro. TJ Dow, Ward 7 Councilman, Bro. Devaughn Exum, Team Leader with City Year, Pastor Todd C. Davidson of the Antioch Baptist Church and Reverend Jawanza Colvin of the Olivet Institutional Baptist church led an intense debate as brothers and others in attendance discussed the issues of our young men of color and law enforcement around the country. The panel discussion was the kickoff for different forums the chapter plans to have throughout the year revolving around the theme of "I Am My Brother's Keeper" the national push of not only Phi Beta Sigma but from the desk of President Barack Obama as one too many young men of color have been involved in events with law enforcement officers that have many up in arms with those sworn to protect us. The debate continues as events continue to occur and challenge our thought process and perception of law enforcement policies and procedures in our country.



Immediate past President Bro. Percy Turner swearing in the newly elected 2015-2016 Executive Board



Sigma Beta Club Coordinator Bro. Taurean Adams swearing in 2 members of the 2015 Sigma Beta Club Executive Board



Spring 2015 Sigma Beta Club Induction Ceremony



Sigma Beta Club Inductees Sayid Harvin, Marcus Allen Jr. and, Tyler Allen before their Ceremony

We want to give a big shout out to the newest members of the Sigma Beta Club. The chapter held the spring 2015 Sigma Beta Club Induction Ceremony on February 28, 2015 at the Cleveland Heights Public Library on Lee Road. The three young men had been coming to meetings months prior before officially stating they wished to be part of the bigger picture of Sigma Beta. The young men were inducted with a host of family, friends, fellow Sigma Beta's and brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma who were in attendance. We wish nothing but good things for these 3 as they join the others as we do our part in mentoring them through their journey in the club.



Conclave 2015 Little Rock, Arkansas: **“I Am My Brother’s Keeper Initiative”**

If you didn’t know....now you know...



Make preparations now for **“I AM MY BROTHER’S KEEPER,”** as we gather in Little Rock, Arkansas for Conclave 2015! The convention will be held July 15-19th at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel. Don’t miss this power-packed agenda as we address issues impacting young men of color in support of President Barack Obama’s “My Brother’s Keeper”, a White House initiative.

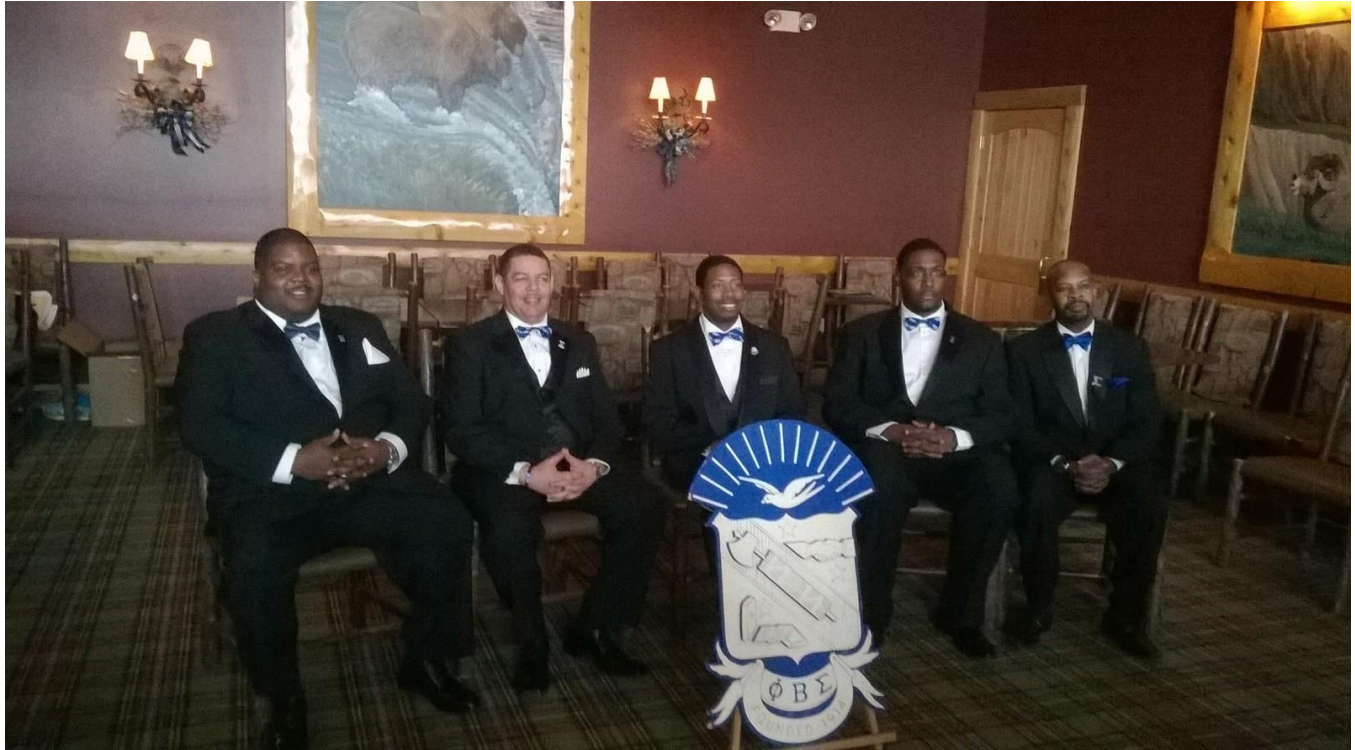
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Upcoming Events in Sigma and Info/Stories to look for in future BLUE NOTES:

March for Dimes / March for Babies

* NPHC Annual Bowling Party *

Sigma Beta Club Activities & Events

* 18th Annual Youth Symposium*

Rundown of the April 2015 Great Lakes Leadership Conference

Other Events & Information

Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings are the 2nd Friday of every month starting at 6:30pm in the office of Bro. Steven Lovelace located at 25550 Chagrin Blvd Suite 404 Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Whether you come all the time,
haven't been in a while or haven't
been at all...come on out frat, we
got a chair waiting for you...