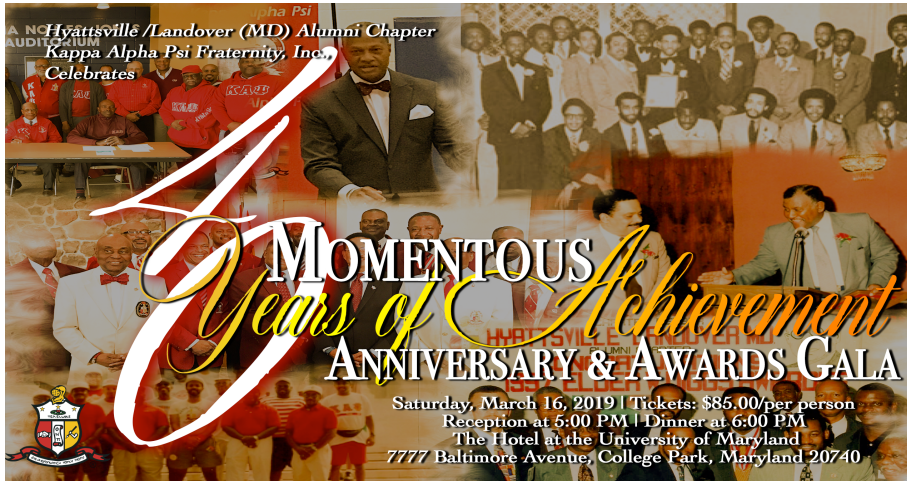

GRAND POLEMARCH THOMAS L. BATTLES, JR. JOINS H/L IN CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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Celebrating Forty Momentous Years



Forty years ago, the United States and the People's Republic of China established full diplomatic relations. Affirmative action was making its presence felt. The first cable sports channel, ESPN was launched, and McDonald's introduced the Happy Meal.

Forty years later, technology has evolved, and community needs have changed, and Hyattsville/Landover (MD) Alumni continues partnering with and proudly serving

Prince George's County, Maryland. All because 22 forward-looking, trailblazers had the vision of placing the leadership, experience and expertise of its members at the service of their communities! Although we can't imagine what the Charter members of H/L may have envisioned about the development and growth of the chapter in 1979, we hope they are pleased with the scope, breadth, and impact that characterizes H/L today. We have maintained the course they set towards advancing Kappa and there is no letting up - demonstrating the true timelessness of their original vision.



The Reception

By all accounts, the H/L Anniversary and Awards Gala, marking the 40th Anniversary of the chartering of the chapter, was a huge success. Over 100 alumni brothers and their guests showed up at the March 16th cocktail party and banquet at The Hotel at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Bringing Kappa to Prince George's County, Maryland was no easy task. It took strong leadership on the part of those 22 brothers, the Province and Grand Chapter. And we salute those brothers!

The historic event was kicked off with a reception with a historical presentation along with the sounds of Kappa songs in the background by the late Brother Jonathan Hicks. Several Longevity awards were presented by the Polemarch, Michael Pitts, Delta Beta 1982.



For 40 years,
Brothers: Spencer
A. Becton, The Chi
(X) Chapter of
Kappa Alpha Psi,
Boston University,
March 31, 1979;
Kerby Parker, The
Delta Lambda (ΔΛ)
of Kappa Alpha Psi,
Saint Paul
University,
December 1, 1979;
and James Rankin,
The Zeta (Z) of
Kappa Alpha Psi,
Ohio State
University, May 26
1979;



Brother Polemarch Pitts and Brother Parker

Brother Polemarch Pitts and Brother Rankin

40 and 30 Years of Achievement

For 30 Years in the Bond Brothers: Malcolm Augustine, The Theta Iota (ΘI) of Kappa Alpha Psi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 4, 1989; Christopher Wood and Sean Powell, The Hyattsville/Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter, July 1, 1989



Brother Polemarch Pitts and Brother Augustine

Brother Polemarch Pitts and Brother Powell

Brother Malcolm Augustine, Maryland State Senator representing District 47, read a proclamation congratulating H/L on reaching its 40th anniversary.



Brother Polemarch Pitts receives proclamation from Brother Augustine

Attendees then went up to the Top of 7's Penthouse private ballroom for the anniversary and awards gala. They were greeted with live music from the jazz trio The Marcus Mitchell Project.

Brothers Ron Henderson, Alpha Beta'66, and Ulysses Garrett, H/L'17, serving as masters of ceremonies for the evening, gave welcoming remarks. They thanked everyone for attending and supporting the fraternity's efforts.

There were several distinguished guests attending the dinner including Eastern Province Polemarch, Robert L. Jenkins, Esq; Senior Vice Province Polemarch Brother Charles Gilbert; Brother Guyatachew Dorsainville Region II Board Member; Bowie/Mitchellville Alumni Chapter Polemarch, Brother Walter Swindel; Brother John Austin,

Polemarch Alexandria/Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter, and Brother Phillip Deboe, Polemarch Fort Washington (MD) Alumni Chapter.

Brother Jeffrey T. Smith, H/L'06, Board of Directors, welcomed guest, and Brother Charles Collins, Jr. H/L'18, the chapter's chaplain, provided the invocation and blessing. Brother Clarence Jones, Jr., Eta Delta '83, gave the occasion and provided a historical background to the festivities. Brother Marc Buchanan, Alpha Epsilon, '75, the Awards Chairman, along with Brother Kevin Holston presented the Humanitarian Award to Brother Joseph Robinson.



Brother Holston, Brother Robinson and Brother Polemarch Pitts.

Charter members in attendance included Brothers: McKinley Hayes, Larry Jenkins, K. Bernard Chase, Sammy Miller, Albert Squire, Lionel Acosta, Tyrone Medley, Lynn Edwards, Leon Johnson and Thomas Johnson.

Our 50 Year members were recognized before the audience, looking sharp, wearing their white blazers.

*"It was great to see friends who had not seen each other for 10, 20 or 30 years come back and reconnect those relationships."
McKinley Hayes
1st Chapter Polemarch*

More awards were then presented including the Jodie Sanford Memorial Award, which was presented to Ms. Antoinette Battle, Director of the Palmer Park Community Center in Landover, Maryland.



Jodie Sanford Memorial Recipient

The Service to the Community and Service to the Youth Awards were presented to Brother Melvin D. Powell and Rufus R. Little III, respectively.



Brother Rufus Little and Brother Polemarch Pitts



Brother Melvin D. Powell and Brother Polemarch Pitts

Dinner and dessert were served with efficiency. Our hats go off to the management and staff of The Hotel

– they were excellent – good service and good people!

Brother Joe Lovett, Alpha Xi '73, our Immediate Past Polemarch, introduced our keynote speaker. The Grand Polemarch and Brother Lovett were line brothers at Florida A&M University. Gracing us with his presence, our keynote speaker, Grand Polemarch Thomas Battles, Jr., emphasized several points during his speech.

He urged the audience to continue educating our young brothers and sisters about their behavior with law enforcement officers. As you may recall, our Grand Polemarch played a key role in the Trayvon Martin case.



Brother Lovett, Brother Grand Polemarch Battle and Brother Henderson.



Grand Polemarch Battles

He helped bring community pastors and priests together to quell racial tensions in Sanford, Florida, during that time. He highlighted some of the chapter’s initiatives, including Kamp Kappa, and the New Year’s Eve Gala hosted with Alexandria/Fairfax (VA) Alumni. He also commended the chapter for supporting Grand Chapter’s initiatives and its community service activities, like St. Jude. He praised the chapter for bridging the gap between brothers who became members decades ago and those who have recently become Kappas.

*“ . . . We are all part of something bigger than ourselves leave a legacy by serving positively to secure the future of Kappa for the next 40 years.
Brother Thomas L. Battles, Jr.
33rd Grand Polemarch*

There were several poignant moments during the celebration.

When the Michael A. Greene Service to the Chapter Award was presented by brothers Nathan Fletcher, Alpha Iota, and Malcolm Augustine, Michael’s mother, Ms. Shirley Deyo was asked to come forward and presented the award to Brothers Sir Bernard and Ronald Henderson.



Brother Chase, Brother Bernard, Ms. Deyo, Brother Polemarch Pitts



Brother Chase, Brother Henderson, Brother Polemarch Pitts.



Brother Carroll and Kappa of My Dreams

In a moving tribute, Daneal Jenkins, H/L Spring 2010, spoke about brother Greene’s work-ethic and strong influence on him and the chapter. Next, brothers Terrell A. Smith, Fall 2008, ΘΘ - University of Maryland, College Park; Daneal Jenkins, Spring 2010, Hyattsville/ Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi; Jordan Pitts, Spring 2013, Hyattsville/ Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi; Corey Carroll II, Spring 2017, Hyattsville/ Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi; Keion Gaskins, Spring 2018, Hyattsville/ Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Karlos C Reynolds, Spring 2018 Hyattsville/ Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi walked to the podium reciting stanzas of “The Kappa of My

Dreams”, by William Henry (Stud) Green, M.D., Grand Polemarch, 1954.

Another emotional moment occurred when the Pioneer Award was presented by brother Spencer Becton, Chi '79. Brother Leon Walker,



Young Brothers reciting Kappa of My Dreams



Grand Polemarch Battle, Mrs. Goldie Walker, Brother Leon Walker, Brother Polemarch Pitts.

H/L'83, was asked to come forward. Brother Walker was brought to the podium by the Polemarch in a wheel chair. It was announced that as of that moment, the Pioneer Award

would be named the Leon Walker Pioneer Award.

Brother Polemarch Pitts presented the Brother of the Year to Brother Joseph Lovett. He invited his wife Mrs. Lovett to join him in receiving the award.



Brother Polemarch Pitts, Mrs. Lovett, Brother Lovett, Grand Polemarch Battle



Mrs. Bernard, Brother Bernard, Brother Polemarch Pitts

The Polemarch's Award was presented to Sir Bernard.

The tribute to our beautiful silhouettes/sweethearts was followed by the brothers led by Brother Roland Dotson, Epsilon Delta, '72 singing the sweetheart song to the ladies. The ladies were also presented with a red carnation and white chocolate truffles.

Brother Robert Watson, H/L'00, presented an Anchor of the East plaque to the Polemarch during the ceremony,



Brother Polemarch Pitts and Brother Watson

Brothers Phil Atkins, and Charter Member Larry Jenkins led all brothers in a rousing rendition of the Kappa Alpha Psi Hymn.



Brother Philip Atkins and Brother Larry Jenkins

Brother Albert Squire, Gamma Rho '64, toasted the 40th Anniversary of H/L with the audience, and the Brother Garrett, asked for a moment of silence for chapter invisible members. To close out the evening, brother Richard Baker, H/L'07, gave the benediction, like a Southern Baptist Minister.

Clarence Jones, Jr., Anniversary Committee co-chairperson and Chapter Historian, said "The fraternity has been a positive source of leadership and service to the community on a consistent basis since its chartering, and has positively influenced many of Prince George's County citizens and beyond over the past 40 years."

Although we pause to celebrate 40 years of the H/L, the chapter will continue to advance, and the collective efforts and community services our brothers of H/L will continue to impact Prince George's County and the rest of the DMV! With H/L continuing involvement in diverse service projects and organizations in the community, the chapter promises to be a voice for our youth and seniors for the foreseeable future.

Momentous Memories









