



# “THE ACHIEVEMENT”

Spring 2021

## President’s Message:

Greetings Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc, friends and supporters. On behalf of our foundation, The Kappa Youth Development, Inc. (KYD) which serves as the charitable arm of the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD) Alumni Chapter, we would like to thank you taking the time to reading our newly inaugural newsletter, “The Achievement”. Our “Achievement” newsletter was created to provide our readers the good and humble work of our foundation.



Since our establishment in 1994, our purpose has been to assist the community service efforts of the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. within the Upper Marlboro of Prince George's County and Charles County, Maryland. The Foundation currently supports the community by focusing on: Health & Wellness, Health-Care Disparity, Youth Mentoring, Socioeconomic Challenges, Food Drives, Domestic Violence & Abuse Prevention, and Scholarships. Our mission creed is “A Foundation Serving Our Community with Purpose.

Once again, we would like to thank you for taking the time to read our inaugural newsletter .We appreciate our Prince Georges and Charles County, Maryland communities for your continuous support.

Editor: Marcus Smith

## New Officers

Kappa Youth Development, Incorporated (KYD) elected new offices at its October virtual meeting. The new officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year are identified below.

President: Aaron McKinney

Vice-President: Ken Phillips

Treasurer: Gregory Clark

Secretary: George Parson

Board of Directors: Arless Holloway, Marcelino Lake, Rudolph Tull, Charles Twitty and London Willis

KYD’s Mission

Since 1995, KYD has provided scholarships, youth initiatives, community health and wellness programs. KYD’s operations are divided into three areas:

- 1.Kappa Kare® Community Health and Wellness Programs Healthy living for Men of Color and their families
- 2.Senior Citizens and HIV awareness
- 3.Provide Scholarships (available to all students), as well as, focused on reading, math and life skills. Operates a local branch of the National Kappa League and Diamonds in the Rough of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

## Amazon Smile



When you're making purchases on Amazon, please do not forget to use the Kappa Youth Development Amazon Smiles link. KYD will receive 0.5% of all eligible

purchases when you go through the link while shopping. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1905339>

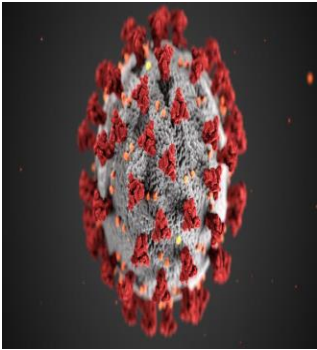
## Kappa League Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup



Substituting for the Charles County Kappa Leaguers, eight members of the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf Chapter participated in the Fall 2020 Adopt-A-Highway clean up in front of Westlake High School in Waldorf, Md. on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Because of Covid-19, the Kappa Leaguers were not

allowed to participate in the service project. Brother Twitty, coordinator, would like to thank Flournoy, Russell Sanders, Jamerson Pender, George Parson, Marcelino Lake, Anandel Owens, and Marcus Smith for their help and filling-in for the Kappa Leaguers.

## What is Coronavirus



During the January 16<sup>th</sup> Kappa League meeting Brother Shaun Alfred discussed “What is Coronavirus” (COVID-19). Brother Alfred provided the meaning of COVID-19 and what the acronym means. Brother Alfred stated that corona means “crown”. If

you look at the virus, it resemble a crown. In addition, Brother Alfred provided the break down of the Coronavirus 19 – CO is for corona, VI is for virus, D is for disease, and 19 because it occurred in 2019. Additionally, Brother Alfred stated that the vaccine that is being provided is very safe. The Pharmaceutical companies have done extensive testing on their way to having the vaccine ultimately approved.

## Sock Drive

The Kappa Leaguers conducted at Sock Drive on January 23. The socks benefited the men at Sagepoint Senior Living Service at La Plata. The Kappa Leaguers collected 197 pairs of socks. Thank you to all the Brothers that donated.



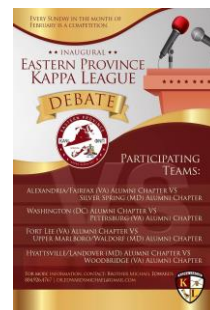
## Capitol Hill Riot Discussion



At the January 16<sup>th</sup> Kappa League meeting, the Brothers of UM/W decided to tackle the uncomfortable subject of the Capitol Hill Riot that occurred on January 6<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC. The discussion was led by Brothers DeWayne Wilcher, Shaun Alfred,

Jamerson Pender and Kappa League coordinator Charles Twitty. Brother Wilcher asked the Kappa Leaguers to express how they felt about the Capitol Hill Riot. Some of the Kappa Leaguers stated that they were upset about the riot. In addition, they stated that if it were African American citizens rioting at the Capitol building that it would have been handled completely different, citing the many Black Lives Matter protests over the death of George Floyd last summer. The Kappa Leaguers stated that President Donald Trump was to blame for riot. The Kappa Leaguers stated that his actions as President were unacceptable and caused a great division among the American people. Brother Wilcher asked the Kappa Leaguers to research and analyze all information that they are given and not let anyone else influence your decisions. Brothers Alfred and Pender asked the Kappa Leaguers about what they thought were the root causes of the riot. The Kappa Leaguers felt the root causes were fueled by President Trump and other people providing misleading and false information. The Kappa Leaguers discussed that they believed that many of President Trump followers are even more to blame because they didn't do their own research and have allowed themselves to consistently be lied to without impunity for President Trump.

## Kappa League Debate



The Kappa League of the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf Alumni Chapter participated in the virtual Eastern Province Kappa League Debate held in February 2021. While the UMW Kappa League didn't win their debate with the Kappa League from the Fort Lee (VA) Alumni Chapter, it was an invaluable experience for them. They also received medals for their participation. Brother Charles Twitty with assistance from Brother Aaron McKinney prepared the young men for the debate.