



ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

# 103<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

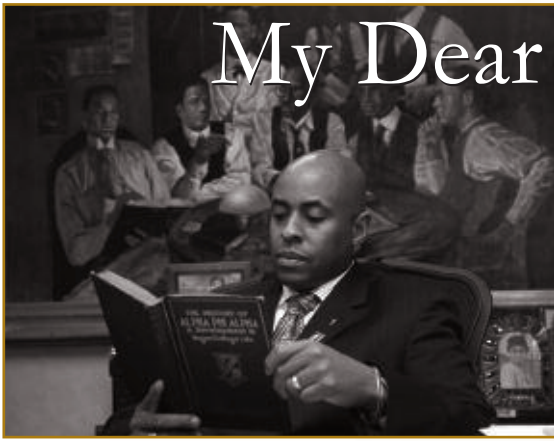
*“WE MUST FIGHT UNTIL  
HELL FREEZES OVER AND  
THEN FIGHT ON THE ICE.”*

JEWEL VERTNER WOODSON TANDY  
1937 GENERAL CONVENTION  
NEW ORLEANS, LA



89<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CONVENTION | NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA | JULY 15 - 19, 2009

*THE “ICE” AWAITS YOU IN  
NEW ORLEANS!*



# My Dear Brother,

Twenty-six years ago as the president of Iota Chapter at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, I boarded an Amtrak train to New Orleans for my first Alpha Convention and experienced the magic that is Alpha and this phenomenal brotherhood. My fraternal life was changed forever and it was in New Orleans that I met the esteemed 14th General President and Historian Brother Charles Harris

Wesley. I am proud to say that I have attended twenty-six consecutive conventions since.

Now, I return to New Orleans -- the place where it all began for me -- as your General President. Therefore, by the power invested in me as the General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, I issue the official call to convene the 89th General Convention/103rd Anniversary Convention; and invite you to join me in the magnificent Crescent City of New Orleans July 15-19, 2009 at the New Orleans Hilton Hotel. There, we will look to be restored, re-inspired, rejuvenated and will re-experience the magic of fraternal life and we will leave the city better than we found it. For those of you who are paying by credit card, I am please to announce an installment plan has been made available.

Although much has been done to repair the city, there is still much work to do. During our convention, we will recognize and honor those men and women who have helped to rebuild New Orleans. We will also continue our work started at the Inaugural Symposium in Atlanta to address issues dealing with African-American boys.

There will be celebrities, entertainment, good food, substantive workshops, a career fair and health fair; with all of that, the business of Alpha will be handled as it should be!

Jewel Tandy gallantly remarked at the New Orleans Convention in 1937 that "we must do something about these problems...we must fight till hell freezes over and then fight on the ice." My dear brothers...the ice awaits you in New Orleans. Please join me and my wife Harmel and the kids for an unforgettable convention experience in New Orleans, July 15-19, 2009.

Fraternally,

*Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr.*

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General President



# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

(THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

8:00am – 3:00pm .....Golf Outing  
 9:00am – 5:00pm.....Board of Directors Meeting  
 10:00am – 9:00pm .....Convention Registration Open  
 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.....Ladies Hospitality Room Open  
 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm .....Youth Registration  
 1:00pm – 7:00pm.....Vendor Expo Hall Open  
 1:00pm – 7:00pm .....Awards Display Room  
 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm .....Parent Orientation  
 8:00pm- 10:00pm .....Welcome Reception  
 8:00 pm – 10:45 pm .....Youth Game Night

## THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

7:00am – 8:00am .State Farm® Fitness Morning Workout  
 8:00am – 8:30am .....Devotional Period  
 8:00am – 9:15 am .....Morning Refreshments (Ladies)  
 8:00 am – 9:00 am.....Morning Refreshments (Youth)  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Convention Registration Open  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Vendor Expo Hall Open  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Awards Display Room  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....C2C Career Fair  
 8:30am – 9:00am .....Plenary Session (Brothers Only)  
 9:00am-10:30am .....First Business Session  
     *State of the Fraternity Address*  
 9:15 am – 11:00 am .....Youth Seminar  
 9:30 am – 11:30 am.....Ladies Seminar  
 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm....Ladies Fashion Show & Luncheon  
 1:15pm - 3:00pm.....Second Business Session  
 3:00pm – 5:00pm.....Ladies Seminar  
 3:00pm – 4:00pm.....College Brothers Caucus  
 3:00pm – 4:00pm.....Alpha University Workshops  
 4:15pm – 5:30pm .....Regional Caucuses  
 5:30pm - 6:30pm .....Alpha Academy Alumni Reception  
 7:00pm – 9:00pm .....Public Program  
 7:00pm – 11:45pm..Game Night in Youth Activities Room

## FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009

7:00am – 8:00am .State Farm® Fitness Morning Workout  
 7:00 am – 8:30pm.....O. Wilson Winters  
     Life Membership Breakfast  
 8:00am – 8:30pm .....Devotional Period  
 8:00 am – 9:15 am .....Morning Refreshments  
     in Ladies Hospitality Room  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Convention Registration Open  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Vendor Expo Hall Open  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Awards Display Room  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....C2C Career Fair  
 8:30am – 10:45pm .....Business Session (Brothers only)  
 10:30 am – 4:00 pm.....(Ladies event)  
 11:00am - 12:00pm.Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest  
 12:15pm – 2:30pm .....Fraternal Luncheon  
 2:00pm – 3:30pm....Collegiate Scholars Bowl Preliminary  
 3:30pm – 4:30pm.....College Brothers Caucus  
 5:00pm – 6:45pm.....Alpha University & C2C Workshops  
 7:30pm – 10:30pm.....Bus Transportation to Step Show

8:00pm – 10:00pm.....Miss Black & Gold Pageant  
     & Reunion of former Queens  
 10:00pm – 2:00am.....National Step Show Competition  
     & After Party  
 10:30 am – 11:45pm .....Youth Activities Room Open  
 11:00 pm – 2:30am ..Continuous return transport to Hotel

## SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009

7:00am – 7:30am .....Devotional Period  
 7:30am .....Buses depart to  
     Community Outreach Program  
 8:00am – 6:00pm .....Vendor Expo Hall Open  
 8:00am – 11:30am .....Community Outreach Program  
 9:00am – 10:00am .....Business Session (Brothers only)  
 10:15am – 11:45am .....Alpha University Workshops  
 12:00pm – 2:00pm .....College Brothers Luncheon  
 2:00pm – 3:00pm .....Final Business Session  
 3:00pm - 4:00pm.....Collegiate Scholars Bowl Finals  
 7:00pm – 8:00pm .....Black & Gold Reception+  
 8:00pm – 10:00pm .....Black & Gold Banquet+  
 10:00pm – 1:00am.....Black & Gold After Party+

## SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

9:00am – 10:30am .....Ecumenical Service

+ = (BLACK TIE EVENT)



### Reunion of all former Lay Leaders, AVP's and VP's

The New Orleans Fraternal Luncheon will feature the Grand Processional and March of men who have held these positions. If you are a former Regional Assistant Vice President or Vice President, please send your contact information and photo to [103rd@apa1906.net](mailto:103rd@apa1906.net)

### Crowns and Gowns:

This convention will mark the thirty-third anniversary of the Miss Black and Gold pageant. To celebrate this milestone, this year's pageant will feature a reunion of former queens—including Ms. Denise Smith, the first National Miss Black and Gold winner. You will not want to miss this presentation of women who have worn the Crown of Miss Black and Gold! If you have contact information for any of the former queens, please contact Brother Andre' Prospere at [prosperea@bellsouth.net](mailto:prosperea@bellsouth.net) to be sure we include them in this celebratory event.





**Dr. Norman Francis**  
President Xavier University  
Honorary Chair



**Dr. Charles C. Teamer**  
27th General President  
Honorary Chair



**Mrs. Sybil Morial**  
Honorary Chair  
Ladies Activities

## REGISTRATION PACKAGES

(Packaged items subject to change without notice)

### \*ALUMNI BROTHERS' REGISTRATION PACKAGE



The Alumni Brothers' registration package includes entry into all General Business Sessions, C2C Career Fair and Vendor Expo Hall, Opening Reception, College Brothers Luncheon, Public Program, Ecumenical Service, Black and Gold Reception, Black & Gold Banquet.

### \*COLLEGE BROTHERS' REGISTRATION PACKAGE



The College Brothers' registration package includes entry into all General Business Sessions, C2C Career Fair and Vendor Expo Hall, Opening Reception, College Brothers Luncheon, Miss Black & Gold Pageant, Step Show, Public Program and Ecumenical Service.

### \*LADIES' REGISTRATION PACKAGE



The Ladies registration package includes entry into all Schedule Ladies Activities, C2C Career Fair and Expo Hall, Opening Reception, Public Program, Ecumenical Service, Black and Gold Reception and Black & Gold Banquet.

### \*YOUTH REGISTRATION PACKAGE (AGES 6 - 17)



The Youth registration package includes the following: Morning Snacks, Highlighted Tours, Box Lunches, Game Nights and Movies, Public Program and Ecumenical Service.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States 70130

Tel: 1-504-561-0500 | Fax: 1-504-568-1721



Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, adjacent to the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and Riverwalk Marketplace. Three blocks from the French Quarter. Within walking distance to the Central Business District, IMAX Theatre, Aquarium of the Americas, Harrah's Casino and National World War II Museum. Only 15 miles from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

### GUEST ROOM DESCRIPTIONS:

Standard rooms are oversized guest rooms in French provincial styling featuring views of numerous courtyards and located in the Riverside Building

**Single :** (1 or 2 people with 1 Bed) = 1 large King Bedded Room. The rate is \$139 (plus tax).

**Double:** (2 people with 2 Beds) = 2 Queen Size Bedded Room, The rate is \$139 (plus tax).

**Triple:** ( 3 people with 2 Beds) = 2 Queen Size Bedded Room, The rate is \$159 (plus tax).

**Quad:** (4 people with 2 Beds) = 2 Queen Size Bedded Room, The rate is \$159 (plus tax).

### SUITE DESCRIPTIONS:

With a varied selection of Standard and Executive Guest suites, the Hilton New Orleans Riverside offers luxurious options that are ideal for relaxation, hospitality, and entertaining. Limited suites are available upon request. Anyone interested in reserving a suite must reserve a the Suite via the Corporate Headquarters by emailing [suite@apa1906.net](mailto:suite@apa1906.net)

(For additional room descriptions and information, visit [www.alphaconvention.com](http://www.alphaconvention.com))

**Call for Singers and Musicians:** Brothers interested in the participating with the Convention Choir or Orchestra please contact Brother Henry Goodgame at [hgoodgame@morehouse.edu](mailto:hgoodgame@morehouse.edu) or [hgoodgame@aol.com](mailto:hgoodgame@aol.com) or (404) 653-7901.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration received by mail or fax will be processed in the order it was received and subject to availability at the time of processing. Online registration is suggested for immediate confirmation.
- Only active members can register for the convention.
- Submit form only once.
- Do not mail and fax the form.
- Registration will not be processed without.
- A form of payment included.
- One form per Brother, do not send one form for multiple members. One form of payment can be used, but there must be separate registration forms.
- No personal checks will be accepted.
- If using credit card, please make sure the number is correct and all other information is provided.
- All registrations must be received by July 1, 2009.
- Any forms submitted after the deadline run a risk of not being processed.
- Please keep a copy of the registration form, method/form of payment and date forwarded to the Corporate Headquarters for your records.
- No refunds or exchanges will be honored for any tickets or registrations after July 1, 2009.
- No transferring of registrations will be honored onsite at the convention.

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.

### ADDITIONAL PACKAGE INFORMATION

### CONFIRMATION LETTERS:

Confirmation letters will be mailed or emailed to address provided on registration form. Mailed confirmation letters will be sent within 7-10 business days after form has been received and processed by the Corporate Office. Online registration confirmations will be sent immediately after completing registration (mail confirmation will NOT be sent for online registrations).

### REFUND INSTRUCTIONS:

All refunds require a written and signed request. All requests must be mailed or faxed to corporate office. Email requests will not be honored. A 25% administrative fee will be applied to all partial or full cancellations. No refunds of any sort will be honored after July 1, 2009. A "no show" will not receive a refund and the convention materials will be mailed (if available).

### \*CONVENTION MATERIALS

All registration materials (i.e. bag, souvenir journal, trinkets, etc.) distributed during the convention will not be replaced if lost or stolen; The Corporate Office will not be held responsible and will not be able to replace. There are no plans to order additional items.



# REGISTRATION FORM

Only one form per Brother may be submitted. (Please write legibly)

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix	Year of Initiation
Address				
City		State	Zip	
Phone/Day		Phone/Eve	Email	
Chapter Name		Chapter Key #	Account or SS #	

Do you have a disability?  No  Hearing Impaired  Vision Impaired  Wheelchair accessible  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary requirements?  No  Vegetarian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION CATEGORY

	Pre - Registration (Ends April 30, 2009)	Regular Registration (Ends May 31, 2009)	Late Registration (Ends June 30, 2009)	Quantity	Amount
Alumni Brother	\$450	\$550	\$750	_____	_____
College Brother	\$250	\$350	\$500	_____	_____
Ladies	\$350	\$450	\$650	_____	_____
Youth	\$150	\$250	\$300	_____	_____

## ACTIVITY TICKETS

### Additional Ticket Prices

Fraternal Luncheon	\$50	_____	_____
+ Miss Black & Gold Pageant	\$30	_____	_____
Life Membership Breakfast	\$50	_____	_____
*Black & Gold Banquet Ticket (includes Daughters of Alpha program)	\$175	_____	_____
+Step Show	\$30	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>			_____

\* Already included with Brothers and Ladies' registration packages  
 + Already included with College Brothers' registration package

## BADGE INFORMATION: Please print information, as it should appear on badge.

1 <sup>st</sup> Registered Ladies Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Registered Youth Name	Youth's Age	Gender (M, F)	Youth Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Registered Ladies Name	2 <sup>nd</sup> Registered Youth Name	Youth's Age	Gender (M, F)	Youth Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Registered Ladies Name	3 <sup>rd</sup> Registered Youth Name	Youth's Age	Gender (M, F)	Youth Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

## PAYMENT (NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

Payment in full  \*Pay by installments (Credit card only, see below for installment details)

Certified Check/Money Order  Visa  MasterCard  AMEX

Card Number	Expiration Date	Billing Zip Code
Name as it appears on card		Signature

The owner of the card specified above agrees to the terms & conditions of this registration form and has authorized Alpha Phi Alpha to debit the above account for the total amount outlined above. A 35% administrative fee will be applied to all partial and full cancellations. All refund request must be submitted in writing and no refunds will be honored after July 8, 2009. THE CARD HOLDER MUST SIGN THIS FORM. \*If paying in installments, 1/3 of the total is due upon submission of this registration form. We will bill your credit card in 3 equal payments on the 30th of each month. Purchase of additional activity tickets must be fully paid at time of registration. Registration is not considered complete until all payments have been cleared. Delinquent payments will be moved to the next registration deadline until payment has been successfully completed.

### MAIL OR FAX FORMS TO:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 405478  
 Atlanta, GA 30384 - 5478  
 or fax 410-554-0054

(Do not send multiple copies. Send only once, do not mail and fax the form.)

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# HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

## \*Guest Room Accommodations

Please indicate how many rooms you are reserving. (Max of 2)

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Tel: 1-504-561-0500 | Fax: 1-504-568-1721

- Single, \$139 per night
- Double (2 people with 2 Beds), \$139 per night
- Triple ( 3 people with 2 Beds), \$159 per night
- Quad (4 people with 2 Beds), \$159 per night

## \*Suites Available

Limited suites are available upon request. For Suite options and additional information please visit

**www.alphaconvention.com**

To reserve a suite please contact the Corporate Headquarters by emailing suite@apa1906.net

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RESERVE A ROOM.** Specific room types are issued on a first come, first serve basis upon availability at time of arrival, not upon reservation confirmation. Every effort will be made to satisfy your first request, however, if the accommodations are not available, you will be placed in the next available room type or hotel. Cancellations and changes to existing reservations should be made directly with hotel.

Hotel reservations will be accepted between February 2 - June 19, 2009.

Do you have any additional special requirements?  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSON MAKING RESERVATIONS

Brothers must be registered for the convention in order to reserve hotel room at convention rates.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_ Acct#/SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/Day \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Hour: \_\_\_am/pm Departure Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Hour: \_\_\_am/pm

Note: "Check in" Time is 3:00 PM / "Check-out" Time is 12:00 PM

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel reservation forms should be mailed with registration form to:  
**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**  
 P.O. Box 405478  
 Atlanta, GA 30384 - 5478  
 or fax 410-554-0054

\*A one night deposit plus 13% sales tax and \$3.00 city & occupancy tax is required to reserve a room. Credit cards used to reserve rooms will be charged the 1st night's room and tax. **Reservation confirmation** will be sent to participant directly from the hotel. First nights deposit is refundable on or prior to June 19, 2009. All cancellation requests and changes to existing reservations should be made with the hotel directly. **Early Departure Fee:** Guests who check out prior to the reserved checkout date will pay an early checkout fee of \$50.00. Guests wishing to avoid an early checkout fee should advise the Hilton New Orleans Riverside at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.



# CONVENTION SPEAKERS & PARTICIPANTS (PARTIAL LISTING; SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



**Brother  
Dr. Na'im Akbar**  
*Author/ Speaker*



**Rev. Gwendolyn Boyd**  
*22nd National President  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*



**Brother  
Roland Burris**  
*Senator, Illinois (D-IL)*



**Xernona Clayton**  
*Founder, Trumpet  
Awards*



**Brother  
Dr. Jelani Cobb**  
*Educator/ Author*



**Christine King Farris**  
*Civil Rights Activist, Author*



**Bishop William H. Graves**  
*Senior Bishop, C.M.E. Church*



**Jasmine Guy**  
*Artistic  
Director/ Actress*



**Brother  
Hill Harper**  
*Actor/ Author/ Speaker*



**Rev. Dr. John Hunter**  
*Pastor, First A.M.E. Church  
Los Angeles, CA*



**Rev. Dr. Mark Kelly Tyler**  
*Pastor, Mother Bethel A.M.E.  
Philadelphia, PA*



**Dr. Hazel O'Leary**  
*1st African American  
U.S. Secretary of Energy*



**Bishop  
Vashti Murphy McKenzie**  
*1st Female Bishop,  
A.M.E. Church*



**Brother Kevin Powell**  
*Author/ Activist*

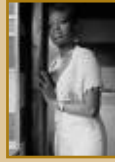


**Dr. Ian Smith**  
*Author/ Health expert  
50 Million Pound Challenge*

## \*INVITED ENTERTAINMENT (PARTIAL LISTING; SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



Common



Fantasia



Fats Domino



Fonzworth Bentley



James Ingram



Mary Wilson

## HONOREES (PARTIAL LISTING; SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



**Brother Dr. James E. Huger**  
*Former General Secretary*



**General  
Russel L. Honoré**



**Berry Gordy**  
*Founder,  
Motown Records*



**Ray Nagin**  
*Mayor, New Orleans*



**Brother Borris Miles**  
*Texas State Representative*



**Calvin Peete**  
*American Golfer*



**Brother Rob Hardy and  
Brother Will Packer**  
*Filmmakers*




**Susan Taylor**  
*Founder, Essence Cares*



**Brother Dr. Robert Wright**  
*Founder, Dimensions International*



**Brother Dr. Roger Youman**  
*Second Caucasian Initiate of  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.*




# CONVENTION SYMPOSIUM

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## ALPHA PHI ALPHA

### ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED



GUIDING OUR BOYS FROM  
THE HIGH CHAIR  
TO HIGH SCHOOL  
AND ON TO COLLEGE.

ALL OF THESE WOMEN HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON...

# THE Daughters OF ALPHA



*Yolanda Adams*



*Daffne Allen*



*Inesette Cole*



*Janine Gray*



*Glenda Haskett*



*Leah Holmberg*



*Linda Johnson-Rice*



*Bernice King*



*Sheryl Lee Ralph*



*Vickie Murphy-McCord*



*Cedricas Rice*



*Phyllis Allen-Richard*

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!



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