

TALLAHASSEE (FL) ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI (S)

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FEATURING AN UPDATE ON THE  
730 WAILES STREET RENOVATIONS

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## HISTORY OF THE TALLAHASSEE (FL) ALUMNI CHAPTER

On Saturday night, June 29, 1946, 14 Kappa Men of Tallahassee, Florida, confirmed their inclination to establish a local alumni chapter. It was at the Mount Olive Masonic Lodge Hall, located at the southwest corner of Macomb and Tennessee Street, that these inspired men, presided over by then Southeastern Province Polemarch W. Dickerson Donnelly, chartered what is now known as the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

# EDITOR'S NOTES

**“I'M APPRECIATIVE OF THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF THE TAC NUPE LETTER IN SEPTEMBER.”**



**G**reetings Brothers, I'm appreciative of the positive feedback on the inaugural issue of the TAC Nupe Letter in September. This issue includes a look into the 730 Wailes Street Renovations, acknowledges the many contributors, recognizes life events from some of our brothers, and honors brothers who entered Chapter Invisible.

I will continue to reach out to brothers to obtain stories, spotlights, etc., for future issues of the Nupe Letter. I appreciate your support.

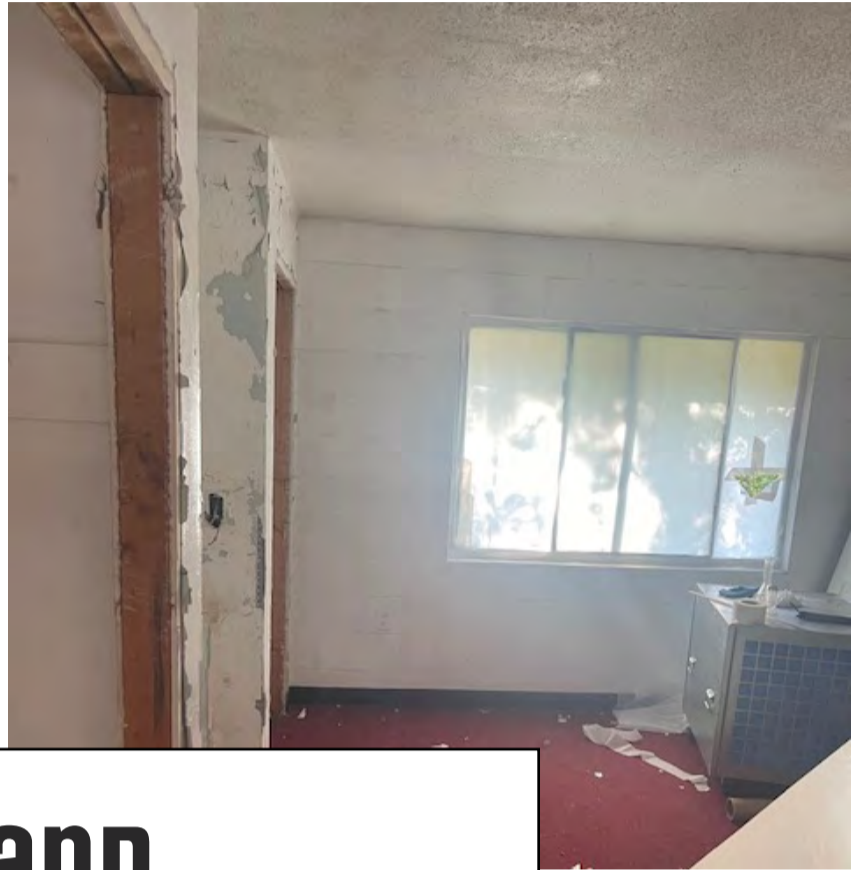
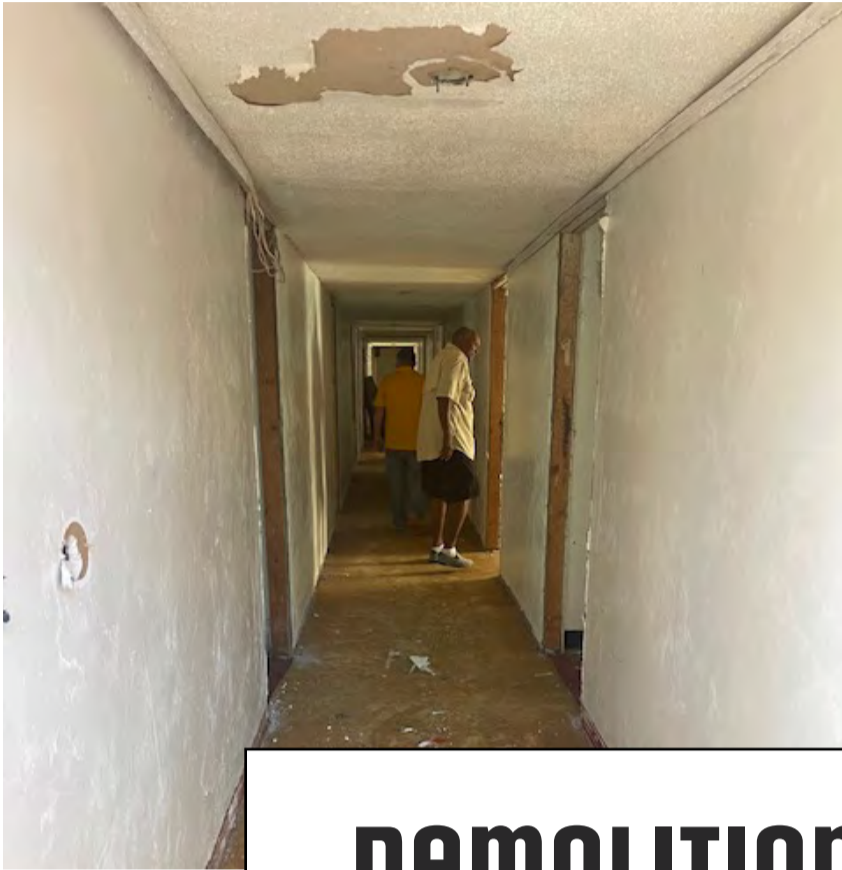
Yours In The Bond,  
Robert Cooper III, Reporter  
TAC, Spring '23

## Submission Guidelines

Brothers who wish to submit articles, special announcements, achievements, etc., can email Brother Robert Cooper III at [crispene@icloud.com](mailto:crispene@icloud.com).

- Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.
- Photos should be submitted in JPEG, PNG, or other format that supports high-res photos. Please do not submit screenshots.

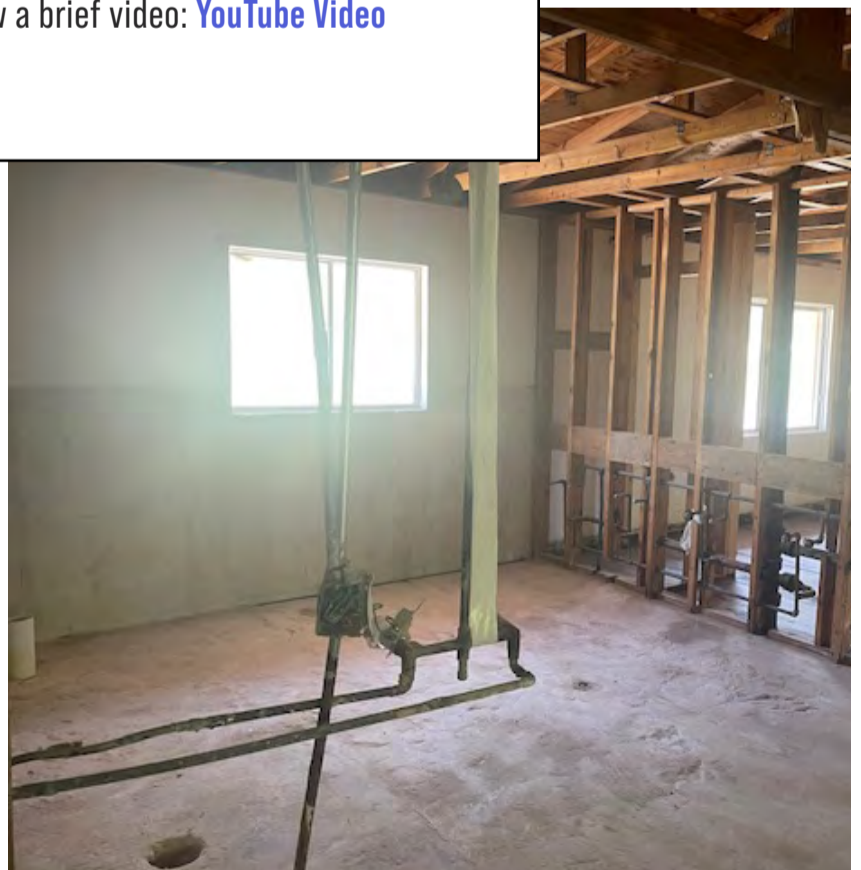
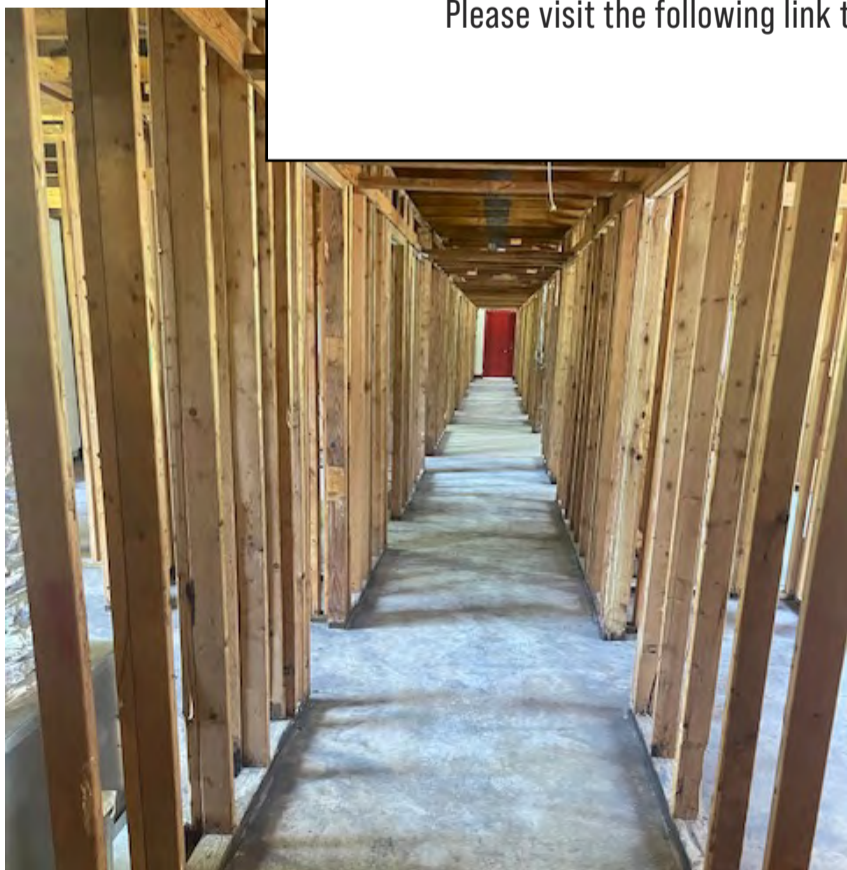
# 730 WAILES STREET RENOVATIONS



## DEMOLITION and ABATEMENT

The next phase of the 730 Wailes Street renovations has commenced. The back eleven rooms and lavatory facilities have been demolished, and abatement was completed to permanently remove known hazardous material in surface areas to be safe for others.

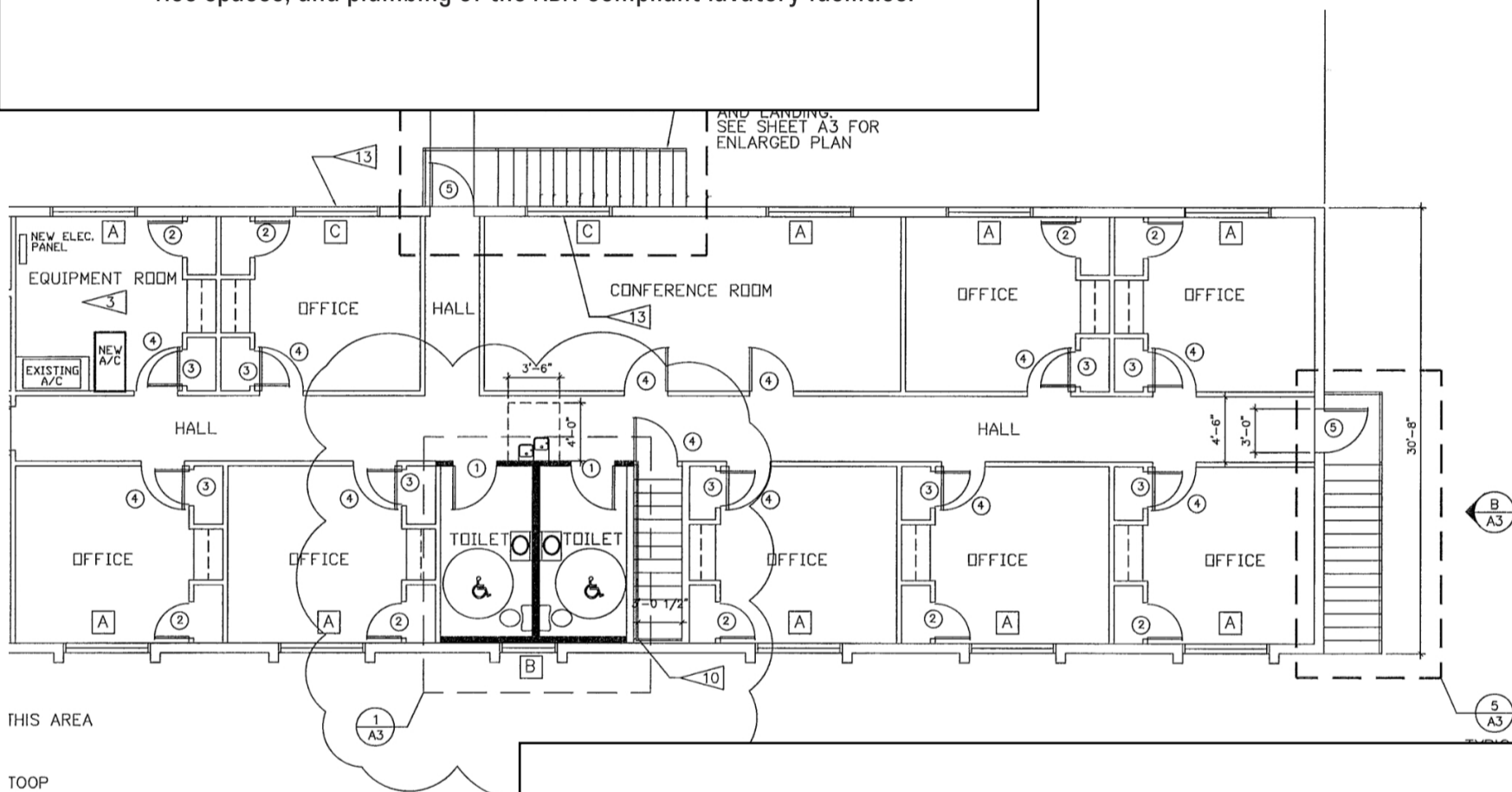
Please visit the following link to view a brief video: [YouTube Video](#)



# 730 WAILES STREET RENOVATIONS

## FRAMING and PLUMBING

With demolition complete, the next phase is coordinating with the subcontractor to frame the new equipment, conference room, of-  
fice spaces, and plumbing of the ADA-compliant lavatory facilities.



## NETWORKING and CABLING

Next, we will procure a contractor to run networking and cabling to support high-speed LAN in the conference rooms and offices.

# 730 WAILES STREET RENOVATIONS

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Polemarch Cummings' State of the Chapter states that a Capital Campaign has begun. Tallahassee Alumni Chapter members are asked to contribute \$1,000 to assist with the renovation efforts at 730 Wailes Street. Brothers may contribute more than \$1,000. Brothers contributing \$5,000 or more will be appropriately recognized as key contributors with a commemorative plaque, forever displayed at the Norman J. Clement Community Center at 730 Wailes Street.

Below is a list of contributors to date. Brothers, we thank you for your selfless contributions to the renovations. The vision of the Norman J. Clement Community Center can be realized if we continue the legacy of these contributors.

### 2014 - 2017 CONTRIBUTORS<sup>1</sup>

Name	Contribution
Norman J. Clements	\$60,000.00
Kevin Cox	\$30,000.00
Tallahassee Alumni	\$5,000.00
Rommell Washington	\$5,000.00
George Drumming	\$5,000.00
Michael Kelly	\$4,000.00
Michael Dubose	\$2,500.00
Alpha Xi	\$2,500.00
Deposit	\$1,300.00
Julian E.White	\$1,000.00
Virgil Speed	\$1,000.00
T.D. Hansberry	\$1,000.00
Michael R. Moore	\$1,000.00
Mark Weatherspoon	\$1,000.00
William Muldrow, Sr.	\$1,000.00
Lawton Williams	\$1,000.00
Ernest Lane	\$1,000.00
Ron Johnson	\$1,000.00
Cedric Carrington	\$1,000.00
James Mathews	\$750.00

Harry Murphy	\$595.00
Norris Hite	\$561.00
Eugene Ravenel	\$500.00
Kelvin Farmer	\$500.00
Unidentified	\$500.00
Dale Favors	\$500.00
Bernard Scott	\$500.00
Alton Royal	\$500.00
Herbert Bailey	\$450.00
Herman Troy	\$450.00
Donas Nesbit	\$350.00
Greg Bradley	\$276.00
Cory Gray	\$264.00
Sean Hubbard	\$264.00
Anthony Acosta	\$250.00
Vince Wrice	\$250.00
Brian Thomas	\$250.00
Rhet Turnquest	\$200.00
Shelby Taylor	\$200.00
Robert Baker	\$200.00
Thomas Haynes	\$200.00

Terrance Sullivan	\$165.00
E. Lee Wiley	\$125.00
Robert Seniors	\$100.00
Reginald McBride	\$100.00
Marion Chisholm	\$100.00
Kenneth Hammons	\$100.00
Stephanie Murphy	\$100.00
Stephen Stokes	\$100.00
Derek Scot	\$100.00
Kenneth Castleberry	\$100.00
Michael Badger	\$100.00
Antonio Witherspoon	\$50.00
Ronnel Bright	\$33.00
Cash Donation	\$25.00
Albert Bush	\$25.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$135,133.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Contributions listed are from the 2014-2017 Guide Right Foundation leadership team's records and may require revisions after reconciling other historical documents.

# 730 WAILES STREET RENOVATIONS

## CAPITAL **campaign**

### 2023 - 2024 CONTRIBUTORS

Name	Contribution
Otis Cliatt, II	\$5,000.00
Cornell Cummings	\$1,000.00
Jerome Davis	\$1,000.00
Vandon Jones	\$500.00
Alfred Lawson	\$500.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

 Key Contributors

**A message from Polemarch Cummings:**

I will lead the charge of this Capital Campaign from the front, and I look forward to brothers following at my side as we move forward together.

“Brotherhood is defined as Kappa men aiding one another whenever, wherever, and however needed.”  
 -2023 C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference, The Role of the Polemarch Presentation

Capital Campaign contributions should be made out to the Guide Right Foundation of Tallahassee, Inc. Contributions are tax deductible. Please submit contributions to Brother Quentin Cooper, Guide Right Treasurer.



# BROTHER STOKES

## A Pillar in Education and the Community

**C**ongratulations, Brother Stokes, for his notable work as a school principal, creating sustainable partnerships to support a permanent food pantry at John G. Riley Elementary School.

Education is as vital as ever, especially as Florida’s politics invades the classrooms with policies impacting the books students are allowed to read. We asked Brother Stokes, what motivates you to be a leader in education?

**“I’m motivated to be a leader in education to ensure that students have access to a diverse and enriching learning experience, regardless of their family’s economic status.”**

**M**y experience as an educator and principal in Title 1 schools has shown me the critical role education plays in shaping the future. With the current challenges in Florida’s educational policies, I’m motivated to be a leader in education to ensure that students have access to a diverse and enriching learning experience, regardless of their family’s economic status, and to empower them to reach their full potential.

Consequently, I am committed to serving our students by affording families access to a sustainable food pantry. It is a lifeline for many students and their families who may struggle with food insecurity. This resource not only addresses immediate hunger but also enhances the overall well-being and educational outcomes of students. It can be a vital support system, fostering a sense of community and ensuring students have the nutrition to focus on their studies and succeed in school.

**“EDUCATION AND WORK ARE THE LEVERS TO UPLIFT A PEOPLE.”**

**-W.E.B. DU BOIS**

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## BROTHER COMBS

### To Serve and Protect

**C**ongratulations, Brother Combs, on his promotion to Police Sergeant at the Tallahassee Police Department.

The Tallahassee Police Department is driven by its core values - Trust, Loyalty, and Commitment. We asked Brother Combs, what drives you to serve and protect the community, particularly in this climate where policing is under the public microscope?

## “YES, THERE ARE TOUGH DAYS, BUT GOD!”

**M**y drive is rooted in knowing God called me to this career. I was created to do this, and as such I give it my all. Yes, there are tough days, but God! I enjoy serving this community because I get to serve people from all walks of life, no matter their background, age, socioeconomic status, etc. I enjoy being the voice of reason on people’s worst days.

The public microscope I welcome because I enjoy educating our community on whatever they do not understand. A lot of times, people have a misconception about the application of laws, case law, discretion, and policy. They assume someone else’s experience. I want the public to understand the why of law enforcement actions and decisions. Get the facts and not an opinion.

**“EVERY DAY, YOU CONFRONT DANGER SO IT DOES NOT FIND OUR FAMILIES ... WE RECOGNIZE IT, WE RESPECT IT, WE APPRECIATE IT, AND WE DEPEND ON YOU”**

**-PRESIDENT OBAMA**

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# BROTHERS IN CHRIST

## Doing God's Work

**C**ongratulations to Brothers Courtney Cooper and Christopher Small for being ordained as Deacons at Alarm International Church and Brother Richard Otway for being renewed as a Deacon at Alarm International Church.



**“WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN, KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD YOU WILL RECEIVE THE INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD. YOU ARE SERVING THE LORD CHRIST. “**



**-COLOSSIANS 3:23-24**

# TO CHAPTER INVISIBLE



## Brother

## Dr. Kenneth E. Fowler

**1968 - 2023**

With a sad heart, we announce Brother Kenneth Fowler's transition into Chapter Invisible on October 17, 2023.

Dr. Fowler was a distinguished Marriage and Family Therapist. A Dallas, TX native, he graduated from W.T. White High School (1987). He then enlisted in the Naval Officer's BOOST Program as an Officer Candidate Trainee stationed in San Diego, CA.

Thereafter, Dr. Fowler enrolled and graduated from FSU with his undergraduate degree. He then obtained his M.Ed. from FAMU. Dr. Fowler later returned to FSU for his PhD in MFT. He was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fanatic and enjoyed golfing and traveling. Dr. Fowler was a Fall 1989 initiate of the Theta Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. In the community, he served on several boards and councils.

Survivors include wife/silhouette, YaRhonda Fowler; children: Ayden and Ayana; parents, Eddie and Sharon Thornton; sister, Pascha Thornton; brothers: Anthony (Jackie) Thornton and Kevin (Yvonne) Teal; lifelong best friend and brother, Sean (Audra) Pittman; father-in-law, John Burden; and a host of loving relatives and friends.



## **“Cancer has affected too many people around the world”**

Cancer has affected too many people around the world. Brother Robert Cooper III has created a team for the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi to join Relay for Life to celebrate survivors, remember those we've lost, and offer support to anyone in our community affected by it.

We've set a goal to raise \$1,500 as a team. The funds we raise will sustain critical research and provide services for people trying to cope with their cancer experience. Every dollar counts, so we're asking every brother to donate today.

## **FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$1,500**

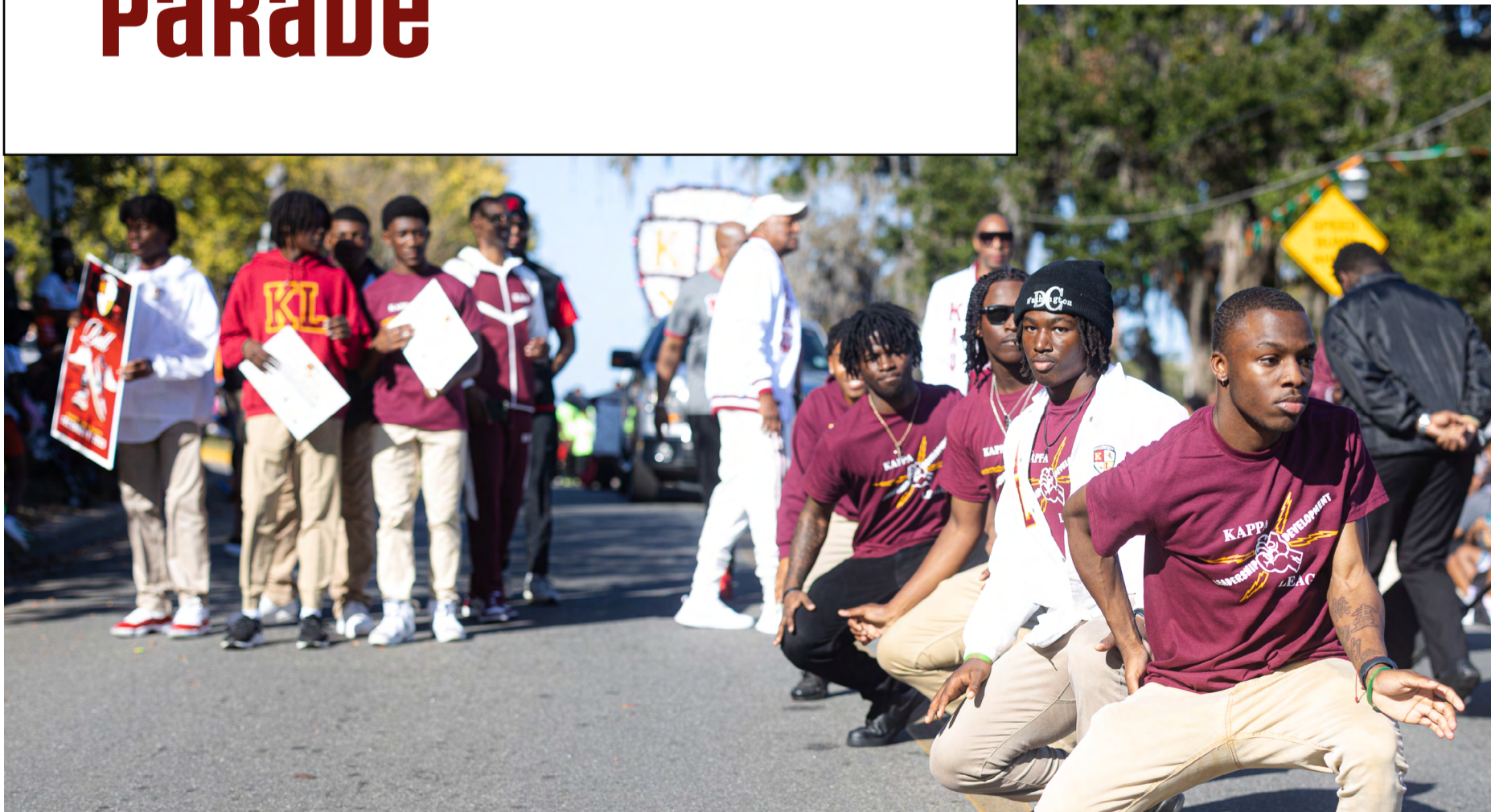
You can access the TAC Team page to donate at the following link: [TAC Relay for Life Team Page](#).

This donation campaign ends on May 4, 2024.

The Relay for Life fundraiser concludes with its annual event at the North Florida Fairgrounds on May 4, 2024. As we get closer to the event, we'll coordinate attending the event with a tent, food, etc.



# FAMU HOMECOMING PARADE





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# BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER

SHAQUIL KEELS - OCTOBER 3  
JAMAL SOWELL - OCTOBER 3  
RODNEY SMITH, SR. - OCTOBER 5  
CHRISTOPHER SMALL - OCTOBER 8  
SELVIN COBB - OCTOBER 11  
ALBERT ARNOLD, III - OCTOBER 18  
SHONTEL RITTMAN - OCTOBER 18  
MAURICE STOKES - OCTOBER 19  
TORAINO OWENS - OCTOBER 24  
WILLIAM MULDROW, SR. - OCTOBER 27  
MICHAEL WHITE - OCTOBER 27

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## NOVEMBER

DR. MICHAEL MOORE - NOVEMBER 10  
SEAN PITTMAN - NOVEMBER 11  
ANTONIO JOHNSON - NOVEMBER 11  
WENDELL KIMBROUGH, II - NOVEMBER 21  
BRYAN MITCHELL - NOVEMBER 23  
ERIC FRIALL - NOVEMBER 24  
MICHAEL MCDONALD, III - NOVEMBER 24

# KAPPA-VERSARIES

## OCTOBER

**TODD BYRON - 10/16/1974 - Gamma Sigma (49-Years)**  
**BENJAMIN HOOKS - 10/5/1996 - Miami (FL) ALUMNI (27-Years)**  
**HUGH DURHAM - 10/15/2005 - Gainesville (FL) ALUMNI (18-Years)**

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## NOVEMBER

**BOOKER DANIELS - 11/30/1961 - ALPHA XI (62-Years)**  
**EDWARD MORAGNE, JR. - 11/6/1971 - Tallahassee (FL) ALUMNI (52-Years)**  
**AUNDRa MCGLOCKTON - 11/22/1974 - ALPHA XI (49-Years)**  
**VANDON JONES, JR. - 11/25/1975 - ALPHA XI (48-Years)**  
**RODNEY SMITH, SR. - 11/13/1975 - Gamma Theta (48-Years)**  
**THORNTON WILLIAMS - 11/18/1976 - ALPHA XI (47-Years)**  
**RICHARD WILLIAMS - 11/12/1981 - ALPHA XI (42-Years)**  
**ALAN WILLIAMS - 11/17/1996 - ALPHA XI (27-Years)**  
**ANTONIO CARRION - 11/21/2009 - Tallahassee (FL) ALUMNI (14-Years)**  
**BRYAN MITCHELL - 11/21/2009 - Tallahassee (FL) ALUMNI (14-Years)**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November 2023

### Thanksgiving Families Give-Away

November 21, 2023, 5:00 PM @ Norman J. Clements Community Center

We've selected twelve (12) families from the Tallahassee community to support this Thanksgiving. Each family will receive a \$50 gift card and a 10-12lb Turkey (uncooked). We will present each family with a token of care and appreciation to help them celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Brothers interested in donating to this endeavor may do so via Check or Cash at the TAC Chapter Meeting (Thursday, November 16, 2023) or any time via Cash App (\$Tallynupes).

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## December 2023

TBD

Date/Location: TBD

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## January 2024

Bowling with the Nupes

Date/Location: TBD

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