ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 12–15, 2026

OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS



OAK BROOK MARRIOTT

1401 W. 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523

ALPHA'S GREATEST INTEREST

HOST CHAPTERS: MU MU AND MU MU LAMBDA

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

THURSDAY EVENTS

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Alpha Illinois Community Footprint	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	LEARN Romano Butler Campus 1132 S Homan Ave., Chicago, IL 60624
Lunch	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	On your own
Registration	2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	SOFT REGISTRATION – Marriott Lobby
Public Meeting	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Elmhurst University: Science Building 190 S. Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, IL 60126
Mu Mu & Mu Mu Lambda Welcome Reception	8:30 PM	Elmhurst University: Science Building 190 S. Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, IL 60126



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DAYTIME SESSIONS

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION / SESSION
Delegate Registration and Check-In	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – Hotel Lobby
Chapter Audits and Delegate Check-In	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – Hotel Lobby
Senior Brother VIP Lounge	9:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Oak Brook Room
Fraternal Awards Display	9:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Elmhurst 1 & 2
All Day Vendors	All Day	Elmhurst 3 & 4
Breakout Sessions A	9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Are Your Affairs in Order – Roland Criswell (Wheaton) Obtaining Your House of Alpha – Bros. Michael Gaines, Marcus Payne, Theo Lilliard, and Alvin Doss
Fireside Chat with the Honorable Mayor Brandon Johnson, Chicago	11:15 – 12:15	Ballroom
Breakout Sessions B	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Running the Yard – Bro. Cameron Barlow (Wheaton) Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen: Selecting the Best Candidates – (Westchester) Facilitator: Bro. Herb Roach
Ritual	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Bro. L. Bernard Jakes – La Grange
Meet the Candidates	3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Ballroom hallway



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OPENING BUSINESS SESSION
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER: BROTHER MICHEAL WILLIAMS

Call to Order	Bro. Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis, II, Illinois District Director
Opening Prayer	Bro. Rev. Gregory L. Payton, District Chaplain
Alpha Spirit	Bro. John Apple Lane
Approval of Agenda	Bro. Montgomery D. Proffit, District Executive Director
Welcome	Bro. Torrence Henry, MML President and MM President Davionne Jakes
Rules and Credentials	Bro. David Griggs, District Chairman, Rules and Credentials
2025 Conference Minutes	Bro. Ty Mayberry, District Secretary
Introduction to the Panels	Bro. Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis
Brotherhood Conversation	Facilitated by Bro. Torrence Henry
In the Round – Panel One	

PANEL 1 | MEMBERSHIP, GROWTH & LEADERSHIP

BUILD THE BROTHERHOOD
Membership • Growth • Leadership • Recognition

■ **Brother Douglas Shaw**	The Alpha Journey
■ **Brother Jeremy Harmon**	IMDP
■ **Brother Marcus Payne**	Fraternal Standards & Extensions
■ **Brother Michael McDowell**	The School for the Better Making of Men
■ **Brother Bradford Bozeman**	Elections
■ **Brother Montgomery D. Proffit II**	Fraternal Awards
■ **Brother Charles Smoot**	Fireside Chat

Election Committee – Rules Overview	Bro. Brad Bozeman, District Election Chair
Adjournment for the Day	



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EVENING EVENTS



EVENT NOIR

BROTHERHOOD Smoke

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Ultimate Cigar & Hookah Lounge
109 E North Ave.
Villa Park, IL



DISTRICT DIRECTOR Reception

9:00 PM

Marquis Room,
Oak Brook Marriott

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2026 ILLINOIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

DAYTIME SESSIONS

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Registration and Check-In	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Hotel Lobby
Chapter Audits and Delegate Certification	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Hotel Lobby
Senior Brother VIP Lounge	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Oak Brook Room
Fraternal Awards Display	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Elmhurst 1 & 2
All Day Vendors	All Day	Elmhurst 3 & 4
Secretary of State Alpha Phi Alpha License Plates Purchase	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	
Life Membership & Veterans Affairs Breakfast	7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Ballroom Salon C-H
BREAKOUT: IMDP Chief Deans, Deans, Area Directors	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	La Grange
WELL ALPHA: Strengthening the Man. Elevating the Brother. Transforming the Brotherhood.	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Bro. Dr. Bryan Hale Wheaton

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SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER: BRO. YAREE WILSON

Alpha Spirit	Bro. John Apple Lane
Chapter Roll Call and Rules and Credentials	Rules and Credentials
College Brother Regional Update	Bro. Davionne Jakes, Midwestern Regional Assistant Vice President
Brotherhood Conversation In the Round – Panel Two	Facilitated by Brother Senator Elgie Sims

PANEL 2 | COMMUNITY IMPACT, ADVOCACY & SERVICE

IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

Health • Justice • Civic Engagement • Veterans • Service

Brother Dr. Brian Humphrey	Director of Health / Surgeon General
Brother Michael Gaines	Racial, Social & Economic Justice
Brother Prentice Butler	Voteless People Is a Hopeless People
Brother Dr. Myron Goins	Veteran Affairs

Elections Committee Report & Nominations	Brother Brad Bozeman, District Chairman of Elections
State of the Region Address	Bro. Franklin Stacy, Jr., Midwest Regional Vice President

AFTERNOON EVENTS

POLLS OPEN	12:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest	12:15 PM – 2:15 PM
Omega Recognition Service Ballroom	2:30 PM – 3:00 PM



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FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER: BRO. YESHUA THORTON
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Conference Report	Bro. Seth Wilson, Director of District Conferences
Assistant District Director Report	Bro. Cameron Barlow, Assistant District Director
Executive Director Report	Bro. Montgomery D. Proffit, District Executive Director
Brotherhood Conversation In the Round – Panel Three	Facilitated by Past District Director Bro. Marcus Payne and Brother Terrance Bryant

PANEL 3 | GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & CHAPTER EXCELLENCE

STRENGTHEN THE DISTRICT

Governance • Strategy • Risk • Culture • Institutional Excellence

- **Brother Farad Ali** — Strategic Planning
- **Brother Don Knox** — Risk Management
- **Brother Dr. Melvin Hinton** — Constitution
- **Brother Chuck Smoot** — Historian
- **Brother Gregory Payton** — District Chaplain

Fraternal Awards	Bro. Montgomery D. Proffit II, District Fraternal Awards Chairman
Alpha Illinois Leadership Foundation	Bro. Anibal Vega, President, Illinois Leadership Foundation
Treasurer's Report	Bro. Curtis Childress, District Treasurer
State of the District Address	Bro. Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis, II, District Director
Benediction	Bro. Rev. Gregory L. Payton, District Chaplain
Adjournment	Bro. Cameron Barlow, Assistant District Director

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AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

BLACK & GOLD



SATURDAY EVENING EVENTS

BLACK AND GOLD RECEPTION Ballroom · Salons A–H	**6:00 PM – 6:30 PM**
GEORGE N. REAVES BLACK AND GOLD LEADERSHIP GALA Ballroom · Salons A–H	**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**
2026 OFFICIAL AFTERPARTY Foyer	**9:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

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