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Skip Mason nominated 33rd General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Andrew Young delivers historic speech as Brothers in Orlando, Fla. Make historic choice placing 25-year brother on ballot

ATLANTA—September is here, and now the fall campaign for 33rd General President is officially underway. Nominee Herman “Skip” Mason begins his international tour of the brotherhood this week with stops in Illinois, California, New York, Nevada, South Carolina, Washington D.C. and Georgia.

Mason was nominated in August by the 101st Anniversary Convention in Orlando. A life member, Mason is a college administrator at Morehouse College, has managed multimillion dollar budgets as a dean of students, and is a minister in the CME Church. Also on the ballot is Brother Darryl Peal.

“I am truly grateful to the brothers of Alpha who have shown through their vote that they “Believe in the 7, Believe in Alpha and Believe in Skip Mason,” said Bro. Mason. “Personally, I want to thank Brother Andrew Young for nominating me, Brother Oliver Green and Brother Steven Jackson for seconding the nomination. My wife and two children did their part too—providing that special support that only family members can.”

“I offer my gratitude and deepest respect to the other candidates: Brothers Darren Morton, Cecil Howard, Elvin Dowling, and Ralph Johnson. These brothers made our race interesting and all of us participated in a competitive, yet brotherly, contest. It was a contest in which all of the brotherhood can be proud,” said Bro. Mason.

Andrew Young—a Howard University initiate of the fraternity and a former Atlanta Mayor, Congressman, and U.S. Ambassador to the UN—brought delegates to their feet. Addressing a convention of more than 2,000, Young said Brother Mason provides a critical link to the fraternity’s *and* black America’s past—and its future.

“Skip Mason stands in a leadership tradition, that not only talks, but writes,” said Bro. Young. “I grew up in the civil rights movement knowing whoever writes our history controls our history. We have to be certain, not to lose the gains of our movement and Alpha must be a leader in this fight. We need Skip Mason at the helm, so I urge every brother to vote for him when they receive their ballot in the mail,” said Bro. Young.

Mason’s campaign team, headed by Campaign Manager Brother Don Weston, of South Carolina, is preparing its rigorous campaign schedule and also plans a monthly message from Bro. Mason via e-mail, to keep brothers fully informed of campaign activities.

“Our purpose is to make sure any brother who wants to talk or communicate with the Nominee, can do so,” said Bro. Weston. “We want to continue our successful dialogue with the brothers— now, during the fall and winter campaigns, the inauguration, and throughout the Skip Mason general presidency” he said.

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