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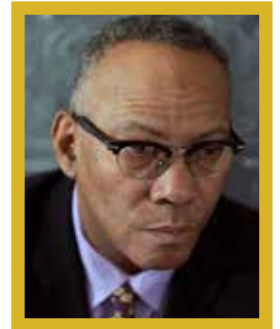
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EDITOR'S NOTES

In this issue we highlight the great Brothers who shine Omega's light of leadership through sharing their time as mentors and or fathers. One of the Fraternity's great mentors and fathers was Brother Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore, the 34th Grand Basileus who recently joined Omega Chapter. The Oracle is honored to feature Brother Gilmore on the magazine's cover.



A wonderful fatherhood story was *Me and Coach*. The story was written by Brother Antonio F. Knox, Jr., the son of the 40th Grand Basileus, Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr. In this Edition, many fatherhood and mentorship stories are featured throughout the Oracle.

Other essential stories include a story about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Rededication at Howard University and the 1918 History of Camp Howard written by Brother Jonathan A. Matthews. Also featured in this issue is a major national story entitled, Omega Fights Racism, over 100 Omega attended a rally in the front of the Philadelphia Starbucks where Omega's Brother Rashon Nelson was unfairly arrested. The publication also presents an article featuring each Omega man running for Grand office.

In District News, each section features a fatherhood and or mentorship story from their district. Some examples include the First District's Tau Iota Chapter's Youth Mentorship Program and the Tenth District's Omicron Alpha Alpha's Father & Son Retreat.

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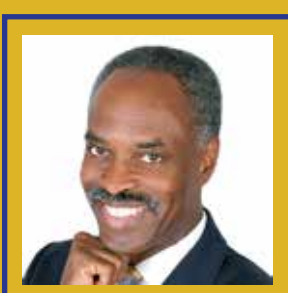
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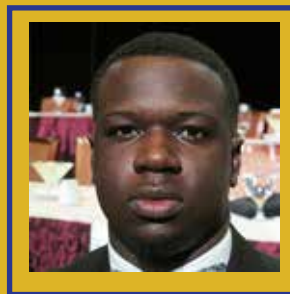
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Tony Knox, 40th Grand Basileus

I Give Honor to God, My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To the distinguished and tireless Men of Omega, families and friends, I pray that you are in the best of God's loving care. I pray for the families of the Omega Giants that have moved from labor to reward. My heart of gratitude is also extended to the families of our Brother Moses C. Norman, 34th Grand Basileus and Brother C. Tyrone Gilmore, 35th Grand Basileus. Their spiritual presence and powerful legacies of leadership continue to be with us.

Brothers as we move toward our 81st Grand Conclave, I want to thank you with all my heart for allowing me the great privilege to serve you as the 40th Grand Basileus of this illustrious Fraternity for the past four years. First and foremost, I lift my gratitude for God for the appointed position and I have worked to honor this assignment with great humility, stewardship and diplomatic leadership. My family has been unwavering in their love and committed support and I want to thank them because I couldn't have done this without them. My beautiful wife Angela has been my Angel and truly the wind beneath my wings. I am extremely honored as a Man of Omega to have my son, Brother Tony Knox, Jr., a phenomenal Man of Omega in committed service ever by my side. I want to thank my team, Brother Victor Brinton, Chief of Staff, Special Assistants Brother Knox, Brother Ken Douglas and Brother Robert Cunningham for traveling with me around the country to answer the high call of our Brotherhood. My chapter, Iota Iota and the Sixth District have provided their never ending support and I honor and thank them for measuring up beyond the challenges as the best in all of Omega. I want to thank Brother Kenneth Barnes, Executive Director, Kyra White, Executive Assistant and the entire IHQ staff for always extending professional courtesy and assistance daily. I want to thank Terry W. Spicer, Public Relations Officer, Brother James Witherspoon, IHQ Photographer, Brother Glenn Rice and the Public Relations Committee for working together to get us to another level of visibility allowing the world to know about the great work of Omega. Special thanks are extended to the Social Media Team, Brother Byron Putnam, Brother John Howard, and Brother Quintest Bishop, to Brother Milbert Brown and the Oracle Team for an outstanding job and Brother Brian Boulware, Compliance Officer for handling the most difficult job in Omega.

One of the great achievements is the Omega Prayer Call led by Brother Dr. Staccato Powell, Grand Chaplain and Bishop of the Western Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church. Brothers I invite you all to join me on this Call, Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. EST. It's powerful to have the dedicated spiritual leadership of the Grand Chaplain, District Chaplains and Prayer Warriors praying for Omega and mankind!

Finally, I lift my sincere gratitude to the Supreme Council and the Committees for their hard work and remarkable willingness to work together to lift our agenda and mission forward. This has been a tremendous experience and I am extremely grateful for having had this once in a lifetime opportunity. I am very proud of all that we have accomplished by working together as One! My Brothers, we have made a difference in our communities imprinting humanitarianism and championing advocacy, and my prayer is that we will continue to do so, never resting on our laurels but continuing to lift as we climb. We have grown over the last four years by approximately 20% in active membership just shy of our goal of 25% but we are moving in the right direction. We are fiscally sound and we have paid \$800,000 of the \$1,000,000 pledge to the Smithsonian African American Museum. We may be in the position to pay it out early at the 81st Grand Conclave. The Fraternity has developed more partners than ever before, both corporate and government and we have secured more jobs for our undergraduates. More of our collegiate Brothers have moved forward into graduate schools for advanced degrees with fellowships and tuition paid scholarships.

Our Social Action programs have had a mighty impact on the communities around the country. Our Fatherhood Initiative has had a tremendous impact on men and boys coast to coast. Our youth mentoring programs have touched the lives of many and we can see the difference by the success in the classrooms and increase in high school graduation rates. The Brother You Are On My Mind Program has attracted the attention of powerful media sources, Essence Magazine and Readers Digest. We have signed significant partnerships with NIH and the National Park Service and now we will wind it up at the 81st Grand Conclave with record attendance! Forward my Brothers into the bright successes of each tomorrow. I am honored. We Are ONE!

Faternally,

40th Grand Basileus

Since its humble beginnings on the Howard University campus, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity continues to be on the front line, leveraging its power, influence and more than 100 years of commitment to the uplift of our people and our communities.



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My Brothers,

It is my pleasure to extend sincere greetings to you with deference to the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. As we approach the 81st Grand Conclave, I thank you for allowing me to serve. I have been blessed to embark on this journey with the most exceptional group of leaders and look forward to working with all of you as we continue to enhance the lives of all through our Cardinal Principals: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has a rich legacy of service to our communities. Through our committees, we are able to make a lasting impression and impact on the lives of citizens and communities near and far. Our committees' contributions through local service programs and projects will help Omega thrive as we lead and uplift our communities. I thank you for your individual and collective support in assisting the forward movement of our beloved Fraternity.

Brothers, we each play a vital role in the progression of our beloved organization. Therefore, it is imperative that we hold Omega high as we assemble to handle Omega business, enjoy various activities, and journey in our everyday lives. Our commitment to our oath calls for us to always consider what is best for Omega while representing the glorious legacy of our Founders. Let us continue to exercise leadership, live every day with purpose, and commit to making a difference in our communities.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to the Supreme Council, Grand Marshal, First Vice DRs, International Committees, IHQ Staff, and the New Orleans Coalition of Chapters for all of their hard work as they strive to make the 81st Grand Conclave in New Orleans a huge success. Their passion and dedication to the vision and mission of Omega are unmatched. Brothers, as we approach another significant Conclave, I ask each of you to register and encourage other Brothers to do the same. Thank you to those who have already registered and committed to attending the Conclave! Our goal is to make Omega the best it can be and for it to live up to the high ideals set forth at its founding. I eagerly anticipate what is to come during our time together.

There is much work to be done. With your continued efforts towards fulfilling the vision of our beloved Founders, God will see us through! I look forward to greeting you in the "Big Easy", where we will enthusiastically work to advance Omega's purpose.

Thank you again, my Brothers, for allowing me to serve! Long live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and God bless you all!

Fraternally,

David Marion, Ph.D.
1st Vice Grand Basileus
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Candidates For Grand Office

Three Omega men are Candidates for the Fraternity's Grand Basileus position. The candidates include **Bro. David E. Marion**, the current First Vice Grand Basileus; **Bro. Charles A. Bruce**, a past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and **Bro. Wesley Jarmon**. The election will take place in July 2018 at the Fraternity's 81st Grand Conclave in New Orleans, LA.

Brother Dr. Marion plans to focus on decreasing the rise of inactive Brothers and strengthening the Omega brand through promoting Omega's positive image.



Bro. David E. Marion, Ph.D



Bro. Charles A. Bruce



Bro. Wesley Jarmon

Brother Charles A. Bruce will apply his professional and fraternal leadership experience to focus on the Fraternity's growth, prosperity, and excellence.

Brother Wesley Jarmon will focus on providing every active member a voice where it pertains to leadership and accountability.

The four candidates for the office of First Vice Grand Basileus include Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers, Bro. Sylvester Wilkins, Bro. Willie Hinchon, and Bro. Ricky L. Lewis.

Bro. Kenneth Rodgers, the current Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will focus on carrying out the vision of the Grand Basileus and assisting the Supreme Council leadership team in navigating the challenges Omega Psi Phi faces. **Bro. Sylvester Wilkins** would focus on program enhancements.

Bro. Willie Hinchon, a former 9th District Representative, states if he is elected the focus would be on a "new voice, new vision, and better bridges".

Bro. Ricky L. Lewis, a former 12th District Representative, and the Director of Youth Leadership Program, plans to focus on leadership and excellence within the Fraternity.

Additional candidate information for the GKRS, GKE, and the Grand Counselor positions on page 59.



Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers



Bro. Sylvester Wilkins



Bro. Willie Hinchon



Bro. Ricky L. Lewis

Bro. C. Tyrone Gilmore, Sr.

34th Grand Basileus Joins Omega Chapter

Omega men from around the country assembled on the evening of March 2, 2018 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to pay homage to the 34th Grand Basileus and 22nd Sixth District Representative, Brother Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore, Sr.

Bro. Gilmore departed this life in the early morning hours of February 27, 2018. His life was one of dedication to community service, education, and the Fraternity. "He was among the first to encourage me to run for District office," said Brother Howard Jackson, the Sixth District Representative.

Brother Gilmore was considered to be an icon, and a father to many in the Fraternity added Bro. Howard. Gilmore served the Spartanburg community as a coach, teacher, and principal. In 1994, Gilmore became the first African American Superintendent of Spartanburg School District 7, and he held that post until retiring in 2002.

The Spartanburg native was elected as the Fraternity's 34th Grand Basileus at the 66th Grand Conclave held in Detroit, Michigan. One of Bro. Gilmore's most notable achievements was putting the plans in motion to acquire a new international headquarters which culminated in the purchase of the World Headquarters Building in Decatur, Georgia.

During Brother Gilmore's Homegoing service, Sixth District Representative Brother Howard Jackson presided over the resolutions. The 40th Grand Basileus Brother Antonio F. Knox provided remarks on behalf of the Fraternity. Brother Kipling Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Omega Life Membership Foundation also added comments. Six former Grand Basilei attended the funeral service for Gilmore. They included: Dr. Edward J. Braynon, 30th Grand Basileus; Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, 35th Grand Basileus; Lloyd J. Jordan, Esq., 36th Grand Basileus; Dr. George H. Grace, 37th Grand Basileus; Warren G. Lee, Jr., 38th Grand Basileus; Dr. and Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus. The current Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox, Sr., also attended.





Also in attendance were a member of the Supreme Council, District Representatives, and International staff members. Hundreds of Omega men flanked the walls and aisles of Cornerstone Baptist Church as the service began. Brother Knox shared his thoughts on Brother Gilmore and how he impacted him. "I thank God that Brother Gilmore mentored me for the position that I am in and I hope that he was pleased with me as he went from labor to reward" said Brother Knox.

Brother Gilmore attended Livingstone College where he took great pride in representing the school's football team. As a football player, Bro. Gilmore was outstanding. He was inducted into Livingstone College's Athletic Hall of Fame. At the school he also met his future wife, Jacqueline Coleman. Gilmore would later earn an M.A. degree in Social Studies Education from Converse College and an Education Specialist Degree in Education Administration from the University of South Carolina. For his outstanding service and contributions to his alma mater, he is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters from Livingstone College.

Dr. Gilmore was a devoted educator. He served as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the public schools of Spartanburg County School, District 7. He provided excellent leadership as the first Black Superintendent of Spartanburg County School District 7. Gilmore was also a member of the The Pride of Spartanburg Masonic Lodge #211. He also served as a Commander and Chief of the J.E. Dickson Consistory #217. Gilmore was also a member of Tamin Temple #155 and the Motorcycle Unit.

Gilmore's most important achievement was serving as Omega's 34th Grand Basileus. The Fraternity has presented Gilmore with several awards for his service.

In addition to helping the Fraternity secure a new headquarters, Dr. Gilmore also initiated the Omega 2000 Project, a program designed to establish new processes, programs, and procedures for the Fraternity for the future.



PHOTOGRAPHS--TOP: Omega men from across the nation attended Brother Gilmore's service. CENTER: Bro. Gilmore (far left) with other Grand Basilei. BOTTOM: Bro. Gilmore smiling with an Omega man after an Omega meeting. PREVIOUS PAGE: Bro. Gilmore entering an official Omega meeting. Bro. Gilmore with his golfing buddy, Bro. Dr. George H. Grace, the 37th Grand Basileus.

Photographs by IHQ/Oracle Staff: Brother Galvin Crisp and Brother James Witherspoon. Story by Bro. Kurt Walker

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COACH

A Fatherhood Story by Bro. Antonio F. Knox, Jr.

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father is a man in relation to his natural child or children. I will argue that being a father is much more than that. It is often said that a child's first friend and role model will be his father. For a daughter, it is he of whom she will form her opinion of what a man is and ought to be. For a son, it goes deeper, and he of who the son will at one point want to be. A father can be noted as the fundamental foundation of a family, especially in the African-American community. From the day a child is born, his presence or his absence can be used to determine the trajectory of that child. Though this is not always the case, history and historical data have shown that the presence of the father in the home increases a child's likelihood to graduate from high school, obtain higher education, and escape poverty while it also decreases the likelihood of a criminal record for the child. For women, it reduces the risk of teen pregnancy.

My father-my daddy is Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., the Fraternity's 40th Grand Basileus. Those who have the privilege to wear the crown of being a father should wear it with dignity and pride. It is impressive and admirable to see that after all of the many things in life that my father has accomplished, he makes it known that his fondest memories and greatest joys are with his family. If you mention his grandkids, his smile will light up a room. I wouldn't be surprised if my older sister and brother-in-law get extra Christmas gifts for giving him those grandkids. A dad is someone who hides his pain to make you smile. My father has made me smile. He continuously put others before him. Around the holiday season, he's the hardest person to shop for, because he is grateful for everything and doesn't look to receive anything.

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“I was blessed enough to have been coached by my father; I too, called him coach.” Brother Tony Knox, Jr., son of the 40th Grand Basileus, Bro. Antonio Knox, Sr.

Before seeking Omega and afterward, “I am asked, What inspired you to become a Que?” People say that I had no choice, but I will disagree. Proverbs 22:6 says it all. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” As a young man, I had a choice and was brought up to make my own decisions but my choice to seek Omega was made clear based on how I was raised.

I was raised on the Cardinal Principles of our Fraternity. My father was the first example of a man I saw and taught me manhood firsthand. The invaluable lessons taught then, I still hold with me today. He and my mother introduced me to the church and Christ. My mother is an educator, and together, my parents instilled in me the importance of scholarship, understanding that the foundation would be essential to my future successes. Many things can be taken away from you in life but the education received is not one of them. Scholarship extends beyond the classroom too as every day we should seek to learn something new. The day we stop learning is the day that we stop growing individually and collectively.

Without that foundation and their sacrifice, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to attend and graduate from Columbia University and receive my Master’s from Wake Forest University Graduate School of Business. Life will never be a crystal stair and at times will bring adversity, but it is in those times, we prove who we are. Through perseverance, setbacks are only setups for comebacks. I learned and saw these things from my father firsthand. Acts of Service is even his Love Language. We have a duty to give back, to uplift one another, to lift as we climb, and to make the quality of life for everyone around us better. As service is our rent we pay to live, my father seeks to provide everyone he can the opportunities he didn’t have growing up, and for the opportunities, he was blessed to have, he seeks to pass those on as well.

As a child, I did not understand at times why my father was so busy or why he was so involved. He coached numerous sports all throughout the year and had served on many community boards for decades. The depth of the impact he had on the lives of others was evident when a former teammate of mine called “Coach Knox” first when he received his first college acceptance letter and



scholarship. He called to thank him for all that he had done for him, stating that without him, he wasn’t sure he would’ve even finished high school or he may have been in trouble with the law. He called him even before calling his own mother. I believe it was at that moment that I began to realize the positive impact that my father had on so many other people, and I started to appreciate all of the sacrifices he made for them.

It was that man, my father, along with so many other great Omega Men in Iota Iota and throughout the Sixth District who inspired me to become a Que. I was fortunate enough to have been surrounded by so many positive black male figures in the community, they all had something in common. These men were educators, mentors, coaches, lawyers, judges, business owners, fathers, former pro athletes, etc., who just so happened to also wear the royal purple and old gold proudly. It’s incredible to know that on May 9, 1957, at St. John’s Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, when my father was born, both parts of Omega’s history and my story were being written. From that very day, God was preparing him to one day serve both the Fraternity and the community. He also was preparing him to protect and provide for my family.

Some of the gems that my father would say, ‘Let your hard work and accomplishments speak for themselves. Let your left hand worry not about what your right hand is doing and when you walk into a room where someone may not know who you are, carry yourself in such a way that they say to themselves, I don’t know who he is but he looks like he ought to be somebody.’

As I get older, every day I am more and more appreciative and thankful for having Big TK—my father in my life. He is truly a blessing that only can be given from God. I often ask myself what did I do to deserve a great father like him. “Big TK,” “Coach,” “Pop,” are just some of the names that I call him on the regular to this day. His core values have elevated him through the ranks of Omega. I can honestly say that he did not strive to become the Grand Basileus for our illustrious organization. Not once growing up can I ever recall him vocalizing his aspiration to become our Grand Basileus (that is of course before he announced his candidacy). It has and will always be about him striving and continuing to serve Omega in whatever capacity he can.

The humility and professionalism that our 40th Grand Basileus possesses is second to none. He is a "Brother's Brother." Anyone that has walked anywhere with him can attest to the fact that it is hard to get him from Point A to Point B during meetings or events. It's hard because he will make time for everyone. Whether it is to stop and answer a question that can turn into a conversation with anyone who asks, to take a picture, or merely to say hello and acknowledge those around him or that he passes by, he places himself bigger than no one. A title hasn't changed who he is at the core.



PHOTOGRAPH: Bro. Knox's daughter Antoinette Knox Haygood with husband Brian. Also included is Bro. Knox's grandchildren Autumn and Braylon.



PHOTOGRAPH: Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., with his wife, Angela Knox.

Behind, and at times beside, every great man, is a great woman. I would be remiss in talking about the great man my father is and the great leader he is for our Fraternity, if I failed to acknowledge my mother. My loving and beautiful mother exemplifies what it means to be a great wife, mother, and woman of Delta. Serving Omega takes time, patience, and an understanding of all parties involved (it's not just required of the brother) to name a few. There were nights and times growing up that Omega demanded the presence of my father whether it was a chapter meeting, a program, a community service event, or he had to step out to serve in his advisory role to Kappa Lambda, but he was able to do so knowing that home was taken care of. He didn't have to worry whether or not his children were being fed or taken care of. He was able to give so much to the Fraternity because my Mom supported him every step of the way.

Over the last four years, I couldn't have been more proud. As our Grand Basileus, my father continues the great work for our organization that he started 40 years ago once crossing those Burning Sands. His love, passion, and enthusiasm for Omega have never once faded. I've admired his drive while watching him travel the country back and forth, often having to be in multiple districts in the same weekend. Even with his travel schedule, every morning, Monday thru Friday at 6:30 am EST, he is dialed into the Fraternity's Prayer Call.

Omega is better because Antonio Knox serves as our Grand Basileus, and I am better because he is my father. To our esteemed brotherhood, my father is a "Brother's Brother." I am fortunate enough to call him not only my mentor, my brother, and my friend, but most importantly, my father.

Rededication Ceremony at Howard University

Omega's Founders Day



For 106 years, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has improved the conditions of individuals and groups in the African-American communities they serve worldwide. Since 1911, the Fraternity has championed the cause of the underserved populations and acts as a beacon of light for all of humanity. The Founders Day Rededication Ceremony was held at Howard University on Friday, November 17, 2017. Each year the event is an opportunity for Brothers to recommit to the principles of Omega near the site where four men established the fraternal organization.

Three Grand Basilei attended the event. They were: Bro. Antonio F. Knox, Sr., 40th; Bro. Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th, and Bro. Lloyd Jordon, Esq., the 36th. After the rededication program at Howard's Cramton Auditorium over 2,000 Omega men adjourned to the Founders Monument. The monument is within 1000 feet from the Science Hall. On the third floor of the building, three undergraduate Howard students Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman and Edgar A. Love founded the Fraternity with their faculty advisor, Ernest E. Just.



PHOTO TOP: Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., the 40th Grand Basileus joined Omega men to sing the Omega Hymn at the Founders Monument. **PHOTO BOTTOM:** Before the Omega men sing the Hymn they encircle the Monument on Howard University's campus. *IHQ/Oracle photographs.*

AN ICON OF BROTHERHOOD

THE DIAL

On September 22, 2017, the restored 1929 Sun Dial was rededicated on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Often referred to as just, The Dial it was a gift from Alpha Chapter's 1928-29 Lampados Club. One of the primary speakers at the rededication event was Brother Judge Rohulamin Quander, a 1964 Alpha Chapter Brother. Included are excerpts from Bro. Quander's speech titled *The Dial: An historical perspective*.

"Four score and eight years ago our forefathers and fore brothers brought forth on this campus an icon conceived in Friendship and Brotherhood, and dedicated to the memory and contributions of Benjamin Banneker, a self-taught African American whose scientific service and contributions in 1791 greatly enhanced the architectural fabric of founding this great nation.

The essence of that same spirit is who we are today, 88 years later, revisiting this site near and dear to all Omega Men, and particularly those who entered the sacred brotherhood by way of Alpha Chapter, the Mother Pearl of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. On this very day, the 155th anniversary of announcing the forthcoming Emancipation Proclamation, and likewise, the 150th Anniversary date of Howard University's annual commemorative convocation, we gather to re-consecrate and recommit to that which all Omega Men hold dear, to wit, "That Friendship is Essential to the Soul."

May it never forget the glorious past of Benjamin Banneker and what we have done and are now doing here again. It is for us, the living, to carry on the unfinished work that is Omega, yet inspired by our stopping along that path to give recognition its due. The Dial quickly became part of the fabric of the Mother Pearl. Brothers from everywhere have congregated here ever since that day in 1929. Whether homecoming or after home-based football games, the lasting effect of this icon and its purpose is self-evident as we encircle it, whether to share memories, to step (march), or to sing Omega Dear.

Bro. LeRoy Clay, The Dial's brainchild, conceived The



"The Sun Dial, a gift from Alpha Chapter's 1928-29 Lampados Club. The Dial was dedicated at Howard University in 1929.



At the Fall rededication was (L to R): Bro. Cody Charles, 2nd Vice Grand Basileus; Bro. Antonio F. Knox, Sr., the 40th Grand Basileus; Bro. Kevin Brown, the 3rd District Representative, and Bro. I.G. Cooper, the chairman of the Dial Restoration Committee. Seated is Ms. JoAnn Clay, daughter of Bro. Leroy Clay (Omega Chapter), the brainchild of "The Dial." **IHQ/Oracle Photograph by Bro. James Witherspoon.**

Dial as a tribute to Benjamin Banneker. With the financial support solely of his fellow 19 line brothers and no monetary input requested or received from the Fraternity, the pledge club commissioned the limestone structure, including its solid brass top. Designed and executed with the architectural assistance of Bro. Ralph A. Vaughn (Alpha Chapter 1924), the Lampados donated The Dial to Howard during a program convened here in this very Andrew Rankin Chapel on February 1, 1929. It was the First Legacy Gift donated from any Black Greek Letter Organization anywhere, in recognition of Omega's historical significance to African American life and culture."

Discrimination Practices at Starbucks

Omegas Fight Racism

In April 2018 over 100 Omega men held a press conference outside a Philadelphia Starbucks to bring attention to the discriminatory treatment suffered by Omega Psi Phi member, Brother Rashon Nelson. Bro. Rashon was arrested by Philadelphia police officers after a Starbucks employee complained that Nelson refused to leave as he waited for a business partner at 18th & Spruce Street.

Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's 40th Grand Basileus, joined other local leaders during the two-hour press conference and rally. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Eta Mu Nu Chapter organized the event.

"We're CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. We're brain surgeons. We're bankers. We're educators. We're athletes and entertainers. And you can cheer us on one day, and the next day arrest us and prejudice us because of the color of our skins," said Brother Knox.



Brother Benjamin Crump, one of the nation's most well-known civil rights attorneys, said, "We gather not just for Donte and Rashon, but we gather for Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., because it was implicit bias that led to his death," Crump said. "We gather for Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO. — that was implicit bias that led to his death. We gather for Philando Castile in Minneapolis, Minn., because that was implicit bias that led to his death. We gather for Sandra Bland in Houston, Texas, because that was implicit bias that led to her death. We gather for Laquan McDonald in Chicago, Ill. — that was implicit bias that led to his death. We gather

for Natasha McKinney in Virginia — that was implicit bias that led to her death. We gather for Stephon Clark in Sacramento, Calif. — that was implicit bias that led to his death.

We gather for Corey Jones in West Palm Beach, Fla. — that was implicit bias that led to his death. We gather for Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, La. — that was implicit bias that led to his death. And we can go on and on across every district in Omega Psi Phi and more. When you think about all the young Black men around the country — Stephon Clark, Terence Crutcher, Philando Castile — all these unarmed Black men," Crump added, "it's shoot first,



Brother Rashon Nelson (left) is arrested and escorted out of the Starbucks in Philadelphia. Nelson is a member of Omega's Alpha Eta Chapter. He attended Bloomsburg University and majored in finance.

Shortly after the national incident Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox, Sr., released the following statement:

The times that we are living in continue to unveil the bold and dark side of racism through the lens of ready cameras of witnesses that record the injustices that are reported daily. The latest incident on the news around the world touched our Omega family as one of the young men arrested at the Starbucks in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is an Omega Man and remarkable example of resilient courage in the face of undeserved fire. I thank God for his sense of presence and calm because the encounter with police officers could have been very different.

While we won't yet release names, please know that this Basileus and Chapter Brothers have been in touch. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." Brothers, I say to you fifty-five years later that now is the Time! This was very clearly



racial injustice but maybe this case will be the catalyst to create the positive change that we seek. When people of all diversities, ethnicities and cultures stand to speak out, the world takes notice. There were others in Starbucks that boldly stood up to speak against the actions taken by police and management. The CEO of Starbucks has made a public apology and I applaud his sincerity but the change within his company must include the training of management and employees on the correct procedures to embrace and understand diversity and continuously act accordingly. This will determine if Starbucks gets this right. My Brothers, let's continue to lift as we climb to show this world how good it will be when we all turn to the solid rock of brotherhood and mankind! WE ARE ONE!

"You go from being someone who's just trying to be an entrepreneur, having your own dreams and aspirations, and then this happens...How do you handle it? Do you stand up? Do you sit down and just watch everyone else fight for you? Do you let it slide, like we let everything else slide with injustice?"

**Brother Rashon Nelson
comments after his Starbucks arrest**

Gamma Pi takes its social action message to the airwaves

UPLIFT TV SHOW

It is early evening, and inside the Community TV studios in Largo, Md., people are milling about with a purpose. They are hunched over screens checking dials and gauges, combing over lines of the script posted on a teleprompter across the room and positioning floor cameras just off a talk show set consisting of a glass table decked with two large bar stools. Draped behind it all is a backdrop of the Escutcheon and the Gamma Pi logo.

This is behind the scenes of a community wide talk show that boasts about the excellent work that The Ques are doing locally, courtesy of the Gamma Pi Chapter in Prince George's County. Welcome to "Community UPLIFT, a bi-monthly television show produced and presented by Gamma Pi.

When it comes to communicating with the greater community, you can't get much better than your own TV show. Gamma Pi, which recently celebrated its 45th anniversary, has made the public affairs talk show a staple of its communication toolkit. The 30-minute show is broadcast every other month on the access community network reaching Verizon FIOS and Comcast customers in two metropolitan counties in the metropolitan Washington suburbs of Prince George's and Montgomery counties. That's an area of more than 2 million residents.

Now in its third year, the show has covered many topics, focusing on the activities of the chapter

and the Fraternity, of course. They have included: Achievement Week, social action projects in the local community, the Annual



Talent Hunt, Scholarships, the chapter's college prep training program, Project ENRICH and even tough subjects like gun violence and youth.

Among guests have been members of the Fraternity's leadership: Grand Basileus Bro. Antonio Knox, Grand Keeper of Records & Seal Bro. Kenneth Rodgers in 2016 and Editor

of *The Oracle* Bro. Milbert O. Brown, Jr., in 2018. The show is broadcast three times a week during the month and is archived for on-demand viewing on Gamma Pi's website, www.gammapi.org.

Each show begins with an introduction lead-in by host Denise Roberts, who happens to be a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a perspective on the topic by the current Basileus. Immediate Past Basileus Brother Brian K. Long was the first Basileus to be on the show regularly, and he was followed by current Basileus, Brother Tony Lee, who has also hosted the show on a couple of occasions in a backup capacity.

The idea for a show was brought to the chapter by Brother Clinton Green, shortly after he began taking courses in television broadcasting at Community TV studios. He approached the Public Relations Committee with the idea. The committee held several meetings to discuss the ideas and upon approval, invited Brother Green to join them. After that, a plan was laid out for a series of shows for the first year. The rest, as they say, is history.

“Our public relations committee was always looking at innovative approaches to highlight the chapter’s work and activities. I saw the TV opportunity as something that would complement what they were doing, and it would likely be unique,” said Brother Green. He serves as producer of the show, coordinating the crew and the on-set taping, and the PR committee is responsible for securing the guests and preparing the content.

“We have had no shortage of topics given how active Gamma Pi is in the local community,” said Brother James Alexander, chairman of the chapter’s Public Relations Committee. “This will help the public have a complete picture of what Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is all about,” added Bro. Alexander.

Other committee members who met and laid the groundwork for the show and who currently work on the program are Brothers Brett Blake, Charles Casteel, Donald Cook, Lawrence Dukes, Wesley Jarman, Ken Jones, Roland Jones, Anthony Kelly, William Lloyd, Courtland Smith, Teddy Taylor, Raphael Terrell, Markel Waters, Marcus Whitfield, Steve Walls and Alvin Williams, DDS.

PHOTOGRAPH: Omega men preparing for their TV program segment. (L to R): Brothers Tony Lee, Basileus of Gamma Pi; Milbert O. Brown, Jr., International Editor of *The Oracle* and Dr. Leroy Barton, Gamma Pi’s Talent Hunt Chairman.

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Gamma Pi Chapter’s
Public Relations Chairman



Photo Above: Brother Dr. Leroy Barton, Jr., (right) talks about Gamma Pi’s Talent Hunt. Previous page photo (L to R): Brothers Tony Lee, Milbert O. Brown, Jr., and Dr. Leroy Barton, Jr.

Miller National Big Brother of the Year



Brother Murray Miller of Psi Phi Chapter was selected as the “*National Big Brother of the Year*” for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America on May 4, 2018. The process for award selection included several interviews and an essay.

During the beginning of the year, Brother Miller was chosen as the *Big Brother of the Year* for the State of North Carolina. He was also picked from 100 counties from the state. In 2013, the White House presented Bro. Miller with the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

The Winston-Salem, NC native, was aware of issues that young men were confronted with on a daily basis. He taught men and women who were incarcerated within the Forsyth County (GA) Law Enforcement Detention Center. Miller noted that he taught inmates GED courses and religious studies for more over 20 years.

In 2012, he contacted the Big Brothers & Big Sisters Program to be matched with one young man named Jolen. “Volunteering with Jolen has made such a huge impact on my life,” said Bro. Miller. The pair has shared their time together hiking, visiting art museums, and talking about sports.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Program is a community-based mentoring program that matches youths age 6-18, from predominantly low-income, single-parent households, with adult volunteer mentors who are typically young (20-34) and well-educated (the majority are college graduates.

Six Weeks That Changed Omega in 1918

Camp Howard Chapter



In any organization's history, there exist inflection points that serve as critical historical markers of change for that organization. Omega is no different. One of those markers is the creation of a temporary Chapter, Camp Howard Chapter that was established for less than a month during late summer of 1918.

By the early spring of 1918, the U.S. was fully immersed in World War I. Hundreds of thousands of troops were being hurriedly trained and sent overseas to battle the Germans. The War and its demand for soldiers exposed a significant issue that existed in the military: it was woefully unprepared for military officer training. In response, the War Department established the Student Army Training Corps (S.A.T.C.) which purpose was to provide 6-8 weeks of technical military training to college men on their respective campus.

A total of 157 colleges and universities, including 13 HBCUs, were contracted by the War Department to host S.A.T.C. for its male student population. Howard University was not only pledged to host S.A.T.C. but lobbied to secure an exclusive Camp where select African American students and faculty members from over 70 colleges and universities were to be provided training for military instruction.

Upon completion of the program, these individuals would serve as S.A.T.C. instructors at their respective institutions. In total, 457 students and professors attended this special S.A.T.C. Instructor Camp which ran from August 1 through September 16, 1918.

Several Brothers were selected by Howard and Lincoln Universities to attend the Instructor Camp. They were Eugene Ellis Alston (Beta Chapter), William Justin Carter, Jr. (Alpha Chapter), William McKinley Peterz (Beta Chapter), Wendell Marion Stevens (Beta Chapter), and Julius Albert Thomas, Jr. (Alpha Chapter). Additionally, three Brothers, First Lieutenants Campbell Carrington Johnson, John Wesley Love and John Henry Purnell, who received their commissions at Ft. Des Moines a year earlier, were assigned to the command at the Instructor Camp.

On the heels of the success of the War Chapter at Ft. Des Moines a year earlier, Brothers realized another unique opportunity presented itself for growth. The Grand Chapter, led by the 6th Grand Basileus, Clarence F. Holmes, Jr., appointed Bros. Julius Thomas and Clarence Osceola Lewis, who taught Math at Howard, to investigate the feasibility of organizing a special temporary Chapter during the Camp's existence. After providing a favorable report, these Brothers were then tasked with selecting possible candidates for initiation from the participants of

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the Camp. After several days, they offered a list of thirty men for consideration. On the evening of Sunday, September 1, 1918, 28 men consisting of 22 students and 6 faculty instructors from nine different schools were initiated into the fold of Omega at the Alpha Chapter Fraternity House located at 322 T St. near campus.

On Monday, September 9, 1918, Grand Basileus Holmes, who at the time was in his final year of Dental School at Howard, called the first and what was likely the only official meeting of the Camp Howard Chapter. At the meeting, Julius Thomas was elected Chapter Basileus, and newly initiated Bros. Louis Gans and J. Alston Atkins were elected Keeper of Records and Keeper of Seals, respectively. A week later, Camp concluded but not before the Chapter held a farewell reception at the Alpha Chapter Frat House to "sustain the good fellowship and fraternal association that already existed."

The impact of Camp Howard Chapter was profound and immediate. Four months after the close of Camp, on January 22, 1919, the Brothers from Camp Howard Chapter who were from Fisk and Meharry established Delta Chapter in Nashville, TN. Zeta Chapter was established at Virginia Union University in part by Camp Howard Chapter Bros. Victor Smith, Henry Hucles and Melvin Walker in the home of famed Richmond entrepreneur Maggie L. Walker, Melvin's mother, on October 30, 1919. Eta Chapter was then established by the Brothers of Camp Howard Chapter who were from Atlanta University and Morehouse in December 1919.

Additionally, in 1920, Kappa Chapter was founded at West Virginia Collegiate Institute (now West Virginia State University) by Bros. Albert Brown and Dennis Smith, both of Camp Howard Chapter, and David Lane, who was initiated through the War Chapter at Ft. Des Moines. In 1921, Rho Chapter was established at Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith University) by Bros. James Seabrook and Rudolph Wyche after a prolonged battle with University officials and faculty. In the seven-year period from 1911 through 1918, Omega established only three permanent Chapters. In the three year period of 1919 through 1921, twelve Chapters were formed with five of the twelve created by Brothers initiated through Camp Howard Chapter.

The Brothers from Camp Howard left their mark on Omega and society as well. J. Alston Atkins became Omega's 9th Grand Basileus in 1921. He, along with Charles Chandler was part of the chartering members of Chi Chapter at Yale University in 1921. Both George Brantley and Clinton Warner were District Representatives. In 1921, Joseph Berry helped

organize Sigma (which eventually became Sigma Omega in 1923) in Chicago then, in 1923, Iota Chapter at the University of Chicago. Charleston Cox was one of the founding Brothers of Zeta Phi Chapter in Indianapolis in 1925. Douglas Jenkins served as Delta Chapter's first Basileus in 1919 and helped organize Omicron Phi at Columbia, SC, in 1926. William Wethers served as Basileus of Upsilon Phi in Newark, NJ and Vice Basileus of Xi Phi in New York. Richard Wyche was Keeper of Records for Epsilon Chapter in 1923 and Basileus of Pi Phi Chapter in 1934-35. Lawrence Harper was Dean of Men at Paine College for 30 years and served as Basileus of Psi Omega Chapter in Augusta, GA. Henry Hucles was a famed football, basketball, baseball, and tennis coach and Athletic Director at Virginia Union and Prairie View A&M for 50 years. James Seabrook was President of Fayetteville State Normal School (now Fayetteville State University) from 1933-56.

According to the June 1919 *Oracle*, "each Brother had an opportunity to express his views and ideas" while listening to words from Lieutenants Johnson, Love, and Purnell. At the close of the reception, the life of Camp Howard Chapter came to an end. The inflection point of Camp Howard Chapter began Omega's expansion not only in the South but nationally. Though this Chapter existed for just a few weeks 100 years ago, its impact continues to be felt today.



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Omega's 2018 Undergraduate **Summit**

In January 2018, the International Undergraduate Summit was held in Atlanta. One of the significant topics of discussion was a presentation on the Future Dads Program. According to Reverend Brother Melvin Williams, the Sixth District's Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman, the Future Dads Program will be implemented at every undergraduate chapter in the district.

"This Brother was telling his story about being a young father in college and coping with everyday life. The Brother became emotional, and he said 'I need you to hug me.' Brothers need our hugs," said Brother Williams. At the end of the session, a survey was administered. Findings from survey data gathered from the 2017 Undergraduate Summit



in Houston presented some essential facts. Out of 152 surveys collected 85 percent of the 2017 Undergraduate Summit attendees noted that they participated in an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., mentoring programs as a youth. The results also presented that 89 percent of the undergraduates said they knew of other young men on campus that were fathers. Also, 80 percent of the undergraduates wanted a Future Dads Program at their campuses.

At the Undergraduate Summit and during the 2018 District Meetings, Brother Cody Charles, the Fraternity's Second Vice Grand Basileus, has presented his thoughts to the undergraduate Brotherhood. Here are excerpts from his address.

"On November 17, 1911, our beloved Fraternity was founded by three Undergraduates with the help of a faculty advisor. Brothers Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Charles Coleman were men of distinction that derived a blueprint for which we, as a Fraternity would surely succeed on as long as we didn't deviate.

As the bloodline of this Fraternity, we are filled with enthusiasm and tenacity. Accompanied by so much more. Although with that being said I have to be honest with my constituents and ask where have we gone wrong? As I stated before I will address the elephant in the room so hopefully, we as undergraduates can be honest with ourselves.

1.) Does our nobility and/or respect reflect that of our Founders' vision?

• We often state that we as men of Omega must pledge allegiance to her cause and live nobly and unselfishly,



but how is this the trait of a nobleman when we as Undergraduates Disrobe another Brother for what he may not know for personal gratification?

• We as undergraduates at times fail to uphold traditions to only mimic trends.

• More than often focus on the BE OWT sessions instead of BEING OWT IN ALL ENDEAVORS.

2.) Has the art of "HAZING" helped us uphold traditions?

• CAN WE BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES? I ask that every individual in this room who pledged or went through any "process," please raise your hand and keep them raised for a moment. Now as you look around the room pay attention to the hands raised and for every individual whose hand is raised ask yourself did a process give you the attributes of an OMEGA MAN OR make you better than you already were? Or did you have that "IT" factor before you entered Omega?



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PREVIOUS PAGE/TOP: Young Brothers at the Undergraduate Summit.

PREVIOUS PAGE/BOTTOM: Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr, 40th Grand Basileus with Brother Cody Charles, 2nd Vice Grand Basileus.

ABOVE/RIGHT: Brother Cody Charles, 2nd Vice Grand Basileus.

Bro. Holt Placed into the HOF



In his junior year at Austin Peay State, Bro. Holt averaged 215.7 all-purpose yards per game. The College Sporting News named him as its first-team all-purpose back on the FCS Fabulous Fifty All-American team. Sports Network selected Holt as an All-America, 2nd team all-purpose back.

His 7,512 career all-purpose yards ranks seventh all-time in Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) history while his 170.7 all-purpose yards per game ranks 14th all time. As a senior, he was named to the College Sporting News Sweet 63 FCS All-America team as a return specialist. At Austin Peay, Holt was the recipient of the 2007-2008 Most Valuable Senior Athlete. He also received the Elite Kick Return Specialist Award.

Bro. Holt was initiated into Omega through the Rho Kappa Chapter at Austin Peay State University in 2010. He served as Vice Basileus as an undergraduate. Currently, Brother Holt is active in the Omega Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter. Since becoming a member of the chapter, he has been presented with the Ernest E. Just Achievement Award.

Omega Psi Phi's Bro. Terrence Holt, known as the "greatest game changer" in Austin Peay State University's football history, was inducted into the school's 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame.

When Holt began his football career at Austin Peay State, the first time he touched the ball he returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

He was named to the Ohio Valley Conference's (OVC) All-Newcomer team as a freshman. Holt rewrote history as a football player at Austin. For three consecutive years, he was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team as kick return specialist. He also the OVC's touchdown leader in 2009 with 15 touchdowns. That same year, Holt was named as an All-OVC running back.

Hall of Fame Honors For Jones

At the 27th Annual Induction Ceremony and Gala held in Buffalo, New York on November 1, 2017, Brother Willie "Hutch" Jones was inducted into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame for his basketball career. The Buffalo native graduated from Bishop Turner High School and briefly attended Buffalo State College prior to transferring to Vanderbilt University.

While at Vanderbilt, he played three seasons in the Southeastern Conference averaging 11.5 points per game. As a senior, Bro. Jones was selected as the team captain and led the Commodores

in scoring with 15.8 points per game. After graduating with a degree in Physical Education, Jones was selected as the 54th player in the 1982 National Basketball Association draft by the Los Angeles Lakers. He played with the Lakers through their exhibition season, but was released. That same year Bro. Jones was signed by the San Diego Clippers where he played in the 1982-1983 and 1983-1984 seasons. Additionally, he enjoyed a successful professional career playing in Italy and Spain before retiring in 1989.



Brother Willie "Hutch" Jones

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Omega's Seals Named *Coach of the Year*

Brother Isaac Seals is considered by some of his athletes as a god. They follow his heavenly instruction of passion and spirit without regards. Still others note him as a coaching genius. But, history paints him as a legendary cross-country and track coach.

In September 2017, Brother Seals was named as the "Coach of the Year," by Georgia's Riverwood Athletic Association. Coach Seals is a member of the Science Department faculty and has coached at Riverwood International Charter School since 1990. Although he has primarily coached Women's Cross Country and Track, Bro. Seals has also served as the Varsity Football Assistant Coach between 1991-1995.

Throughout his career, Seals has received Coach of the Year honors more than a dozen times. Below is a list of Seals' Awards and Honors.

2006 Fulton County Cross-Country Coach of the Year
 2006 Boys Region 5AAA Track Coach of the Year
 2005 Fulton County Cross-Country Coach of the Year
 2005 Boys Region 5AAA Track Coach of the Year
 2000 Girls Region 5AAA Track Coach of the Year
 1999 Region 5AAA Cross-Country Coach of the Year Girls
 1999 Region 5AAA Cross-Country Coach of the Year Boys
 1999 Fulton County Track Coach of the Year
 1998 Region 5AAA Cross-Country Coach of the Year Girls
 1998 Region 5AAA Cross-Country Coach of the Year Boys

1991 Fulton County Co-Track Coach of the Year He is also a member of the Riverwood Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Seals' Track and Field teams have qualified for State Meet Championships in 21 out of 23 years. Also, his Girls Cross Country Team qualified for State Meet Championship in 17 out of 19 years; 5AAA Girls Cross Country State named runner-up for four years; 5AAA Girls Cross-Country State: placed fourth for two years and the 5AAA Girls Cross-Country State: placed sixth for 2 years.

The Cleveland, Ohio native was a three-sport athlete at East High School. Seals was captain of the football team during his high school senior year, captain of the track team in both his junior and senior years and played on the basketball team. Seals is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

He continued his football career at Ohio University in Athens while earning a bachelor's degree. At Ohio University, Seals was also a member of the Bondo Club (Martial Arts) and participated in AAU Track. He also holds a Master of Education degree from Cambridge University.

Brother Seals was initiated into Omega through Sigma Psi Chapter in 1977. While at Ohio, Brother Seals was known as the Reverend because of his spiritual connection with the Brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Bro. Coach Isaac Seals IV

Currently, Brother Seals is a member of Kappa Alpha Alpha Graduate Chapter in Decatur, Georgia. Coach Seals is respected as a leader in the Fraternity, on the track field, and at home. Seals and his wife, Bernadette are the proud parents of two United States Navy Academy graduates; son, 1st Lt. Issac Seals V., USMC and daughter, Ensign Jeanelle C. Seals, U. S. Navy.

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In 1982, Jones started the Willie "Hutch" Jones Educational and Sports Program to provide urban students equal opportunities to engage in character-building activities through academics, sports, and the arts. Bro. Jones received a Master's degree in Sports Administration from Wayne State University (which has prepared him to acquire sponsorships from major corporations). Brother Jones works in the Buffalo Public School system as a physical education teacher and coaches basketball, cross-country, and track. However, his most significant accomplishment is his family. Jones, 59, and his wife Tamica are the proud parents of Aswad, Aaliyah, David, and Leah. Jones was initiated into Omega through Theta Beta Chapter, Vanderbilt University. Omega's Bro. Jones, a Life Member, is active with Phi Omega Graduate Chapter.

Rho Sigma Celebrates 75th Year

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has been represented on Purdue University's flagship campus at West Lafayette, IN, since 1942. Rho Sigma, an undergraduate chapter was chartered that same year. The chapter has produced an impressive list of Fraternity leaders, including several district officers, District Representatives and Grand officers. Amongst that list are:

Bro. William Clyde Jones – the first and only Undergraduate to be elected to the position of First Vice District Representative

Bro. Charles A. Bruce – elected as District Representative in the 10th District and as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Bro. Curtis A. Baylor – elected as District Representative in the 3rd District and as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Also distinguished as the first Undergraduate to become a Life Member of the Fraternity with Life Membership #50.

Interestingly, all three of the above named Brothers were on the same pledge line and initiated on May 24, 1969.

The chapter celebrated its 75th Anniversary during Purdue University's 2017 Homecoming Weekend. Over 100 Alumni and undergraduate Omega men were in attendance as they enjoyed a weekend of reconnecting with former classmates, friends and Fraternity Brothers.

One highlight of the Rho Sigma's 75th Anniversary Weekend was the successful completion of the Rho Sigma Project \$10,000. The project was conceived to collect funding to contribute to the Scholarship Program managed by the Purdue University Black Cultural Center.



Brother Mike Williams of Iota Epsilon joined his chapter Brothers in collecting warm clothing items for needy Baltimore families in November 2017. Iota Epsilon, the undergraduate chapter at Towson University (MD) participated in the Charm City Warmth Drive.

Kappa Chapter Leaders in Social Action Programs

On February 8, 2018, Kappa Chapter presented a program called *Protecting the Culture*.

The purpose of the program was to establish a relationship between the local and the university communities. The discussion was to derail negative feeling that impact Syracuse University students.

The Brothers of Kappa Chapter presented their *Friend or Foe* event in September 2017. The event was spearheaded by Brother Zaire Franklin. The discussion highlighted the university community's perception of police and campus security. The forum also presented reasons why people of color are uncomfortable with police authority on and off campus.

Kappa Chapter led a discussion at Syracuse University entitled "Protect

the Body." The February 2018 session presented how to engage the university community on the conversation of sexual assault on campus. The discussion also focused on sexual assault from men and women.

The chapter held their annual *Canned Food Drive* in November 2017. Through cold wind mixed with rain, Brothers canvassed for non-perishable food items leading them to the doors of every student dorm and apartment surrounding the campus.

The collection was donated to Hendricks Chapel located at Syracuse University and the Dunbar Community Center. On February 10, 2018, Kappa Chapter celebrated their 96th Year at Syracuse University. The campus is located in Syracuse, New York.

Beta Chapter Presents Ms. Omega Pageant

Beta Chapter, the second oldest undergraduate chapter in the Fraternity held their annual Miss Omega Pageant. The spring pageant was held in the auditorium of the new International Culture Center at Lincoln University.

The competition categories for the pageant was inspiration, swimsuit, talent and Q/A. Brother Brim dressed in a nostalgic 1970's Afro wig, sunglasses, vest and bell-bottoms entertained the crowd between curtain calls. During intermission the Brothers of Beta chapter performed a brief step show. This year's categories awarded four deserving contestants. The awards included: Miss Omega, Miss Purple, Miss Gold and the new category of Miss 1914 recognizing the year Beta chapter was founded. This year's Miss Omega was Peyton Adams.

EARLY BETA- CHAPTER HISTORY

In the Fall of 1913 four members of the junior class of Lincoln University met in Brother A.M. Willis' room to consider the most expedient move to circumvent the unscrupulous attacks of certain factions and political onslaughts. In this meeting were F.P. Stewart, A.M. Willis, H.E. James, and N.A. Holmes. After a prolonged consideration they decided that an effort must be made to unite against the aristocratic tyranny of certain members of the University. It was such a conception that fathered our communication and sending of a representative to Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi; with sufficient instructions and authoritative knowledge to consider plans for our incipency into the college life of Lincoln University.



In spring 2018 Brothers were initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Iota Mu Mu Chapter. The undergraduate chapter is located at U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.



On November 9, 2017 seven men were initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Iota Nu Chapter. The undergraduate chapter is located at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD.

Gamma chapter Launches Achievement Week

At the start of the 2017 Achievement Week activities, more than five generations of Omega men produced from the Gamma lineage joined together for a Brotherhood Jazz Brunch. The event was held at Daryl's Corner, a Boston bar known for its soul food buffet brunch. One of the highlights of the event was Brother Eric Jackson's conversation about the historical impact of the Black Boston jazz scene years ago. Bro. Jackson (Gamma 1969), often called the "Dean of Boston Jazz," has been a radio host for over 40 years. He has interviewed over 3,000 musicians including jazz greats Dizzy Gillespie and Wynton Marsalis.

During the week, Brother Davin Harvin (Gamma 2017) led a discussion on racist misinformation and negative Black male images at Boston University. The discussion also included guest Tanisha Sullivan, president of the Boston Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). One of the highlights of the session was the contrast of former President Woodrow Wilson's screening of the *Birth of a Nation* at the White House and the comparison of present day racial attitudes within the Trump administration. Wilson's 1915 screening of the *Birth of a Nation* was supported by the Klan, and today many racist organizations support President Trump's policies on race and diversity.



The chapter partnered with the American Red Cross during their Charles Drew Blood Drive. The event was held at Tufts University.

Gamma Chapter also confronted the problem of sexual misconduct and assault vaulted by the #MeToo Movement. Brother Tyler

Gray (Gamma 2017) presented personal stories from men and women in a lecture on gender politics at Harvard University.

In support of the hurricane devastation in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Gamma Chapter sponsored a Pan-African Potluck at Boston University. Brother Che Aroyewun (Gamma 2017) showcased a mélange of food from around the African diaspora. Attendees also sampled several Caribbean and African foods, while learning stories of perseverance and achievement from prominent pioneers around the diaspora.

Bro. Aroyewun highlighted great pioneers of scholarship during the event. The Omega scholars included: Dr. Solomon Fuller of Liberia (Gamma 1919), the first Black psychiatrist, Dr. Jose Escabi (Gamma 1921), the first Puerto Rican graduate of Harvard Medical School; and Dr. Rudolph Lanclos (Gamma 1922), the first Black dentist and originator of municipal health ministry in the Virgin Islands.

A Moment in Black History Gamma Chapter's

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

Omega's Benjamin Elijah Mays, PhD., was known to the world as the the architect of the Morehouse College Mystique. Dr. Mays was the principal figure responsible for bringing the all-male institution to an exalted level of prestige within higher education.

Brother Dr. Mays served as a Morehouse professor, acting dean and later the school's president. Brother Mays was Morehouse College's seventh president from 1940 to 1967. He would become a key advisor to a promising young Morehouse student, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mays' dedication to education was apparent from his youth. In 1916 he graduated valedictorian of his high school, the State College in Orangeburg, SC. In September 1917, after spending a year at Virginia Union University, he sought to the discredit the ideology of racial inferiority and enrolled at Bates College, Maine.

While an undergraduate Mays entered the Fraternity through Gamma Chapter, regularly commuting from Lewiston to Boston so he could pledge. After graduating from Bates College, Mays enrolled at the University of Chicago Divinity School to pursue his postgraduate education.

*Information from Psi Chapter website:
[www. http://psi1921.com/mays/](http://psi1921.com/mays/)*



Gamma Chapter's Brother Che Aroyewun is joined by Dr. Linda Heywood, Director of African American History, Boston University at the Pan-African Potluck.

Tau Iota Provides Youth Mentoring

Tau Iota Brothers became more involved with Hartford, CT youth through their chapter's Bridge Builders Mentoring Program during the summer of 2017.

The purpose of the program is to provide each young man a relaxing environment and an understanding of life's issues. Some of the topics addressed during the sessions included: Cyber bullying, Character, letting your environment determine your future, and your decisions.

Each session begins with a meal followed by a discussion of weekly activities from each mentee.

The idea for the mentorship project is credited to Brother Greg Jones, founder of the Legacy Foundation of Hartford, Inc. The foundation and Tau Iota have work together since 2014, in enhancing the development of young men's social skills. The program also improves each mentee's self-esteem, cultural awareness and academic goals.



New York City's Iota Xi Chapter presented Brother Dr. Andrew Ray, the 39th Grand Basileus with the Elder Honor Award recently. The award established in 1993, honors exceptional Brothers who have shown a long, and consistent commitment to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Chapters promote Fatherhood and Mentorship Initiatives

MAJOR PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

The Second District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee was recently featured on WBGR Internet Talk Show. The show is a podcast format show produced in Montgomery County, MD. The podcast session connected to over 400,000 listeners. The committee members discussed the importance of fathers becoming a vital part of their child's life. As a result of the success from the WBGR show, four chapters: Lambda Gamma Gamma, Tau Pi, Mu Nu and Mu Rho are part of a trial podcast program entitled "Ques on the Move."

Pi Omega Graduate Chapter has a Male Mentoring Program that runs from October to June and seeks to impact the male youth of Baltimore City and surrounding areas. The program meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for a session with the African American high school seniors. The program is directly influenced by the

the Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative.

Tau Pi Graduate Chapter's Mentoring Initiative conducts a team building celebration with mentees, mentee parents and mentors. One of the fundamental requirements of Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative is parent participation, which is based on the concept that "It takes a village to raise a child."

The purpose of the team building celebration was to strengthen the connection between mentee parents and mentors. This was done by conducting team-building exercises and having discussions between mentees, mentee parents and mentors. Teams were formulated based on mentee grades and consisted of mentees, their mentor and mentee parents. The program is based in Columbia, MD.

Mu Nu Graduate Chapter started their Bridge Builder Mentoring Program in 2014. The Bridge Builder Mentoring Program provides twice-monthly mentoring to young male participants. It offers them opportunities to learn and develop their life skills and abilities to better prepare them to address the challenges they will encounter throughout life.

The program sessions offer topics such as "Introduction and Behavior Matters," "Self-Confidence: Family origins, sports dreams & online etiquette," "Character Counts," "Criminal Justice System as a Career," "Over Coming Peer Pressure," "College Experience/ Grooming 101/Police & Community Relationships," and "Scholastic Achievement: Habits of successful people."

The sessions culminate in April with a Mu Nu Chapter-sponsored "Game Changers Conference." The conference positively impacts hundreds of young males from Montgomery County-area elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.

UPSILON PHI CHAPTER- the Mother Pearl of New Jersey celebrated its 90th Anniversary on October 28, 2017. The Chapter was chartered on October 22, 1927, in Newark, New Jersey, and has provided invaluable leadership and service to the greater Newark community and Essex County (NJ).

Upsilon Phi was the first chapter in New Jersey. The 90th Anniversary Celebration helped to raise funds for the chapter's scholarship program. The 1996 Upsilon Phi line, "Saints Notorious Nine" donated \$1,000 to the chapter scholarship fund.

Photograph (right) Upsilon Pi Chapter

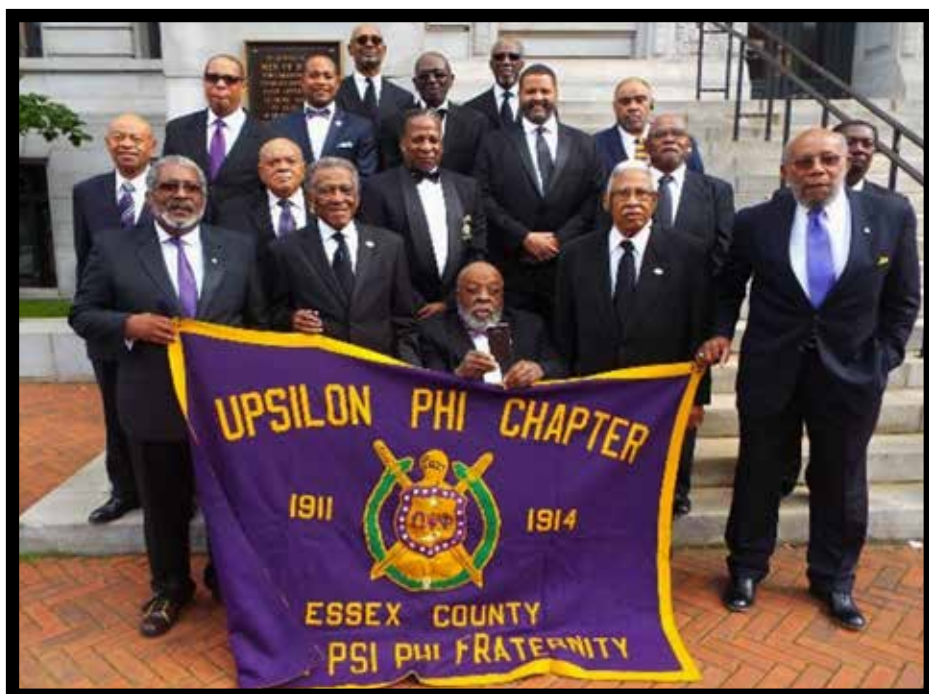


Bro. Gary Tuggle of Tau Pi Chapter was appointed as the Deputy Police Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department in April 2018. The Baltimore native and former police officer joined the DEA in 1992 and rose through the ranks to leadership positions in Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington. He served as assistant special agent in charge of the agency's Baltimore office from 2013 to 2015, overseeing its investigation into the looting of large amounts of pharmaceutical drugs from pharmacies during the 2015 Freddy Gray riots. He subsequently led the DEA's Philadelphia office before retiring this year. Tuggle is a graduate of Coppin State University, and holds a Master's degree in Government from Johns Hopkins University.



Bro. Bart Bailey of Tau Mu Chapter received the prestigious Frederick Douglass Institute Scholars in Residence Fellowship in December 2017. The fellowship site at Kutztown University allows Bailey to teach classes and do collaborative scholarship. Brother Bailey taught history, psychology and university studies classes. Brother Bailey's achievement demonstrates his leadership, social involvement and commitment to diversity in education.

Omega's Bailey is a Senior Consultant at Cook Ross, Inc. He also serves as Board Member of the African American Business Leader Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley area.



Fathers Dance With Daughters

Part of Pi Lambda Lambda's Fatherhood Initiative

In their colorful dresses, several young girls had the opportunity to show off their elegance and grace. On February 24, 2018, the girls danced with their fathers and grandfathers at Pi Lambda Lambda's Father and Daughter Dance.

The event's theme, "Safari Swirl" was part of the chapter's Fatherhood Initiative Program. Each year the chapter partners with the Prince William County (PWC) Social Services Program and Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity's local chapter in presenting positive male role models for young girls.

The girls that participated in the dance ranged from ages 5 to sixteen. Some of the activities also included a candy shop, make-up station, and a unique Daddy-Daughter dance routine. After dinner, each father and daughter received a photograph that highlights the importance of the event.

Brother Derwin Babineaux, the chapter's Fatherhood Initiative Chairman, working closely with the PWC's Family Services' Program Chairman. The Fatherhood Initiative helps build and strengthen father-child relationships for biological fathers sharing a co-parenting relationship with mothers of their children.

The program helps:

- All fathers build increased contact with their children.
- Members of the armed forces who have been separated from their children due to deployment.
- Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated fathers rebuild strong bonds with their children.



Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter will continue to support the Fatherhood Initiative as part of its full engagement with the community through social action.

PHOTOGRAPH/LEFT:
Pi Lambda Lambda's Brother Joe Boutte dances with his granddaughter, Ariel, during the Father And Daughter Dance.

Also, in February the chapter partnered with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Prince William County Alumnae Chapter in raising funds to save the Havre de Grace Colored School.

The 100 year-old historic school building was under private ownership and pending sale. The asking price was \$800,000. After two years of negotiations, the Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation was able to convince the owners of the property to donate the building with a stipulation that the foundation payoff the existing \$153,000 mortgage.

Today, with the help of Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter, the colored school, a historic landmark is now back in the hands of the community. The building will be used as a museum and cultural center. The school building tells the story of the past as African-American children fought to get an education. During the early days of the school, Omega's Langston Hughes was frequent visitor to the school.



Brother Brad Hunter of Lambda Omega was the keynote speaker for the Joint Achievement Week Banquet.

South Hampton Roads QuEs Host Achievement Banquet

Lambda Omega, Zeta Iota, Gamma Xi and Sigma Kappa Kappa chapters celebrated their joint Achievement Week Banquet on November 18, 2018. The annual event was held in the banquet facility of Norfolk State University's Scott-Dozier Hall. Les McKay of Lambda Omega served as emcee. The keynote address was given by Brother Brad Hunter, a Vice-President for Commercial Lending with TowneBank. Bro. Hunter is a member of Lambda Omega Graduate Chapter.

The Achievement Week Awards were:

Lambda Omega- Bro. Fabius Tucker, Lifetime Achievement Award and Bro. Herb Govan, Superior Service recipient. The chapter also selected Bro. Eddie Moore, the President of Norfolk State University as their Citizen of the Year.

Zeta Iota-Bro. Lloyd Jackson, Jr., Omega Man of the Year; Bro. Overton Malone, Superior Service and Stephanie Morales, Esq., was selected as the Citizen of the Year.

Gamma Xi-Bro. James L. Barber, Omega Man of the Year.
Sigma Kappa Kappa--Bro. Kodi Fleming, Omega Man of the Year; Bro. Brian Glover, Lifetime Achievement Award; Bro. Delwyn Peterson, Superior Service and Bri'Anne Green, Citizen of the Year.

Kappa Psi's STEM Mentoring Program

WASHINGTON, DC.-Recently two Kappa Psi Graduate Chapter Brothers Melvin Stalings, Jr., and W. J. Williams led the chapter's DC Rhino's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) event. Brother Stalings gripped the students with his opening presentation, a primer on electric cars like those built by Tesla Motors.

He discussed the new technologies that make the cars run and their future potential. The mentees were assigned a project that would help them conceptualize themselves as engineers of such a vehicle. Mentees were split into groups of five and given 25 minutes to build a four-wheel car out of candies and cookies. The car had to be able to roll down a plank without stopping or splitting apart. The chapter Brothers supplied the group members with coaching and guidance as they worked together on the project.

The project was challenging, and many of the mentees experienced frustration. Also, many of the mentees were distracted as they suffered a temptation to sample the sugary foods while working on their projects. Omega men were on hand to give encouragement and support. Despite the many challenges and temptations, the mentees completed their task of rolling their car down the plank - to the excited cheers of the onlooking spectators.

After their completion of the first challenge, Brother Stalings broke out his heavy-duty RC cars. These cars were disassembled, and mentees were assigned to repairing the vehicles once they had been split into their constituent parts. Mentees would then be allowed to race the cars they had built around a track prepared on a separate floor of the house by Brothers for their enjoyment, providing a strong incentive for the mentees to focus on understanding and completing the project.

The Rhinos enjoyed putting together the cars, and they had more fun racing them, without a doubt a high point of the day for many of the mentees. At the end of the day's activity, chapter Brothers encouraged mentees to consider a STEM career.

Story by Brother Jordan Strudwick

An Omega Heads HBCU Initiative

Story by Brother Channon H. C. Young, Chapter Editor

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Brother Johnathan M. Holifield was tapped by the White House to be the Executive Director of its initiative on Black colleges and universities in October 2017.

Brother Holifield is a recognized expert in economic and education inclusion and competitiveness, focusing on public-private partnerships and community system building. He believes that Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are indispensable to sustained U.S. economic competitiveness, new job creation and shared prosperity.

Before his appointment, he co-founded ScaleUp Partners and authored the groundbreaking book, *"The Future Economy and Inclusive Competitiveness: How Demographic Trends and Innovation Can Create Economic Prosperity for All Americans."* Currently, a member of Alpha Alpha Alpha in Morgantown, WV., Brother Holifield was initiated into Omega through Nu Zeta Chapter at West Virginia University in 1985.

He helped lead the chapter to the 1987 and 1988 "Fourth District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year" awards and was named the "1988

Fourth District Undergraduate Man of the Year."

He played in the NFL for two years with the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals.



Brother Holifield has his challenges ahead, especially given today's political climate and leadership. Holifield's interdisciplinary career includes serving as founding Vice

President of Inclusive Competitiveness at NorTech.

At NorTech, a leading regional innovation cluster and competitiveness organization, he authored the Ohio Department of Higher Education statewide report and *Inclusive Competitiveness: Empowering Underrepresented Ohioans.*

He also served on the Northeast Ohio Council of Regional Economic Policy Advisors and was the founding Vice President of New Economy Enterprise at the Cincinnati USA Chamber of Commerce. Holifield was also the founding Executive Director of CincyTech, a market-leading venture development organization. He has also held chief executive positions with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Cleveland Urban League.

Chapter Founders Program

Delta Alpha Chapter held their Founders and Awards Banquet on November 18, 1917. The program was located at Sinclair College in Dayton, OH. Several Omega men received special awards for their service to the community and the Fraternity. The Delta Alpha Chapter awards included: **Omega Man of the Year**-Bro. Eric Dilworth; **Superior Service Award**-Bro. Dr. Fred Aikens; **Founders Award** to Bro. Emmett C. Orr. **Brother Herb Smith Scholarship**-Bro. Zamarre Neely of Wilberforce University. The **Citizen of the Year Award** was presented to Michael Wright, ESQ.

Mu Iota Chapter Health Fair

On June 17, 2017, Mu Iota Chapter joined with the Christ United Methodist Church and the City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department in hosting a community health fair. The event was held at the Columbus Barnett Recreation Center. The health fair provided the community with blood pressure screening, diabetes education, hearing and vision testing. In addition to the fair, the Greek Diaper Challenge donated 9,818 diapers to expecting mothers and infant children. Mu Iota contributed more than 6,000 diapers for challenge. The chapter partnered with Celebrate One and the Mayor's Infant Mortality Initiative.



Bro. Derek "Cash" Collins (left) and Bro. Mickey Thornton (right) attended the 77th 4th District Meeting in Akron, Ohio in the first week of April 2018.

Xi Alpha Host Program Featuring Black History

Xi Alpha Chapter hosted their 2018 Black History Program during February. The theme of the annual event held in Institute, WV., was entitled "Black History is World History." The event provided a platform for young people to demonstrate their understanding of Black History through artistic demonstrations.

Some of the presentations included dramatic interpretation, dancing, speeches and singing. The chapter established a partnership with African American Churches, the Martin Luther King Chorus, Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Xinos and Brother Kenny Hale (Psi Beta Beta) who were some of the participants for the well-attended event.

Throughout the year, the chapter's Social Action Committee structures activities to best impact the needs of our community. Xi Alpha has always participated in multiple mentoring

programs to encourage and assist many young minds in displaying their gifts and talents. These worthwhile endeavors align with the Fraternity's Fatherhood/Mentoring Initiatives.

Brothers from Xi Alpha and Theta Psi Chapters have served as father figures, role models, coaches and mentors to many youths in the Kanawha Valley.

The Omega men regularly read to elementary school aged children, mentor high school students and on February 17, 2018 they sponsored 100 youth in viewing the movie, Black Panther.

Xi Alpha Brothers have always demonstrate Omega's Cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift through their unique social action and community services activities.

Chapter Provides Service to the Community



PHOTO ON LEFT: *Brother Alex Nation talking to one of the male participant in Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter's Master Omega Beautillion. Bro. Nation is a teacher at John Early Museum Magnet School in Nashville.*

Theta Alpha Alpha Donates Funds For Bicycle Prize

BOWLING GREEN, KY- Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter donated funds to the Evening Star Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in support of the organization's bicycle giveaway.

The 2017 annual giveaway was held during the holiday season to ensure that children in the community will have gifts during the holidays, and a bike to ride during the summer. Many of the students from Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary School were recipients of the more than 12 donated bicycles recently.

One of the chapter brothers mentioned that it was a joy to see the excitement on the children's faces as they hoped to hear their names called for a shiny new bike.

Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter recently held their chapter's Master Omega Beautillion. In March 2018, the chapter also hosted a city-wide art gathering in downtown Nashville. The event entitled "Outstanding Art Affair," featured the art work of 15 Nashville Public School

students and 25 local artists.

The students were from John Early Museum Magnet School, IT Creswell Arts Magnet School, Madison Middle School, W. H. Oliver Middle School and McKissack Middle School. Over 70 art pieces were showcased at the event sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Bro. O'Neal Heads Dental Association

Omega's Brother Joe O'Neal, a member of Epsilon Phi Chapter, was elected as the 94th President of the National Dental Association (NDA).

The NDA is a professional association of minority dentists based in Washington, D.C. NDA operates in the United States, Canada, and Latin America. The organization was established in 1913, and is the largest association in the world. Among the aims of the NDA is extending dental treatment and education to impoverished, disabled, or minority populations. NDA also helps senior citizens who may not be able to seek proper care due to their age and limited resources.

Bro. O'Neal is a member of the dental profession for over 41 years. O'Neal graduated from Henderson State University (HSU) with a B.S. in Chemistry. After graduation from HSU, O'Neal entered Meharry Medical College's School of Dentistry in 1968. He served in the U.S. Air Force achieving the rank of Captain. After his military service, he returned to Meharry to begin his dentistry residency program.

Following the residency program, Dr. O'Neal returned to Arkansas to work at the Arkansas State Health Department under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Brown, a past NDA president. He later opened a private practice in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He maintained his practice there until he moved to Germantown, Tennessee in the fall of 1986.

Dr. O'Neal continues his private practice at Union Avenue Dental Association and Premium Care Dentistry. He became a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through XI Beta Chapter in 1971.



Bro. Justin Rosser (left) presented Zeta Gamma Gamma's Omega Man of the Year Award to Bro. Jerome Miller (on right).

Three Chapters Hold Achievement Week

Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter held their Achievement Week Program in November 2017 with Iota Alpha and Iota Beta Chapters. The program featured the Fifth District's 1st Vice District Representative Bro. Sam McKenzie as the keynote speaker at the Black Cultural Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. **Bro. McKenzie** was the recipient of the Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other awards included: **Bro. Jerome Miler**, Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter's Omega Man of the Year Award; **Bro. David Fuller**, Iota Alpha Chapter's Omega Man of the Year Award and **Bro. Smith Jean-Philippe**, Iota Alpha Chapter's recipient of the Superior Service Award. Iota Alpha Chapter's Citizen of the Year was Ms. Candice Halbert and Mr. Luther Simmons was Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter's Citizen of the Year.

District Celebrates Giants

Remembering Bro. Antonio F. Knox, Sr., and Bro. Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore

At the Sixth District Meeting in Spring 2018, two outstanding Omega men were recognized for their outstanding service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Both men, Brother Antonio F. Knox, and the late Brother Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore, had served as 6th District Representatives. Brother Knox, the 40th Grand Basileus will be completing his term in office at the 2018 Grand National Conclave.

Bro. Gilmore, the 34th Grand Basileus, joined Omega Chapter on February 27, 2018. Throughout their service to the Sixth District and Omega, the pair have been intimately connected. "Brother Gilmore was more than a mentor to Bro. Knox. He was a father figure," said Bro. Tony Knox, Jr., son of the 40th Grand Basileus. The younger Bro. Knox also added that his father was sworn in as Grand Basileus by Brother Gilmore.

Since serving as the Grand Basileus, Brother Knox has often acknowledged that he stands on the shoulders of a giant--Brother Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore.

Photo Left: Bro. Knox and Bro. Gilmore together at a past Sixth District Meeting.

Photo Top: The First Lady, Angela Knox addresses the body as she talks about her husband, Bro. Antonio Knox, the 40th Grand Basileus.

IHQ Photos by Bro. James Witherspoon and Bro. Galvin Crisp.



Fatherhood & Mentoring

Iota Iota Chapter Program

Iota Iota Graduate Chapter hosted its inaugural Youth Innovation Summit in January 2018 at Cary Academy in Cary, NC. The purpose of the chapter program was to focus on middle and high school students in the area. The program provided a rich, collaborative environment which exposed students to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) careers.

The STEAM program was also supported by the Triangle Uplift Foundation and the Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr., Committee. During the last years of Dr. King's life his focus was on economic and racial justice. Expanding access to equal economic and educational opportunities was and still remains a critical civil rights challenge today. Through the leadership of Brother Victor Bruinton and Triangle Uplift Foundation's Board of Directors, 6th District Omega men initiated the Youth Innovation Summit.

Careers in the STEAM field provide the benefits of job security and competitive pay. The goal is to reach minority, female, and other underrepresented students by providing an opportunity to increase students' confidence and identity. The hope of the program is also to inspire area students to pursue STEAM career fields.

The chapter also partnered with the Sixth District's Proud Fathers Inc., Amtrak and the Carolina Panthers NFL team in presenting the Father of the Year Award. Brother Tyrone Fisher of Xi Xi Chapter was named as the "Sixth District Father of the Year," for 2017-2018.

Bro. James Saunders

Epsilon Upsilon's Father Figure

Omega's James E. Saunders of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter was recently honored by his chapter for his undying service to the Fraternity. This year marks his 70th year of Service. Brother Saunders, a native of Gaston County, NC was born on June 9, 1928.

On December 16, 1947 Brother Saunders was initiated into Omega's Rho Chapter on the campus of Johnson C Smith in 1947. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Johnson C. Smith University in 1950. He married his high school sweetheart, Julia Arena Hoffman in 1954.

Bro. Saunders is well known for being an influential piece in the early stages of the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter, which was established on March 8, 1950. The chapter noted that "Brother Saunders is a staple in the chapter and the Gastonia community. His hard work and dedication has been exhibited continuously, rarely missing any chapter meetings or service events."

"Saunders continues to be an excellent example of the type of Brother that many of us aspire to be as well as a man who values family," said the chapter leadership. He was the lead singer of a local quartet known as "The Four Jinx." The group had many local radio and community performances during their time together. Brother Saunders' love for music and singing continues to show as he leads the chapter in singing "Omega Dear" at every opportunity.

For over 35 years Brother Saunders has had an immeasurable impact on students throughout the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, teaching Junior High/Middle School upper level mathematics.



Chapters Participate in Omega Day

At Alabama's State Capitol, Sigma Psi, Omega Iota Iota, Alpha Phi and Beta Mu Nu Chapters joined together for Omega Day in Montgomery, AL., on March 6, 2018. The highlight of the Omega Day event was Alabama State Senators and House of Representative members sharing their community improvement ideas with Brothers from the State of Alabama at the Capitol.

Some of the discussions included how issues will affect the communities in which the chapters serve. Other key concerns were the importance of the Affordable Care Act, Expanding Medicaid, Public Education, Voters ID regulations and Voters registration. Other highlights of the event included introduction of mentorship programs from the Birmingham and Montgomery Omega chapters. Omega men Brothers James Buskey, Tad McClammy and Fred Brewer, all from the State House of Representatives addressed the Omega brotherhood. Brother Darryl Sinkfield served as the chairman of the Omega Day event.

Also in March 2018, Sigma Phi Chapter participated in the 2018 Selma to Montgomery Jubilee. The event is held annually to commemorate the fight for Voting Rights. The first Selma to Montgomery March in 1965 was part of a series of civil-rights protests that occurred in Alabama, a Southern state with deeply entrenched racist policies. The beginning of the first march resulted in the infamous "Bloody Sunday," where protestors were beaten as they crossed the Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge enroute to Montgomery.

After a third time under the protection of federalized National Guard troops protesters finished the 54-mile route to Montgomery. The historical march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., raised the awareness of the difficulties faced by Black voters, and the need for a national Voting Rights Act Bill. The 2018 Jubilee events included a stage play entitled "Trashing the King" produced by Brother Robert Thomas. The play was presented at Selma High School in Selma, AL.

Chapters Provide Health Forums

In February 2018, Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter held their 2nd Annual Prostate Cancer Screening & Seminar at Omega's International Headquarters in Decatur, GA.

Presenters included Dr. James Benton, M.D., Dr. Darrell Carmen, M.D., and Shafiq A. Khan, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) at Clark Atlanta University.

The panel discussion topics included: Symptoms; Early Detection; Treatment Options; Prostate Cancer in the African-American Community; Understanding your Diagnosis; Research and Clinical Trials. Over 175 attendees participated in the seminar.

In September 2017, Omicron Beta Beta Chapter and the Omega Youth and Community Development Foundation, Fort Myers, FL., presented their Annual Omega Family Health Forum.

Free health screenings and education were provided to more than 250 members of the community. Thirty health related organizations provided health screenings and education in areas that included: prostate and colon cancer, breast and cervical cancer, lung disease, diabetes, stroke, blood pressure, sleep disorders, HIV/AIDS, and others.

The Omega Health Forum is in its twenty-first year and is recognized as the largest and most comprehensive event of its type in Southwest Florida.



Brothers of Beta Mu Nu Chapter participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., March in Montevallo, AL. during February 2018.

Georgia and Mississippi Chapters Promote Mentoring

Eta Omicron Chapter's Just, Love, Cooper and Coleman Mentoring Program delivered food at the Albany Rescue Mission in February 2018. The chapter also purchased and prepared the food with help from the program's mentees. The motto of the Albany, GA., area program is to "help young men embrace every aspect of manhood, and to encourage, motivate and influence young men to become extraordinary adults."

JACKSON, MS--The Brothers of the Beta Alpha and Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapters serve as Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African-American Males (A-TEAAM) Mentorship Program. The A-TEAAM inspires young males of color in middle school and beyond to honor the life and live the legacy of

Medgar Evers as they interact with a "village" of role models and mentors. This 'village' of mentors provides support and one-on-one guidance utilizing a meaningful curriculum to empower these young men as they matriculate through middle school.

The objective of the A-TEAAM is to assist young males in the mentorship program (called Ambassadors) to improve positive outcomes in their lives and knowledge of the world. In June 2018, the A-TEAAM will celebrate their Fifth Anniversary as participants in the National Youth Leadership Summit in Jackson, MS. The summit will also celebrate the life and legacy of the late Medgar Evers. Evers was Mississippi's State Field Secretary of the National Advancement for Colored People. He was assassinated in 1963.

Chapter Celebrates 40th Year



Omicron Xi Chapter's Brother Bro. Ben Suber (far right) teaching young boys to tie their neckties. Chapter photograph

In May 2017, Omicron Xi Chapter celebrated their 40th Anniversary during a weekend of activities. Omicron Xi was chartered as a Kansas City, Kansas area graduate chapter in April 1977. The chapter's founding members were Brothers Steve Bradford, Joe Brooks, Ray Carlock, DeRay Cole, Jesse High, Garfield Mcconnico, Eddie Violet and Lyman Washington.

"Omicron Xi continues to impact lives in the Kansas City area and through Omega, using the foundation that was planted by the charter members over 40 years ago," said Andre T. Butler, Omicron Xi Chapter's Basileus. He also added that "these men knew that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was uniquely positioned to draw other Brothers into the chapter."

At the chapter's 40th Anniversary Banquet on May 20th, 75 Omicron Xi Brother wore royal purple blazers. The keynote speaker for the evening event was Brother Ben Crump, one of the nation's

most well-known civil rights attorneys. Brother Crump said that "it is a necessity and a moral imperative for each of us to speak out whenever we see an injustice." Crump's grace and humility made the evening very special for the guests who were given an opportunity to rub shoulders and exchange thoughts and ideas with the highly respected attorney.

Bro. Crump is on the forefront of the civil-rights and legal movement in America. He has accomplished significant and meaningful work for the late Trayvon Martin's family as well as a number of families whose sons have been victims of violent and senseless deaths. After Crump's address, each Brother was presented with an Omega pin by the Quettes. Earlier during the weekend of activities, the chapter hosted a Bid Whist party and a necktie lesson with young boys in the community. The chapter's events ended with a worship service at St. Stephens Baptist Church.

Story by Brother Stefan C. Hughes

Nu Rho Chapter Aids in Building Homes

Brothers From the Albuquerque Community Work During Achievement Week



Nu Rho Brothers Ronald Shinault, Booker Wright, Bryan Holmes and Sidney Hill participated in a Habitat for Humanity Work Day as part of the chapter's Achievement Week activities.

During the chapter's 2017 Achievement Week activities, the Brothers decided to do something different. The Brothers armed with their tools began building duties at a Habitat for Humanity site in the Greater Albuquerque, NM community.

Nu Rho Chapter's Basileus Sidney Hill said that in the future "we will work on Habitat homes at least twice a year." He also noted as more Brothers participate the chapter will increase their home building efforts.

Brother Hill also mentioned "we work for about six hours, and once you're done you realize that you actually had fun. It's a good feeling knowing that you are making a real difference in the community by helping people secure a home." After the work is completed Habitat officials hold a ceremony in which a family is presented with the keys to their new home added Hill.

Brother Hill also pointed out that the Nu Rho Brothers consistently invite other Divine Nine organizations to join them on their Habitat projects. "We have had members of Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma join us on our home building projects. "We want to continue fostering a joint collaboration with other African American organizations. The more we work together, the more we can do for the community," noted Hill.

Omicron Xi's Bro. Rivette Receives Doctoral Degree

Brother Dr. Milan Rivette was awarded the Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree in May 2017. Dr. Rivette earned his degree in Education Leadership and Policy Analysis from William Woods University of Fulton.



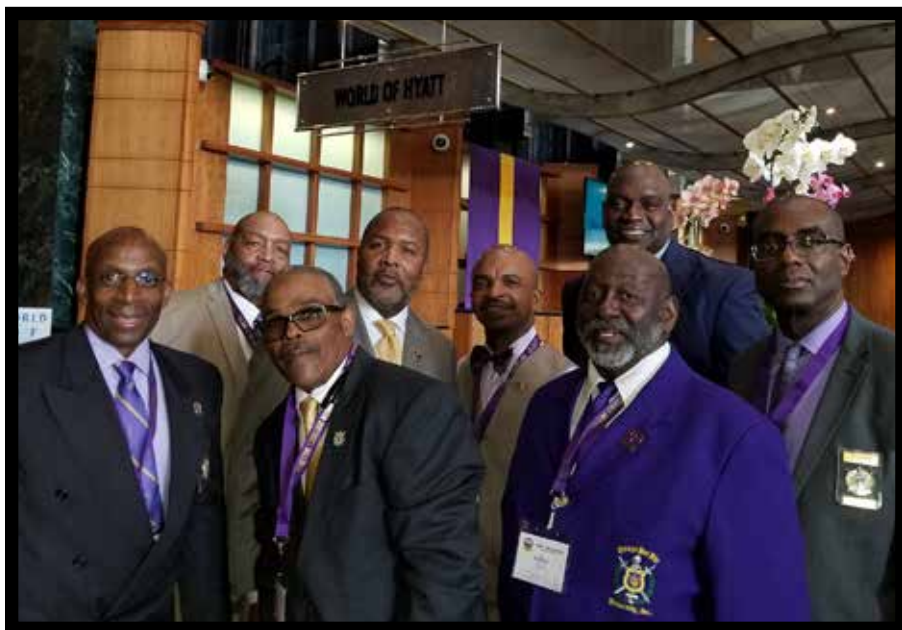
He has been an educator for over 23 years. Brother Rivette has served as a elementary and middle school teacher, and later a vice principal. He also is an adjunct professor teaching a graduate course in athletic administration.

Brother Dr. Rivette, a member of Omicron Xi Chapter in Kansas City, KS. He serves as the chapter's Chaplain and the Chairman of Achievement Week Committee. Brother Rivette is a second-generation Omega Man. His father, an educator, Bro. John L. Rivette (Omega Chapter) was initiated through Gamma Gamma Chapter (Grambling State College) in 1962.

Dr. Rivette was supported with this outstanding accomplishment of scholarship by his wonderful wife, Raylan and their son Kendall.

After A Long Absence Texas Chapter Brings Brotherhood Back

MU GAMMA RETURNS



The chapter was located on the campus of Bishop College in Marshall, TX. In 1960, Mu Gamma Chapter relocated to Dallas, TX along with the relocation of Bishop College.

In 1986, the Bishop College Board or Regents voted to discontinue school operations which resulted in the doors of Bishop College closing and also Mu Gamma Chapter becoming inactive for a period of 31 years. From 1957 to 1986, Mu Gamma Chapter initiated 140 men into the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

On Thursday, January 18, 2018 in Atlanta, GA, the Supreme Council of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity delivered a majority vote on the Motion to Re - Charter Mu Gamma Chapter as a Graduate Chapter. The reactivated chapter will serve the Irving, Texas area with the motto "Bringing Brotherhood Back".

Omega Psi Phi's Mu Gamma was only mentioned as a faded historical Texas undergraduate chapter until early this year. In January 2018, the chapter returned to its place within the greatness of Omega's brotherhood.

The Mu Gamma Chapter Charter line members were initiated into the folds of Omega on December 3, 1957 through the Historic "Mother Theta" Chapter in Marshall, TX. The Mu Gamma Chapter Charter was granted by the Fraternity on December 4, 1957.



PHOTOGRAPHS:

(Left) *Mu Gamma Chapter officers in 1960.*

(Top): *Mu Gamma Chapter members with Brother Dr. David Marion, the First Vice Grand Basileus.*

Omega's Dr. Adams Directs Grant

The National Science Foundation recently awarded \$999,847 in grant funding to the University of Arkansas' "Path to Graduation" Program, which aims to increase the number of low-income students, especially those from rural regions of Arkansas, who graduate with a degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, the STEM fields.

Brother Dr. Paul Adams, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry as well as cellular and molecular biology in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, will direct the program.

He has mentored more than 70 students at undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral levels since coming to the U of A in 2007, and said he decided to participate in the program based on his own experience growing up. "I'm not from a rural area or underprivileged background, but STEM disciplines were not discussed in my home nor in my community as a potential career option," Adams recalled.



Omega's Adams, Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas.

"This program fits perfectly with my desire to continue to lift as I climb as an academic professional in a STEM discipline," said Adams.

Bro. Adams was initiated in 1989 into the Theta Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University. He is currently active with the Upsilon Chi graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas. Since 2008, he has served as the chapter advisor to the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Currently, Adams serves as the 9th District Advisor-Arkansas, and Internationally as the Co-Chairman of the International UG Chapter Advisors' Committee and the Chairman of the International Advanced Degree Committee for the Fraternity.

Chapters Provide Social Action

Rho Phi Chapter conducted their Tenth annual Books for Tech Tablets program in December 2017. The program formerly known as Books for Bikes was held at the Joseph C. Charter School in New Orleans, LA. The chapter's Educational Initiatives Committee worked with the Omega Men Foundation. Rho Pi held a reading contest for 4th through 6th students. The male and female students from each grade who improved his or her reading skills were presented with a tablet computer.

In September 2017, Oklahoma's Psi Upsilon Chapter held a voter registration drive at Lawton High School. The drive encouraged high school seniors to become registered voters.

During the day long event, the chapter registered over 70 high school students.

In Texas, members from Epsilon Alpha provided the Houston community with assistance during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The flood water invaded several hundred homes leaving residents homeless. The chapter joined with the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters (HACOC) in serving their friends, family and neighbors.

Hurricane Harvey was the costliest tropical cyclone of record. Harvey was also the first major hurricane to make landfall in the U.S., since 2005, ending a 12 year span in which no hurricanes made landfall with such intensity in the country.

Alpha Chi Provides Uplift

On a steel cold morning the Brothers of Alpha Chi Chapter began building a wheelchair ramp for a disabled senior citizen. As the Gary, Indiana wind swept across their bodies, the Omega men could feel the chilled mist from Lake Michigan waters only a few miles away. The nine-hour building project was coordinated by Alpha Chi's Brother Victor Thornton. Throughout their history the chapter has always provided service to Gary's senior community. In November 2017, the



For over nine hours in temperatures as low as 20 degrees, Brothers from Alpha Chi worked together in assembling a wheelchair ramp for a disabled senior citizen.

chapter honored former City of Gary Mayor Richard Gordon Hatcher. In 1968, Hatcher became the first African American to be elected as mayor of a major American city. The chapter event was held at Gary's West Side High School Leadership Academy. Some of the featured guest included: Reverend Brother Jesse Jackson, Sr. and Minister Louis Farrakhan. The event was hosted by Chicago Windy City Live personality Val Warner. Gary native and international singer Deniece Williams provided entertainment.

Nu Omega Honors Legends

Brother Dr. Michael B. Carrauthers, Nu Omega's Basileus, and Brother Timothy D. Anderson had a vision. Their vision was to honor chapter members who had 60 years or more service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Brothers Carrauthers and Anderson's idea rooted from their shared vision blossomed into the Omega Legends Formal Dinner Dance.

Last Fall, the chapter's event held in Detroit highlighted the empowering stories of 16 outstanding Omega men. The theme for the formal dinner and dance was entitled "Honoring Our 60 Year Omega Legends."

Brother Dr. David Marion, the First Vice Grand Basileus, served as the keynote speaker. Brother Arnold Simmons, a past

Tenth District Representative, was the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Each honoree was presented a Spirit of Detroit Award by Brother Andre Spivey, a Detroit City Council member. Bro. Dr. Carrauthers also presented each of the 16 Brothers with a crystal plaque in recognition of their historic years of service. The honorees included:

Nu Omega Brothers- Charles G. Brantley, Jr.; Charles H. Bilberry; Harry T. Covington; Leonard Douglas; Randolph D. Jackson; Walter E. Douglas; Charles E. Johnson; Walter H. Durant; Eugene H. Boldon; Sylvester Mosley, Sr.; John H. Williams; Melvin Byrd; Dr. Clarence L. Stone, Sr.; William Gamage, Jr.; Henry R. McKee, Jr., and James A. Ward, Jr.

Bro. Jackson Celebrates Service to PUSH

Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter Honors Omega's Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.



Brother Jackson was initiated through Pi Psi Chapter on the campus of the University of Illinois. Jackson was denied the opportunity to play quarterback and transferred to North Carolina A&T University. He became a member of Mu Psi Chapter and was the Student Government President. Omega's Reverend Jackson was the Fraternity's 15th Second Vice Grand Basileus.

Michigan Chapter Sponsors Father & Son Retreat

What began as an overnight outing for three dads and five sons has grown into a three-day event for 50 fathers and their sons. The event, called the Father and Son Camping Retreat, is sponsored by Omicron Alpha Alpha Chapter.

Brother Anthony Abner said that the purpose of the retreat was "so that fathers can spend quality time with sons as they teach them life skills." The chapter's retreat also inspires young men to have a heart for service and offer new experiences for fathers and sons.

The weekend activity provides the opportunity for sons to restore and build a relationship with their fathers. The outdoors combines the love of father with his son as it creates lasting memories. "The goal is to strengthen the bond between fathers and sons through outdoor adventures and activities that encourages teamwork and brotherhood," commented Bro. Abner.

The retreat is scheduled for in the second week in July each year. The chapter activity is held two hours outside of the City of Detroit at the Michindoh Camp Grounds. The camp location is a Christian-centered facility that offers programming for enrichment, leadership, marriage and youth retreats. The other camp activities also include archery, basketball, canoeing, swimming and hiking.

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity joined Reverend Brother Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., in honoring him for his nearly 50 years of service to Operation PUSH.

Brother Jackson, the founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, is one of America's foremost civil rights, religious and political figures. Over the past 40 years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice. On August 9, 2000, President Bill Clinton awarded Reverend Jackson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

In 1965, he became a full-time organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was soon appointed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to direct the Operation Breadbasket program.

In December of 1971, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) in Chicago, IL. The goals of Operation PUSH were economic empowerment and expanding educational, business and employment opportunities for the disadvantaged and people of color.

District Leads In Mentoring Youth

Throughout the 12th District mentorship initiative programs are often the centerpiece activity for many chapters. Tau Tau Chapter serves as a key example in improving youth mentoring in Southern California.

One of the Fraternity's giants in youth mentorship programs is Brother Ricky Lewis, Executive Director of the Omega Education Foundation. "We have just completed our 10th annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) and we want to encourage young men in our program to attend college," said Bro. Lewis, a former 12th District Representative. He also added that the YLC program's simple goal is to keep in touch with the students and help them adjustment to campus life. Lewis also mentioned that in 2003, his chapter, Tau Tau Chapter with the Omega Educational Foundation wanted to change the narrative on how to mentor young Black boys from the inner-city.

From the beginning of Tau Tau Chapter's program, Brother Ronnie Walker, a former police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department, asked to lead the youth mentorship initiative. "I gathered a few dedicated Omega men, and we started signing up boys for the program," said Bro. Walker. Reverend Brother Dr. Rodney S. Brooks said that "among other benefits, the mentoring program offers scholarships, health education program, and life skills training. Since 2003, YLC has had over 400 mentees in their program. Also, over 100 Omega men have been involved in delivering thousands of hours of service to the mentorship initiative program.



Phi Iota Chapter and Alpha Theta (Arizona State University) Chapter joined with the Omega Youth Leadership Academy in hosting the 6th Annual Youth Leadership Conference. The theme of spring event in the Phoenix, AZ area was entitled, "Living Above the Influence."

Zeta Tau Chapter and the Inland Valley Uplift Foundation hosted their 9th Youth Leadership and Parent (YLP) Conference in March 2017. The conference held at the University of La Verne targeted male students from 5th to 12th grade.

Brother James Wilson, Zeta Phi Chapter's Fatherhood Chairman, said that parents are invited to be part of the conference out of a belief that parental involvement in the lives of their children is deeply important in their healthy growth and development.

"We believe that the more the parent remains connected to their child the better the chance that the child will develop habits of good health, and sustainability," said Bro. Wilson. He also added that when parents are connected to their children they have a better chance for success in school.

The youth conference emphasized what one needs to do to prepare for college. The event also introduced students to opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). In science, students were exposed to many exciting possibilities by youth curriculum coordinator, Michael Haynes, a Compliance Engineer for South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

In addition to Zeta Tau several other chapters were in attendance. They included: Lambda Omicron, Mu Alpha Alpha, Omicron Mu, Phi Beta Beta, Pi Rho, Psi Gamma Gamma, Rho Iota Iota, Sigma Iota Iota, Tau Tau and Zeta Rho Chapters.

Story by Bro. Dr. George D. Taylor



Zeta Rho's scholarship award recipients. Some of the scholars will be attending college at Morchouse, Howard, UC Irvine and Northwestern.

Chapters Award Scholarships

In June 2017, Zeta Rho Chapter and the Bridge Builders Foundation, their 501 (c)(3), awarded over 40 scholarships to African American male scholars. Eight new scholars and 33 recurring scholars are part of the chapter's program. This year's distinguished honorees were, Sharanelle Clark (Hitachi), Arnold Hackett (Xerox), David Ford (SCE), and Bertral Washington (Pasadena Fire Chief). The honorees all have a long standing history of professional excellence and community involvement.

The event was highlighted by a presentation from Caylin Moore, a 2012 scholarship winner, Fulbright Scholar, and 2017 recipient of the distinguished Rhodes Scholarship. He shared powerful words of encouragement for the incoming scholars, as well as praise and appreciation for the chapter and Foundation "Start-to-Finish" commitment in his life.

The Psi Xi Chapter of Ventura County, CA awarded eight scholarships to deserving minority high school seniors who met both our scholastic and community service requirements.

The recipients of the chapter awards were: Veronica Bruner and Carmela Loera of Camarillo High School; Sean Louis Clark of Santa Clara High School, Oxnard; Richard Jeremy DeFoe and Madison Leigh Hunter of Thousand Oaks High School; Alex Lanns of Oxnard High School; Grubor Matthews of Buena High School, Ventura; and, Aniah Jane McKenzie of Foothill Technology High School. Brothers who presented the awards were: Ron Greenwood, Basileus; Charles K. White, Immediate Past Basileus; Bruce T. Stewart, III, Vice Basileus; Rev. Jeff Clark, KRS; Rev. Al Duff, Jr.; William Fundi Legohn; Ken D. Barrow; and, Crittenden K. Ward.

Lambda Xi Outreach Event

In November 2017, Brothers from Lambda Xi Chapter visited Rafael L. Lazatin Memorial High School (RLLMSH) in Angeles City, Philippines as a part of the Chapter's Global Outreach Initiative Program.

The Global Outreach Initiative Program is designed to assist students and neighboring communities, beyond the confines of the Korean Peninsula. After several months of planning, and corresponding with the RLLMHS administration, Ms. Martinez, the school's counselor, provided a list of school equipment, and the needs of a selected group of students.

The Omega men of Lambda Xi provided the school with basketballs, volleyballs, and nets for their physical education program. The chapter also donated a check for the school's food program. Brothers also purchased 20 pairs of athletic shoes from a list of needy students.

USMC Selects Porche As Top Engineer Equipment Officer of the Year

Brother Marlon Porche of Sigma Gamma Gamma was selected as the Fiscal Year 2017 United States Marine Corps Engineer Equipment Officer of the Year.

Bro. Porche, a CWO4 was selected for his professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Maintenance Management Officer, Assistant Unit Inspection Coordinator, and Maintenance Platoon Commander for 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d Marine Logistics Group in Okinawa Japan.

Porche distinguished himself from the competition through his leadership and hands-on approach to problem-solving. Bro. Porche has also received the Colonel Charles Young Award and the Basileus Award from his chapter.



Sigma Gamma Gamma Celebrates Achievement Week

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted their Achievement Week Banquet on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The event was held at the Camp Shields Naval Base in Okinawa, Japan. The banquet recognized students, members of the Okinawa community and Omega Men who have made significant contributions.

2017 Talent Hunt Contest winners Kaylee Bailey (High School) and Jayla Johnson (Middle School) delighted the audience with their performances. Rhamsey Wyche, the International Essay Contest winner recited her winning essay.

Sgt Maj Mario Fields, Ruth Gadson-Smith, Jessica Bursey, Michelle Moore-Robinson, Sgt Anthony Davis, Vernon 'Pop' Reddick, Sherry Powell-Lewis, Shane Butler, Minina Q Fields-Johnson, and Thomas Butts were nominated for the Citizen of the Year. The chapter's recipient of the **Citizen of the Year Award** was Ms. Michelle Moore-Robinson. She was the National Distinguished Principal of the Year.



Bro. John Clark, the chapter's oldest member (on right) and Bro. Eugene Porter, the youngest member cut the cake at the banquet.

- Omega Man of the Year Award** – Brother Michael Robinson
- Colonel Charles Young Award** – Brother Marlon Porche
- Founders Award** – Brother Daniel Thompson
- Superior Service Award** – Brother Cortez Pree
- Neophyte of the Year Award** – Brother Elvis

Omega's Fernander Chosen To Lead

Assumes Presidency of the Bahamas Christian Council

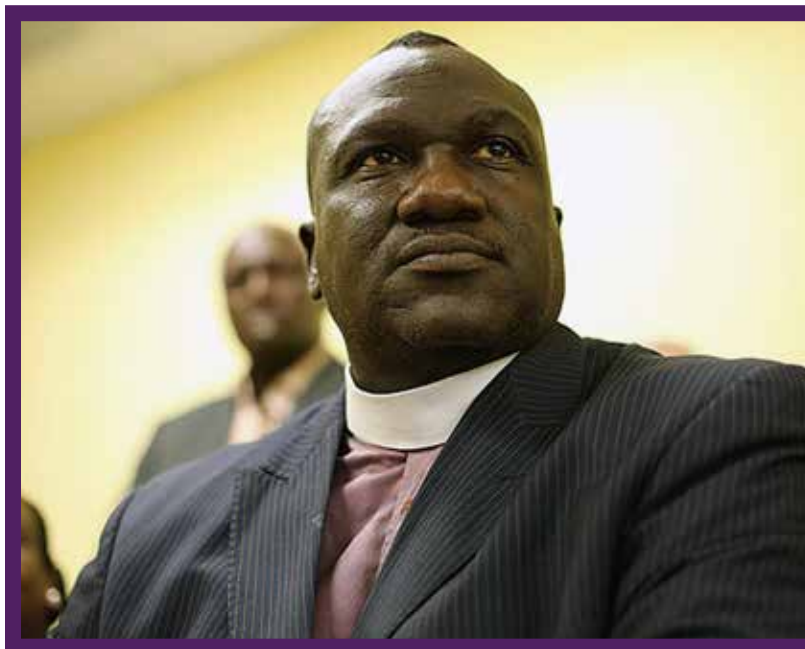
Brother Bishop Delton Fernander, Ph.D., has recently assumed the presidency of the Bahamas Christian Council.

This is just the most recent honor from an exceptional career of Dr. Fernander's Christian leadership and ministry. Bro. Fernander in his role as the Bahamas Christian Council President ensures that through love and support, the lives of persons who are in despair improve.

When asked what it is that the average individual may seek to do to improve the lives of others? Dr. Fernander explained that "we ought to become more mentor-oriented, finding time to assist children or create avenues for children to engage in positive activities organized by trusted individuals." He also added that individuals must also seek to become more civic-minded.

Brother Fernander encouraged the need for Omega men to be more civic-minded and not be limited to only Omega projects, but daily action. His academic career highlights the importance of discipline and perseverance. He recently completed his Ph.D. from Louisiana Baptist University.

Fernander leads the congregation at the New Destiny Cathedral. He also serves as the Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Missionary and the Educational Convention. In Omega, Brother Fernander is Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Chaplain for the 13th District.



Earlier while attending Tennessee State University, he became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Rho Psi Chapter. Given his accolades and current demanding positions, Brother Fernander was asked about his future aspirations. He noted that there is a need for counselling within our

communities.

Fernander sees the importance of applied theology. He said that "we Bahamians have hard decisions to make in this country. Now more than ever his words echo truth, considering issues of marital rape laws and immigrant rights coming into the public sphere again, good sound counsel, from an informed clergy, is essential for our government to act appropriately on the people's behalf.

Brother Fernander's commitment to the uplift of his community and Fraternity remains steadfast. Just weeks ago, Bishop Fernander organized a national men's march to emphasize the meaning of true manhood. He jump-started a restorative effort to help those who have fallen by the wayside. Dr. Fernander's life embodies the bridge builder and reminds of how consequential we may be on youth and the nation's future.

Story by

**Brother Delreco Bonaby,
Chapter Reporter
Pi Xi Chapter (Nassau, Bahamas)**

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES

"When we wear the gloves, A brother has gone from our midst and sailed to golden shores.

When we wear the gloves, A friend has passed the final test and walks through purple doors.

*The circle has an empty place, A voice will raise no more. The song of fellowship and love Uplift
forevemore. When we wear the gloves, A light goes from this earthly life. The visor closed again.*

Yet all the heavens open wide, To let a new star in.

When we wear the gloves, A brother leaves the chapter rolls, and moves to other worlds.

For when we say our last goodbye, He walks on streets of Pearl, When we wear the gloves.

by Brother Carver Portlock



Omega
Chapter

Brother Thomas T. Barnes

Educator

Brother Barnes was a charter member of Kappa Pi Chapter. Barnes served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal for several Lancaster County Schools in South Carolina for over 30 years. He was inducted as the third Black member of the Lancaster County School District (SC) Education Hall of Fame.

Brother Julius Campbell, Jr.

Urban Health Executive

Brother Julius Campbell entered Omega Chapter on December 11, 2017. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Delta Upsilon Chapter in 1972. Brother Campbell received a Bachelor's degree from Delaware State University. He also held a Master's in Social Work from Rutgers University. Professionally, he started as a Planner Coordinator for the Central New Jersey Health Planning Council. He later worked for New Jersey Department of Human Services and the Ewing Residential Center.

Brother Dr. Thomas Carr, III

Army Officer and Optometrist

Brother Carr entered Omega Chapter on September 28, 1917. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Xi Psi. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from South Carolina State University. While serving in the U. S. Army as a First Lieutenant, Carr was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for injuries received on the battlefield. After the service, he began studies at the Illinois College of Optometry. After graduation with a Doctor of Optometry, he opened a private practice in Charleston, SC. Bro. Carr was the first African American Optometrist in the State of South Carolina..

Brother Calvin Chandler, Sr.

Educator

Brother Chandler entered Omega Chapter on February 22, 2018. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Mu Psi Chapter in 1952. He graduated from North Carolina A & T College with a B.S. and a Master's degree in Industrial Arts and Education. The Life Member was a teacher in the Gary Community Schools (IN). He was active with Alpha Chi Chapter in Gary, Indiana.

Brother S. Timothy A. Crawford, Esq.

Lawyer

Brother Crawford entered Omega Chapter on February 7, 2018. He was initiated into Omega through Rho Chapter in 1960, while a student at Johnson C Smith University. After serving in the U.S. Army, Brother Crawford entered Howard University's School of Law earning a Juris Doctorate. He worked for a renowned Philadelphia law firm before establishing his private practice for over 40 years. Bro. Crawford was a founding member of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyer Association (BESLA).

Brother Carter Daniel, Jr.

Administrator and Educator

Brother Daniel graduated from St. Paul's College. While at St. Paul's he played basketball and football. He earned Master's degrees from King College and Columbia University. Bro. Daniel received a doctorate degree from Rutgers University. Daniel began his career in the Newark (NJ) School District. He worked as a consultant, principal and Director of Special Services. He later served as a Director of the Teen Center. Brother Daniel has been a member for 51 years.

Brother Dr. Lloren A. Foster

Educator

Brother Foster entered Omega Chapter on October 2, 2017. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Eta Chapter. He received his BA in English from Chicago State University. He later entered masters and doctoral degrees from Amherst College. Dr. Foster served as a professor of African American Studies at Hampton University and Western Kentucky University. He also served students with special needs under President John F. Kennedy's special program, Teacher Corps.

Brother James E. Ginn, Ph.D

Math Professor

Brother Ginn entered Omega Chapter on September 29, 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Nu Pi Chapter in 1966. He graduated with B.S. from Clark College in 1959. He later earned a Master's degree from Atlanta University. He began his professorship in math at Jackson State University. In 1963, he joined the Math Department at Texas Southern University. He later became the head of the Math Department and retired from the school after 30 years of service. Brother Ginn earned a Ph.D., in Statistics from Texas A&M University in 1973.

Brother Lone Hodges, Jr.

An Omega Man

Brother Hodges entered Omega Chapter on October 8, 2017. He was a longtime member of Omega's Delta Upsilon Chapter. The Trenton, NJ native was graduate of Virginia Union University. He later earned a Master's degree in Counseling from Trenton State University. Brother Hodges was employed by the City of Trenton for many years before his retirement in 2010. He was the Founder and CEO of LLH Global Enterprises. Hodges was also the co-founder of the West End Neighborhood Association and served for many years as a member of Trenton's Democratic Committee.

Brother Frederick C. Jackson, Sr.

Training Supervisor

Brother Jackson entered Omega Chapter on July 20, 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Phi Psi Chapter in 1969, while a student at Langston College. He graduated with B.S. in Health & Physical Education. He worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 30 years at the Cornwall Heights Juvenile Center as a counselor and training supervisor. Brother Jackson was an active member of Nu Nu Graduate Chapter in Willingboro, NJ.

Brother Ronald Louis Jackson

An Omega Man

Brother Johnson entered Omega Chapter on November 29, 2017. Johnson was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Iota Psi Chapter on the campus of Ohio State University. He served as the chapter's Basileus.

Brother Theodore R. Lewis, Jr.

A Man of God

Brother Lewis entered Omega Chapter recently. He was initiated into Omega through Nu Phi Chapter. He was an active member with Mu Alpha Graduate Chapter. He served as the Chaplain for nearly two decades. Brother Lewis graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Sociology. He later started Seminary School at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. Following his graduation he assigned as the Assistant Pastor of St. James Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. In 1983, Lewis was a priest at St. Luke's The Evangelist in Houston, TX. In 1992, he was reassigned to Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. He was Mu Alpha Chapter's Omega Man of the Year in 2001.

Brother Devin C.G. Moore

An Omega Man

Brother Moore entered Omega Chapter on December 6, 2017. Brother Moore served in the Fourth District as the 2nd Vice District Representative. He was member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Psi Gamma Chapter on the campus of Kent State University. Brother Moore was a recipient of the 2017 Excellence and Scroll Honor Award (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity) and the 4th District's Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year. In honor of Brother Moore, Kent State University's School of Journalism & Mass Communication named a scholarship in his honor. The scholarship is entitled the *Devin C. G. Moore Memorial Scholarship* awarded to an underrepresented student majoring or minoring in a degree in broadcast journalism.

Brother Luns C. Richardson

Educator

Brother Richardson entered Omega Chapter on January 13, 2018. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Epsilon Epsilon Chapter on the campus of Benedict College. After graduation from Benedict, he earned a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Columbia University. Bro. Richardson served as a principal and coordinator of educational programs at Benedict College and Allen University. He later served as Executive Vice President at Voorhees College. In 1974, Richardson was the President of Morris College, a position he held for over 40 years. The Life Member was active with Gamma Iota Graduate Chapter.

Brother James M. Paige

Educator

Brother Paige entered Omega Chapter on December 6, 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Beta Chi Chapter. After college graduation, Paige became a teacher and principal in North Carolina. He later served as a police officer in East Orange, NJ prior to joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Later, he worked at the U.S. Department of Labor. Brother Paige was a member of the Iota Iota Chapter.

Brother Robert L. Perrineau, Sr.

Civil and Community Service Specialist

Brother Perrineau entered Omega Chapter on October 12, 2017. He graduated from Voorhees College. He also earned a Master of Science degree from Southern Wesleyan University and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling from Columbia International University. The U. S. Navy veteran served during the Vietnam War working at the Charleston Naval Base. After his civil service job, he was the Director of Youth Build Charleston, an organization for "at risk" youth.

Brother Hugh Prince

An Omega Man

Brother Prince entered Omega Chapter in November 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Delta Beta Chapter in 2011, while a student at Coppin State University. The Philadelphia native received a full track scholarship at Coppin State. He was a scholar-athlete and was voted as the Captain of the Coppin State track team. He holds three of the university's track records in the 100-meter race, the 200-meter race, and 400-meter relay. While at Coppin, Brother Prince served as the Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Keeper of Finance. In 2014, he was selected Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year. He graduated from Coppin State with a degree in Business Management.

Brother John F. Sadler, Sr.

An Omega Man

Brother Sadler entered Omega Chapter on November 15, 2017. He earned a B.S. degree from Gardner Webb University. He was a member of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter. Bro. Sadler was a recipient of his chapter's *Omega Man of the Year* Award.

Brother Colonel Lonnie Stith, Esq.

U.S. Army Officer

Brother Stith entered Omega Chapter on October 25, 2017. Stith graduated from Hampton University with a B.S. in Finance. At Hampton, Smith was an Army ROTC cadet and was commissioned as an Army officer. After, a long career in the military, he retired in 2006. Stith also earned Masters degrees from Auburn University and Pepperdine University. He received a Juris Doctorate from George Washington University's School of Law. The Life Member was active with Gamma Pi Chapter.

Brother Wilfred J. Walker, Sr.

An Omega Man

Brother Walker entered Omega Chapter recently. He graduated from Hampton Institute in 1935. After graduation from Hampton, Brother Walker taught several subjects in the Greenville County School District in Greenville, SC. He also served as the Director of the Sterling High School's Male Glee Club for 22 years. He was initiated into Omega through Phi Alpha Chapter in 1947. He served as the chapter's Talent Hunt Chairman for eight years.

Brother Harold Webb

A Tuskegee Airman and Educator

Brother Webb entered Omega Chapter on December 14, 2017. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Mu Psi Chapter at North Carolina A&T University in 1946. Brother Webb was also a Tuskegee Airman in World War II. With a biology degree, he began a career in public education. Brother Webb was a teacher and administrator, who later became the first African-American state personnel director. Webb also served as a member and Chairman on the Wake County Board of Commissioners. He was a member of the Iota Iota Chapter in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Brother Kedric E. Webster

U.S. Navy Officer

Brother Webster entered Omega Chapter on December 13, 2017. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He was initiated on November 30, 1995, at Mu Rho Chapter in Annapolis, Maryland. He received a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1999. In 2004, he was a Charter Member of the Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter in Yokosuka, Japan. Brother Webster was the Group Surgeon for Commander, Task Force 76 and the officer in charge of Fleet Surgical Team 7. Brother Webster conducted over 100 robotic surgeries. Brother Webster, a Life Member, was a member of Sigma Gamma Gamma International Graduate Chapter, 13th District, Okinawa, Japan.

Brother Dr. Wilburn H. Weddington, Sr.

An Omega Man

Brother Weddington entered Omega Chapter on December 26, 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Psi Chapter on the campus of Morehouse College in 1941. He became the first African-American physician to belong to the Cobb County Medical Society in Marietta, GA. He also serviced in the U.S. Air Force achieving the rank of Captain. Later, he opened his family physician office in Columbus, OH. e. He became a faculty member of The Ohio State University Medical Center in 1970. At the Ohio State, he was the first black physician to be promoted to full professor in the Medical School and eventually became Associate Dean of the school. Dr. Weddington served as the Basileus of Mu Iota Chapter, and received the chapter's *Omega Man of the Year* Award.

Brother Byron Womack

Advisor

Brother Womack entered Omega Chapter on February 20, 2018. Womack was initiated into Omega through Omicron Iota Chapter at Iona College in 1993. Brother Womack graduated with a B.S. and a Masters degrees in Social Work from Iona. After graduation, Womack dedicated his career to uplifting children and arming them with confidence and self-worth. During his career, he was employed at Port Chester High School in the guidance department; All Hallows High as a college advisor, and later as an Assistant Athletic Director at the College of New Rochelle. Brother Womack served Omega for 25 years and received the Omega Man of the Year Award from Omicron Iota.

Brother Raleigh Wynn, Sr.

Educator

Brother Wynn entered Omega Chapter April 30, 2017. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi through Rho Psi Chapter on June 1, 1949 on the campus of Tennessee State University. Before attending Tennessee State, Wynn was drafted into the U. S. Army receiving the Purple Heart. After service, Wynn attended Tennessee State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree. He was the captain of the football team in 1948 and 1949. In his senior year, he was MVP and All-American in the All-Midwestern Conference. After college, Brother Wynn played football in the Canadian League in 1950. After he ended his football career, Wynn became an educator and coach. One of the teams won three state championships. Brother Wynn was an active member of Iota Alpha Chapter in Knoxville, TN.

Brother Milton Johnson

Past 2nd District Representative

Brother Johnson entered Omega Chapter March 15, 2018. He was initiated into Omega through Nu Psi Chapter in 1960. The New York native attended Virginia State on a full track scholarship. After graduating from Virginia State, he began his professional career as a social worker in New York City during the Civil Rights Movement. Later, he was hired as a merchandise buyer for J. C. Penney at its Corporate Headquarters.

His career in Omega was filled with success and most importantly visions. He, along with several young and progressive brothers of Omega, was the architects of the current Constitution of Omega. In 1971, he became the 12th District Representative of the Second District, after serving three terms as First Vice District Representative. His primary goal was to grow the Second District in numbers and financially. The Second District went from the fourth largest district to now the second largest district. This was accomplished during his two years as Second District Representative.

As District Representative, he was determined to eradicate and eliminate any form of hazing that may have existed in the District. Milton visited every chapter in the District, in his well-recognized right steering wheel Mercedes (English specifications), with its zinc Omega shield. He mentored or counseled every District Representative after him and continued to do so until his death. His establishment of the Business and Industry Committee helped so many young brothers obtain jobs and advance in their careers.

Brother Clifton A. Moore

Past Grand Keeper of Finance

Brother Moore entered Omega Chapter on December 5, 2017. Bro. Moore attended Boston University after serving in World War II's European theater. Majoring in business administration, he established an enviable scholastic record. Pledging Gamma Chapter in 1950, his duty to Omega began as a neophyte, working to host the 36th Grand Conclave in Boston. Thus, began his steadfast dedication and commitment to our Fraternity.

He swiftly ascended to chapter leadership, serving as Basileus of the third chapter. In 1955, Bro. Moore, along with eleven other men, began Iota Chi Chapter in his native Cambridge, Massachusetts. With community service as the impetus, Brother Moore again assumed leadership, serving as the chartering Basileus, and later earning Omega Man of the Year recognition. His recurrent character, tireless devotion to service, and exaction of excellence decreed the archetype for this new chapter; a model emulated even now, where it has earned the distinction of District Chapter of the Year four consecutive times.

Moore's careful stewardship would raise him to election as the First District Representative. There, he operated with such noted distinction; he would later represent the interests of other District Representatives on the Supreme Council. At the 1974 Grand Conclave in Phoenix, Bro. Moore won election to the office of Grand Keeper of Finance.

Selection to a grand seat as a lifelong member of the First District, one of the smallest in Omega, is a testament to the respect and admiration Moore garnered across the Fraternity. For several years prior, he served vitally in the fiscal operations of the fraternity. From Chairman of the special finance committee of the Supreme Council to an exacting member of the National Budget Committee, Bro. Moore always exercised precision.

On September 15, 1979, the members of the First District Council unanimously voted in session to acknowledge Bro. Moore's years of meritorious service to the Fraternity at the local, district and international levels, by bestowing upon him the title of District Representative Emeritus, proclaiming, "...with this enactment you shall enjoy membership to the First District Council for life."

Candidates For Grand Office

The candidates running for the position of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal include Bro. Victor Bruinton, Bro. Mark E. Jackson, and Bro. Sedrick Spencer. **Bro. Victor Bruinton** plans to serve as the Fraternity's visionary to provide the future framework for continued excellence in records keeping as well as leverage technology to provide best practices to support and improve operations.

Bro. Mark Jackson plans to focus on performing his assigned duties as prescribed by Omega Psi Phi's



Bro. Victor Bruinton



Bro. Mark E. Jackson



Bro. Sedrick Spencer

International Headquarters.

Bro. Sedrick Spencer plans to work diligently in providing first-rate service to all members of Omega Psi Phi.

Bro. Dan Jones, the current Grand Keeper of Finance, if re-elected, he is committed to presenting clear and transparent financial information, providing investment counseling, developing asset management protection and implementing a long-range financial plan. **Bro. Kenneth Terrell** is committed to fiduciary responsibility, auditing, reporting, accountability, and leadership.

The two candidates for Grand Counselor include Bro. Todd Clemons and Bro. Benjamin Crump.

Bro. Todd Clemons will ensure brothers are held accountable for the misuse of Omega's funds. He will also work closely with the Corporate Compliance Officer; ensure that all allegations are promptly investigated, and all brothers receive due process; improve Omega's credit card policy; improve adherence to Omega's Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, and Procedures; and reduce the cost of litigation.

Bro. Benjamin Crump would focus on reducing the number of lawsuits/claims filed against the Fraternity by making sure brothers are well-informed and trained on what hazing is and how it can be avoided. He would also review insurance policies and advise individual chapters on how to get more detailed liability coverage; increase the fraternity's participation in issues about civil rights challenges facing Black America, and assist each state in starting and maintaining their 501 (c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt process.

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