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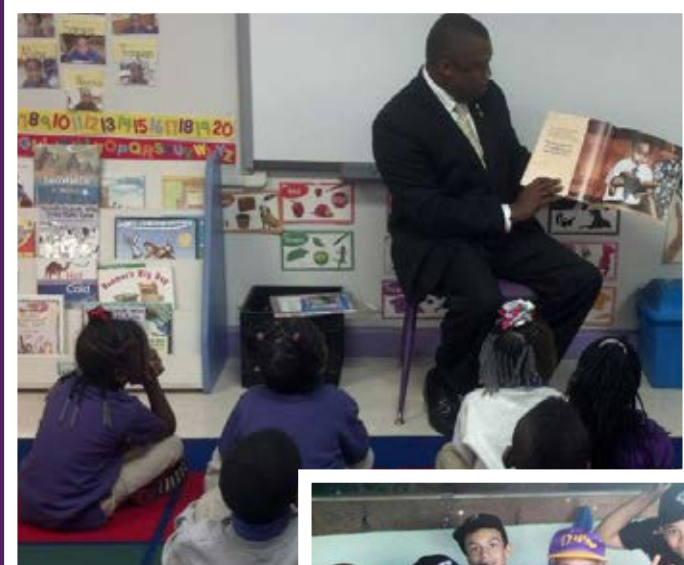
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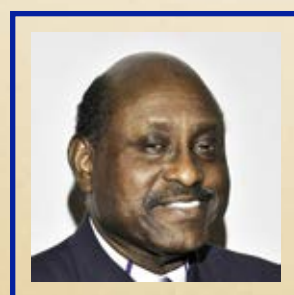
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Former Grand Basilei pictured from left to right: Brothers Braynon, Coulon, Norman, Gilmore, Miller, Grace, and Lee. (Not pictured is 36th Grand Basileus Lloyd J. Jordan). This photo was taken March 12, 2011 in Washington, DC during the Centennial Memorial Service Weekend.

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Message from the 39th Grand Basileus



Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray
39th Grand Basileus

*“The best
Grand
Basileus
is one who
never
forgets
what it is
to be a
Grand
Brother.”*

MY BROTHERS,

This is my final Oracle Greeting to you as Grand Basileus. First, I thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of this great Brotherhood. It has been a labor of love as my team met the challenges and framed solutions that energized our focus on Omega’s Mission.

Leading and serving the Brotherhood in two centuries of Omega is a once in a lifetime honor. To be Grand Basileus at the 100th celebration of our founding (1911-2011) and at the 100th celebration of our chartering (1914-2014) are unique moments in time. My team collectively benchmarked the activities around each and delivered due recognition to you who have stayed the course, kept the faith and saw it through.

We must continue to live the lesson from the verse “The Bridge Builder.” Our Perseverance must be concretized by the strength of “Invictus.” Every day that God grants us we are obligated to be the difference that we seek; ever remembering that Omega Men are true to the man in the mirror, and we live our creed.

I share with you again that life is a relay race. We run our leg of the race to the best of our respective abilities, knowing that the time will come when we must hand off. Missing the hand off should be not an option for Omega Men. If the hand off is missed, not only does the individual lose, the whole team suffers the loss.

My Friends, having experienced the challenges of picking up the baton, making up the stagger and running the curve, I have given our team a lead and the chance to win. Should Team Omega be the first to finish, the entire Omega family will share in the victory. Let us join hands and remember the gospel verse “God Congratulates the Winner at the Finish line.”

May God’s Grace be upon the Omega family as we assemble in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our chartering and be with us as we return to our homes.

FRATERNALLY,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew A. Ray".

DR. ANDREW A. RAY
39TH GRAND BASILEUS
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Message from the Editor of The Oracle



Brother Michael A. Boykin
Editor of The Oracle

GREETINGS BROTHERS,

As I bring you my last edition of *The Oracle*, I want to thank Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew A. Ray, Brother Kenneth Barnes, and all the members of the International Headquarters that provided support to make these publications possible. Each District Director of Public Relations (DDPR), chapter reporter, photographer, and brothers in general, are vital contributors to the goals of the Fraternity and highlighting those success stories in this format.

Our Fraternity Constitution and Bylaws indicate that *The Oracle* should be published four times a year. While that has not been the case each year, it is important to understand the financial impact of following that mandate. There are over 21,000 financial brothers that require *The Oracle* to be mailed. Each edition of *The Oracle* costs about \$50,000 to produce, print, and mail. If we were to publish and mail four editions per year, that would cost the Fraternity approximately \$200,000 per year.

On several occasions, I have combined editions of *The Oracle* to maximize cost effectiveness for the Fraternity. I have highlighted activities that go above and beyond the mandated programs that every chapter is required to do for the community and brotherhood. This will continue to maintain the highly regarded status of our official publication of the Fraternity.

Additionally, I have charged each DDPR to create a robust district publication to showcase activity in your district. With over 800 chapters, it is impossible to publish every submitted article in *The Oracle*. If your district does not have a publication, it is up to the brothers in your district to demand it and elect a DDPR that has the skillset to carry out the duties of that office.

Finally, Brother Milbert O. Brown, Jr. has accepted the position of Interim Editor of *The Oracle* and I am confident he will take this publication to even greater heights with his journalism background and skills. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Omega as your Editor of *The Oracle* from 2010-2014.

Long Live Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated!

Financial Mailing List by District as of 7.1.2014

1	211
2	3,200
3	1,898
4	651
5	959
6	2,636
7	4,658
8	577
9	2,776
10	1,493
12	1,069
13	303
14	622
Total	21,053

FRATERNALLY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Boykin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL A. BOYKIN

Message from the **First Vice Grand Basileus**



*Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr.
First Vice Grand Basileus*

BROTHERS,

Giving honor to God and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I humbly thank you for electing me to serve the past four years as First Vice Grand Basileus of our illustrious organization. I thank you for electing me to serve as Grand Keeper of Finance prior to becoming the First Vice Grand Basileus. I also would like to thank you for allowing me to serve on the Supreme Council as the 33rd Sixth District Representative. My brothers, I have been privileged to have had such an enriching experience. Serving on the Supreme Council for 10 years to five different Grand Basilei and the Supreme Council members that served with me during these years, I say thank you.

I have been humbled by the hard work, dedication and commitment witnessed from our leadership. I have seen us grow within our communities and in this nation. The work that is being done with our young men is having a positive impact within our communities around the country; and it must continue. The work on reuniting fathers with their families is outstanding; and it must continue. The relationships being built with the White House and members of both the House of Representatives and Senate is helping to improve both social and economic justice in our communities; it must continue. When attempts are made to strip away our voting rights and the community looks for someone to speak up; we must continue to be there.

Scholarship being one of our Cardinal Principals, I have witnessed our giving of thousands of dollars to support our students in colleges and universities; and we must continue to do so. Our young men and women are blessed with talents in many areas of the arts and we provide them needed exposure; we must continue to do so.

I want to say thank you to the First Vice District Representatives and committee chairs, for working with me and allowing me to lead. As mentioned above, we are making a significant difference in the lives of people everywhere and my goal is to see that we continue to do more. Over the next four years, I have a plan that will allow us to do just that by “Moving Omega Forward Through Proven Leadership.”

Long live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and God Bless us all.

Brother Antonio Knox, Sr.
First Vice Grand Basileus

Message from the Grand Keeper of Records & Seal



*Brother Curtis A. Baylor
Grand KRS*

BROTHERS,

It is my humble opinion that Omega is once again on the brink of greatness. You might ask why I say “once again.” Well, surely you agree with me that over the course of its first century the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity more than adequately fulfilled its constitutionally stated purpose. That purpose being to unite college men of similar ideals and then prepare and commit them to be at the forefront of the causes of humanity and to aid the down-trodden of humanity. Simply stated, in its first century, Omega played an integral part and often a pivotal role in uplifting humanity around the globe and for the past two years, we have celebrated and glowed with pride in the greatness of our accomplishments.

By way of this article, I am “Calling All Brothers to the Floor!” Yes, we achieved great things in our first century but, “once again” there are great challenges before us and after spending the first two years of our second century in celebration and reflection, it is time for us all to man up and address those challenges with dogged determination and personal persistence. While there are many challenges before us (e.g. erosion of voting rights, decline of the black family, AIDS, domestic violence, etc.), I will cite but two. Those two are internal discord and the threat of extinction.

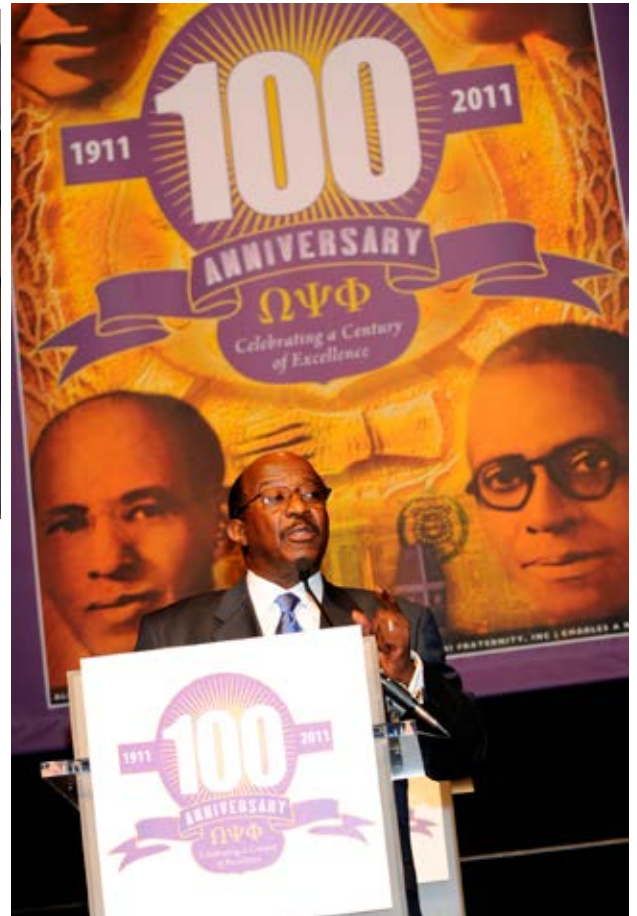
Despite our past achievements, today we find ourselves in a state of disarray as the result of our focus on such petty differences as how (pledging, intake, honorary, MSP), when (‘50s, ‘70s, 2000s) and where (graduate, undergraduate) you became a member or where you now live and serve Omega (district, state, chapter, country). The time has come for us to focus on not what makes us different or those things upon which we disagree, but, rather upon the things which unite us (our oath, our Cardinal Principles, our love for Omega) and one thing I am sure we can all agree upon – if Omega is to survive and thrive, it will take a concerted and collective effort on the part of all Omega Men who are thoroughly immersed in the true Omega Spirit!

We must unite as Omega Men and we must partner with all who would agree that, “the Black male’s existence is under siege.” We Omega Men must take the lead to save our young Black boys. We must insure that our laws reflect and protect the value of a Black man’s life. We must increase the number Black youth that graduate from high school and then go on to successfully earn a college degree or complete advanced training beyond high school. If we do not do these things they will fail. And, if we do not and they fail, then Omega and those like us will become extinct. Ultimately this will negatively impact the Black family.

Once again, I am “Calling All Brothers...” If you are financial, stay financial. If you are not financial, get financial. If you are not in a chapter, join one because the chapter is the face of Omega!

Fraternally yours,
Brother Curtis A. Baylor
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal

OMEGA REFLECTIONS 2010-2014



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THE KNIGHTS OF OMEGA

Chicago, IL - Members of the Knights of Omega are provided with opportunities to improve academic performance, self-image, and self-confidence through structured learning activities and leadership training. The ultimate goal of Knights of Omega Mentorship Program is to reduce delinquent behavior among urban, male adolescents. Once the young men are aware of their responsibility to self, family, and the community, they are likely to become today's young scholars and tomorrow's community leaders.

The Knights of Omega began October 2010 and continues to provide intensive academic enrichment, social responsibility, and mentoring services to low-income youth ages 13 to 18. The Knights of Omega serves young men from the South and West Side of the Chicago area on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology. In order to continue this mission and to make an even larger impact in the community, we need your support. There is an immediate need for up-close and personal mentoring in urban Amreica.



The Knights of Omega Foundation is creating positive change in the lives of "at risk" urban males as well as the young man that has the positive family nucleus, but would appreciate our extra uplift. The foundation is striving to help all young men visualize higher education.

We not only want to mentor young men with socioeconomic issues, we also want to mentor those who may have no positive male figures, and those that have a male figure and are on the correct track academically.

Research has documented the plight of urban males. The Knights of Omega Mentorship Program is committed to the transformative growth of its members thereby leading to economic self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

Brother Mandel Williams
Founder & Director
website: knightsofomega.org

ALPHA LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER BEGINS THE NEW YEAR WITH THE OMEGA MEN MENTORING MEN (QM3) PROGRAM

Frederick, MD 23 January 2014. Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter opened the New Year with their signature mentoring program, Omega Men Mentoring Men (QM3). The program conducted at the West Frederick Middle School, provides young, at-risk males an opportunity to interact with positive role models from the community. Brother Thaddious Goodman (Pi Gamma 68,) committee chair, continued the theme of "If it is to be! It is up to me!"

This critical thought process assists the students in establishing, prioritizing, and subsequently achieving their goals. Brother Goodman, a retired Army Colonel provided his keys to success:

1. Determine what you want (goal);
2. Determine what you are willing to give up to get what you want (identify your risks/mitigate them);
3. Make a plan and follow it to get what you want (plan);
4. Model someone who already has what you want (mentor/role model).



Brothers pose with Ms. White and QM3 participants.

KAPPA PHI CHAPTER TOP TEENS MENTORING PROGRAM TEACHES LIFE SKILLS



Milwaukee, WI. In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the brothers of Kappa Phi Chapter in collaboration with the Top Ladies of Distinction, Milwaukee Branch came together for an event of awareness for our youth. The theme of the event

was "Moving Toward the Dream."

Kappa Phi Chapter participated and led a number of workshops and sessions which included the proper way to tie a necktie. During the session Brothers Rob Day, Relious Stepherson and Chas Harris instructed a group of teen boys on the proper way to tie a double Windsor knot. In addition to the instructions on tying a tie, brothers facilitated sessions on health, leadership, teen and domestic abuse, sexual misconduct and driving while black. The event also had sessions geared towards financial literacy and healthy choices.

KAPPA OMICRON CHAPTER BUILDS CHARACTER THROUGH SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, AND MENTORING



New York City, NY. Kappa Omicron Chapter sponsored a team in the well-regarded Castle Hill Little League in the Bronx, NY. Team Kappa Omega was proudly displayed on the uniforms. The team participated in the "major" division consisting of 11 – 12 year-old boys.

The League selects the coaches, manages the operation and umpiring, and provides a safe fun environment for children to build a strong foundation within the community.

This sponsorship program is aimed at providing an opportunity for youngsters to play baseball and is a part of Kappa Omicron Chapter's social action and mentoring activity.



Tau Tau Chapter Celebrates 20th Year of its Youth Leadership Conference

Los Angeles, CA – Fall classes were underway in beautiful sunny southern California. Almost 600 African-American young men ages eight to 18 and 415 parents (152 Fathers, 263 mothers) assembled at the University of Southern California (USC) under direction and care of brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

As guests of Tau Tau Chapter, participants learned about the Fraternity’s four cardinal principles: manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift and effective parenthood.

This gathering began 19 years ago at Los Angeles’ Southwest College. Having outgrown Southwest, the Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) was moved to Compton College in 1996; it found its newest home at USC in 2011.

“We have touched the lives of over 5100 young men over this 20-year-span saving lives one young man at a time,” hailed Brother Ricky L. Lewis, Founder of the YLC and president of the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc. For 20 years, chapters throughout the 12th District have come together to provide leadership training. Led by Brother Lewis and supported by his beautiful wife, Vicki, 8-year-old-son Wyatt, and a planning committee of brothers from no fewer than five chapters.

Several years ago, Brother Dr. Anthony Maddox suggested adding another component to the YLC, bringing Mothers on board for a Parent Conference. Brother Lewis, asked Brother Maddox to plan programs for parents. Two years ago, Brother Keith Parker began working with fathers.

Is the YLC meeting parental expectations? Parents told Brother Lewis what they thought of the event. One mother stated: *“I loved the fact that I could show my son a number of men of color, both young and old and in one place ... well-dressed, educated, employed, and giving of themselves.”* Lastly, it was so touching to receive the notification on Friday that my son was selected as one of the Larry Walls Scholars Family



Foundation Award-winners.

Valerie wrote: “Please extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the Omega brothers for Saturday’s conference. This was my second time attending with my son and it was just as informative.”

Lisa said: “Thank you very much!!! My son said he wants to come back next year. He was encouraged, and he immediately came out telling me about the Four Cardinal Principles.”

Michelle contributed: My son Dillon (age 10) enjoyed the experience with his group. Thank you and the Omegas for bringing this program to our community.

Olivia said: *“My son and I were in attendance, I stayed for the parent conference and I was really grateful to all the speakers. I was a teen mother and the youngest mother with the oldest son, meaning there were women my age in attendance, but their sons were a lot younger than mine. I’m 34 and my son is 16 so it was a great experience for us both.”*

Bobby was curious: “Thank you for the conference... It was a big hit with my two young sons. I was just curious how does one become an Omega man? Just curious!”

Southern California chapters will continue uplifting the community and engaging youth and parents in saving lives and families. The 21st Annual YLC will be held in October 2014. The brothers have pledged to continue the great work of saving lives, one young man at a time.

Omicron Iota Chapter Young Achievers

New Rochelle, NY. Omicron Iota Chapter in partnership with the Westchester County Links, Inc. launched the Young Achievers Program with 20 motivated young men at New Rochelle High School (New Rochelle, NY) in January of 2013. The goal was to encourage excellence and prepare students for their transition from high school to college.

During the five month span, Omicron Iota Chapter's main objectives were to help the students expand their knowledge on personal and career goals, interviewing skills, financial literacy, college planning and time management. This was accomplished through formal and informal workshops conducted by Brothers within the chapter as well as community role models. The workshops included a variety of topics such as: "How to Write a College Essay," "Choosing the Right College," "Career Planning," "Dress for Success" and "How to Interview For a Job."

By the program's end in May, this comprehensive enriching experience for student's development of life skills, self-esteem and respect for

others was evident by feedback from the student's parents and school's faculty. In addition, Basileus Larren Joseph commended The Young Achievers Program Committee which included Brothers Ed Kittrell, Peter Wynn, Robert Harris, Matthew Marrow and Troy Grant, along with the Westchester County Links, Inc. on an excellent job of life lessons they provided throughout the program.



Mu Alpha Mentors Charleston Youth by Fostering Model Behavior

Charleston, SC - Mu Alpha Chapter has engaged with the youth in the Charleston community through mentoring programs. Several programs have been initiated that have been met with great degrees of success.

Brother Reginald Cherry and the brothers of the Mu Alpha Chapter partnered with Mitchell Elementary School of Math and Science to start a "Bridge Builders" program. The program entails a bi-weekly meeting with fifth grade students.

During the sessions brothers assisted with academics and held workshops to discuss behavioral challenges and life skills. Students who participated with Bridge Builders were afforded the opportunity to attend a Charleston Riverdog baseball game and The Citadel Bulldogs football games.

Mrs. Cecelia Gordon Rogers, Director of nearby Charleston Development Academy Public Charter School (CDA), also formed a partnership with Mu Alpha. At the Academy, Omega Day was formed where brothers of Mu Alpha would spend a day out of the month with

the students. Brothers read to the younger students in the morning, while older students are given classroom visits and demonstrations in the afternoon.

During lunch, a select group of young men attended a rap session discussing positive behavioral, social issues as well as making good decision and life skills.

Mu Alpha plans to expand their programs to more schools within the Charleston community.



Zeta Iota Iota Chapter's Flying Eagles

Toughkenamon, PA - The brothers of Zeta Iota Iota sponsored a group of 12 boys and girls for the EEA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Young Eagles Event. Chapter Basileus Brother Qasim Rashad reminded the children what a great experience the day would bring and the children were provided with breakfast before the group activities took place. They toured the airfield and hangars. Each child enjoyed the great privilege accompanying a licensed pilot on an exciting 15 minute flight over scenic Chester County Pennsylvania. The children and the brothers of the chapter

also had the honor of meeting three of the original Tuskegee Airmen: Albert El, Dr. Eugene Richardson, and Wayne Saunders. At the conclusion of the program, each participant received a certificate and a flight log booklet.



Kappa Xi Chapter Awards \$15,000 in Scholarships

Las Vegas, Nevada - The Kappa Xi Chapter has awarded scholarships to five local youth. The young men were selected based academic performance, SAT/ACT test scores, community service and an essay written on the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. According the Scholarship Committee Chair Edsel Bester, "these are five impressive winners with GPAs ranging from 3.4 to 4.2, strong test scores and a commitment to community service."

The winners were recognized at Kappa Xi's Scholarship Luncheon at the Texas Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. The luncheon had almost 100 attendees and was held jointly with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, who also honored their scholarship winners. The recipients (and their colleges) are Christopher

Berry (Howard University), Nathan Keith (Howard University), Jovon Kirkley (University of Nevada - Reno), Kean Patton (Arizona State University) and Rashad Patton (University of California - Long Beach). Each winner received a \$3,000.00 scholarship.



Second District Fatherhood Initiative Program Receives Proclamation from Patterson, NJ City Council

Philadelphia, PA - The Mighty Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., presented its Inaugural Fatherhood Initiative Brunch and Forum at the Temptations Banquet Hall in Philadelphia, PA., highlighting the countless plights of fatherhood and the importance of mentorship. The mission of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative is three-fold; to support President Obama's White House Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, to create fraternity interest, dialogue and activities promoting Fatherhood and Mentoring and to conduct public awareness programs that highlight partnerships with community based organizations and fatherhood & mentoring programs to help build healthier families and communities. Omega Psi Phi is the only Greek-lettered organization to be a strategic partner with the White House. The program was free to the public.

Guests were welcomed by the 33rd Second District Representative, James Hicks. Remarks were given by the Honorable Brother Anthony Eboney Davis, President, City Council, Patterson, NJ. Mu Omega Chapter Basileus, Anthony Jones, introduced and informed the audience to Mu Omega chapter and its social action initiatives.

The program highlighted speakers of innumerable fields and brothers of Omega on fatherhood and mentorship. The crowning moment of the program was the rite of passage led by Brother Etu Evans of the Purple Boot Initiative mentoring organization. All the young men in attendance had purple ties tied on them by their fathers or mentors with the hopes that next year they will do the same to another young man.

The Fatherhood Brunch and Forum set forth by Second District Representative, James Hicks, is the first of many more such programs to follow. First Vice District Representative, Milton Harrison, led an integral part of the initiative in supporting the creator of the program Brother J. Kendall Smalls and the Second District Fatherhood Initiative Chairman, Brother Dominick Boyce.

Photo: Second District Representative James Hicks receives a proclamation from Honorable Brother Anthony Eboney Davis, President, City Council, Patterson, NJ., with 1st Vice DR, Milton Harrison, and 2nd Distr. Social Action Chair J. Kendall Smalls.



OMEGA PSI PHI MEN:
REACHING OUT,
MENTORING,
CARING &
SAVING OUR
YOUNG MEN





Beta Upsilon CHAPTER

PROJECT MANHOOD KICKOFF

Project Manhood primarily targets African-American males, grades 4th through 6th. The mission of Project Manhood is to help guide young males from adolescence to manhood by incorporating principles and participating in excursions each month with members of the Fraternity and community leaders.

Beta Upsilon Chapter has been in partnership with Central Park Elementary for over 15 years.

Omaha, NE - On Wednesday, August, 14, 2013 members of the Beta Upsilon Chapter welcomed back students at Central Park Elementary for the 2013-2014 school year. This initiative was, in part, the kickoff for this year's Project Manhood Program. Brothers of Beta Upsilon Chapter met with the teachers, school administration, and discussed expectations and roles.



Nu Omicron Participates in Allan Houston's "Father Knows Best" Basketball Program

New York, NY- The sounds of basketballs dribbling in the gymnasium on the campus of Queens College could be heard throughout New York City on March 30th. Over 300 children and fathers from various communities in Queens came to participate in Allan Houston's "Father Knows Best" Basketball program (FKB), which is a unique combination of high powered basketball and relationship building activities for fathers and sons as well as mentors and mentees. The FKB program supports effective fatherhood and mentoring, emphasizes leadership, communication, and the importance of spending quality time together.

The day began with a video collage of Allan Houston, the former New York Knick All-Star and current Assistant General Manager, greatest Knick moments. Afterwards, Mr. Houston engaged the participants in a powerful presentation that spoke to the power of fatherhood and mentoring. Many prominent dignitaries in Queens attended and offered encouraging words. Brother Thabiti Boone, the International Representative for President Obama's White House Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, enlightened the participants throughout the day with his wisdom and intellect. Old School hip-hop artist Biz-Markie also spent time with the group.

The day culminated with a VIP reception where Allan Houston personally thanked the Nu Omicron brothers for their dedication and commitment to enhancing the quality of lives of the children and fathers of the Queens community.



Nu Chi's Project Manhood Mentoring Program Provides Uplift to Young Men

East St. Louis, IL- Nu Chi Chapter hosted its first Back to School Program. The intent was to provide students in grades 6th – 12th with school supplies, backpacks, and to introduce parents and students to the Project Manhood Mentoring Program.

The success of the event was evident by the long lines of residents who attended and over 300 backpacks distributed. Brother Brian Lang, Chapter Keeper of Finance and coordinator of the event, was very pleased with the turnout and expects this will fit into future plans for the chapter. "We really didn't know what to expect, but the support we received from the mayor's office, sisters of Delta Sigma Theta, various civic and business entrepreneurs, and how families came out and really seemed thankful, made us realize just how important giving back can be," Lang said. The Back to School program was held in the East St. Louis City Hall Rotunda.

Those in attendance were able to talk to representatives from the American Diabetes Association who provided valuable healthcare information, local barbers gave free haircuts and if that wasn't enough – parents and kids received a free lunch coordinated by Delta Sigma Theta.

The chapter also recruited boys for its mentoring program. Some of the topics students will be exposed to by being a member of Project Manhood included conflict resolution, financial planning, and college preparation. Field trips and activities were centered on ballroom dancing, camping, golf lessons, and college and career tours.

It was a win-win event, capped by a presentation by Mayor Alvin Parks (Kappa Alpha Psi) thanking the brotherhood for dedication to serving the community and he stated how impressed he was with the effort and commitment to serving the community from the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.





Sigma Omega Chapter Hosts THE “MILLION FATHER MARCH”

Chicago, IL On August 24, 2013 the “Project 1921 Foundation” and Brothers from Sigma Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined the Black Start Project for the Million Fathers March. The Million Father March has grown out of recognition of the power of male involvement in the education of Black students. A father who actively participates in the educational and social development life of a child is invaluable and irreplaceable.

A 2004 summary study by The Parent Institute showed that at schools where teachers reported high levels of outreach to parents, reading scores grew at a rate 50% higher, and math tests scores 40% higher, than in schools where teachers reported low levels of outreach.

The march encouraged fathers to take their children or any other children whose lives that they are involved in to school on the first day. The Million Father March is held yearly in over 200 cities. The Brothers were featured on ABC 7 channel 7 website for their efforts.

Statistics from the National Fatherhood Initiative support these findings and show that when fathers and men are regularly and substantially involved in the education and social development of children, children have higher

standardized test scores, higher grade point averages, higher attendance rates and higher graduation rates from high school. Additionally, they have lower rates of suspension, expulsion, arrest, fewer incidents of violent behavior, and they are less likely to use drugs, alcohol or engage in premature sex.

The Million Father March is an opportunity for Black men to show their commitment to the educational lives of their children on the first day of school and throughout the school year. On the first day of school each year since the March began in 2004, Black fathers, relatives, men, and significant male caregivers are asked to take their children to their first day of school across the country and around the world.

Fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, uncles, cousins, big brothers, significant male caregivers and friends of the family will participate in the event. While this event was created for Black men, men and women of all races, nationalities and faith backgrounds are also encouraged to take children to school on this first day.

Pi Phi Chapter 2013 Fatherhood Initiative

Charlotte, NC - The Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., supported the Charlotte Housing Authority's (CHA) 2013 Father's Day Event held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Arbor Glen Outreach facility.

This is Pi Phi's second year in partnering with this Fatherhood Initiative event. The event celebrated fathers who are present in their children's lives and offer resources that may help absent fathers connect with their children.

This event is an initiative of the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development which aims to strengthen the bond between children and their fathers, who are often absent in the lives of their children who live in public housing.

Statistics show that when fathers are absent children suffer in a variety of ways, including a higher tendency of dropping out of school before graduation.

Chapters are asked to help raise the awareness about the importance of responsible parenting and celebrate exemplary fathers who are engaged in their children's lives.



Alpha Nu Chapter: Engaging the Community and Promoting the Fatherhood Initiative in the Greater Norwalk and Stamford Communities

Norwalk, CT - The Alpha Nu Chapter is building upon the fatherhood initiatives set forth by our international organization. The chapter is engaged in a variety of activities that are directly focused on increasing the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.

Alpha Nu organizes and hosts an annual "Father's Day Celebration and Luncheon: A Recognition & Celebration of Outstanding Father Figures In Our Community." The event is held at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford, CT.

The chapter partners with surrounding churches in the community and engages them to submit an outstanding father candidate for recognition at this luncheon. This effort allows the chapter and community to highlight the important role of fathers in the community and focus attention on the need to express appreciation, gratitude, and respect to active fathers. The honorees have been thrilled with the support and recognition.

The luncheon was the beginning of Alpha Nu's fatherhood engagement effort where it has established a Leadership Lecture Series. The series brings Omega Men and community leaders together, in a forum,

to speak to young people along with their fathers or father figures, on matters that are of interest to their upbringing and overall community support. The topics have various ranges of depth, but have primarily focused on education, career choices and current social issues.

This mentoring relationship has enacted a collaborative relationship with the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Fairfield Alumnae Chapter and Alpha Nu to provide tutoring sessions to groups of young boys and men. These sessions focus on education, social and emotional challenges facing today's African-American males.

The chapter's vision and goal with these programs is to encourage men of all walks of life, to become mentors to young boys and men who otherwise are left to search for guidance through their own means and that can be destructive to them and the community, if not done in a positive environment.

FATHERHOOD

Epsilon Phi Chapter Kicks Off Fatherhood Initiative

Memphis, TN October 19, 2013. On a soggy Saturday morning the mighty men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Phi Chapter answered the call to uplift their community. The Brothers worked fervently to successfully bring the Inaugural Fatherhood Initiative (FHI) to the mid-South.

The purpose of the FHI event was to celebrate and offer due recognition to and for fathers who support their child or children. The theme of this year's FHI was "Helping Men, Help Themselves, Become Better Fathers," which served as the foundation for rallying the support of area politicians, local activist, mentoring organizations, voter registries, community service organizations and surrounding Pan-Hellenic chapters. The FHI catered to a diverse socioeconomic cross-section of men and women throughout the mid-South.

Several hundred hours of dedicated service by the members of the Epsilon Phi Chapter culminated in an opportunity for direct mentoring by the Men of Omega during several breakout sessions targeting obstacles, real or perceived, which might prevent men from being a strong male presence in the lives of their children. The FHI offered a host of guest speakers that included the mayors of Memphis and Shelby County and several City Council members

whom empowered and challenged attendees through fatherhood advocacy dialogue and first-hand testimonial experiences regarding the positive impacts of involvement of the traditional and non-traditional father role model.

Informational tables were manned by experts in fatherhood programs, legal services, health organizations and family court administrators; which were designed to serve as resources to help attendees address and rise above barriers impeding them from being better fathers. The importance of health through healthy living habits were stressed by counselors trained in the healthcare fields that also provided free health screenings to educate men, women and children on the impact of unhealthy practices on the overall quality of life.

One of the attendees stated, "if a paradigm shift is to take place, we must continue to support and spread the word and align the necessary resources to fund, support, and sustain the FHI." The Fatherhood Initiative message garnered media coverage throughout the mid-South area as well as our message was delivered to local schools throughout the Memphis City Public School System.



Chi Gamma Gamma Chapter's Invictus Mentoring Program

Marietta, GA - Members of the Chi Gamma Gamma Chapter have provided mentoring and classroom reading in Cobb County schools since 2006 through their Invictus Mentoring programs at both Argyle Elementary and Powers Ferry Elementary (PFE) Schools.

Brother Vernon Vereen leads the chapter's program at Argyle. He has adopted an all-boys 5th grade class for the last five years. Year-end activities included Career Day when Omegas park their cars around the school and offer the 4th and 5th grade students a chance to meet and greet professional men. The boys spend several months working on their oratory skills to prepare for an oratory competition that is held in late April.

Brother Mark Townsell and Brother Charles McCord target Powers Ferry Elementary School. The Omegas meet with the 4th grade boys on a weekly basis and provided life lessons in the area of personal hygiene, character building

and manners. The boys have been supplied with personal hygiene kits donated by a local business for the past two years. Omega men are also reading to 80 fourth-graders and 75 second-graders each week through their "Real Men Read" initiative.



NBA Fit, Under Armour, and Pi Omega's Baltimore Foundation Make a Difference in the Community

Baltimore, MD. September 9, 2013. The Omega Baltimore Foundation, in conjunction with NBA Fit and Under Armour's Win Baltimore Initiative, held the Easterwood Basketball Court Dedication Ceremony on September 9, 2013 in Baltimore, MD. NBA Fit and Under Armour chose Easterwood Basketball Court as one of five basketball courts to refurbish around the country.

NBA-standout Sam Cassell and NBA Portland Trailblazer Will Barton, both Baltimore natives, interacted and engaged kids participating at the dedication ceremony. Omega Baltimore sponsored the basketball clinic conducted by NBA clinicians and held 3-on-3 basketball tournaments in various age ranges, in addition to a neighborhood cook out block party, following the dedication ceremony.

Over 100 kids participated in the clinic and tournaments; each participant received an Under Armour teshirt and 10 received Under Armour basketball sneakers.

Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter Adopts Whistler Elementary School

Chicago, IL- On August 29, 2013, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter continued efforts to help needy children return to school. The chapter donated 75 book bags stuffed with supplies to put students on the right track at Higgins Community Academy. The previous day, Rho Gamma Gamma visited Whistler Elementary to deliver book bags to students.

Dr. Mabel Alfred, principal, always welcomes the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma to her school. Her students lined up and entered the gymnasium in an orderly fashion and they greeted the chapter in unison, welcoming the men to their school. As the students



came up to receive his/her book bag, each child shook the brothers' hands and thanked them for the support. Afterwards, Dr. Alfred gave a heart-felt talk to the students asking them to always remember how these men in purple and gold came to help them. In his words to the students, Brother Jamal Ali, Social Action Chairman, told the students how one of our brothers (Fred Davis) attended Higgins Career Academy many years ago, and he didn't have men like the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma to help him. He also told the students that while they were receiving book bags, the real joy came to the brothers for being able to help.

Being successful in life's pursuits

Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter Helps Young Men at Fayetteville School

Fort Bragg, NC - The Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter instituted a Fatherhood initiative in the Greater Fayetteville area aiming to build a community of mentors and leaders to serve as a male parent surrogate for young male students enrolled in the Westarea Elementary School in Fayetteville, NC.

Through positive interaction with the students, the Tau Gamma Gamma "fathers" are committed to the growth of this program to produce productive citizens in the Greater Fayetteville area. The goal of the pilot "Fatherhood" program with Westarea Elementary School and several other schools in the area was to develop a relationship with selective students from area schools to guide them through a supportive curriculum of different life topics.

As Tau Gamma Gamma chapter members continue to be committed to a collaborative effort with the

school and community, they strive to ensure that this program will go a long way in preparing young boys to be successful in their life's pursuits. A strong program is important to ensure those without strong male role models in their personal lives can succeed.





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Assistant Executive Director Job Vacancy

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has initiated a search to fill the following full time position.

Assistant Executive Director

Interested individuals should forward their resumes electronically to: humanresources@oppf.org or send a hard copy to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 3951 Snapfinger Parkway, Suite 202, Decatur, GA 30035, Attention: Human Resources Committee.

Interested individuals should include in their cover letter, why they are interested in the Executive Director position and how they have demonstrated the required competencies of the position in the past. In your signature block, please indicate your name, current Fraternity chapter of affiliation and your control number.

All resumes must be received or postmarked no later than September 30, 2014.

Job Title: Assistant Executive Director

Location: International Headquarters, Atlanta, GA

Reports To: Executive Director

Annual Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$85,000

Position Summary

Under the direction of the Executive Director, responsible for the management of Member Services; Mail Operations; execution of all Human Resources and Safety programs and processes of the International Headquarters (IHQ) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in accordance with constitutional directives, administrative and operational requirements. Manage employee relations, work assignment and human resources processes. Work effectively with the Executive Director and other officers and appointees on all matters as requested.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Manage the administrative processes and transactional interface of the Fraternity through the functions assigned to staff located at the International Headquarters (IHQ)
- Provide leadership and supervision to the staff of the IHQ operation. Manage the staff selection process regarding all open positions within the IHQ.
- Manage the human resources programs and processes of IHQ employees. Ensure the resolution of issues of conflict that develop between employees within the department.

- Ensure the career development of staff by establishing position objectives; conducting regular performance reviews and providing feedback and action plans for improvement.
- Handle inquiries from the Fraternity membership that are above the authority and scope of the membership staff.
- Monitor the productivity output of the membership staff in accordance with established performance goals and standards and requests made by the Supreme Council.
- Overall responsibility for record-keeping systems, chapter status and other membership related data sources to include insurance, College Endowment Fund (CEF) payments, the Track-It system and Lock Box program.
- Responsive to direction, as appropriate, from the Executive Director regarding other functional areas within the IHQ.
- Works in concert with the Executive Director to ensure efficient follow-through of the Supreme Council directives.
- Fiscal management of the IHQ budget. Maintain and provide, as requested, financial reports of departmental expenditures.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Desired Competencies:

- Customer Service Orientation
- Strong Business Acumen
- Quality & Process Management
- Strong Interpersonal Skills
- Cost Consciousness
- Strong Organizational Skill
- Effective Writing & Oral Skills
- Professionalism
- Effective people Managements
- Team Orientation
- Results Orientation
- Leadership Skills
- Change Management
- Computer Literate

Qualifications:

Requires a bachelor's degree with at least four years of experience in the field of administrative management. Candidate must be familiar with a variety of business concepts, practices and procedures. Demonstrated customer and people management; financial and budgetary skills; relies on experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. A wide degree of creativity is expected. Quality and change management experience is desirable. Candidate must be and remain a member in good standing with the Fraternity.



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

— *FIRST DISTRICT* —

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Connecticut - Massachusetts - Maine - New Hampshire - Rhode Island - Vermont



As the new season descends upon New England, the Formidable First District looks with great anticipation towards the 2013-14 fiscal year. As the newly elected First District Representative, I owe much to my predecessor Brother Edward Arrington for his loyal and dedicated service to our district. Clearly he has left big shoes to fill.

Following this year's Leadership Conference, the First District was asked to establish a pilot program for the Fraternity's Stop the Violence Initiative. We accepted the challenge and have begun laying the groundwork for this endeavor. The pilot will have as its theme - "Reclaiming Our Fraternity - Honoring Our Oath." It is no secret that there exists a "thug" element in our Fraternity. There is no secret that this element is broad in nature and is not isolated in one geographical area or encompasses a particular demographic. In our attempt to eradicate this problem all true men of Omega must take ownership of this effort to save our Fraternity and each of us must take ownership of the oath we took upon being initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

While this effort will certainly seek to rid the Fraternity of those who engage in behavior that brings shame upon our great name, I strongly believe that we must develop mechanisms that serve to prevent violence within the brotherhood. One such mechanism is the creation of a District Conflict Resolution Committee. This committee will be charged with mediating disputes between members and chapters involving both "petty" and "not so petty" disagreements. Additionally, I plan to send a "Notice of Admonition," to those Omega men (financial and non-financial) residing in the First District who are known to have a propensity for displaying behavior unbecoming of an Omega man.

The purpose of such a notice is to provide the recipient with a "friendly warning" that any behavior that brings shame upon our Fraternity will not be tolerated and those who perpetrate such behavior will face severe consequences including possible expulsion. I am encouraging all financial brothers to READ THE OATH. Many (I dare say most) members in all likelihood have not read the oath in quite some time. The oath is quite instructive as to how we should treat each other as brothers.

In addition to the above, the First District is pursuing another reclamation program. Given the strong likelihood that each financial brother has a relationship with at least one non-financial brother, then each financial brother should commit to reclaiming at least one non-financial brother each year. This reclamation initiative will allow the First District to expand into those states (i.e. Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire) that are presently without active chapters.

In closing, the First District is prepared to meet the challenges that await us. I look forward to working with my fellow D.R.s and every member of the Supreme Council to help our illustrious Fraternity maximize its potential. I call on each member of the First District and Omega men throughout this nation and throughout the world to help us reclaim our Fraternity by honoring our oath!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Jefferson, Esq.
District Representative,
First District

Chi Omicron Serves Pancakes and History Lessons for Breakfast

New Haven, CT- On Saturday November 16, 2013, the brothers of Chi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a Pancake Breakfast and Reading event, in support of our Fatherhood Initiative. Children ranging from ages 7-12 gathered at the Circle of Love Church in New Haven to enjoy a fun filled morning of breakfast and literature. Several of the brothers are cooks and educators in the surrounding New Haven area.

In addition to providing breakfast for the children, the brothers took time to read and share stories with the children. The brothers enjoyed the event just as much as the children did.



Iota Chi Chapter “The Hope for a Heart” Kick-A-Thon Fundraiser

Brockton, MA- Brother Reggie Perry, Basileus of Iota Chi Chapter is a decorated Kick boxing Instructor and owner of Perry’s Martial Arts and Fitness Academy & ilovekickboxingwaltham.com. In the summer of 2009, his then 11 month old son Kobe contracted Myocarditis, a viral infection of the heart and was hospitalized for 45 days where the first 30 days were spent in CICU. When Kobe arrived at the hospital his heart squeeze (rate of blood pumped through the heart) was at 0% and he spent 7-days on an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine to allow his heart to heal. This technique provides both cardiac and respiratory support oxygen to patients whose heart and lungs are so severely diseased or damaged that they can no longer serve their function.

Dr. Elizabeth Blume who works at Boston’s Children Hospital and her staff nursed Kobe back to full health. To show his families support and appreciation Reggie’s school hosted “The Hope for a Heart” fundraiser last fall 2012. Their initial goal was to raise \$3,000 through a Kick-A-Thon and with overwhelming support and generosity from the community they raised over \$8,800, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Cardiology department at the Children’s Hospital. Their goal for 2013 was to raise \$10,000 by the end of the year and they exceeded that goal again by raising \$11,210.00 and presented a check to the hospital.





Chi Omicron Chapter Hosts First "Back to School Rally" For the Community

New Haven, CT- On Monday August 19, 2013, the brothers of Chi Omicron collaborated with Hill Central Elementary School to host the first annual "Back to School Rally". Students attending Hill Central Elementary were invited to come out to enjoy games, music, prizes and food. In addition, each student received a backpack full of school supplies to prepare them for the upcoming school year. The Chi Omicron brothers not only collected school supplies, but also assisted in the set up/breakdown of the event and coordinated different activities for the rally. Chi Omicron's Vice Basileus and current head principal at Hill Central Elementary School (Bro. Glen Worthy) was instrumental in creating the partnership. We hope this is the first of many more Back to School Rallies for Chi Omicron.

Say No To Bullies!

Brockton, MA - On Tuesday November 12, 2013 brothers from Iota Chi partnered with the Brockton YMCA to present an open round table discussion to the community on a topic that is affecting communities daily "Bullying". This event took place at the Brockton YMCA, 320 Main St, Brockton MA. This event was well attended, people from the local community and other community organizations.

Bro. Francois Fils-Aime from Iota Chi moderated the discussion about potential ways that the community and civic leaders could impact the reduction in teen violence and criminal activity by young black man through problem solving strategies and candid conversation about the root of the problem. At the conclusion of the meeting, new civic groups and other community organizations were volunteering to becoming mentors to support the effort by the Brockton YMCA.

The brothers of Iota Chi also facilitated the discussion with the youth and brainstormed different ideas and alternatives that young men can do when a bullying situation arises. This was a small step in solving a larger issue but the brothers felt that it was their duty to be a catalyst to stimulate the conversation while servicing the community that they uplift.



Say NO!



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

— SECOND DISTRICT —

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Delaware - Maryland - New York - New Jersey - Pennsylvania



In 1941, the Second District was established and was comprised of the states NY, NJ and PA. It was also in 1941 that the constitution and by-laws of the Fraternity were amended to include language on district information, annual meetings, and election of district officers. In 1945, the Fraternity was redistricted to provide for 12 districts, and at that time the Second District included NY, NJ, PA, and DE. Later, modification of the 12-district organization resulted in Maryland being moved to the Second District.

It is recorded that the first Second District Conference was held in Brooklyn, NY in 1948. The first officer was Bro. Nathaniel Burrell, who served as District President. After one year, the office of District President was abolished. The elected District Representative was Bro. Mifflin T. Gibbs. The first District Keeper of Records and Seal was Brother Marion English. Bro. English was succeeded by Brother Nathaniel Burrell who served for over 10 years. Brother James L. Murray, third elected District Keeper of Records and Seal, also served for over 10 years. Bro. Richard E. Carey, Esquire, was the first District Counselor. He wrote the first District Constitution and By-laws. Brother H. Albion Ferrell was the first Second District Chaplain.

The District has a recorded list of thirty-three District Representatives who have been dedicated men of vision and action. In succession, each has escalated the programs of the district to higher plateaus. Their visions and leadership have kept the district prominent in the critical decision making and work of this great fraternity. Currently, the Second District operates under the leadership of its 33th District Representative, Bro. James. E. Hicks, Jr. Bro. Hicks' goal is to continue the extensive, long-standing immaculate example set by previous District Representatives.

The Second District has a financial membership of 2700 brothers, is divided into seven corridors, and consists of 85 active chapters, with 25 undergraduate chapters and 60 graduate chapters. Additionally, the Second District has 1057 life members, which is 40% of its total membership.

Throughout its 72 years of existence, the Second District has established and supported the International Mandated Programs of the Fraternity. It has established itself as the premier district of the fraternity by leading in its participation in international events and developing a variety of unique programs and events such as the James S. Avery Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference, Second District Fatherhood Initiative, Omegas for Obama Inaugural Ball and Domestic Violence Awareness Initiative. Some of the Second District's program initiatives have become a part of the international programming for all districts.

The Second District's contribution to the communities they serve and support of the international agenda for the Fraternity have been recognized at the international level in that its members have been recipients of international awards for Superior Service, Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership, Founders' Award, Chapter of the Year, and Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, as well as the recipients of numerous undergraduate scholarships.

Leaders in the Second District do not limit the use of their skills to the district. The Second District is currently the home of our 39th Grand Basileus, Bro. Dr. Andrew A. Ray, several international committee chairmen and members.

Bro. James. E. Hicks, Jr.
33rd Second District Representative

New Jersey Chapters Host 2013 HBCU College Fair

The 2013 HBCU College Fair resulted in 693 on site college admissions and provided over \$1Million in awards for high school students, bringing the College Fair's 7 year total to 3,188 students admitted with awards just under \$4 million. This event is the Chapter's signature outreach and community service activity that embodies our Cardinal Principles.

Over 40 HBCU recruiters were present with over 2,000 students from 54 area high schools registered who were eager to explore and discuss the college options provided by the attending HBCUs.

With more than 1700 applications filed by students, this Camden HBCU College Fair was the largest event of the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fairs. This event is annually held in the metro New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania tri-state area.

The Camden HBCU College Fair continues to grow in popularity and has become a very important collegiate event for many high schools. Its geographic footprint extends well beyond Camden County and encompasses all of South Jersey, New York, and into the Philadelphia suburbs. It has become the preeminent

venue to introduce local students to HBCUs, and more importantly, the venue to provide them with opportunities to help realize their college dreams. The fair also garnered press coverage in area newspapers, as well as local TV news.

This year, Nu Nu Chapter (Willingboro, NJ), along with Chi Upsilon Chapter, and the Omega Officers from the Fort Dix Army base joined in the effort with Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter to help provide a welcoming, secure, and hospitable environment for all in attendance.

2013 Camden HBCU College Fair Dashboard Report

Participating High Schools 54
HS Students registered 2062*
Admission Applications filed 1728*
Students admitted to schools onsite 693* (40.1%)
Fee Waivers Granted (@\$45/app) 1379
Value of Fee Waivers \$62,055.00
Scholarships Awarded 150
Value of Scholarships \$975,268.00*

Total Scholarships & Financial Support Awarded
\$1,037,323.00*



Xi Phi Chapter Embarks on 25th Annual Black College Tour for Students

The Xi Phi Chapter embarked on their 25th Annual New York City Black College Tour (BCT). Through the tireless efforts of brothers in the chapter, and brothers from Corridor 5, BCT has been able to take high school students from the Greater New York City area on a tour along the eastern sea board to see the Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The program has evolved from a simple college tour to a College Readiness Program. The NYC Omega Black College Tour assists students in the process from HBCU acceptance to enrollment.

The Black College Tour is run by Chairman Brother Edward Murray, and Basileus of Xi Phi Chapter, Brother Mujaheed Bey.

Brothers spend extensive time with their assigned students to discuss students' career goals and academic competitiveness in the outset of their

collegiate lives. The Black College Tour in this way provided students with positive examples who may later serve as mentors for these youth. Brother Ed Murray continuously reinforced to students that “when a high school scholar joins the NYC Omega Black College Tour, they are family for life.”

The program offers pre and post tour workshops regarding SAT preparation, obtaining financial aid, the history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, etiquette, and college life. The BCT is propelled by the idea that every student deserves an opportunity to succeed. Basileus Mujaheed Bey stated, “The tour has room for high achieving students and students needing to be redirected.”

This year, 73 high school scholars attended the Black College Tour. Over the course of 7 days, 6 nights, 73 scholars and 15 chaperones

visited Virginia State University; Fisk University; Meharry Medical College; Tennessee State University; Spelman College; Morehouse College; Clark Atlanta University; Benedict College; Allen University; Johnson C. Smith University; North Carolina A&T University; St. Augustine's University; Howard University; Morgan State University; and Coppin State University.

Additionally the scholars had three field trips, The Great Black and Wax Museum, Benjamin Mays Museum, and Young Male Institute Cultural Center. Many of the students were able to receive on-site admission to universities due to their affiliation with the New York City Black College Tour. This year, a milestone of \$335,000 in scholarship money was awarded to BCT students along with over 50 college acceptances while on tour.



Brothers Bethea, Cox and Cornegy
Making a Difference in the Local Community



Brother Dr. James Bethea, Basileus of Nu Omicron Chapter, Queens, NY, was recently awarded (on behalf of St. John's University) a \$960,000 PEAK grant (\$480,000 per year for two years) with the option of two one-year renewals for a potential total of \$1,920,000.

PEAK (Pathways to Excellence, Achievement, and Knowledge) is part of former New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg's Young Men's Initiative (YMI). YMI consists of a comprehensive effort to help Black and Latino young men achieve their professional, educational, and personal goals. PEAK combines elements of educational enrichment, behavior modification, and therapeutic services, and is provided in conjunction with on-going probation supervision provided by The New York City Department of Probation (DOP). PEAK engages youth who are in grades 8 through 12 and are between the ages of 14 and 18, year round, during school hours as well as after-school.

Bro. Bethea holds a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Counselor Education from The University of Iowa. He is the first African American male professor to be granted tenure in the 103 year history of the College of Education at St. John's University.



Brother Stephen R. Cox, PI (Principal Investigator) and Project Director of the Greater Philadelphia Region, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, at Drexel University in Philadelphia, received the 2013 BEYA (Black Engineer of the Year) Award in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).

Brother Cox was recipient of the Provost's Award for graduating the largest number of Minority undergraduate and graduate scientists and engineers in the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Nine (9) area universities comprise the local Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP), which students are principally African-American, Hispanic and Native American. LSAMP is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSA).

Brother Cox was also nominated by his academic peers at Drexel University for the College-Level Promotion of Education Award, presented to him this past February, in Washington, D.C.



Brooklyn, NY. January 4, 2014. The Men of Alpha Upsilon stood shoulder to shoulder at the Cornerstone Baptist church in historical Bedford Stuyvesant as a herculean storm that pummeled much of the Midwest and East coast could not keep the Men of Alpha Upsilon, Omega Men from various neighboring chapters, Brother Ben Jeffers assistant to the Grand Basileus nor the Grand Basileus himself, Dr. Andrew Ray and his beloved First Lady from attending the inauguration of Alpha Upsilon's own, Brother Robert E. Cornegy Jr.

Brother Robert E. Cornegy Jr., was sworn in by the Honorable Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix as New York City Council member of Brooklyn's 36th District which is comprised of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights.





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
— *THIRD DISTRICT* —
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Virginia - Washington D.C.



My Brothers, I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe and on behalf of the approximately fifteen hundred financial members of the Third District, I welcome you to this brief snapshot of our District.

The Third District's jurisdiction covers the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia and presently is comprised of forty active undergraduate and graduate chapters. Counted among these chapters is the first, or "Mother Pearl" chapter, Alpha Chapter, at Howard University in Washington, DC and the oldest graduate chapter in the Fraternity, Lambda Omega Chapter in Norfolk, Virginia. Building on the vision of our Founders and in the spirit of excellence that is expected of Omega men, the Third District prides itself on fostering an environment in which Friendship is essential and our individual communities are Uplifted by our presence and our service.

The Chapters in the Third District are historically consistent in carrying out the Fraternity's Internationally-mandated programs (Scholarship, Social Action, Talent Hunt). However, in recent years, the District and its chapters have taken on several new issues with unbridled enthusiasm. The Third District has really gotten behind Omega's Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Project. Each of our graduate chapters has instituted or is instituting an active Fatherhood and/or Mentoring program in their respective communities. Rather than limiting this initiative to a single committee level item, we are encouraging our chapters to involve fathers and sons/proteges in every project in which Omega undertakes.

The Third District is also at the forefront of the recent partnership between Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the organization founded by our Brother, Dr. Carter G. Woodson. This partnership with ASALH is coupled with Omega's partnership with the National Park Service for the restoration and preservation of Bro. Dr. Woodson's Home in Washington, DC. Over the past year, Omega has either contributed or helped raise over eighty thousand dollars for the restoration of this National Historic Site. However, the first Omega donation came from the Third District during the Centennial Celebration in July 2011.

This past August, the Third District led the Omega charge during the planning, implementation and participation in the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. During one planning meeting, the moderator was so overwhelmed by Omega's positive presence, she exclaimed, "the Ques are just showing out" in terms of our assistance.

The dedicated service of the chapters and Brothers of the Third District was recognized at the International Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Missouri this summer. Our District is home to the reigning International Large Chapter of the Year (Pi Lambda Lambda, Dumfries, Virginia); the International Small Chapter of the Year (Sigma Mu Mu, Loudoun County, Virginia); the International Omega Man of the Year (Bro. Steven G. Johnson, Alpha Omega, Washington, DC); the International Founders Award Recipient (Bro. Gary C. Clark, Alpha Omega, Washington, DC); and the International Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year (Bro. Ayo Akinmoladun, Delta Theta, Georgetown University, Washington, DC). For good measure, we also claim the last two International Marchdown Champions, Pi Gamma/Tau :Lambda Chapters (Norfolk State/Old Dominion Universities) and Nu Psi (Virginia State University).

The Third District will continue to strive to be a model of Friendship and Service within Omega, but most importantly, serve as a beacon of Uplift and hope in our communities.

In Friendship and Service,

Bro. Robert C. Warren, Jr., Esq.
27th Third District Representative

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. & Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. Donate \$20,000 to ASALH

Washington, DC. Bro. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," started the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, ASALH, after attending the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War. ASALH was conceived to promote research and disseminate information about African American culture and history. For the last 88 years, ASALH has hosted a luncheon to honor the achievements of African Americans during Black History Month. For years, Omega Men have attended the luncheon not under the auspice of the Fraternity but as scholars, members of ASALH, and lovers of history.

The 88th Black History Month Luncheon and Featured Authors' Event, themed, Civil Rights in America, was held Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. The theme was chosen to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Ms. A'Lelia Bundles, author/journalist was The Mistress of Ceremony and Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, President, the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, the keynote speaker.

Dr. Hrabowski spoke on the theme of Black History Month 2014, Civil Rights in America. He stated we need "to create a culture where it's cool to be smart," and expounded on how only 30 percent of all Americans have a college degree; 18 percent of blacks, 14 percent of Latinos, of Americans over the age of 25 do not have a college degree.

The highlight of the luncheon was a presentation by Bro. Kenneth Brown, Vice President of the Omega Life Membership Foundation (OLMF) and Former Third District Representative, gave \$10,000 from OLMF to ASALH. This donation was the result of a grant request from our Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew Ray, for ASALH. Grand Basileus, Dr. Ray, stated "last year was so nice [a reference to Omega's donation to ASALH last year] we had to do it twice," as he presented a second \$10,000 check. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity not only supports ASALH with our patronage of the Black History Month luncheon, Omega Men have also been a source of human capital and have been integrated into the planning committee for over three years.

Omega's relationship with ASALH extends past the annual Black History Month luncheon. Our relationship was initiated on a Chapter level (Kappa Psi Chapter), and then evolved to a District level (Third District) and now has grown and is fortified on an international level. The Third District's Dr. Carter G. Woodson/ASALH Committee partners with ASALH and the United States National Park Service (USNPS) to produce the annual Dr. Woodson's birthday celebration. Currently on the horizon, Omega Psi Phi and ASALH are at the forefront of a partnership team that is working with the USNPS to restore Dr. Woodson's home for use as a National Historic Site and Museum. Together, Omega Psi Phi and ASALH have deep roots which provide a great foundation for continued partnership to promote the legacy of our dear Brother, Dr. Carter G. Woodson.



Brothers Celebrate 102 Years of Omega Psi Phi at Howard University



Washington, DC. Brothers celebrated the Fraternity's 102nd Anniversary Sunday evening, November 17th, 2013 at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium. This annual event, held in the name of the Founders of Omega, Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman, and Ernest E. Just, is a time to reflect upon and re-mobilize the ideals of our Founders and the spirit that is Omega.



Bro. Dr. Steve Johnson of Alpha Omega Chapter, Chairman of the DC Area Chapters' Achievement Week Programs, along with Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray, First Vice Grand Basileus Antonio Knox Sr., and 3rd District Representative Robert C. Warren, Jr., and Bro. Kenneth A. Brown, shared words of UPLIFT and articulated Omega's path forward.

The collective message to those in attendance was for all Brothers to draw on Omega's long history of accomplishments and service; to think deeply about Omega and what it has meant to them and so many others; and to

apply the lessons of the past to the challenges we face today. Bro. Grand challenged the Brothers in attendance to "not let email take the place of the Glove of Mail" and reminded us to look within and recommit to the principles we swore to uphold.

Following the event, Brothers assembled in front of Thirkield Hall, where it all began, sang Omega Dear around the Founders Monument, and with enthusiasm fellowshipped into the night.

104 Year-Old Dr. David H. Reid, Jr. Enters Omega Chapter

On Saturday, November 23, 2013, Grand Basileus Ray took a special trip to Fairfax Nursing Center in Northern Virginia to recognize the longest serving, and many would argue, wisest, Brother in the Fraternity, as well as, one of the oldest in the Divine Nine! Bro. Dr. David H. Reid, Jr., at 104 years of age served Omega for over 86 years. The Grand Basileus acknowledged Brother Reid by presenting him with a framed certificate proclaiming November 23, 2013 as “Bro. Dr. David H. Reid, Jr. Day.”

Grand Basileus Ray commended Brother Reid with upholding the Cardinal Principles and serving Dear Omega! Brother Walter Hill, Basileus of Alpha Omega Chapter, also recognized Brother Reid with a special commemorative Omega Psi Phi coin.



Dr. Reid’s son, Dr. David H. Reid, III, was initiated into Omega, through Alpha Chapter, on April 4, 1964. The younger Bro. Reid, who is also a member of Alpha Omega, will be receiving his 50 year pin next year. After the presentation, the son discussed with his father the journey through Dear Omega with Bro. Grand and the rest of the Brothers. Bro. Dr. David H. Reid, Jr. (Upsilon, 1927) was born on May 17, 1909, in Raleigh, NC.

He graduated from a high school program at Shaw University, located in Raleigh, NC in 1926. He enrolled in Wilberforce University of Ohio in September 1926, and was inducted into the Lampados Pledge Club. A year later, on a cold and dreary day in mid-November 1927, he was initiated as a proud member of the Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

During Bro Reid’s initiation, he learned the deeper history of the home which is sacred to all Upsilon brothers. The house was owned by “Mother Young,” wife of the deceased Bro. Colonel Charles Young, the highest ranking black officer (Lieutenant Colonel) in the United States Army until his death in 1922. The Colonel Charles Young house is a national historic landmark in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Brother Reid graduated first in his class from Wilberforce in 1930 and Howard University School of Medicine in 1935. He joined Alpha Omega Chapter in 1931.



Bro. Grand Dr. Andrew Ray presents Bro. Dr. Reid Jr. with special certificate as Bro. Walt Hill, Bro. Dr. David Reid III, Bro. Norm Senior, and Bro. Ben Jeffers cheer on.





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
— *FOURTH DISTRICT* —
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Ohio - West Virginia



I greet you in the strong name of Omega.

Bordered by the Great Lakes and the Allegheny Mountains, the Fourth District, comprised of Ohio and West Virginia, continues to flow with enthusiasm in order to become a greater district. Like the men with whom I am aligned in this Mighty District, I am prepared to work for the betterment of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and all who are blessed to be called her loyal Sons. We are men of integrity and daring, who will rise to the challenge set forth by our founders. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift will always be the foundation of our existence and the springboard for which we will grow our district.

Since becoming the 26th Fourth District Representative, we have made significant strides toward the growth and development of the district. The new administration of the Fourth District has worked tirelessly to create a mission statement for the upcoming year. This mission will guide the activities of the brothers as we take a strategic approach to addressing the needs of our communities and creating a positive rapport with people that we serve. The vision for the Fourth District is to be an influential district within the fraternity by increasing participation at the national level and by creating and coordinating district-wide social action programs. Brothers are creating a unique legacy through their service to leave a mark in our great organization. We will establish a “footprint”, not just throughout the district, but one that can be observed from all over the country. The Fourth District will improve operational efficiency with increased chapter participation at annual district and national meetings.

We will produce and coordinate a district-wide calendar of chapter events and activities for the brothers. Strong reclamation and retention programs will increase our membership and our ability to serve. Graduate brothers will mentor our undergraduate brothers to better prepare them to become leaders for the future. The collaboration of brotherhood will have a positive influence in the growth of the Fourth District and the Fraternity as a whole.

As we continue to strive and uphold our cardinal principles, as we work together to achieve more in our district. As we keep Christ first in all that we do, we will seek his guidance to protect our families, our Friends, and our great fraternity.

Brother Christopher Welch
26th Fourth District Representative
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated

International Candidates Attend a Forum at The Ohio State University

(Written by Brother Dr. Fred Aikens)

Columbus, OH - On Saturday, March 8, 2014, the brothers of the Mighty Fourth District hosted an Omega Candidates' Forum at The Ohio State University. Eleven candidates, who are currently seeking international offices in the fraternity were present to share their platforms and their visions for Omega, answer questions, and to fraternize with the brothers from Ohio and West Virginia. The brothers enjoyed the hospitality that was extended by Mu Iota Chapter in Columbus. Brother Jhade Barnes, Basileus, and Brother Jeffery Tarver assisted First-Vice DR, Bro. Daryl Cameron as they handled the very important details of the event.



The forum was moderated by the former Fourth District Representative, Brother Albert Jordan, who kept the candidates on point and assured that the event was conducted with decency and according to protocol. The Fourth District Representative, Brother Christopher K. Welch was on hand to welcome the candidates to the district and to thank them for their participation.



The theme of the forum seemed to be on changing Omega and becoming more involved in the communities in which the brothers live. There was a call to improve the business relationships of the fraternity, become more involved in the education of our youth, enhance mentoring programs, and become more engaged in health care initiatives that affect our people. The myriad issues that were brought



forth during this forum reminded the brothers that Omega's work is not done and there is more that we can do to ensure Omega's place in the lives of those that it represents. These candidates seemed keenly aware that change needs to happen. The choice will not be easy but it seems as though all of the candidates are prepared to address the challenges that Omega faces.

Several of the candidates commented on the forum after the event. The candidates enjoyed the well-organized program. They went on to mention that they enjoyed the time spent in the Fourth District and were pleased at the length of time they were given to address the brotherhood and answer questions. The sentiment was that the Candidate Forum was inviting and all the brothers exhibited a friendly demeanor. Several candidates thanked the district for hosting the event, and thanked the other participants for attending. The forum was a success and a good time was had by everyone.

*The candidates who participated in the forum are as follows:
For Grand Basileus: Earl Wilson, Tony Knox, and Christopher Cooper (Pictured)
For First-Vice Grand Basileus: David Marion and Mike Adams (Pictured)
For Keep of Records and Seal: Curtis Baylor, Ed Morant, and Kenneth Rodgers (Pictured)
For Keeper of Finance: Kelly Shannon and Arnold Simmons (not pictured).*



Brother Dr. Loren Alves Gives Charter Day Address to Central State University

Central State University celebrated its 127th birthday on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The celebration also commemorated Central State University's new status as an 1890 Land Grant Institution. The keynote speaker at this auspicious occasion was Brother Dr. Loren Alves of Psi Alpha Chapter in San Antonio, Texas. Brother Alves is a 1975 graduate of Central State University, told the audience how he matriculated and followed his dreams. He mentioned how scholarship, perseverance, and dedication to his craft led him to be the first board certified pediatric dentist in the San Antonio area.

It was also during this occasion that Brother Alves told students to hold on to their dreams, even if you have to change them a little because of your circumstances. He shared stories of his youth and struggles to become the man he is today. He recalled memories of his experiences on campus as a student and how different members of the faculty and staff encouraged him.

Brother Alves is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; a member of the American Dental Association, The National Dental Association, The Gulf State Dental Association, and the San Antonio District Dental Society. He has earned the Legion of Merit Medal and has served a distinguished career in the United States Army. He is also a Life Member of the Fraternity.

Fourth District Kicks Off 72nd Annual District Meeting with Fatherhood Initiative Workshop

Cincinnati, OH. The brothers of the Mighty Fourth District descended upon the Rothenburg Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio to renew their commitment to the Omega Psi Phi Fatherhood Initiative. Over 30 brothers participated in the event as one of the scheduled events for the 72nd Annual District Meeting. Brothers separated into groups to visit the classrooms, talked with the students, and shared stories of their success. The students, who ranged from grades K-8 were very receptive to the brothers who imparted their stories. One student said that when the brothers first arrived, he thought someone was in trouble. Brothers explained the purpose of the visit, put them at ease and gave some great advice.

After the small group sessions were dismissed, the brothers gathered with the students in the cafeteria and watched the very touching and telling presentation. Brothers who watched the video were moved as emotions filled the room. The students who identified with the kids on the video,

shared their sentiment as they watched other children talk about their absent fathers. Once the presentation was over, the brothers of the Fourth District took the Fatherhood pledge committing to being better fathers.



Delta Alpha Chapter Supports the Annual Youth Sports Camp

Dayton, OH - The Brothers of Delta Alpha Chapter have participated for over ten years in the Youth Sports Camp held at Greater Saint John Missionary Baptist Church (GSJ). This year, as in the past, the brothers cooked and served hot dogs and hamburger to hundreds of local children who participated in the camp. This year's camp was held July 15th through the 19th and over 30 brothers participated in the week-long event.

In addition to the service that the brothers provided, they also contributed a sizeable donation to the annual event. The brothers have donated as much as one thousand dollars a year that was used to purchase food, supplies, and more for the event.

Former Fourth District Representative, Brother Malvin

Jones, who has been a member of the congregation for decades, coordinates the brother's participation each year and is very pleased at the continued support of the Chapter. The Brothers had fun interacting with the older students as they played basketball and talked to the kids.

This "mentoring" opportunity exists because of the efforts of the brothers and members of GSJ. The younger children liked to ride the go carts, play on the big slides, and most of all they enjoyed when the Jefferson Township Fire Department lets them play in the water that sprays from the fire truck.

Brother Floyd Howell is pictured below giving basketball tips to the young men who attended the camp.



Brother Ahram Feigenbaum Receives Fifth District Scholar Award



Nashville, TN - Brother Ahram Feigenbaum was recognized at the 2013 Leadership Conference Undergraduate Luncheon held in Kansas City, MO on August 3. He was awarded the District Scholar award by the Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission; he received a stipend of \$6500. Brother Feigenbaum is a senior at Vanderbilt University

located in Nashville, where he majors in mathematics and anticipates graduating in the spring of 2014. He currently maintains a 3.8 G.P.A. in his major and has a 3.3 overall G.P.A.

A New York native, Brother Feigenbaum is very active in his Chapter (Theta Beta). He mentors students at the H.O.Y.A.S. (Helping Our Youth Achieve Success) Youth Center and is an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) on campus. He most recently received the Mark and Elizabeth Barrow Brueggeman Scholarship for math majors at Vanderbilt; the award recognizes high academic achievement in the math and science fields. One of his recommendation letters written by his math advisor stated: "I have been teaching at Vanderbilt University for over 27 years and I place Ahram in my top 2 percent of Math students." With high praise like that, it is easy to understand why Brother Feigenbaum was selected as the District Scholar.

Five Graduate Chapters Complete Empowerment Session at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution

Nashville, TN – On August 20, 2013, brothers from five graduate chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. visited Riverbend Maximum Security Institution to conduct an Empowerment Session. The effort is a joint service project between Gamma Phi (Nashville, TN), Omega Lambda Lambda (Hendersonville, TN), Pi Gamma Gamma (Murfreesboro, TN), Psi Pi (Clarksville, TN) and Theta Alpha Alpha (Bowling Green, KY) Chapters.

Omega Psi Phi has had a presence at the prison since 2006 when Gamma Phi Chapter conducted a Black History Program at the facility. In 2011, Gamma Phi was joined by Omega Lambda Lambda and Pi Gamma Gamma Chapters. The response from the inmates was so positive that the frequency of visits was increased from once per year to quarterly visits. In 2012, Psi Pi and Theta Alpha Alpha Chapters joined the Riverbend Project, making the joint service project five Chapters strong. The increase in manpower helped to expand the expertise the Fraternity was able to provide to the

inmates, capitalizing off of the varied experiences and backgrounds of the brothers.

Open panel discussions were added to the format as well as time for one-on-one mentoring. Topics for the open panel discussions have included health issues that affect men, spiritual uplift, legal advice, repairing your credit, how to start a business, how to start a nonprofit organization and resources available to inmates upon release from prison, to name a few.

"It's been an amazing transformation since the addition of the other chapters," said Brother Clint Boyd, Jr., coordinator of The Riverbend Project. "Many of the brothers have established personal relationships with inmates - serving as mentors, corresponding with them on a regular basis and serving as a support matrix to help them re-adjust to society and the workforce once they are released," he said.

Brother Captain Anthony Holder- Beating the Odds, Rising to the Top, Reaching Back to Help Others



Brother Captain Anthony "Tony" Holder (Alpha Chapter 1970) started to dream of flying at age seven. After watching an episode of "Superman" on his family's black and white TV, his imagination took flight. Using a bath towel as his cape, he opened the front window of their first-floor apartment in the Bronx, N.Y. and leaped from the building.

Fortunately, he wasn't hurt and decades later he still remembers that defining moment in the Throggs Neck public housing project.

Today, Brother Holder is a FedEx Captain of the Boeing 777 jumbo jet, the world's largest twinjet, and he has traveled to nearly every corner of the earth. Currently serving his 35th year as a FedEx pilot, Holder has accumulated more than 22,000 hours of flying time and is in the upper echelon of experienced international airline pilots. Holder's journey into the world of aviation is a story about dreaming big and beating the odds.

"Growing up in my neighborhood, there were no aviation mentors and no one in my family had ever gone to college," says Holder. As one of six kids in a four-room apartment that housed his parents, along with an aunt, uncle and their two children, Holder learned early how to make ends meet.

Holder's journey into the world of aviation is a story about dreaming big and beating the odds.

"I applied to Howard, Hampton University and North Carolina A&T, but I didn't have the money to go to either school," says Holder. "I really didn't know where to go for help so one day I walked into a bank and asked to see the manager. I told him that I wanted to go to college and asked if the bank would give me a loan. The bank manager handed me an application and told me to fill it out and have my parents sign it. I did and to my surprise, the bank approved the loan."

Taking the advice of his high school guidance counselor, Holder applied to Howard University as an English major. When he arrived at campus, he found that one of his roommates was majoring in civil engineering.

"We went to register for classes together and instead of signing up for classes as an English major, I signed up for everything my roommate signed up for, which put me on the engineering track. I also registered for the Air Force ROTC program."

In 1971, Holder graduated from Howard with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and was commissioned Second Lieutenant through the university's Air Force ROTC. However, he decided to delay pilot training until he completed a one-year masters of business administration program at the University of Pittsburgh. While attending classes in Pittsburgh, Holder noticed that an Air National Guard facility was located near the

university. "I could see planes taking off while I was sitting in business classes. For me, this was a distraction because I really wanted to be a pilot," says Holder.

During his second semester in the MBA program, he decided to leave Pittsburgh and begin Air Force pilot training in a one-year program at Reese Air Force base in Lubbock, Texas. He was one of two African-Americans enrolled in a class of 60 pilot trainees.

While stationed in California, Holder also returned to graduate school and completed a master of science degree in systems management at the University of Southern California. He was later transferred to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam flying the B-52 bombers. In May 1978, he was honorably discharged from the Air Force with the military rank of Captain.

Despite his exceptional accomplishments in aviation, Holder still felt the need to have a mentor in his field. One day, while reading Jet magazine, he came across a story about Lt. Colonel Spann Watson, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

"I was impressed with his story and wanted to get to know him, but I didn't know how to make the connection," Holder recalls. "I decided to write a letter to Johnson Publishing Company to inquire about him."

Johnson Publishing forwarded Holder's letter to Colonel Watson.

"Before you knew it, we were talking to each other on the phone. He became my mentor. About a year later, Colonel Watson called to tell me about a new company in Memphis called Federal Express and asked if I would be interested in talking with them. I was 28 at the time. I told the Colonel that I was interested and he assisted in arranging a job interview."

Holder went to the library to learn as much as he could about the company. In 1979, FedEx offered him the position as pilot, making him the fourth African-American aviator out of the first cadre of seven pilots to be brought on board in the late 70s.

"I was most fortunate to have an original Tuskegee Airman as a mentor says Holder. "In addition to career guidance, one of the things he told me was to help others to succeed, and that's what I've tried to do."

One evening, Holder stopped at a Memphis supermarket on Winchester Road and while walking down an aisle, saw an African-American teenager stocking the shelves.

"His name was Jacques Rogers and he was kneeling down, wearing an apron," says Holder. "I suddenly saw myself in that young man because I used to stock grocery shelves wearing an apron. I decided to stop and say something to him. 'Young man, what are your plans for your life?' I asked. He looked around and stood up. Then he said to me, 'I want to graduate from high school, go to college, major in engineering, and become a pilot.'"

Holder was stunned. He told young Rogers that he was a FedEx pilot, but he didn't stop there. He became a mentor to the young man. Rogers completed his degree in engineering at the University of Memphis, was accepted in a pilot training program in Pensacola, Fla., and earned his wings. Rogers is now a pilot with the rank of Major in the U.S. Marine Corps. Holder has also mentored other teens aspiring to become pilots.

"Throughout history, African-Americans have continued to prove themselves in so many ways," says Holder. "I am inspired by the accomplishments of past generations but I am also proud of the young people who are distinguishing themselves in various fields throughout our nation and world. Black History is a daily awareness that we must continue to pass along to our young people."

- (Written by J. L. Jackson March 27, 2014)

Fifth District Chapters Convene for Fatherhood Initiative Training



Memphis, TN - Omega Men drew nigh on the Saturday prior to Father's Day (June 15, 2013) in Memphis, TN. With a partnership of 3 Omega Psi Phi Chapters, Epsilon Phi (Memphis, TN), Sigma Lambda Lambda (Germantown, TN) and Xi Zeta Chapter (University of Memphis) the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi supported Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton with his 3rd annual "Training Camp for Dads". This event was coordinated through the City of Memphis Office of Community Affairs. The idea of the event is to bring together "Dads" of all backgrounds and share ideas, struggles, success and to communicate how to be a better "Dad" and contribute to your family and society in a positive manner.

The event held such topics as "Huddle Up" (the session was designed to help men create, maintain and foster healthy communications with their children and family), "From Pee-Wee to Varsity ...and Beyond" (this session centered on the importance of getting a solid education early) and "Locker Room Chat" (This was an open forum session designed to allow men an unfiltered place to open up and talk it out and learn how to deal with many issues related to fatherhood). These aforementioned are but a few of the great topics covered.



Mr. A.C. Wharton, Memphis Mayor

The key note address was delivered by University of Memphis Alum and former NBA player Elliot Perry. Mr. Perry discussed the idea of maturation and process as a father through a series of personal anecdotes from his personal life as well as his NBA career.

Mr. Perry's message was well received and being a new father hit home with all the attendees. This event was especially meaningful to the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi as we have adopted a mandated program titled "The Fatherhood initiative". This is where the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi make a difference in the community as it relates to being positive role models for men in the African American communities.



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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
— *SIXTH DISTRICT* —
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
North Carolina - South Carolina



Greetings in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe, I am honored to serve as your 38th Sixth District Representative as we begin the next 100 years of Omega.

The team and I plan to continue moving the Sixth District forward by “Working Hard for Omega through Service and Education.”

We will accomplish this by:

- Continuing with direct service projects and educational programs and projects that help our community grow.
- Honoring the rich traditions and history of the Sixth District and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Increase and document the number of local and district service projects.

We will be more involved in our communities and we will share with the

community what we can do together.

- Increase and document the number of educational programs and projects on the local and district level.
- Returning to the “6th District Cluster” system of working together. We will overtly and collectively partner with our neighboring chapters in order to increase our effectiveness in the community.
- Increase the amount of direct officer contact with the local chapters that they are responsible for in the local chapter areas.
- Increase the direct cooperation between Graduate and Undergraduate chapters.
- Retain and Reclaim our Fraternity Brothers.
- Represent the Sixth District on the Supreme Council and throughout the Sixth District.
- Continue with the courteous and professional service to the Brothers and our customers that we are known for.
- Develop and increase our participation with our local corporate partners and sponsors.

The Executive Committee, Committee Chairmen, and Former District Representatives are a unique team of dedicated, hardworking Brothers; who prove themselves daily through their service and dedication to the Sixth District and Omega.

The District blessed me with a great team and we will continue to make Omega proud by “Working Hard for Omega through Service and Education”.

I pledge to you that I will strive to be a hard working, hands on District Representative who continues to uphold the principles of the Mighty Sixth District. Let us continue “The Mighty Sixth District”

Fraternally,

Brother Ulysses S.G. Sweeney, IV
Immediate Past District Representative
Mighty Sixth District

Tau Omega Men Stepping Up: Reaching Out

Greensboro, NC- Citing Fredrick Douglass' admonition: "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men," Tau Omega Chapter of Greensboro stepped up to the challenge of improving the social and emotional well-being of African American and others boys at Wiley Elementary and Jackson Middle Schools in Greensboro. Their instrument of choice, mentoring. They are using it as a powerful and personal means of enhancing the lives of youth.

Under the auspices of Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro, Inc, and, in partnership with the African American Male Initiative (AAMI), and the African American Leadership group of the local United Way, Tau Omega men joined in examining issues affecting the African American community.

These men of Omega, together with other groups, were instrumental in focusing attention on solutions that might help to ameliorate the huge disparity in test scores and disciplinary actions between African American male and other male students.

In test scores, Wiley Elementary has made significant gains. In 2008, it had performance scores below 40 percent proficiency which would have placed the school among the lowest in the state. Now, preliminary data indicates it has performance scores of 70 percent proficiency or above-base. According to Superintendent Maurice Green, the scores at Wiley Elementary demonstrate that an influx of resources, both financial and community-based, has helped spur academic performance.

"These results indicate that when our community embraces our schools," the way it has at Wiley, "our students reap the benefits of that generosity," says Superintendent Green." He continued, "I applaud the efforts of our staff and administration, and it's especially rewarding to see the success that comes when the public makes a personal investment in our students' future."

Concerning discipline, the Guilford County School Office of Research and Accountability reports that in 2009 African American (AA) male students lost a total of 19,577 instructional days; a loss of 129.6 instructional days for every 100 AA male students enrolled. In 2010, of the 4,129 male students receiving an out-of-school suspension (OSS), 2,670 were AA males.



To address this disparity, the AAMI believe that youth who are paired with caring, consistent adult role models are more likely to have better school attendance and attitude toward school, fewer incidents of violence, less alcohol and drug use, more positive attitude towards their elders and improved relations with their parents. Thus, Tau Omega brothers are paired with young men in grades second through fifth, meeting with them weekly to help them from being another negative statistic. The brothers are building trust, modeling positive behaviors and understanding their role to be dependable, engaged, authentic, and tuned into the needs of mentees.

Sixth District Boys Camp



Camp Changes and Saves Lives

King, NC - The Annual Sixth District Boys' Camp at The YMCA facility of Camp Hanes. One hundred and seventy-nine young males from North and South Carolinas assembled on the camp grounds from Sunday, June 30th through Friday, July 5th, 2013.

Campers attended to camp to work as well as play. Multiple workshops focused on leadership and citizenship. Camper participated in: Conflict Resolution, Etiquette Training, Healthy Decision Making, Adult and Child CPR, My Future, Letters to My Father, Omega Time, Team Building and Skit Presentations.

The young men also took part in camp activities: Alpine Climbing Tower and, Water Zip Line and V-Swing, Canoeing, Golf, Horseback Riding, Swimming, Nature

Hikes, Crafts, Team Sports.

The following staff members were selected for 2013 Sixth District Omega Summer Boys Camp Awards: Bro. Antonio Coors Outstanding Camper award: Isaiah Vaughn from Greensboro, NC; Bro. Jimmy Henson Outstanding Omega Staff Member Award: Bro. Ni-Eric Perkins; Bro. Charles "Chuky T" Turner Outstanding Omega Camp Counselor Award: Bro. Edward Alexander; and Bro. Marshall E. Smith Best Skit Presentation Award: Bro. Brandon Jennings, counselor for Group 6.

Medical University of South Carolina Holds the Annual Dr. Ernest E. Just Symposium

Charleston, SC - The next generation of aspiring medical professionals convened at the James E. Clyburn Research Building at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) on Friday morning to attend the Dr. E.E. Just Symposium. The symposium was created over a decade ago to serve as a recruitment tool for MUSC attract minority student groups to consider MUSC as an institution to pursue their graduate education.

In the early years of the symposium it was held in the Hollings building, then grew to fill the auditorium of the Basic Sciences building and now fills the auditorium of the Clyburn building with a few classrooms that carries a live feed to middle and high school students who now attend the symposium.

Dr. Titus Reaves, who serves as the coordinator of the symposium, has been with it since its start. "We recruit students to the biomedical sciences, introduce them to Dr.

several presentations. A graduate student presentation was done by Sybil Prince-Nelson of MUSC titled "Genetic and Environmental Factors Leading to Lupus in the South Carolina Gullah Population". The undergraduate students were presented with cash awards that were sponsored by the Mu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The keynote speaker for the event was James Jackson, Ph.D., who serves as the Director of the Institute of Social Research and is also the Daniel Katz Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan. His presentation was titled "Understanding Racial Group and Educational Differences in Obesity". The morning address was given this year by Stephon H.S. Alexander, Ph.D., Director of the Ernest E. Just Program and an Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Dartmouth College. Alexander's presentation was titled "The Importance of the Liberal Arts in a Scientific Education and Career and shared his views afterwards on Dr. Just. "It's true E.E. Just had huge impacts



Just to sort of give them an idea of the difficulties he faced as he pursued a career in research. We attract students to consider going into science and to consider science as a profession and the Medical University recruits students to go into the six colleges of education," stated Reaves.

While at the symposium students have an opportunity to take guided tours of MUSC's various schools and to ask questions pertaining to requirements for entry, tuition and fees, and to get information on the various forms of financial support. Prior to the tours, undergraduate students Cassie Hobbs and Michael Dumas of Florida A&M University and Jocelyn Smith of Benedict College made

in biology...but as a physicist and a theoretical physicist, someone who understands physical law and how that law effects all of nature including biology, chemistry and astrophysics...some of those laws we understand and some we don't understand. One place we see where we don't understand physics is when a lot of atoms come together to do something. We tend to call that complexity theory. Complexity theory is fairly a new field that plays itself out in physics, chemistry and biology and E.E. Just, in my reading of him, had already in 1933 anticipated and started to formulate what looks very much like of the foundational work of this scientific study.



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
— SEVENTH DISTRICT —
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Alabama - Florida - Georgia - Mississippi



Brothers,

I thank Brother Michael Boykin, Editor of *The Oracle*, for this opportunity as the 21st Seventh District Representative to give a report on the Mighty Seventh District. The district is composed of the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi. As of September 29, 2013, the Seventh District had 4,728 financial members in 146 chapters. Four chapters have been recently chartered – Tau Mu Mu – Rome, GA, Omega Mu Mu – Tupelo, MS, Psi Mu Mu – Southaven, MS and Beta Mu Nu – Shelby County, AL. The timeliness of the chartering in Shelby County is significant as it is the county that filed suit against the federal government, arguing that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act was no longer necessary.

More than 1200 registered for our 2013 Seventh District Meeting in Tampa, FL, making it the largest district meeting we've ever had since our first district meeting in Fort Valley, GA on April 24, 1936. As district representative, I have made it my mission that when we gather for our annual meeting, we will leave a lasting impact on the hosting city. In 2012 at our district meeting in Jackson, MS, the district bought 390 books for Johnson Elementary School and 50 ACT Prep books for Lanier High School. We also joined forces with Next Generation Project and Feed the Children and fed 800 families. At our district meeting in Tampa, FL, we fed 400 families and gave \$10,000 to the Ernest E. Just Elementary School. Augmented by our Corporate Sponsorship Committee, raising more than \$31,000 in sponsorships, we've given more than \$60,000 in scholarships to our undergraduate brothers and talent hunt cash awards to college bound high school seniors for the last two district meetings.

The GPA of undergraduate brothers and chapters is monitored all year by our Academic Excellence Program. Cash awards are given to the chapter with the highest GPA and all chapters with a GPA above 3.0. The current average GPA of all 55 undergraduate chapters in the Seventh District is 2.78 with our goal being 2.8 by the time we get to the 2014 District Meeting, April 10-13, 2014 in Atlanta, GA. At our last district meeting, those undergraduate chapters above 3.0 were Alpha Delta Rho, 2013 Undergraduate Chapter of the Year – Southern Polytechnic State University (3.05), Lambda Epsilon – Tuskegee University (3.0), Pi Delta Delta – Emory University (3.20), Psi – Morehouse College (3.18), with Omicron Delta – University of Miami (3.22) leading the way. Twelve undergraduate brothers with GPAs 3.5 and higher were inducted into the Seventh District Honor Society. Also at our district meeting, Shedrick Martin was Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year – Gamma Zeta Chapter – Mercer University, David C. Jones was Graduate Omega Man of the Year – Chi Gamma Gamma Chapter, Marietta, GA, Beta Pi was Small Graduate Chapter of the Year – Gainesville, FL, and Chi Tau was Large Graduate Chapter of the Year – Orlando, Florida.

Since creating a Financial Policies and Procedures Manual, The Seventh District has leveraged technology to streamline our business practices. Brothers register for our district meetings online. Chapters pay their district dues online. Starting this past August 2013, candidates for MSP pay their MSP fees online. We are currently augmenting our current accounting platform with secure online accounting software.

Last fiscal year we had an 87% retention rate and reclaimed 737 brothers. During the last four years, the Seventh District has given more than \$1,000,000 to college bound high school seniors. I thank all of the district and state officers, committee chairmen, regional representatives, chapter basilei, and all of the brothers in the various chapters throughout the district who help this great district continue to accomplish the vision our founders laid for us. May God bless each of you.

David Marion, Ph.D.
Immediate Past
Seventh District Representative

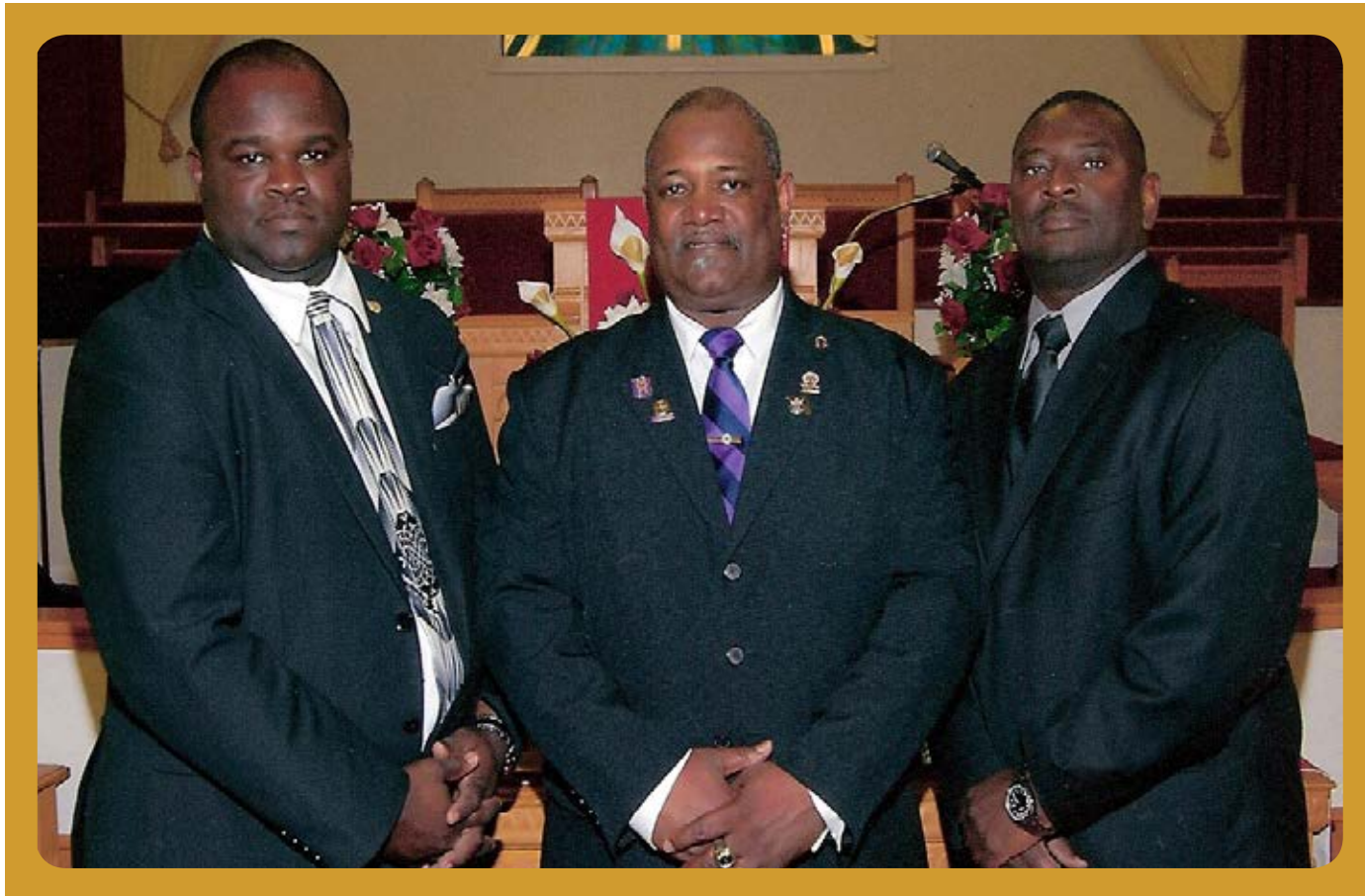
Omicron Tau Brothers Receive School System Honors

Ft. Pierce, FL - Brother Harry Belafonte Williams was selected from approximately 2800 teachers was named the St. Lucie Public Schools, Florida 2014 Teacher of the Year. Additionally, he will be the school district's 2014 representative in the Florida Teacher of the Year competition. Brother Williams has been a mathematics teacher, assistant track coach, head football coach, and head wrestling coach at Fort Pierce Central H.S. for 32 years and has served as the lead mentor of the Omicron Tau Lamplighters youth group for the past fifteen years. Bro. Williams works tirelessly to educate and mentor the youth of St. Lucie County. Bro. Williams was initiated through Upsilon Psi Chapter at Florida A&M University in the spring of 1975.

Brother Roderick T. Johnson was named the 2014 St. Lucie Public Schools, Florida Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year. During his 13 years as an educator, he has been a social studies teacher and is currently the dean of students at Fort Pierce Central H.S. Brother

Johnson is the Vice Basileus of the Chapter, serves as a mentor to the Omicron Tau Lamplighters and Mount Bethel Worship youth groups, and is the President of the African American Advisory Council of St. Lucie County. Brother Johnson was initiated through Omicron Tau Chapter in the spring of 2003.

Brother Alvin Hamilton was named the 2013 Palm Beach County School District Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Brother Hamilton led the Lake Worth H.S. Trojans girls basketball team to a 20 – 3 record winning their first 18 games. Under Bro. Hamilton's guidance, the Trojans won their district championship and made it to the semifinals of the Class 7A tournament. Brother Hamilton has been a teacher for 18 years in the St. Lucie and Palm Beach County Schools. He was initiated through Omicron Epsilon Chapter at Bethune Cookman College in 1989.



Pictured left to right: Brothers Roderick Johnson, Harry Williams, and Alvin Hamilton

Beta Alpha Chapter Welcomes Brother Lindsey Horton as Police Chief

Jackson, MS - Brother Lindsey Horton, initiated in Beta Alpha Chapter in Fall 2002, was named Police Chief of Jackson, Mississippi on July 18, 2013.

Brother Horton is a popular, well respected and hardworking chapter member who is known throughout the Jackson Community for his extraordinary outreach work with the Stew Pot Homeless Shelter Thanksgiving Day project, the District Feed the Hungry Initiative and many other community and district-wide projects.

Brother Horton has served as our Chaplain for many years keeping the chapter on sound spiritual footing. He has served as Deputy Chief of the Jackson Police Department for a decade accomplishing a feat unheard of before in the department. Numerous medals, written commendations from high level officials, and trophies decorate his office and serve to validate Brother Horton's success and consistent commitment to excellence.

As a 28 year highly decorated veteran of the Jackson Police Department, Brother Horton credits his successful ascension through the Jackson Police ranks to his parent's consistent discipline, his formal education and his many years of training in martial arts.

Brother Horton is an 8th degree Grandmaster in Karate and has been an instructor of martial arts for over 42 years. On August 14, 2013, Beta Alpha Chapter held a formal city-wide reception to honor Brother Horton along with newly elected Mayor of Jackson, Chokwe Lumumba and Jackson's new Fire Chief, Willie Owens.



Upsilon Alpha Alpha Chapter Co-Hosts Graduation Recognition Program

Marianna, FL - On Friday, April 26th, the Brothers of Upsilon Alpha Alpha co-hosted a Graduate Recognition Program in Marianna, Florida. The program's focus was to honor recent high school and college graduates that were from Jackson County, Florida. During the program, the graduates were treated to dinner, recognition plaques and scholarship awards.

Among the speakers were Brother LaDray Gilbert, Chamber of Commerce President Art Kimbrough, and Local NAACP President Reverend Ronald Mizer. Upsilon Alpha Alpha along with program's co-host, The Gilbert Firm, awarded more than \$1,000.00 to the graduates. In addition, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce representatives awarded an additional \$300.00.



Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter Hosts Health Fair in the Community



On March 15, 2014 more than 191 people attended the health fair hosted by Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter and the South Palm Beach County Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. The fair featured demonstrations from 23 organizations. Free screenings included vision, blood pressure, spinal scans, nutrition, community services and more.

Health professionals were on hand to talk about diabetes, heart disease, physical therapy, nutrition and more. A number of vendors emphasized stress management, including a vendor that offered some physical fitness advices. The event also included mini massages, fitness demo, health/Obama care information and sign up opportunities and giveaways. Patrons were able to browse around to the different vendors and we offered four 30-minute informational sessions. One patron stated that "Health screenings in the African-American community are important, but it is helpful to be able to find this information all in one place." In addition to health information, a few banks vendors provided financial information.

The event encourages attendees to take a proactive approach to their health. The health fair is another way that Lambda Alpha Alpha continues to be proactive in the community. It's important that our community takes advantage of the services that we are providing. In times of financial crisis, it's easy to overlook your health, as your mind is more focused on your finances. You may overlook going to your annual office visit, so providing the free screenings is a cost-effective way of making sure your health is okay.

Lambda Alpha Alpha is committed to reaching everyone in our community and informs them on health issue that affects us, especially the African - American community."

Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter Receives 2014 Volunteer Service Award

Delray Beach, FL- Over 100 Senior citizens, local officials, civic leaders and the brothers of Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter gathered at Pompey Park in Delray Beach, Florida on the morning of April 18, 2014 for their Annual Community Prayer Breakfast.

Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter received the 2014 Volunteer Service Award, given to the organization who has contributed to the greater good of the Delray Beach Senior Citizen community through voluntarily serving others. On hand to receive the award were Brothers Larry Davis, Basileus, Tony Ragin, Vice Basileus, and Aundra Lowe. In addition to receiving the award. the brothers partnered with the Senior Citizen Activity Board, to escort members of the senior citizen club to their seats and serve breakfast.

This event, in conjunction with the City of Delray Beach Parks & Recreation Department, gives members and community seniors an opportunity to participant in a worship service and breakfast. One of the keynote speakers talked about bridging the gap between our seniors and our youth.



Lambda Alpha Alpha has been very active at Pompey Park Community Center the last several years serving the needs of the Senior Citizens of Delray Beach, FL. We have contributed financially the last two years to the Senior Luncheon during the Christmas Holidays.



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

— *EIGHTH DISTRICT* —

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Colorado - Iowa - Kansas - Missouri - Nebraska - North Dakota - New Mexico



Greetings Brothers of our esteemed and valued organization:

I have the privilege and wonderful opportunity of representing the Eighth District of our beloved Fraternity. We currently have 560 financial members in 27 active chapters this fiscal year in which 66 brothers were reclaimed.

Our district goals align with our international headquarters goals to promote, support, and provide the resources uniquely to demonstrate our cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

The Eighth District has focused on the principles of Manhood by collectively supporting our communities and families through leadership initiatives, such as mentoring over 225 males, females, daughters and sons. Educating and registering over, 1,148 new voters, serving over 2,200 homeless people, and supporting faith base services for over, 10,000 people weekly.

In regards to Scholarship, our district awarded over \$50,000 during the fiscal year of 2012-2013 to worthy high school graduates and college students. We continue to Persevere collectively by lobbying, writing, and providing over 17 new state legislative bills to be enacted into law; which would benefit our community. In addition Omega men in the Eighth District are on the forefront of repealing financial and legislative laws which disproportionately affect our community; whether they are Stand Your Ground, Sundown Ordinance, or Pay Day Lenders with astronomical lending rates in our neighborhoods.

The Brothers of the Eighth District demonstrated Uplift by coaching, and hiring over 162 individuals to gainful employment. We collectively supported 37 females who were abused by the spouse or significant other through, financial, protective and educational means.

We are in a compelling and significant time with regards to our community and today's concern such as racial profiling, family structure, voter disenfranchisement, educational opportunities, disproportional incarceration rates, and employment opportunities.

When we realized the perception of who we are, and the reality of what we are doing, Omega men have many opportunities to lead the new generation which is 150 years removed from The Emancipation Proclamation and 50 years removed from "The March on Washington."

We are in a unique quandary, in which we are free and integrated yet segregated but imprisoned. The Fraternity's challenge is to continue turning the key and opening the doors for our community by the means our Founders envisioned.

Dr. W. Ray Brown
32nd Eighth District Representative

Beta Upsilon Neophytes Give Back with Habitat for Humanity Project



of inspecting packages for broken tiles, discarding any unusable tiles, sorting the tiles on pallets according to color, size, and style, and transferring sorted pallets to the showroom for display.

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. ReStores are proudly owned and operated by local Habitat for Humanity affiliates, and proceeds are used to build homes, community, and hope locally and around the world.



Omaha NE - On December 7, 2013, five initiates of the Beta Upsilon Chapter volunteered at the Omaha Habitat for Humanity ReStore facility. They worked for several hours sorting over 1,500 pounds of ceramic tile, donated from local area home improvement stores. The day consisted

Brother Jim Abbott Named El Paso County Volunteer of the Year

Colorado Springs, CO. El Paso County Veterans Services Office volunteer Brother Jim Abbott, a member of Xi Pi Chapter, received the 2013 Jack Blackwell Award as the El Paso County Volunteer of the year. Brother Abbott gave more than 3,000 hours of his time to support the mission of Veterans Services. The award was presented in honor of the late Jack Blackwell who served for many years on the Highway Advisory Commission and the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority. The award epitomizes the personal commitment, involvement and tireless effort that county volunteers provide to make a positive difference in El Paso County.

El Paso County volunteers were recognized with a special ceremony, breakfast and awards presented in their honor at the Citizens Service Center. Volunteers who donate their time and talents to forty-six different Advisory Boards, Commissions, Task Forces and Working groups were invited to the event which is organized and presented by volunteers who serve on the Citizens Outreach Group.



High School Seniors Awarded Over \$25,000 in Scholarships Within the Mighty 8th District

Denver, CO - The Clarence F. Holmes/Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship Foundation recognized and awarded 8 graduating seniors in the Denver area with certificates of excellence in scholastic achievement and scholarships at a total monetary value of \$12,500. The Board members were very excited about the caliber of students who were seeking assistance from the Holmes/Omega Scholarship Foundation. The young men who received the scholarships are as follows:

Jordan Davis (George Washington High School)
DVonte Johnson (George Washington High School)
Alexander Neal (Denver School of Technology)
Deondre Thompson (Thomas Jefferson High School)

Antonio Hill, Jr. (Overland High School)
Jordan Jones-Potts (Montbello High School)
Mark Reese (Mullen High School)
Bradley Miller (Cherokee Trails High School)

These young men were recognized and honored at the Holmes/Omega Scholarship Foundation Award Reception. This was an extravagant event that highlighted the achievements of the qualified candidates as well as the contributions of Chi Phi Chapter and the Clarence F. Holmes/Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship Foundation. The event was held on Saturday, April 27th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Seasons of Cherry Creek.

St. Louis, MO - Brothers of Upsilon Omega Chapter presented and honored high school scholarship recipients at the 18th Annual Rhapsody in Black Scholarship Presentation and Concert Fundraiser. The event featured Charles and Nikki Glenn and the Friendship Quintett and it was held at the Harris Stowe Auditorium. The recipients and the Bro. William Ray Brown, PhD, 32nd Eighth District Representative are shown in photo.



**Brother
Dr. Johnny Jones
Becomes
Little Priest
Tribal College President**



Omaha, NE – Brother Dr. Johnny D. Jones, of Beta Upsilon Chapter, was announced as Little Priest Tribal College President. Bro. Jones is the first African-American President and the only African-American President in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

With the trust and confidence of the Board of Trustees, college and community, he is tasked to move the institution forward into a new era and insure that students receive the highest level of quality education and advance the college to university status. In Omega, he has served various roles on the chapter, district, and national levels.

Prior to his current appointment as President of Little Priest Tribal College, Bro. Jones served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Diversity at Mississippi Valley State University, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Arkansas Baptist College.

**Mu Omicron Holds
16th Annual
Judge Luther T. Glanton
Student Achievement Recognition Banquet**

Des Moines, IA - The Mu Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its' 16th annual Judge Luther T. Glanton Student Achievement Recognition Banquet. The event was held at the downtown Marriott Hotel.

This annual event honors African-American males in grades 1 through 8 from the Des Moines Public School system. The honorees were nominated by their teachers for progress made academically or behaviorally in the classroom. A total of 12 students were honored.

Also honored were members of the Little Kings Basketball team. These African-American male students, within the Des Moines Public School system are coached and mentored by a member of the Mu Omicron Chapter.

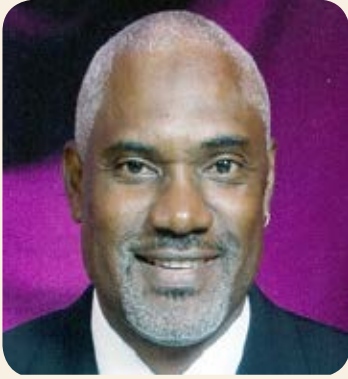
The event included members of the Mu Omicron Chapter conducting a life skills exercise with all of the honorees. The purpose of the exercise was to highlight the amount of money it takes to meet obligations such as rent, car note, utilities, and how difficult it is to meet those obligations without an education beyond high school.

We had the good fortune of having Willie Stevenson Glanton, surviving spouse of the late Judge Luther T. Glanton in attendance as well.





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
— *NINTH DISTRICT* —
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Arkansas - Louisiana - Oklahoma - Texas



The Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is comprised of the four (4) states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas with a total of 124 chartered chapters (66 Graduate, 58 Undergraduate). The district is the third largest in the fraternity with approximately 2,900 financial members (~28% Life Members).

For the past two years, the Ninth District has been focused on building strong chapters aimed at delivering on the fraternity's requirements. The central concept to "Focus on Education" is being driven primarily through the district's Summer School Sessions. The sessions are held regionally across the major areas of the district to provide for the maximum attendance from local members.

In the 2012, utilizing the theme "Omega 101 – Fraternity Basics for a New Century", the district delivered training sessions covering six (6) courses: Chapter Operations, Special Events Checklists, Member Code of Conduct, Fraternity Protocol, Membership Selection Process Overview and Parliamentary Procedures. Across the district, a total of seven (7) sessions were held with over 500 attendees.

In 2013, the theme "Omega 102 – The March Towards Excellence" focused the Summer School Sessions exclusively on the Membership Selection Process. To meet the fraternity's requirement for MSP Training and Certification in 2013, more than fifteen (15) sessions were conducted by a district-wide Training Network with over 1,000 attendees. Members in the district are now trained and primed to execute the Fall MSP Sessions.

Going forward into Fiscal Year 2014, "Omega 103 – The March Continues" will focus on specific plans to continue to drive the programs that will benefit our fraternity. "The Undergraduate Plan" has already started, initiated with an Undergraduate Summit that presented a "Game Changer" agenda to help our members understand their commitments and responsibilities to the fraternity. Other aspects of the plan will drive a series of activities to bridge the gap between our Undergraduate and Graduate Members, strengthen our Undergraduate Chapter Advisor positions and focus our efforts on Scholarship and Career Preparation.

Brother Ernest E. Parquet
Ninth District Representative
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Alpha Iota Iota Chapter Helps Victims of Oklahoma Tornadoes

Plano, TX- The Brothers of the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter organized a drive to receive undergarments to donate to individuals affected by the tornado that devastated the city of Moore, OK. The two-hour donation drive was initiated through social media by encouraging area residents to donate newly packaged undergarments to address the overlooked needs of those individuals who lost everything in the storm. The hope was for these donations to allow the storm victims to maintain pride and dignity about themselves after losing so much; no one wants to wear someone else's used undergarments or soiled ones longer than necessary.

A sizable amount of men, women, and children undergarments, were donated by the residents of the North Dallas, Plano, and other surrounding communities. Several individuals who were not aware of the Undergarment Drive held at the Boys and Girls Club of Plano were generous enough to provide monetary donations toward the purchase of additional undergarments.



Eta Iota Chapter Adopts a Family Hit by Devastating Tornado

Moore, OK- On August 12, 2013, members of Eta Iota Chapter and Four Cardinals, Inc. made a donation/presentation to a single mother, Denise Townsend, who lost her home to the devastating tornado that ravaged Moore, OK on May 20, 2013. Four Cardinals, Inc. collected

of the tornado. The brothers donated water and clothing to various tornado relief collection points. The men of Eta Iota Chapter wanted to do more; they wanted to donate to someone directly affected by the storm. Donating over \$1,000 to Ms. Townsend, a single mother of two sons was exactly what the brothers felt needed to be done.



In addition to Four Cardinals, Inc.'s \$700 donation, brothers from Eta Iota also made separate donations. Pastor Bryan Lampkins of New Covenant Ministries of Edmond presented a donation from his church. Dr. Paul Prosper, CEO of Prosperous Investments also provided a donation from his business.

The members of Eta Iota Chapter vowed to remain in contact with Ms. Townsend and her sons, invite them to future events and assist them in anything they need. Ms. Townsend and her sons were very appreciative of the donation. They thanked the brothers of Omega Psi Phi and asked for prayers as they have much more to do in rebuilding their life and destroyed home.

donations from the members of Eta Iota Chapter and various brothers and chapters throughout the Ninth District. The brothers were all eager to help the cause in the aftermath

Brother Terrence Marshall Receives Distinguished Service Award

Winnsboro, LA, November 11, 2013 - Winnsboro native Brother Terrence Marshall of Baton Rouge received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents during the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in Charleston, SC. Terrence Marshall was one of several honorees who represent the top two percent of the membership selected by their peers and the Director of Extension.

Brother Marshall has been employed by the Southern University and the LSU Ag Centers for 34 years, serving in Ascension and East Baton Rouge Parishes. He is President- Elect of the Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association. He is the son of Solon and the late Ethel J. Marshall of Winnsboro, and married to Sharon J. Marshall. He is a father of two adult children and three grandchildren.



Eta Iota Chapter Teams Up with the Food Bank of Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, OK - The brothers of Eta Iota Chapter participated in two community service initiatives at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City, OK. Several brothers invested valuable time and labor on Saturday afternoons in January and May. Their efforts yielded a meaningful impact; thousands of less fortunate families and senior citizens in the great state of Oklahoma will have meals to eat.

The chapter was assigned to the pre-sorting area of the Food Bank. Brothers helped sort non-perishable food products such as household cleaning products, baby products, etc. The turnout of brothers was outstanding. At the end of the day,

a staff member informed the brothers that the number of bins (34) sorted that day broke the previous OK Regional Food Bank record! The brothers' efforts resulted in the processing of 11,769 equivalent meals.



The First Black Faculty Member Hired at University of Arkansas Retires- Brother Dr. Gordon D. Morgan

Fayetteville, AR, October 2, 2013 - Brother Dr. Gordon D. Morgan, initiated into Tau Sigma chapter in 1950 at Arkansas A. M. & N. College, now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, announced his retirement from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in September 2012. Brother Morgan attended the university as a graduate student from 1954-1956 and returned as its first Black tenure-track professor in 1969. Not only was he the first Black faculty member hired at the University of Arkansas, he was also one of the first hired at any predominately white institution in Arkansas.

Brother Morgan was one of the persons credited with the creation of the Gamma Eta undergraduate chapter in 1974 at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (UA, F). He was also a member of the group that relocated the Upsilon Chi graduate chapter charter to Northwest Arkansas in 1989.

Brother Morgan has been a scholar and researcher publishing numerous books, monographs, plays, and articles over his career. Brother Dr. Morgan taught in the Sociology department and even now in retirement still teaches one course on "Whiteness". His last book published was in 2011 and fittingly was, *Sixty Years a Que* by Scarith/New Academia Publishing.

To show their appreciation for Brother Morgan's service to the Fraternity and the African American students that he and his family have supported, mentored, and advised at the University of Arkansas throughout their tenure in Fayetteville, the alumni brothers of Gamma Eta, members of Upsilon Chi, and brothers who have come through the University of Arkansas from other chapters, donated funds to present Brother Morgan with a Life Membership in the Fraternity. This presentation occurred at the University of Arkansas' Black Alumni Reunion in April 2013 in front of the audience that truly benefitted from his presence at the U of A. In addition, the Black Alumni Society of the university presented Brother Morgan with an award as well.

Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams, charter member of the Gamma Eta chapter and Arkansas State Representative - North, made the presentation from the brothers and also presented the award from the Black Alumni Society as he was the founder of the institution's Black Alumni Reunions. Brother Dr. Paul Adams, faculty member at the UA, F, advisor to Gamma Eta and Vice

Chairman- International UG Advisors Committee, presented a resolution from the International Advisors committee and the Ninth District Advisors. More than 20 brothers were present and standing with Brother Morgan during the presentations.





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
— TENTH DISTRICT —
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Illinois - Indiana - Michigan - Minnesota - Wisconsin



Greetings Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. I greet you on behalf of the Brothers of the “Talented” Tenth District. The Brothers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin have worked hard and tirelessly to make sure our great fraternity is looked upon as a great institution, comprised of college educated men whom are committed to Uplifting our communities, supporting our families and handling the business of Omega.

The Tenth District is comprised of many large metropolitan cities such as Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis, Milwaukee and St. Paul/Minneapolis. These cities have both similar and unique challenges for African American people – in particular for African American youth. The Brothers of The Talented Tenth District have not shied away from the challenges. Many of the Tenth District chapters have developed well organized mentor programs; have well established back to school initiatives in place; have adopted public elementary schools within our areas; and, have implemented much needed community food drives throughout the year. The Tenth District has within our ranks Brothers whom are well-respected community leaders and businessmen who have assisted our chapters maintain our many programs.

Thank you for volunteering your time, energy, and effort Brothers, and continue to be the examples for all to follow.

While we are making tremendous strides, we still have challenges. Omega Brothers need to get financial and active. We need to respect and comply with Omega’s MSP rules and regulations. We need to be more disciplined and responsible in all areas of life. There is no doubt in my mind that we will achieve these goals. I see it. I feel it.

The “Talented” Tenth District is committed to supporting our undergraduate Brothers. We are increasing the number of Brothers in our undergraduate chapters, and reactivating undergraduate chapters that have been inactive for years. We are exploring chartering new chapters at colleges and universities across the District. Our goal is to prepare our undergraduate Brothers to be the next generation of leaders in Omega and in their respective communities, worldwide.

Celebrating milestones are important, I encourage all Omega Men to reach out to the Brothers of Nu Omega Chapter (Detroit) and Iota Chapter (Chicago) and congratulate them on their respective Chapters celebrating 90 years of Service, Friendship, and Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

Steven G. Watkins
“Talented” Tenth District Representative

Kappa Phi Holds Suit Drive to Help Men in the Community

Kappa Phi Chapter held a suit drive to help men in the local area with clothes for job interviews. Brothers donated gently used professional clothing: everything from suits, to shirts, jackets, ties and shoes. The donated items were collected and given to unemployed men at Serenity Inn who are trying to get back into the workforce. The chapter collected 72 suits, 17 dress shirts, and a great number of ties and pairs of shoes.

Serenity Inn is a mission of the Milwaukee Lutheran Coalition and supported by the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod and provides housing, spiritual growth and supportive health, educational and vocational services for persons seeking to move from addiction and homelessness to continued recovery and independent living. The Inn can house up to 12 men and 2 Innkeepers.



Tau Kappa Kappa Forms OMEGA Academy



Southfield, MI. - Brothers Jay Marks and Cyrill Weems took on the task of creating a mentoring program to reach at risk young men in the Southfield, MI area. They brought his idea to the body of Tau Kappa Kappa and it was well received. Many brothers have stepped up and assisted to give guidance to several young men in the area. The chapter

partnered with Southfield Parks and Recreation to have a place for them to meet and they were able to get free police clearances for any brother that gave of his time to this worthy cause. They have worked diligently to provide a top notch program that mentors local area youth.

The young men that are involved in the program are invited regularly to events that the Chapter may have so that they can see what Manhood is about and to see groups of well-dressed professional men. The young men have been receptive and are responding well to the positive re-enforcements being placed on them by the mentors.

These young men have been with us Christmas Caroling, feeding the needy, and volunteering time at health care facilities. These encounters will have a lasting effect on these young men and we all are proud of the Brothers from Tau Kappa Kappa for stepping to plate to bring about a positive environment and do their best to set these young men up for success.

Brother Dr. Roland J. Thorpe, Jr. Returns to Purdue University

West Lafayette, IN– On February 8, 2013 Upsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter's noted member and Founder, Brother Roland James Thorpe, Jr., PhD Associate Scientist-John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health was guest speaker at his alma mater Purdue University to discuss the role that statisticians can play in health disparities research. Highlights from Dr. Thorpe's talk included statistical complexities revolved around disentangling race, segregation, and socioeconomic status. During his presentation he shared some research findings based on "Exploring Health Disparities in Integrated Studies Community"; a study designed to address the nature of health disparities when people live in similar social and environmental conditions. He compared those findings to national data which do not account for segregation. These findings provide evidence for how we can begin to understand and address issues regarding where one lives to help improve their health and healthcare.

On March 23, 2010 President Barrack Obama signed into law The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) better known as (Obama Care) to be phased in January 2014, and completely installed by 2020. He is the first President

in history to ever achieve such a feat regarding health care coverage in the United States. Fortunately, this law does address some of the same disparity issues that Brother Dr. Thorpe has raised. When asking for financial support it is one thing to say that African Americans are worse off than other groups, but when supported by incontestable facts and empirical data makes the case more plausible to secure public, private and government funding to support these worthy causes based on such data that Brother Dr. Thorpe presents.

This brilliant demonstration was captured in the highly respected and publicized Purdue E-Newsletter of Statistics and Healthcare as well as YouTube, and other social media outlets. Brother Dr. Thorpe, a gifted scientist has been recognized for his outstanding contributions in his field of study and for his renowned work in the area of Health Disparities in middle to late life. Let us all congratulate this Omega Man for shining light not only on the Upsilon Kappa Kappa chapter and this fraternity, but society as a whole.



Rho Mu Mu Chapter Brothers Walk and Run for the Cure

Chicago, IL - The Brothers of Rho Mu Mu Chapter supported the 2013 SEA BLUE Prostate Cancer Walk/Run which was held on Sunday morning September 15, 2013 in Lincoln Park. The whole morning was filled with plenty rain and showers but the weather didn't keep the Chapter Brothers from walking to support this important and deadly male disease that has attacked Black men at a higher percentage than all other ethnic races in the U.S.

By supporting SEA BLUE Prostate Cancer the Chapter fulfilled its second Health Initiative of the year outside of the Blood Drive. Chapter brothers donated over \$250 to support prostate cancer awareness. S.E.A. stands for Support Educate Advocate. BLUE is to Prostate Cancer as PINK is to Breast Cancer.

Kappa Phi Chapter Rebuilds Playground for the Community

Milwaukee, WI - On August 15, 2013, a dream became a reality for children on Milwaukee's north side, as they were chosen for a new playground built at the Northside YMCA. The playground was built in less than six hours with the help of more than 230 volunteers and over 1700 hours of planning from the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, the Brewers Community Foundation and KaBOOM!

After receiving the invite for participation, the Brothers of Kappa Phi Chapter openly gathered our membership to support this worthy project. We rolled up our sleeves and began service. Together we assisted in pouring cement, digging trenches, cutting wood and moving heavy equipment. The new playground will provide more than 1,200 children in the community with a safe place to play for years to come. Through the help of the community and commitment to service, many kids in Milwaukee will have an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful playground for years to come.



Mu Xi Brothers Visit Patients in the Veterans Administration Hospital



Brother Martin Reavis playing chess with one of the patients.

Chicago, IL. The Mu Xi Graduate Chapter hosted its Bi-Annual Johnnie Baylark Omega Challenge. The event was held at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital. This event was dedicated to wounded veterans who have provided a service to the country. During the event, residents played board games with the fraternity members and reminisced over days of serving in the military. There was even a friendly debate over which branch of the military was better.

Well over 40 people attended the event. At the end of the event, a raffle was held. The patients had a chance to win prizes that matched their branch of service.

“The event has been going on for over 22 years,” says Mu Xi Chapter member and founder of the Omega Challenge, Johnnie Baylark. “This is our way of saying thank you for the service you have provided for our country.

Lambda Omicron's Inaugural Student Success Conference

Lawndale, CA - On February 19, 2014, the African Proverb "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" was epitomized when over 2,000 students from all three high schools in the Centinela Valley Union School District attended the 1st "Student Success Conference".

During the conference, hosted, organized, and facilitated by the Leuzinger High School Black Student Union, students were given the opportunity to speak face to face with college recruiters and accomplished professionals from all walks of life. There were 28 universities, including HBCU's, in attendance, with over 4000 applications completed (college, jobs, internships, etc). One hundred fifty-five (155) students were accepted into 4-year universities and 23 scholarships offered. Along with the Los Angeles Area Chapters of Omega Psi Phi and the Divine 9, there were several organizations which contributed to the conference's success. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The National Associations of... Black MBA's, Black Women Physicians, Black Female Lawyers, Black Engineers, the Langston Bar Association, the Black Sports Agents Association and the National Council of Negro Women
- The United States Armed Services
- UCLA, UCLA Black Alumni & The Riordan Program
- USC, USC School of Cinema, and USC Black Alumni
- Young Black Scholars, 100 Black Men of LA & Stepping in the Right Direction Black College Tours
- The Los Angeles Urban League & the Young Professionals
- TRIO, Upward Bound and McNair Scholars Program

From start to finish, students were methodically exposed to cultural awareness and social consciousness, as the unprecedented affair began with an invocation to the African-Ancestors to give thanks for the sacrifices that they made for such an event to take place. Following the invocation, Brother Damion Nunley, the event coordinator, delivered an electrifying opening address that galvanized conference attendees, students and adults alike. "My hope is to be a bridge builder, to inspire the youth to recognize their divine intelligence and to be a champion of OUR people like Dr. Carter G. Woodson."

As the women planned their futures, the young men were graced with the presence and wisdom of well-established, college educated, professional men. The young men listened attentively and actively during a thought provoking poetic performance by Brother Sloan Baptiste, followed by an all male panel discussion, culminated by a dynamic keynote address by the CEO of the Black Sports Agent Association, Andre Farr.



Once thoroughly influenced by the wisdom of the elder men, the young men were then ushered into the gymnasium and the young women returned to the auditorium for an all women panel discussion, and a keynote address by Dr. Corliss Bennett-McBride (Inglewood DST).

The mission of the Annual Student Success Conference is to promote Post-Secondary educational opportunities and to provide a unique educational experience focusing on vocational exploration, training and personal development. The premise is to help our community youth prepare for their future by listening, speaking, and interacting with community adults who have already attained a level of personal and professional success. According to participants, parents, and community members, the mission of the conference was accomplished. We are earnestly planning for next year!



Alpha Mu Chapter Makes a Big Impact on the Stanford Community

Stanford, CA - The Alpha Mu “Morning Thunder” Chapter has been extremely active on Stanford University’s campus. Spring 2013, the chapter collaborated with the Omicron Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to host a campus-wide pool party at Stanford’s nationally lauded Avery Aquatic Center. The party was supervised Stanford’s top tier lifeguards in order to ensure a day of fun and fellowship. Shortly thereafter the chapter also organized two step performances: one for Blackfest, a Stanford annual tradition that invites popular and emerging national R&B and hip-hop artists to perform as headliners along with local rappers, Greek organizations, and campus dance groups, and another for Stanford BSU’s High School Conference, a program that introduces Black high school students from around the bay to Black excellence at Stanford.

The Young Brother’s Brunch kicked off Achievement Week 2013 with a delicious brunch provided by one of the phenomenal Stanford chefs. This event facilitated a dialogue between the brothers of the chapter and underclassmen males about decision making and time management at Stanford University.

The Coleman Love Bake Sale was another successful event of Achievement Week 2013 for Alpha Mu. The chapter, once again in conjunction with the Omicron Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., sold baked goods to Stanford students and faculty alike in White Plaza in order to raise revenue for one of our charity partners, Lauren’s House 4 Positive Change (LH4PC) Inc.

One of the most heavily attended events which we considered the highlight of the week was the [Black] Men Against Abuse Now. During this the event, the chapter along with diverse group of men watched a documentary about hip-hop and its derogatory stance towards women. A discussion followed the viewing, with everyone speaking freely on how hip-hop has influenced their lives and their perceptions of women. Overall, this event helped Stanford men realize that changes need to be made and responsibility must be taken for how men treat women.

Iota Iota Iota Chapter Uses New Technology to Detect Health Issues

Salt Lake City, UT—On March 3, 2014, the Iota Iota Iota graduate Chapter took on a critically important issue that disproportionately affects African American men in the U.S. Six brothers had their body fat measurements analyzed in a BOD POD machine, which is the gold standard for accuracy, comfort, and technology.

The BOD POD is an egg shaped chamber that measures body composition through volume and pressure through air displacement. The results were surprising for all of the brothers, especially those who “thought” they were in shape. The brothers’ body fat composition ranged from 28-47% (or excess fat to risky or high body fat). Blood pressure was also taken and two members’ numbers were so high that they made immediate appointments with their primary care physician.

Black men have the lowest life expectancy and highest death rate compared to U.S. men in other racial/ethnic groups. For instance, according to the Kaiser Foundation, the death rate of Black men is greater than White men (1.3 times), Latino men (1.8 times), American Indian/Alaska Native men (1.7 times), and Asian or Pacific Islander men (2.4 times). African Americans, as a group, also have the

highest rates of obesity, 51% higher than Whites. According to the Center for Disease Control, in 2011, almost 40% of African American men were obese; that is 60% more likely to be obese than non-Hispanic White males. In addition, 39% of African American men suffered from hypertension. Many of these health issues can be personally addressed and reduced.



Phi Iota Chapter Builds Community Relationship with New Families



Phoenix, AZ - The Welcome to America Project (WTAP) is a nonprofit organization that creates community connections and builds bridges of neighborly understanding by providing furniture, basic necessities, education, and additional resources to newly arriving refugees.

As three families recently moved to Phoenix, AZ, brothers of Phi Iota Chapter helped deliver furniture along with other household necessities to the residents, allowing them to feel more comfortable in their living environment. Relationships were established and a sense of comfort was obtained by the refugees as they disclosed their life stories. The men of Omega learned life-long lessons and were able to relate to the essentials of perseverance.

Phi Iota has built a great relationship with WTAP and plans to collaborate with the organization on a recurring basis.

Kappa Xi Chapter Participates in MLK Parade

Las Vegas, NV – Monday January 20, 2014, the brothers of the Kappa Xi Chapter participated in the annual Martin Luther King Parade held in downtown Las Vegas, NV. This parade is one of the oldest and largest, having started 32 years ago by Brother Wendell Williams who continues to be a mainstay as the Parade Chair and Committee President for this important event. The Parade commemorates the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and helps keep his dream alive for the thousands of youth and adults who participate from every race, creed and color. The Parade Floats were designed to represent the parade's theme of Living the Dream: Celebrating the Legacy; Daring to Dream. Only 100 entries were allowed in this year's parade. Parade entries came from elected officials, major local corporations, schools, community organizations, churches and 8 members of the Divine Nine. The Parade was broadcast by Cox Cable and covered by a number of local news stations.

The Brothers of the Kappa Xi Chapter were well represented by 30 strong Men of Omega in the parade, with an additional 10 member of the Chapter's Youth Group "The Omega's Gentlemen's Club" and an outstanding float developed and designed by Brother Roscoe Sullivan. The stars of the parade were the chapter step team. Literally every 100 to 200 yards the Brothers were asked to perform



by the enthusiastic crowd. The Brothers being in outstanding physical shape from months of step practice happily obliged to each request. It was tough near the end but the Brothers did "See It Through".

The hard work, commitment and enthusiasm paid off as the Chapter was selected 1st place winners as the Best Fraternity and 1st place winners for the Best Fraternity Float. The Chapter received their trophies during the ML King Breakfast held that weekend. The Chapter is proud of this accomplishment and is already planning to repeat at next year's parade.

Rho Iota Iota Chapter Moves from Fairbanks, AK to Long Beach, CA

Long Beach, CA - Brothers Darryl Harris, Walter Hunter and Sedrick Spencer, along with other brothers, approached the 12th District Representative Brother Fredrick Alexander about a strong desire to start a chapter in the city of Long Beach, CA to fill a void regarding community service. The city of Long Beach is the 7th largest city in California.

After completing the requirements and petitioning the DR for approval; Brother Alexander's decision was to relocate Rho Iota Iota Chapter from Fairbanks, AK to Long Beach, CA on March 21, 2013. The relocated chapter members of Rho Iota Iota consisted of Brothers: Darryl Brown, Gerald Dugas, Dr. Maurice Gross, Darryl Harris, Primous Howard, Walter Hunter, Keith Johnson, Dr. Jonathan Pryor, Donovan Slack, and Sedrick Spencer.

On April 13, 2013, the first chapter meeting was held at the home of Dr. Maurice Gross, presided by Bro Walter Hunter, Basileus; Bro Darryl Harris, Vice Basileus; Bro (Dr.) Maurice Gross, KRS; Bro Keith Johnson, Keeper of Finance; Bro Donovan Slack, Chaplain; Bro Gerald Dugas, Editor-to-the-Oracle; Bro (Dr.) Jonathan Pryor; Bro Sedrick Spencer (Immediate Past 12th District Representative); Bro Primous Howard and Bro Darryl Brown.

Rho Iota Iota chapter was chartered on Fort Wainwright Army Post in Fairbanks, Alaska on August 7, 1992 by 11 brothers. Rho Iota Iota Chapter was deactivated in 2005 because of inactivity due to brothers deploying in support of Operation Iraq Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. With the re-birth of Rho Iota Iota in the city of Long Beach, CA, these Omega brothers are continuing the visions and goals of our founding fathers which have been preserved for over 100 years.





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

— THIRTEENTH DISTRICT —

OFFICE OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE MATTHEW B. COLEMAN

Bahamas - Canada - Ghana - United Kingdom - US Virgin Islands

Military: Germany, Hawaii, Japan & South Korea



The seeds of an international fraternal presence were sown in September 1923, when two Omega men wended their way to Montreal in search of a better life. Neither knew of the coming of the other, but with their first meeting a month later, Omega Psi Phi Inc. became truly international. Sigma Chapter, the first chapter chartered outside the continental United States, was organized at McGill University, Montreal, Canada on December 15, 1923.

The second smallest District in the Fraternity, the “Tenacious Thirteenth” represents the largest geographical footprint in the Fraternity, serving chapters in seven foreign countries and holding a fraternal presence in five of the seven continents around the world. Additionally, there is financial membership outside locations where there are formal chapters, namely Turkey; the Netherlands; Belgium; the Cameroon; Liberia; Switzerland and Grenada, West Indies.

The 13th District can be classified twofold: Military and Non-Military. Military chapters include: Germany; Hawaii; Japan and South Korea. The Non-Military chapters include: Bahamas; Canada; Ghana; United Kingdom and US Virgin Islands. The partnership of military and non-military chapters highlights the diversity of the fraternity, whereby the majority of chapters are non-military with a critical mass of non-US citizens.

Number of Chapters: 14

-40% Military; 60% Non-Military

-60% US Citizens; 40% Foreign Nationals

-40% of chapters covering entire country

Number of Financial Members: 321

Number of Omega Life Members: 95

Approximate Value of High School Scholarships: UD\$50,000.00

RECENT DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

•Global Shaping

-The 13th District continues to take the mantle in leading the global expansion of the Fraternity. On our fraternal horizons, looms the imminent charter in Naples, Italy. Additionally, the District is actively working with Brothers currently residing in Australia with the view of establishing a formal fraternal presence there. There is also a strong interest in various pockets of the African continent, with South Africa being critical.

•Historic expansion

-Our European expansion has resulted in the establishment of the first chapter in the United Kingdom and has raised the Fraternity's profile and relevance on the continent. Similarly in Africa, history continues to be made as Omega's presence grows in slow but resolute ways. This fall, Omega will see its first initiation in Ghana where indigenous Africans will be initiated on African soil and become members of our illustrious Fraternity.

UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF THE DISTRICT:

•Transient District

-20-25% rotates annually

-90% of military membership rotates every 2-3 years

•Functioning in Unfamiliar Environments

-Many of our chapters must function in environments that are not familiar with fraternal organizations and must therefore engage in creative programming; adapt to the cultural norms and promote the value of the Fraternity's membership in non-traditional ways.

FUTURE DISTRICT PROJECTIONS:

•Inaugural District Event

-The 13th District is in the process of planning its inaugural District event to take place during the weekend of February, 21-24, 2014 in the Dominican Republic.

•Further expansion in the Caribbean

-Discussions are being held to investigate the establishment of a St. Maarten/Anguilla charter.

•Continued Growth of Undergraduate Chapters

-Undergraduate chapter in Toronto, Canada

-Undergraduate chapter in Birmingham, England

-Undergraduate chapter in St. Thomas, USVI

-Undergraduate chapter in Nassau, Bahamas

13th District Brothers Hold District Retreat in the Dominican Republic

Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic – The 13th District is the most geographically dispersed district in Omega but it is the belief of the district that our fraternal bonds will not be limited to time or space. In order to strengthen the bonds of friendship and Brotherly love, the 13th District Representative Brother Matthew Coleman established the annual brotherhood retreat.

The purpose of retreat is to strengthen our bonds, celebrate the hard work of the Brotherhood, chapter and district leadership and to spread the goodness of Omega Psi Phi in a country that currently does not have a chapter and may not know of our fraternity and ideals.

The retreat was held 21-24 February 2014 in the beautiful coastal town of Puerto Plata. The retreat began with a leadership meeting to discuss future retreats and how to introduce social action into the event so that our mark would be left on the community that we visited. The brothers contributed to the local economy by shopping for our food locally and having meals prepared by local cooks.

The brothers of the 13th District experienced the history and culture of the cities of Puerto Plata and Santiago and enjoyed all the activities of Sosua and Cabareta beaches.

The Brothers encountered Fraternity Brothers that live in the Dominican Republic full time and hope to reclaim these brothers in the near future. The brothers of the district established lasting relationships with the people of the Dominican Republic and now have an understanding of the rich history of the island and its people. It is our hope that we left a positive impact on the residents of Puerto Plata and hope to bring a local chapter to the Island of Hispaniola in the future.

Chi Mu Mu Chapter Lighting a Mentoring Path for the Future in Europe

Birmingham, England – The expansion of the Fraternity in Europe continues to provide opportunities for Omega men in the United Kingdom and in Italy to serve as fraternal ambassadors. This has been best showcased through Chi Mu Mu's continued work with a battered women's shelter in Birmingham, England. Jasmine Grove is a women's refuge providing safe, supported emergency accommodation to abused women and their families. Since working with Jasmine Grove, Omega Psi Phi has supported over 300 families seeking refuge at the women's shelter.

Domestic violence accounts for approximately one quarter of all recorded violent crimes in the United Kingdom. Jasmine Grove satisfies a vital need as it provides high standard quality accommodation in a safe, secure location, with facilities for disabled residents. Jasmine Grove aims to meet the needs of women and children by offering practical and emotional help, support, information and guidance.



Recognizing the importance of fostering impressions in the minds of these vulnerable children in the shelter, the chapter's work will take on a new dimension this fall as Omega men launch its mentoring and tutorial program. As part of this program, Omega men will work directly with young children to re-shape their perception of men with the aim of presenting a positive impression.

Over time, it is hoped that whatever traumatic experiences they may have encountered at the hands of the men in their lives could be ameliorated through these new experiences. Activities will focus social, academic, athletic and developmental themes.

The program provides not only the opportunity to engage in a transatlantic collaboration with chapters in the continental United States and in Europe, but more importantly, it arms Omega men with an avenue to positively shape the lives

of young men in our communities.

Upsilon Lambda Lambda Establishes Inaugural Daddy-Daughter Ball for Fatherhood Initiative Program

Yokosuka, Japan – Marian Wright Edelman, Founder of the Children’s Defense Fund aptly noted, “You didn’t have a choice about the parents you inherited, but you do have a choice about the kind of parent you will be.” Children across the world are faced with the daily challenge of not living, but merely existing without the love, nurturing and supportive guidance of fathers. Edelman’s mantra resonated with the men of Omega as they staged a fitting event in Japan.

In a packed room and sell-out crowd, Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter hosted its very first “Daddy-Daughter Ball”. The prime purpose of this event was to demonstrate to the young ladies present the care, love and protective affection fathers ought to exercise to their daughters. Specifically, it underscored the idea that ladies should be treated with respect and that they should never settle for anything less.



Heeding the call from our beloved Fraternity for “Fatherhood Initiatives”, this well-executed event sounded a vital message at a time when the number of reports of family violence within the military, which had been in decline over several years, has been rising over the last two years, according to a report by the Defense Department’s Family Advocacy Program.

The event was a smashing success and patrons are already looking forward to next year’s event. There was music, dancing, a roaming magician and the décor was par excellence. Ms. Isis Rodriguez, the wife of Brother Jay Rodriguez was instrumental in assisting in the planning and execution

Omega Men in Korea Donate Toys and Time to Seongyook Orphanage

Pyongtaek-si, South Korea - Brothers from Lambda Xi Chapter offered their time to the children of Seongyook Orphanage. This act of service is in keeping with military communities which are making volunteer work in host countries a priority for both building community relations and service members’ character. Brothers of the chapter joined members of the Osan Airbase community to donate time for community service and fellowship to the orphanage. During the visit with the children, members of the chapter were able to bring a smile to all the children’s faces with toys, food, and play. Representing the chapter were Brothers James Garris, Darius Lyons and Ryan Dublin.

In addition to the Seongyook Orphanage visit, Lambda Xi Brothers mentored 20 children throughout the year, ultimately strengthening host nation relations in the Osan Airbase and Camp Humphrey areas. The brothers look forward to a continuous and prosperous relationship with the orphans and the Pyongtaek community.



Omega Man Takes the Lead in Fighting Cerebral Palsy

Accra, Ghana - One in every ten of the world's population manifests some kind of known disability, most of which need some level of specialized services and care. Among the lists of know disabilities is cerebral Palsy, a non-contagious motor conditions that cause physical disability in human development, mainly in the various areas of body movement. The magnitude of the demands of patients with Cerebral Palsy and the impact of the disease can be very severe on the individual, family and the entire community since it requires specialist services and care. On the African continent, this complex disability is further compounded as the vast majority of persons live in rural areas where they have limited access to proper rehabilitation services.

Brother Jonathan Akuamoah, Founder and CEO of TEAM CSR Ghana has collaborated with the Salvation Army to develop a project that aims at providing quality rehabilitation services within the community for children and young adults with



Cerebral Palsy. This project is particularly dear to Brother Akuamoah as many of the affected children come from single parent homes where the critical presence of a father is often times missing.

The project hopes to continue to raise funds to build the first cerebral palsy rehabilitation center in West Africa. With an initial donation of GHC 40 000 by the Vodafone Foundation, the facility's foundation has been completed. Under the leadership of Brother Akuamoah, TEAM CSR will continue fundraising efforts and bring awareness to the project in order to see the completion of this facility. Additionally, a priority is the training and educating mothers of children with Cerebral Palsy in basic information on Activities of Daily Living.

It is hoped that through the efforts of Brother Akuamoah and his team, necessary assistance can be provided to these children in desperate need. This can best be achieved through promoting the importance of public education on self-sufficient strategies that promote the prevention, management and rehabilitation of children with Cerebral Palsy within their own communities.

Brother Akuamoah and TEAM CSR is committed to this project because it will bring hope to many disabled children in the rural areas of Ghana. Further, it fulfils the mandate as an NGO to demonstrate Corporate Social Responsibility as a catalyst for a better Ghana.

"From the time I set out from home; I find it difficult carrying him on my back. As we go along, people stare at us. I have to make many stops to adjust him on my back. Every time I make this journey, when I get back, I cannot do anything. I have to lie down because I feel so worn out. He is so heavy. I want my child to get better and this makes me go every week for the physiotherapy, because I know sitting at home will not help."

-A Desperate Mother

OMEGA CHAPTER

Revelation 7:15-17

And He said,

*“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;
they have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.*

*Therefore, “they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*



Ted Obinna Agu, 21, entered Omega Chapter on the morning of February 7, 2014. He may have passed away, but he left only fond memories with those who had the privilege of meeting him. Ted was a Junior attending University of California at Berkeley, a Pre-med student, a member of the Cal Football team and served as the Keeper of Finance for the Epsilon Mu

Chapter, all while maintaining a 3.3 Grade Point Average. Ted had aspirations of being a doctor. Since his initiation in the spring of 2013, Ted has been a shining light for others to follow. He left behind a legacy greater than a man three times his age. His family, friends, fraternity brothers, teammates, classmates, as well as the entire community in Berkeley, California and beyond will miss him.

Roman E. Bates, 49, of Memphis, TN, died suddenly September 5, 2013 at Methodist South Hospital. He was born March 2, 1964 in Memphis, TN. He was educated in Memphis City Schools and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1982. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Physical Education from The Ohio State University in 1987. He was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church and was employed by



United Health Care. Roman was a star running back for Coach Earl Bruce and The Ohio State Buckeye's from 1983-1986. Roman was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1991 through the Epsilon Phi Chapter Memphis, Tn. Roman is the son of Brother Willie Earl Bates Rho Psi 1961.

Harold D. Blackwell, Sr. of Washington, DC, entered Omega Chapter on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at the age of 90. He was born in Lykesland, South Carolina and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Columbia, SC in 1940. He attended Benedict College before he was called to service in the U.S. Army in 1943. Following his service, Brother Blackwell was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Morgan State College where he was a charter member of the Morgan State College Baltimore Scientific Society and a member of the Varsity Golf Team that integrated the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course in Baltimore, MD. Brother Blackwell was initiated into Alpha Omega Chapter in 1971. In addition to over 40 years of service as a Life Member, he also held memberships with the Morgan State University Alumni Association and Shiloh Baptist Church (Washington, DC). He served on the Morgan State University National Alumni Association Board of Directors. In 1993, he was awarded Morgan State University "Alumnus of the Year."

Norman E. Brown, 42, entered Omega Chapter on Saturday, January 25, 2014. A native of Washington, DC, he lived in Hampton for 24 years. Brother Brown was born October 18, 1972 in Washington, DC. He attended Archbishop Carroll High in Washington, DC and graduated in 1990. He graduated from

Hampton University in 1994. In the spring of 1998, he was initiated into the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Brown loved spending time with the Alpha Alpha Brothers and brothers from any chapter with whom he came into contact. He was also a mentor for many younger brothers. Over the years, he served the Chapter as the Chaplain, Social Action Committee member, Talent Hunt Committee member and provided transportation for Brothers in need. Brother Brown was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia, serving as a drummer for the church band and as a Step Coordinator. He was also involved in many aspects of the church and was a very spiritual person who always had an encouraging word to say to everyone.

Thomas Burroughs entered Omega Chapter on February 3, 2013. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi via the Phi Iota Chapter (Phoenix, AZ) on Dec. 12, 1959. In 1973, he was one of the chartering members of Theta Pi Chapter, in Vallejo, CA, where he served as a member of several committees. He also served as Chairman of both the Scholarship Committee and Teen Motivation Workshop.

Jimmy Butts of Norfolk, VA entered Omega Chapter on October 15, 2013 at the age of 66. A graduate of Norfolk State University, he was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Gamma Chapter in 1967. An Army veteran, he worked for the Naval Air Technical Data and Engineering Service Command (NATEC) Detachment Oceana from November 1967 to September 2004 where he was a Technical Representative with Naval Aviation Engineering Service. He retired from the US government after 36 years of loyal service. Bro. Butts was born to the late William and Josephine Butts on March 11, 1947. He was a member of Zion Southampton A.M.E.Z. Church in Courtland, VA until adulthood. He was a dedicated member of Oakwood Chapel Disciples of Christ Church and served on the Trustee Board, President of the Male/Female Usher Boards, and Sunday school. Bro. Butts is survived by his wife Terrie and a host of loved ones and friends.



Herman Carter (Plainfield, NJ) was born on November 5, 1922 in Plainfield and transitioned to Omega Chapter on January 15, 2014. He was married for 63 years to the late Gloria Edmonds of Washington D.C. Herman attended Plainfield Public Schools and upon graduating, he entered West Virginia State College. Initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Theta Psi

Chapter in 1943 and graduating from West Virginia. He graduated from the School of Social Work at Howard University with a MSW, in 1949. He became the Director of Social Services at the University Hospital in Newark, NJ. Brother Carter was a charter member of the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. An avid reader, he enjoyed traveling, fishing, jazz music, and entertaining, but most of all he loved his family. He and his wife are survived by a daughter, Susan C. Fowler, granddaughter Ambrosia Fowler, and a host of family and friends.



Robert Kelly Corbett, Jr. departed this life on Saturday, June 29, 2013. After being educated in the Rocky Mount public school system, Brother Corbett enrolled into Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU), graduating with BA degree in Political Science. He was initiated at Rho Chapter in 1967. Brother Corbett was a Program

Analyst for the City of Charlotte for 28 years, until his retirement. He leaves behind to celebrate his life, his wife Linda of 42 years, his two children Robert Kelly Corbett, III, and Jasmine Corbett; two grandchildren, Ezra and Elijah. In addition, he leaves behind his mother Cleo Nelson Corbett, a sister Shermayne Corbett Hargrove, and a host of friends and relatives.



Carl A. Earles entered Omega Chapter on Saturday, May 18, 2013. He was born June 24, 1922 in Marshall, TX, where he graduated from Central High School. He went onto Wiley College, graduating with a BS Degree in 1943. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted into the United States Army, where he served for two years of duty. Brother Earles was a dedicated member

of Omega. He was initiated via Theta Chapter at Wiley College, November 29, 1941. After initiation, he served as Dean of Pledges. Also, he was a charter member of the Nu Iota Chapter in Marshall, TX. On the National level, Brother Earles was the First Grand Officer to be elected from the 12th District when he was elected Grand Counselor in 1955 during the Los Angeles Grand Conclave, serving until 1961. He also served as the Co-Chairman of the National Constitutional and By-laws Committee in 1969. Brother Carl Earles was a Life Member, with 72 years in Omega, active and financial with Lambda Omicron Chapter and the 12th District. He will be greatly missed.



Henry Charles Cornish (Paterson, NJ) entered Omega Chapter on Thursday, February 27, 2014. He was a member of Lambda Upsilon Chapter, Paterson, NJ initiated 1987. He received a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ. After graduation Brother Cornish served four years in the United States Air Force. Brother Cornish retired

from New Jersey Bell Telephone Company in Newark, NJ with his last assignment as Director of Operations-Northern Area in 1996. He served the Fraternity for more than 25 years. He was a member of Second Baptist Church. He leaves to cherish his memory his lovely wife Mary (Davenport) Cornish, two daughters; Charla Holder and Trene` Barksdale and a host of other relatives and friends.

Charles W. Finley, 67, of Richmond, VA entered Omega Chapter on November 17, 2013. An Educator, Bro. Finley moved to Richmond in 1970 and to Jackson Ward, the nation's largest National Historic Landmark District associated with black history, in 1984. He was a longtime president of the Jackson Ward Association and remembered as a stabilizing force and team leader in Historic Jackson Ward. He was initiated into Nu Psi Chapter in 1966, earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in education from Virginia State University with further graduate study in school administration and supervision at Virginia Commonwealth University. Brother Finley was Basileus Emeritus of Upsilon Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a 41-year member of the Fraternity. He was a three-time Omega Man of the Year for Upsilon Nu Chapter and former Citizen of the Year; Third District Man of the Year; and two-times Third District Graduate Basileus of the Year.



Jack Dennis of Baltimore, MD, was born July 31, 1933 and entered Omega Chapter on Thursday December 19, 2013. He graduated from Morgan College in 1976 and was initiated into the Mu Rho Chapter on July 15, 1977. Retiring from the United States Postal Service after 30 years, he was also employed at his

alma mater, Morgan State University, as Evening and Weekend Manager of the McKeldin Student Center for 11 years and served as a Facilities Management Assistant in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, for 3 years, until his passing. Originally from Annapolis, Maryland, where he attended Bates High School, Jack was a triple-threat and was considered a magician with the football. He also played baseball, basketball, track and field at Bates. He was recruited by North Carolina A&T State University and by Maryland State, but decided to attend Morgan State College. He was an All-CIAA quarterback in 1957-1958 and the leading punter in the conference in 1958, under both of Morgan's legendary coaching duo of Eddie Hurt and Earl Banks. Drafted by the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants in 1960, he was inducted into Morgan's Athletic Hall of Fame on October 11, 1972.



Clifford Elliot Graham entered Omega Chapter on Friday July 19, 2013 in Charleston, S.C. Graham received his early education in the public schools of Charleston before attending South Carolina State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters of Education Degree. After college graduation, he was commissioned as an

officer in the United States Army, and served during wartime where he received a battlefield promotion to First Lieutenant. He was among the first Black officers to command white soldiers in combat after desegregation of the Armed Forces. He served as a Staff Announcer for Radio Station WQSN, host of " People and Places" for WUSN TV, News Director for WPAL Radio, Weather Forecaster for WCBD TV Evening News and the host of ' Cliff Graham Presents. Brother Graham dedicated 37 years

of service to the Charleston County School District. He was a faithful member of Mt. Zion. His affiliations included former membership in the National Education Association, South Carolina Education Association and President of Cooper River Teacher Association. He leaves to cherish his loving memories, his son, Clifford M. Graham, stepdaughter Donna Driskell and a host of family and friends.

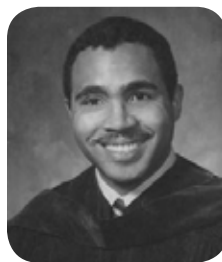


George M. Greene (Tempe, AZ) entered Omega Chapter on May 21, 2013. He was born on April 22, 1929 in Columbia, SC to the late Ben and Jessie Greene. Brother Greene was initiated in 1951 through Lambda Epsilon Chapter at Tuskegee University. During his 62 years as an Omega Man, he diligently served as an officer and on various committees. Even

in his later years, Brother Greene was a loyal and contributing member of Phi Iota Graduate Chapter of Phoenix, AZ. His educational background includes a B.S. Degree from Tuskegee University; Master of Education and Education Specialist Degrees from Arizona State University; and the Doctor of Education Degree from Northern Arizona University. Dr. Greene also served in the United States Navy. He moved to Phoenix, AZ in 1956 and served for 35 years in the field of education. He taught at Percy L. Julian Elementary School for eight years, was subsequently assigned as Assistant Principal at Martin Luther King, Jr., Elementary School, and retired as Associate Superintendent for Curriculum in the Roosevelt Elementary School District in 1988. Brother Greene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Corenthe, one son, one daughter, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

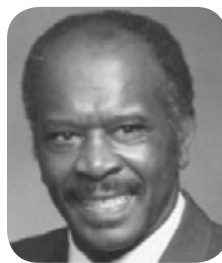
Willie Henderson, Jr. (Herndon, VA) entered Omega Chapter on Friday, September 27, 2013. He was born on June 29, 1960, in Erie, PA to Vertia Morrow Henderson and the late Willie Henderson, Sr. He attended Virginia Union where he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Zeta Chapter on April 7, 1980. Upon graduation, Brother Henderson worked for a small startup company, Potomac Systems Engineering and quickly rose to Vice President, one of the youngest in the company to hold such a position. In March 2004, Bro. Henderson founded Optimal Enterprise Solutions, Inc. (OES), an information technology engineering company. He was very well respected in the intelligence community and received many awards and accolades for his leadership and management. He was a charter member of the Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter serving as the first Parliamentarian. He also held the offices of Basileus, Vice Basileus, Keeper of Finance, and Keeper of Peace. Brother Henderson was a dedicated and loving family man who leaves to cherish in his memory: a loving wife, Carolyn Wood-Henderson and six children.

Dr. Jon Alan Hill (Las Vegas, NV) entered Omega Chapter on May 14, 2013. He was initiated into the Kappa Xi Chapter on June 10, 1995 where he served as the Chapter Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother Hill, son of John and Constance Hill, was born



on July 27, 1955 at 494th USAF Hospital in London, England. Brother Hill spent his childhood in Gary, IN. He graduated from the Horace Mann High School in Gary, Indiana in 1973. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Purdue University in 1978. Brother Hill then attended and graduated from the Pre-Med program of Creighton University in 1979 and the Ohio College of Pediatric Medicine in 1984. He earned his Preceptorship in Detroit, MI 1984-1985, practiced at The Williams Clinic from 1985 to 1987 and operated his own practice from 1988 to 1991. In August 1992, Brother Hill moved to Las Vegas, NV, opening his practice on Martin Luther King Blvd, where he continued to practice until he transitioned to Omega Chapter. Brother Hill is survived by his wife, Rayne Hill and loving family.

Larry Kent Hill, 57, (Gallatin, TN) was born to Luther and Sophia Hill on April 25, 1956 and departed this life on Sunday, June 16, 2013. Larry loved life, loved the Lord, and most of all he loved to study the word. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1981. He went on to manage several restaurants, before he worked for Donnelly Printing Company of Gallatin, TN for 22 years. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Terese A. Hill; sons and fraternity brothers Paul A. Hill and Zachary J. Hill and a host of family members. Brother Hill became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Gamma Phi Chapter in Nashville, TN on April 23, 1983.



Albert Huey, 80, entered Omega Chapter on Monday June 3, 2013. Huey was a graduate of St. Augustine College in Raleigh, North Carolina. After graduating in 1962, he was employed by the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier. Having a love for entertaining, serving food and bartending, Brother Huey also worked for Ramada Inn and FDY Catering services. Having a love for sports on all levels, he coached Little League baseball for many years and was a fan of the CIAA and a PSL holder for the Carolina Panthers until his sickness. Albert was a true humanitarian for whom he performed many duties for the elderly in the community from lawn care, doctor's appointments and lunches. He stepped up where ever needed. He was married to the former Bettye Taylor and is survived by a host of family and friends.

Dr. Houston A. Kelly (Nashville, TN) was born June 15, 1928 to the late Hillary and Clara Hunt Kelley of Luling, TX. He grew up and attended public schools and college in Austin, TX where he received his BS Degree in Chemistry from Huston Tillotson College. Dr. Kelley was accepted to Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., where he received his medical degree. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on November 15, 1948 at Epsilon Sigma Chapter in Bowie, MD. In 1959, he married Mona Page. They were married for 54 years and

had five children: four boys and one girl. They lived in Boston, MA where Dr. Kelley worked for Somerville Hospital and was Medical Fellow at the Cambridge City Hospital in Cambridge, MA. In 1971, he joined the Nation of Islam and attended services at Mosque #11 in Roxbury, MA under the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, making him the first doctor in the Nation of Islam where he was recognized and awarded as a pioneer. He is survived by his wife, Mona, and loving family.

Dr. John W. King, 89, entered Omega Chapter on October 31, 2013. A native of Norfolk, VA, he graduated valedictorian from Booker T. Washington High School at the age of 15 and subsequently graduated summa cum laude from Howard University at the age of 18. Brother King was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Chapter. He received his medical degree from Howard University, having trained under Brother Dr. Charles Drew. Brother King graduated from Howard Medical School at 21 years of age followed by surgical residency at Providence Hospital in Baltimore, MD. While there, he met his wife Bernice. After medical school, Brother King served as a Captain in the US Air Force and later returned to Norfolk and served as a surgeon for over 40 years. Brother King was predeceased by his wife Bernice.

Cyrus Hart Nero, 95, of Washington, DC, entered Omega Chapter on October 18, 2013. He was born to the late Malinda Montgomery and Willis Nero on April 30, 1918 on the family farm in Greenwood, Mississippi. He received religious training at Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenwood. He graduated from Greenwood High School in 1937 and then entered Alcorn College on a football scholarship. He majored in Industrial Education and Mechanical Arts and was a distinguished member of the Drama Department. Years later, he completed a bachelor degree in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University in 1979. Drafted to the U.S. Army in 1942, Cyrus attained the rank of Master Sergeant. After his tour overseas, he moved to Washington, DC and enrolled in George Washington University to study Cartographic and Geodetic Science which prepared him for his career as a cartographer with the Defense Mapping Agency. He retired as Chief of the Cartographic Section after 34 years of service in 1983. He leaves Viola, his wife of 63 years, his children and a host of other family members and close friends to cherish his memory.

Rev. Dr. Welborn A. Preston, Jr., 62 (Newport News, VA) entered Omega Chapter on January 31, 2014, at home with his wife by his side, following a three and a half year fight with pancreatic cancer. Brother Preston was born February 4, 1951, in Texarkana. He was a former employee of Day & Zimmerman, Inc., as director of Industrial Relations at Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, a minister, co-founder of Temple of Life Worship Center (New Life Christian Methodist Episcopal Church) and New Life Community Development Center. He enjoyed sports and raising his purebred, champion miniature pinchers. Bro. Preston was devoted to his family very deeply and loved spending time with them. Sunday family dinners were a must, especially cooking on his grills and

smokers. Brother Preston is survived by his wife, Rev. Aretha Preston and a host of family and friends.

David H. Reid, Jr., MD (5/17/1909 – 2/23/2014). Dr. Reid was born in Raleigh, NC. Because there was no high school in Raleigh for African-Americans, he graduated from the Laboratory High School program at Shaw University in 1926. In September 1926, he was enrolled into the Lampados Club at Wilberforce University, and was subsequently inducted into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., via Upsilon Chapter, Wilberforce University, on November 17, 1927. Brother Reid graduated from Wilberforce in 1930 and Howard University School of Medicine in 1935. He initially joined Alpha Omega Chapter in 1931. He was predeceased by his wife, Rachael, but is survived by his son, Dr. David H. Reid, III, of Alpha Omega Chapter. Brother Reid was a member of the fraternity for more than 86 years, most of which was affiliated with Alpha Omega Chapter. As a word of advice to the younger Omega brothers, he said, "Remember the Cardinal Principles and the meaning of each of the Pearls. Walk tall, excel in education, yet be humble in the face of God."

David Lee Robinson (Washington, DC) entered Omega Chapter on February 24, 2014. He was born on April 1, 1977 in Pittsburgh, PA to William L. Robinson, Sr. and Maria J. Tolbert. He graduated Perry High School in 1996. Brother Robinson attended Norfolk State University and was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Pi Gamma Chapter Spring 1998. In 2001, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, and later graduated from the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law receiving his Juris doctor degree in 2005. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his mother, father and a host of family and friends.

Jerry Alfred Simmons, COLONEL, US Army, Retired, 82, passed away of natural causes at his home of 40 years in Ft. Washington, Maryland with his wife, children, and grandchild by his side. Born January 1, 1932, he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi, Upsilon Psi Chapter in 1950. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida A & M University in 1953 and later a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. He honorably served in the US Army for 30 years as a pilot and in positions of leadership and command. He was employed at Lockheed-Martin and later at GE Aerospace. Bro. Simmons was an active member in the Florida A & M Alumni Association, Tuskegee Airmen, 174th Assault Helicopter Company Association, NAACP, Habitat for Humanity, and other affiliations. COL Simmons took pride in his duties as he took special care to ensure that all Chapters' finances were accounted for and books were accurate. Brother Simmons is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lula M. Simmons; his three children Marian Smith, Angela, Jerry III; and his favorite and only grandchild Tiffany N. Smith.

Harold Chauncey Smith (Babylon, NY) was born in Fairmont, NC on March 6, 1937 and entered Omega Chapter July 31, 2013. Upon graduation from high school in June 1954, he joined the US Army and served there until June 1957. He enrolled at North

Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University) in 1958 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1962, Brother Smith was employed by the New York City Human Resources Administration, where he rose to the rank of Deputy Commissioner for Personnel, Labor Relations and Training. He retired in March 1992 after 30 years of service. In 1994, Brother Smith was asked to run a homeless shelter in March 1994 and retired from this position in January 2008. Brother Smith is survived by his wife, Evelyn, daughter, Kimberly, son, Brother Harold F. Smith, Sister Patricia Johnson, and a host of relatives and friends.

Thomas E. Taylor, a native of Emelle, AL., came to Ohio at the age of 8. Attended the public schools of Hamilton, OH. While a student at Hamilton High School participated in sports, basketball and track. He was the first Afro American to play basketball at Hamilton High School. After graduating high school in 1930, Thomas received an athletic scholarship to Wilberforce University where he majored in physical education with a minor in biological science and history. Tom became a member of the Lampados Club of Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the early 1930s. He later became a member of Delta Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1958. He served as Keeper of Peace and later as Vice Basileus under Brother Craig Wallace. Thomas served in the Army Air Corps during World War II where he participated in three major campaigns. An active member of Wayman AME Church, he served as trustee emeritus. Thomas was married to Frances M. Taylor (deceased) for 65 years. After many years of service, Thomas is retired from the City of Dayton, Supervisor of Municipal Athletic Division of Recreation.



Kennel Venson, Jr., Educator, husband, father and son of Kennel Venson, Sr. and Lillie Barnes Venson. Brother Venson graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1950. He joined the Navy in 1951 and served on the USS Saint Paul until 1954. He graduated from Tennessee State University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts. In 1965, he was initiated into the Epsilon Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was a loyal and active member and held the office of Keeper of Records and Seal for many years. In 1970 he graduated from Memphis State University with a Master's of Science Degree in Administration and Supervision. Kennel married Gloria Mathis in 1962; they had one daughter Deeta Rose Venson. Kennel began his teaching career at Douglass High School as a Mechanical Drawing instructor. He later became Assistant Principal at Riverview Junior High until he retired. Brother Venson completed life's journey on March 3, 2014 following a brief illness at Methodist University Hospital.

Harrison Kendall Wallace, (Herndon, VA) 65, entered Omega Chapter on Saturday, November 23, 2013. Brother Wallace grew up in Williamsburg and James City County and spent his adult years in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area. He accepted a football scholarship to Virginia State University where he majored in Business Administration. He was initiated in Nu Psi Chapter in 1969. At Virginia State, he was selected to be part of the ROTC

program and upon graduation; he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Following service to his country, he had a career as a Purchasing and Supply Management Specialist with over 30 years at Verizon. During this time, he was granted two technology patents. In 2003 he started a second career in supply management with the U.S. Postal Service. A major passion of his was Greek life. Harrison was an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for over 40 years. He was a founding member of the Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter, in 1996, located in Reston/Herndon, VA. He served as the Chapter's first Keeper of Finance.

Willie Washington (Sacramento, CA) entered Omega chapter on March 19, 2013. He was born on February 12, 1936, in Wilmington, NC. As a youth, Bro. Washington was an all-around athlete who excelled at sports which allowed him to attend Fayetteville State University on a football scholarship. While in school, he made two life changing decisions: He joined the US Air Force and he married his longtime sweetheart, Rose Ann Lewis. They were blessed with three children, Rosalind, Brenden and Lea. Over the course of his 22-year military career, Bro. Washington and his family lived on both the East and West Coast of the U.S., and as far away as Italy. Bro. Washington made it a priority to finish his education while simultaneously obtaining his BA and MA degrees as he progressed through his military career. Retiring from the US Air Force in 1977, Willie took on a position with Lockheed-Martin in Tehran, Iran, but was forced to return to the U.S. in 1979 after Iran's political climate became unsafe for Westerners. Willie's diverse cultural experiences prepared him for his 18-year career as a lobbyist for CMTA in Sacramento. He specialized in workers' compensation and other employment law issues.

Arthur J. Wells, Jr., (Philadelphia, PA) transitioned to Omega Chapter on March 17, 2013. He graduated from Hampton Institute, now Hampton University in Hampton VA., and was an educator. He began his career in the Philadelphia Public School System as a Guidance Counselor, and then as an Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Training. Brother Wells continued his academic pursuits, obtaining a master's degree from Antioch College and Cheyney University. He was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., May 6, 1954, through Mu Chapter, Philadelphia, PA. His love for and dedication to Omega was visibly immediate to everyone he encountered. He cultivated these traits into aggressive programming leadership, which eventually saw him elected chapter Basileus (1981-1983), and Omega Man of the Year honors (1983).

Jesse Willard (Inglewood, CA) entered Omega Chapter on June 10, 2013 in Inglewood, California. He was initiated into Lambda Chapter in Los Angeles, CA and was a former member of Zeta Rho Graduate Chapter (Los Angeles, CA). He was a current member of Phi Beta Beta Chapter of Inglewood, CA, of which he was a charter member in 1983. He was a 50 year fully financial Omega man that held various offices within the chapter. He graduated from Los Angeles State University with a degree in Social Work. He was a true Omega Man and lived the four cardinal principles.

Dr. Joseph W. Williams (Atlanta, GA) entered Omega Chapter



on Saturday January 4, 2014. He was initiated into the Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., December 17, 1962 at Morehouse College. Joseph received a Bachelor of Science degree from Morehouse College in 1965 and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Meharry Medical College in 1969. He then entered the United States Army as a Major serving as a

physician in the medical corps. He was stationed at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, GA from 1973 to 1975. During his thirty-eight years of medical practice, Joseph was very proud of the opportunity he had to serve as the Morehouse College Medical Director and team physician for the Maroon Tigers from 1992 to 2013, where inspired many young men to seek the light of Omega. Brother Williams was an active member of Eta Omega Chapter in Atlanta, GA. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife Carmen Williams; daughter Joron Williams Murry, son Dr. Kevin B. Williams (Upsilon Psi 1991) brothers Dr. Edward M. Williams and Robert M. Williams (Eta Omega 1968).

Bernard Wynder, 58, of Frostburg, MD was born January 4, 1955 in Baltimore City, MD. Brother Wynder transitioned to Omega Chapter on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at his residence. He was a 1978 graduate of Frostburg State University and a charter member of Beta Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. He received his Master of Education in 1984 from Frostburg State University (FSU). Brother Wynder started his professional career in January 1979, accepting the position of Admissions Counselor & Minority Recruiter at Frostburg State. In 1996, Brother Wynder took over the management duties of both the Admissions and Financial Aid offices at Frostburg. In 2001, he served as the Assistant Director of Athletics and eventually Director of Athletics. He served as Director until his promotion to Assistant Vice President of Student Services. Surviving is his wife of 32 years, Robin Vowels Wynder and a host of family and friends.

Isaac N. Wright, Jr., 65, of 10 Hunter Street, York, S.C., passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, July 21, 2013, at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, S.C. Born April 14, 1948, in York, he was a son of the late Isaac and Katherine Few Wright. Brother Wright was a 1965 graduate of Jefferson High School. He received his undergraduate education at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and was initiated through Psi Chapter. He received his degree in Mathematics in 1969. Brother Wright received his Master's Degree in Math and Business from Winthrop College in 1971. He became a teacher and taught in the Clover School District for several years, as well as at Friendship Baptist College in Rock Hill. He later received his licensure in Mortuary Sciences from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science and began his long and dedicated career of over 40 years as owner and director of Wright Funeral Home. Brother Wright leaves to cherish his loving memories, his wife Joelean, and a host of family and friends.



Leonard "Lenny" Haywood (Aberdeen, MD) entered Omega Chapter on June 13, 2014. Brother Haywood was 63 years old. He was initiated into Lambda Xi Chapter in 1988.

Brother Haywood grew up in Portsmouth, VA., where he graduated from I.C. Norcom High School class of 1969, and joined the U.S. Navy in 1970. Upon being honorably discharged, he furthered his education at the University of California at Berkeley. He would later become a civil servant, and worked 40+ years as a federal employee for the Department of Defense with honorable service. While stationed in Seoul Korea he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Upon his return from Korea he was assigned to Aberdeen Proving Grounds and would make his home in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Brother Haywood had a love for people working part-time at the ARC Northern Chesapeake Region, where he supervised those with special needs. He was a loving and caring husband and father. He was kind, hardworking and very active with a plethora of knowledge. He was a master at pool, dominoes, and chess. Additionally, he had a passion for basketball and tennis.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 28 years, Janet K. Flucker-Haywood; son, Leonard; two daughters, Lakisha and Matisha; five grandchildren, Chase, Ashton, Baileigh, Raven and Rasuan; sister, Danelle Rivers; brother, Phillip Haywood-Deloatch along with a host of (great) nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Grand Basilei 1911 - 2014

<i>Grand Basileus:</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>	
1st	Edgar A. Love	1911 - 1912	Omega Chapter
2nd	Oscar J. Cooper	1912 - 1913	Omega Chapter
3rd	Edgar A. Love	1913 - 1915	Omega Chapter
4th	George E. Hall	1915 - 1916	Omega Chapter
5th	James C. McMorries	1916 - 1917	Omega Chapter
6th	Clarence F. Holmes	1917 - 1918	Omega Chapter
7th	Raymond G. Robinson	1918 - 1920	Omega Chapter
8th	Harold H. Thomas	1920 - 1921	Omega Chapter
9th	Jasper Alston Atkins	1921 - 1924	Omega Chapter
10th	John W. Love	1924 - 1924	Omega Chapter
11th	George E. Vaughn	1924 - 1926	Omega Chapter
12th	Julius S. McClain	1926 - 1929	Omega Chapter
13th	Matthew W. Bullock	1929 - 1932	Omega Chapter
14th	Lawrence A. Oxley	1932 - 1935	Omega Chapter
15th	William E. Baugh	1935 - 1937	Omega Chapter
16th	Albert W. Dent	1937 - 1940	Omega Chapter
17th	Z. Alexander Looby	1940 - 1945	Omega Chapter
18th	Campbell C. Johnson	1945 - 1947	Omega Chapter
19th	Harry T. Penn	1947 - 1949	Omega Chapter
20th	Milo C. Murray	1949 - 1951	Omega Chapter
21st	Grant Reynolds	1951 - 1953	Omega Chapter
22nd	John E. Potts	1953 - 1955	Omega Chapter
23rd	Herbert E. Tucker, Jr.	1955 - 1958	Omega Chapter
24th	I. Gregory Newton	1958 - 1961	Omega Chapter
25th	Cary D. Jacobs	1961 - 1964	Omega Chapter
26th	George E. Meares	1964 - 1967	Omega Chapter
27th	Ellis F. Corbett	1967 - 1970	Omega Chapter
28th	James S. Avery	1970 - 1973	Omega Chapter
29th	Marion W. Garnett	1973 - 1976	Omega Chapter
30th	Edward J. Braynon, Jr.	1976 - 1979	Omega Chapter
31st	Burnel E. Coulon	1979 - 1982	Omega Chapter
32nd	L. Benjamin Livingston	1982 - 1984	Omega Chapter
33rd	Moses C. Norman, Sr.	1984 - 1990	Omega Chapter
34th	C. Tyrone Gilmore	1990 - 1994	Omega Chapter
35th	Dorsey C. Miller	1994 - 1998	Omega Chapter
36th	Lloyd J. Jordan	1998 - 2002	Omega Chapter
37th	George H. Grace	2002 - 2006	Omega Chapter
38th	Warren G. Lee, Jr.	2006 - 2010	Omega Chapter
39th	Andrew A. Ray	2010 - 2014	Omega Chapter

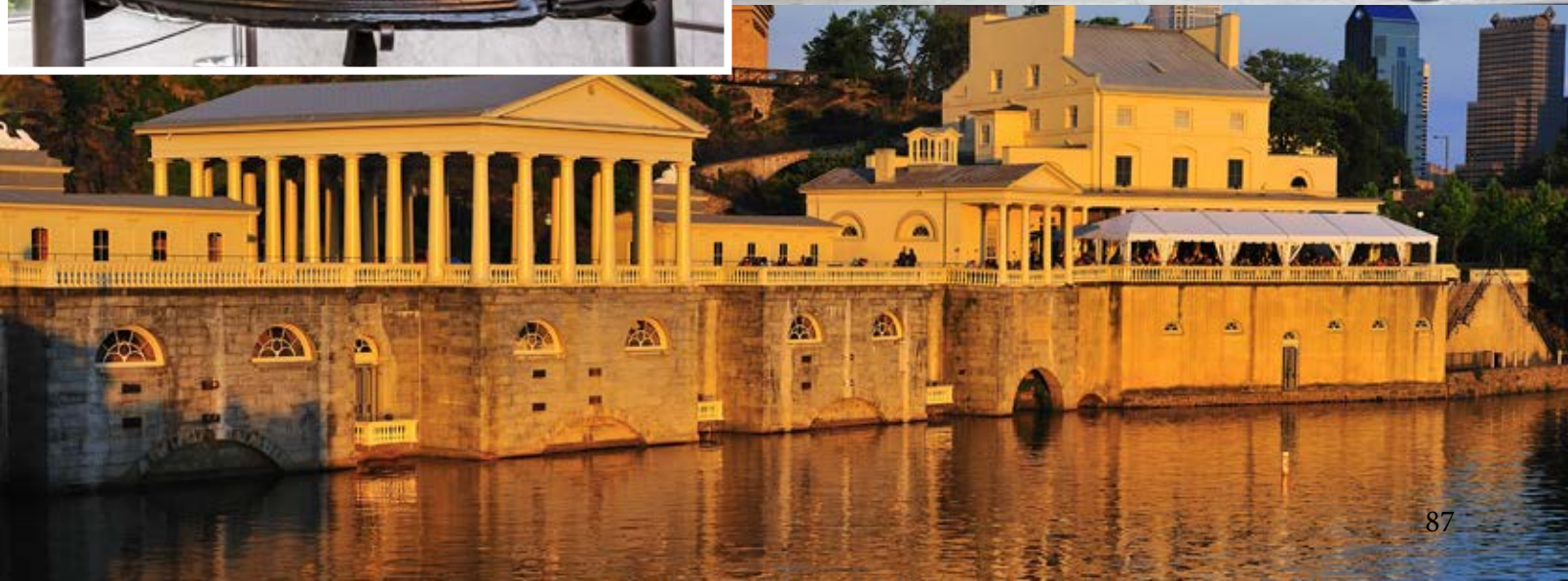
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Grand Conclaves 1912 - 2014

<i>Conclave</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Year</i>		<i>Conclave</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Year</i>
1st	Washington, DC	1912		46th	San Antonio, TX	1960
2nd	Washington, DC	1913		47th	Washington, DC	1961
3rd	Washington, DC	1914		48th	Indianapolis, IN	1962
4th	Oxford, PA	1915		49th	Denver, CO	1964
5th	Washington, DC	1916		50th	Detroit, MI	1965
6th	Oxford, PA	1917		51st	Boston, MA	1967
7th	Washington, DC	1918		52nd	Charlotte, NC	1968
8th	Boston, MA	1919		53rd	Pittsburgh, PA	1970
9th	Nashville, TN	1920		54th	Houston, TX	1971
10th	Atlanta, GA	1921		55th	St. Louis, MO	1973
11th	Philadelphia, PA	1922		56th	Phoenix, AZ	1974
12th	St. Louis, MO	1923		57th	Atlanta, GA	1976
13th	Washington, DC	1924		58th	New Orleans, LA	1977
14th	Tuskegee, AL	1925		59th	Denver, CO	1979
15th	Chicago, IL	1926		60th	San Francisco, CA	1980
16th	New York, NY	1927		61st	Miami, FL	1982
17th	Indianapolis, IN	1928		62nd	Kansas City, MO	1983
18th	Baltimore, MD	1929		63rd	Louisville, KY	1984
19th	Detroit, MI	1931		64th	Washington, DC	1986
20th	Richmond, VA	1932		65th	Dallas, TX	1988
21st	Durham, NC	1933		66th	Detroit, MI	1990
22nd	St. Louis, MO	1934		67th	Atlanta, GA	1992
23rd	Atlanta, GA	1935		68th	Cleveland, OH	1994
24th	Philadelphia, PA	1936		69th	Los Angeles, CA	1996
25th	Cleveland, OH	1937		70th	New Orleans, LA	1998
26th	Chicago, IL	1938		71st	Indianapolis, IN	2000
27th	New York, NY	1939		72nd	Charlotte, NC	2002
28th	Nashville, TN	1940		73rd	St. Louis, MO	2004
29th	Indianapolis, IN	1941		74th	Little Rock, AR	2006
30th	Little Rock, AR	1944		75th	Birmingham, AL	2008
31st	Washington, DC	1945		76th	Raleigh, NC	2010
32nd	Fort Worth, TX	1946		77th	Washington, DC	2011
33rd	Detroit, MI	1947			<i>Centennial Grand Conclave</i>	
34th	Columbus, OH	1948		78th	Minneapolis, MN	2012
35th	Chicago, IL	1949		79th	Philadelphia, PA	2014
36th	Boston, MA	1950				
37th	Miami, FL	1951				
38th	Philadelphia, PA	1952				
39th	Cincinnati, OH	1953				
40th	Atlanta, GA	1954				
41st	Los Angeles, CA	1955				
42nd	Baltimore, MD	1956				
43rd	St. Louis, MO	1957				
44th	Cleveland, OH	1958				
45th	New York, NY	1959				

There were no conclaves in 1930, 1942, and 1943.



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