

# The Magic Number -1,000 Brother "Crow" Riddick's Goal Achieved Life Membership Program

Life Member No. 1



Carl D. Jacobs (deceased)  
Grand Basileus  
1961-1964

At the conclusion of the 54th Grand Conclave in Houston, TX, Grand Basileus James S. Avery drafted Brother Walter "Crow" Riddick, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Emeritus, as chairman of the Life Membership Program.

Two Grand Conclaves later in Phoenix, AZ, Brother Riddick appeared before the Supreme Council and related as follows the progress and the immediate goals for this program:

"I would like to take this opportunity to give you some of the history linked with the Life Membership Program from its humble beginning to this moment of its thriving success.

"The Life Membership Program was the brainchild of our Emeritus National Executive Secretary, Judge H. Carl Moultrie I. It was voted into law by the Grand Conclave of 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio. The program in those early days had accomplished very little. There was always the fear that such a program would destroy the local chapters. But, over the years, this proved to be false.

"So, during the leadership of Grand Basileus Brother Jim Avery, the big step was taken to remove it from the shelf where it was dying a slow death. Your humble servant was asked by the Past Grand Basileus to chair the Program so as to revive it and to create an endowment for Omega. This was mandatory to assure the continued life of our beloved fraternity, Omega.

"The total fully paid and partially paid life members at that time numbered only 47. Today the program can boast of a total fully paid membership of 264 and partially paid, 78.

"Our original goal of 1,000 life members is in sight. I am confident the Phoenix conclave will generate at least 200 life members."

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### Certificate of Life Membership

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

**CARY D. JACOBS**

IS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., HAVING FULFILLED THE PREREQUISITES AND HAVING MADE AN APPRECIABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRATERNITY AND, BY THESE ACTS, ATTEST TO HIS FAITH IN THE FOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES . . . MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT; AND, IN THAT CAPACITY, HAS MEASURABLY INCREASED THE RICH HERITAGE THAT MAKES UP THE TRADITION WHICH WE ENJOY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAS CAUSED THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED.

*James S. Avery*  
GRAND BASILEUS

*Walter "Crow" Riddick*  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

In Memoriam

Walter "Crow" Riddick

That magic number of 1,000 was reached about the time that Brother Walter "Crow" Riddick entered Omega Chapter, July 23, 1977. Out of respect for his inspirational leadership and outstanding success, the 58th Grand Conclave mandated that Life Membership Number 1,000 be retired as a perpetual memorial to Chairman Emeritus Walter "Crow" Riddick. At each successive Grand Conclave a Life Membership Fellowship Breakfast or Luncheon will be held. This year a luncheon will be held Thursday, August 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Empire Room.

Life Member No. 2



Judge H. Carl Moultrie  
National Executive Secretary  
Emeritus

Reactivated Program



James S. Avery  
Grand Basileus 1970-73

Membership Chairman



Clarence E. Lightner

Chairman Emeritus



Walter Riddick