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MESSAGE FROM THE OLMF CHAIRMAN



Dear Brothers and Supporters,

Welcome to the Omega Life Membership Foundation Journal. Please take an opportunity to review some of the great work the Foundation has undertaken. We continue to find ways to grow the organization, by way of individual donations and managing our investments.

We have a strong portfolio and the exciting opportunity to continue to grow the corpus. Please feel free to contact the Board of Directors, and inquire about any programs and projects we are supporting. We are interested in suggestions that will allow us to better serve our membership.

We are excited about our newly revamped and interactive website (www.olmf.org), which will allow our members to donate to the Foundation, apply for grants, and find other information associated with the Foundation.

We have applied for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) designation for the first time in the history of the Foundation. This will allow the Foundation to receive donations from many different entities, now and in the future.

You are encouraged to join us for our Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO on August 1, 2013. Registration and more information can be found on the Foundation website.

We have given over \$225,250 in scholarships, mentorship programs, talent hunt, licensing fees, and undergraduate activities, and chapter support this past year.

We do encourage you to make tax deductible donations to Omega Life Membership Foundation, as a way for us to continue our grant gifts. Our most valuable asset is you the member, and we thank you for your continued support.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as OLMF Chairman and thankful for the efforts and commitment of our board members and the trust granted to us. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ricky L. Lewis

Brother Ricky L. Lewis

Chairman of the Board

Omega Life Membership Foundation

From the desk of the Public Relations Chairman



Greetings Brothers,

What a busy time it's been for 2013 already! As we begin the 2013 Regional Meetings, I'm pleased to provide you a brief glimpse of various activities of the Omega Life Membership Foundation during 2012.


The purpose of *The Life Members Journal* (also known as "The Journal" among OLMF) is to be an additional informational resource for members of the Foundation. The publication is distributed annually, in April. Brothers may access The Journal electronically by visiting www.olmf.org and clicking on "News & Events."

On behalf of the Technology Committee, we invite you to review all the functionality of the Foundation's website. One of the primary objectives of the Foundation is to promote what the organization does and make access to information easier for our members and donors.

Should you have any questions or suggestions about The Journal, please contact Brother Boykin at thelifemembersjournal@gmail.com or 919-607-4998.




Fraternally,
Michael A. Boykin
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"To grow, preserve, and prudently manage financial resources for education, leadership development and charitable programs."

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2012 Life Membership Corporate Meeting Highlights

Life Membership report from OLMF Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN July 7, 2012.

Life Members by Region as of February 15, 2013:

Region 1	53
Region 2	1,040
Region 3	556
Region 4	106
Region 5	198
Region 6	537
Region 7	1,121
Region 8	150
Region 9	619
Region 10	389
Region 11	94
Region 12	295

The last Life Member number issued as of March 6, 2013 - "6818."

For the last OLMF fiscal year, 243 brothers became new Life Members. Last year we received over \$222,800 from the Fraternity. For the current fiscal year, we have received \$175,000 (two more months remain in this fiscal year).

New officers for the Omega Life Membership Foundation Board:

Ricky L. Lewis, Chairman--Director At-Large
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- OLMF funds are managed by Brother Harry K. Ratliff, Vice President at Merrill Lynch.
- The total investment portfolio of OLMF is approximately \$3.2 million dollars. The return on investment (ROI) in 2012 was 10.7 percent.

- OLMF received an unqualified opinion for the audit that was performed by the accounting firm of Thomas and Reed, LLC. The Foundation is compliant with IRS regulations.
- Over \$225,250 in scholarships, mentorship programs, talent hunt, licensing fees, and undergraduate activities provided.
- OLMF granted scholarships to the four Undergraduate members of the Supreme Council at \$40,000 per year (\$10,000 each).
- OLMF provided \$50,000 in mentorship grants in 2012 for Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs).
- A \$3,000 grant was issued to the Steve Harvey Mentoring Foundation in 2012.
- A \$3,000 grant was issued to the Clarence Lightner Achievers Program in 2012.
- The final installment of \$125,000 was provided to Howard University in 2012. This completes the \$250,000 grant to Howard University that was pledged during the 2011 Centennial Celebration.
- Emergency funds were provided to families in the 2nd and 9th regions that experienced damage due to Hurricanes Sandy and Isaac.
- A new interactive OLMF website was developed to make transactions, philanthropic giving, and access to information more user-friendly.

Submitted by,

Ricky Lewis

Brother Ricky L. Lewis
Chairman, Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.
Director At-Large, 2010 - 2013

OLMF 2013 Regional Meetings

Region	Director	Date/Time	Location
I	Vaughn M. Willis	May 19, 2013 Sunday 8:00am	Hotel Hartford 315 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103
II	Marvin C. Dillard	May 3, 2013 Friday 12:00pm	Adam's Mark Buffalo 120 Church Street Buffalo, NY 14202
III	Robert W. Fairchild	April 20, 2013 Saturday 7:00am	Marriott Richmond Hotel 500 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219
IV	Wendell C. Boyce	April 12, 2013 Friday 12:30pm	The Millennium Hotel 150 West 5th Street Cincinnati, OH 45202
V	Gene D. Settles	April 5, 2013 Saturday 7:00am	Knoxville Marriott 501 East Hill Avenue Knoxville, TN 37915
VI	James A. Gaither	April 26, 2013 Friday 11:30am	Sheraton Raleigh Hotel 421 South Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27601
VII	Edgar A. Mathis, Sr.	April 6, 2013 Saturday 9:30am	Hotel Tampa 211 North Tampa Street Tampa, FL 33602
VIII	Kenneth R. Patterson	April 13, 2013 Saturday 2:00pm	Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa 1000 Woodward Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87102
IX	Charles C. Stewart	March 29, 2013 Saturday 5:00pm	Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel 103 France Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802
X	Michael B. Carrauthers	April 20, 2013 Saturday 7:00am	Hyatt Lisle near Naperville 1400 Corporate Drive Lisle, IL 60532
XI	Hubert A. Chipman	July 31- Aug 4, 2013	Westin Crown Center Kansas City, MO 64108
XII	Lymus D. Capehart	May 17, 2013 Friday 6:00pm	Hilton Sacramento Arden West 2200 Harvard Street Sacramento, CA 95815



Pictured above (left to right) are Brother Larry Brown, OLMF Secretary; Brother Ricky Lewis, OLMF Chairman; Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, President of Howard University; Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus; Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, 35th Grand Basileus; and Brother Kelly Shannon, Grand Keeper of Finance.

OLMF completes final installment of Howard University \$250,000 grant

Washington, DC - On September 21, 2012, in conjunction with the Fraternity, the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. presented \$125,000 to Howard University President, Dr. Sidney A Ribeau. This was the final installment of the \$250,000 grant awarded to Howard University during the Centennial Conclave.

The grant was in honor of Dr. Ernest E. Just, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, and Professor Frank Coleman for their great efforts to the Fraternity and their impact on the world.

OLMF Chairman Ricky Lewis, OLMF Secretary Larry Brown, 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray, 35th Grand Basileus Dr. Dorsey C. Miller and Grand Keeper of Finance W. Kelly Shannon were on hand to meet with Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, Howard University President in order to make the presentation.



(Left to right) Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, Troy A. Stovell, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Howard University, and Larry A. Brown, Secretary, OLMF at Howard University on July 28, 2011.



“Community meets Talent” at the 66th International Talent Hunt Demonstration

-by Brother Mark C. Shaw

Minneapolis, MN - Although “Community Meets Character” was the theme for the 78th Grand Conclave in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Twin City community also had the pleasure to meet Talent at the 66th International Talent Hunt Demonstration which was held on Sunday, July 8, 2012 at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. Twelve talented students representing the twelve Districts of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in this year’s International Talent Hunt Demonstration.

Participating students were: Janae L. Brown of New Haven, CT, 1st District (vocal solo); Jessica Liu of Bethesda, MD, 2nd District (piano solo); Julia Braxton of Waterford, VA, 3rd District (vocal solo); Hayden C. Jackson of Springfield, OH, 4th District (piano solo); Dakari E. S. Kelly of Chattanooga, TN, 5th District (instrumental solo); Naomi Causdy of Columbia, SC, 6th District (piano solo); Dalron J. Robertson of Jackson, MS, 7th District (piano solo); Dominique S. Young of Kansas City, MO, 8th District (dance); BerThaddeus M. P. Bailey of Tulsa, OK, 9th District (oratory); Moshe’ Benson of Clio, MI, 10th District (piano solo); Bria Taylor of Los Angeles, CA, 12th District (dance) and Nyia Patton of Osan, Korea 13th District (vocal solo).

There were four corporate sponsors for the 66th International Talent Hunt Demonstration: The Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. (\$12,000.00 in Scholarships); Delmar Power, Inc.- A PHI Company (funded printing for Talent Hunt programs); Mr. Kevin Henry and family of McDonalds Corporation (provided participants with lunch during a tour of Minneapolis); and Palmetto Security Services, LLC (Brother Brian Boulware, Owner) provided the reception following the program. A special plaque was presented to Delmarva Power, Inc. of Newark, DE for its printing sponsorship over that last several years on the national and local level. A special thank you was extended to the members of the Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. who served as hostesses for the Talent Hunt Demonstration.

Brother Ricky L. Lewis presented the awards. Each participant in the Talent Hunt Demonstration received a plaque, a medallion and a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 courtesy of the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. Brother Ernest R. Goode Co-Chairman of the International Talent Hunt Committee served as the emcee for this event. Brother Larry Pough Chairman of the ITHC made remarks for the event.

The Omega Life Membership Foundation provides \$25,000 sponsorship for the 2013 International Undergraduate Summit

Atlanta, GA - Second Vice Grand Basileus Tony Q. Cobb, Jr. hosted the 2013 International Undergraduate Summit (IUS) January 25-27, 2013 in Atlanta, GA. Over 535 brothers registered for the summit, making it one of the most attended summits in recent history.

In addition to the success of record attendance, the summit had a number of corporate sponsors to make it a financial success for the Fraternity. Corporate sponsors included Nationwide Insurance, General Electric (G.E.) and the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. OLMF provided a grant in the amount of \$25,000

for the 2013 Undergraduate Summit. Brother Ricky Lewis presented the check to Brother John Howard, Finance Manager of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (lower right photo).

In addition to the IUS sponsorship, Brother Lewis presented Second Vice Grand Basileus Tony Cobb, Jr., Undergrad Reps Donnel Jones, William M. Matthews, and Leon Spencer (not pictured below) OLMF Leadership Grants in the amount of \$2,500 each. Undergraduate Leadership Grants are approved by the Board of Directors.



Pictured left to right-Brothers Lewis, Cobb, Jones, and Matthews. Brother Spencer was not available.





OLMF invests in Omega brothers to change the world

When it comes to investing in the future, the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. (OLMF), continues to provide scholarship awards for those Omega brothers that display significant intellectual excellence and academic accomplishments.

Often times, we read about the plight of young African-American men, suffering insurmountable odds or we read about circumstances that might lead them to make decisions that are detrimental to a long successful career or profession.

The Omega Life Membership Foundation, in coordination with the International Scholarship Commission, has been a longtime supporter of undergraduate and graduate scholars of the Fraternity. Over \$125,000 in scholarships were provided by OLMF in 2012.

OLMF is committed to help improve the graduation rate among young men in the Fraternity and that support begins with rewarding scholars for their continued dedication to their studies. The ultimate goal is to have the scholarship recipients give back to the community and others once they achieve success in their chosen profession.

International Scholar of the Year (\$10,000 Award)

Nathan Jester - 2nd District - U.S. Naval Academy

District Scholar of the Year (\$6,500 Award each)

Bertany Jean-Louis - 1st District - Sacred Heart University

Nathan Jester - 2nd District - U.S. Naval Academy

Donnell Gaston - 4th District - Xavier University

Tony Coley, Jr. - 6th District - Elizabeth City State University

Brandon Johnson - 7th District - Miles College

Johnny Johnson, Jr. - 9th District - Louisiana State University

Milton Grays - 10th District - Central Michigan University

MacAndrew Clarke - 13th District - Carleton University

Founders' Memorial Scholarship - Undergraduate (\$5,000 Award each)

Eboese Ayewoh - 2nd District - Cheyney University

Travis Sabb - 6th District - Wofford College

Velemseniwenkosi Shabangu - 13th District - Birmingham City University

Founders' Memorial Scholarship - Graduate (\$5,000 Award)

Ron Osborne-Williams - 2nd District - Widener University

Ronald E. McNair Scientific Achievement Scholarship (\$7,500 Award)

Christopher Ricks - 2nd District - U.S. Naval Academy

Herman S. Dreer Leadership Scholarship (\$5,000 Award)

Braxton Jackson - 6th District - North Carolina State University

George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000 Award)

Michael Jules - 12th District - California State University, Long Beach

Undergraduate Scholarship Grant (\$5,000 Award)

Mashama Binns - 13th District - Birmingham City University

Graduate Scholarship Grant (\$5,000 Award)

Jeremy Whidbee - 6th District - Campbell University



Dallas, TX - The goal of The Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend is to break the misguided traits of manhood and introduce role models who provide positive examples of manhood.

“The Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend for Young Men” is a four-day, three-night interactive program designed to share and teach the principles of manhood to young men between the ages of 13-18, who live in a single, female-head of household. This program helps these young men realize their potential and helps them to envision and prepare for a future where they are strong, responsible and productive men.

Since 2009 thousands of applications have been received for consideration and 300 teenage boys (100 boys per year) have participated in the Dallas mentoring weekend.

In 2011 “The Steve Harvey Regional Mentoring Programs” were launched in Los Angeles, New York , New Orleans and Atlanta. They were created in direct response to the pleas from parents & community leaders nationwide to help bring change to boys in their communities. This two-day experience introduces our core Dallas program to 100 young men in each city.

As part of the community outreach strategy, the Omega Life Membership Foundation Board of Directors awarded a \$3,000.00 grant to the Steve Harvey Foundation for its work in changing the lives of young men in the community.

OLMF supports the 2012 Clarence Lightner YMCA Achievers Program

Raleigh, NC - On November 13, 2012, the Research Triangle celebrated one of its most noted leaders, former Mayor Brother Clarence E. Lightner (Former OLMF Chairman), by honoring more than 100 teen leaders. The event was held at the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel.

The Omega Life Membership Foundation, The Sixth District, and the Iota Iota Chapter were among the corporate sponsors for the event. The annual banquet benefits Clarence E. Lightner YMCA Achievers, a leadership development program for area middle and high school students.

In July 2010, the YMCA of the Triangle Y Achievers Program and the Clarence E. Lightner Youth Leadership Foundation joined forces to improve the futures of teens in the Triangle region. The Lightner Foundation was established to provide leadership development programs aimed at making a positive impact on youth throughout the Triangle region.

The foundation also paid tribute to the life of Brother Clarence E. Lightner, the first and to date only African American mayor of Raleigh, NC by continuing his positive community efforts. Black Achievers, the parent program of the Y Achievers Program, was founded in 1971 at the Harlem YMCA. Its purpose was to help teens develop a positive sense of self and to set high education and career goals.

The keynote speaker for the event was former YMCA of the Triangle Area (YOTA) swimmer and 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist Charlie Houchin.



Brother Clarence E. Lightner
(1921 - 2002)







Foundation, Inc. July 2012



Mark your calendar for the 2013 OLMF Annual Meeting

The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center
One East Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108
816-474-4400



Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.

Annual Corporate Meeting Details

August 1, 2013

The Omega Life Membership Foundation, Incorporated Annual Meeting and Memorial Luncheon will be held at the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, One East Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108, (816) 474-4400, (www.westincrowncenterkansascity.com).

The negotiated room rate is \$129 per night. This is the same hotel and room rate as the Fraternity.

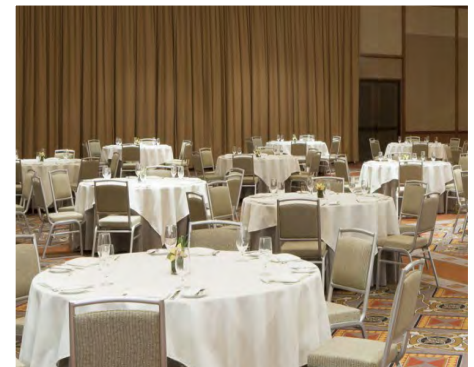
The registration fee for the luncheon is \$60. Registration information can be found on the website at www.olmf.org. Registration information will also be sent by Brother Larry Brown via email. ***There will be no on-site registration for the luncheon.***

Life Members may register for the corporate meeting and/or the OLMF luncheon. In order to vote on any matters/elections during the 2013 Annual Corporate Meeting, Life Members must be registered with Brother Larry Brown, OLMF Secretary.

Please see the following schedule for the 2013 Omega Life Membership Foundation Meeting:

July 30, 2013	Tuesday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
July 31, 2013	Wednesday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2013	Thursday	9:00 am - 11:45 am	Annual Corporate Meeting
		12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Annual OLMF Luncheon
		3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting

Make plans to attend, we look forward to seeing you in Kansas City, MO.



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