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Honorable Warren G Lee, Jr. 38th Grand Basileus



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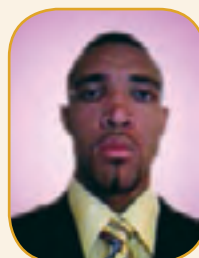
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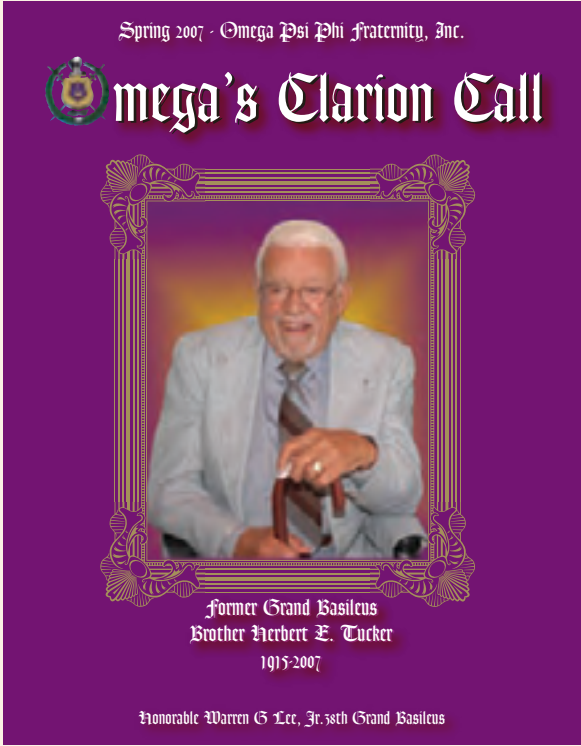
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## Warren G. Lee Jr. 38th Grand Basileus

**T**hank you for reading the inaugural edition of Omega's Clarion Call. This publication was created as a table-top resource for the Brotherhood to discover what chapters and members across Omega's footprint are doing to make a difference in the communities we serve. The Clarion Call, as its name suggest, is an appeal for people to do something worth recognition.

As 38th Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., I am asking one-and-all to rebuke mediocrity and to pursue greatness. This quarterly publication will highlight the "best practices" of chapters, and draw attention to the outstanding feats of talented individuals in our ranks. We hope this magazine will give the reader inspiration, motivation and a sense of pride.

Omega's Clarion Call will highlight the core of our foundation, our "Cardinal Principles." Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift shall lead Omega to the gates of greatness, but it is the work for which each of you do in the name of Omega, that makes her truly great.

Let the steadfast leadership of each chapter be the light that guides Omega and the spark that ignites the fire in each of our

lamps. That fire "shall burn for an eternity" through our services and through accomplishments as an organization and as individuals.

In our pursuit of greatness, it is imperative that we capture our steps as we move towards the stars. These steps epitomize who we are and what we represent. Omega's Clarion Call will serve as a historical doctrine for both the Brotherhood of now, and the Brotherhood of the future.

As Brother Colonel Charles Young made his journey from Wilberforce to D.C., he left his footprint in the sand, now it's time for you to leave yours. Let our greatness now be our future legacy. Omega's Clarion Call is calling your name. Are you ready to answer?

Fraternally,

Warren G. Lee Jr.,  
38 Grand Basileus

## Omega's Clarion Call

From The Desk Of The Managing Editor:  
Brother Troy Moore

### Omega's Clarion Call Editorial Board Policies

Omega's Clarion Call is one of three official publications of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Like its predecessor, this publication is charged with providing a quality magazine which is representative of the high standards of the organization and contains substantive and informative materials for its readers.

### Editorial Board Policies And Procedures

All chapter articles must be submitted directly to the District Director of Public Relations before the deadline dates. This will allow for editing by the District Director of Public Relations prior to submission to the International Editor. **All articles will be submitted by the DDPR's by email only to [clarioncall@oppf.org](mailto:clarioncall@oppf.org).** A maximum of three articles per chapter will be allowed per publication / edition.

All articles must be reviewed for grammatical perfection, correct spelling, and proper tense and syntax. They must also be reviewed for acceptable composition and form, relevance and journalistic style. The articles should address who, what, when, where, and how. They should not exceed one page and they should be single spaced only. Photos should have captions which will properly identify the persons and the event **or they will not be used.**

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Omega's Clarion Call is the new name given to a publication concept the Fraternity has come to know and appreciate for many decades. Why the name change to Omega's Clarion Call? The name has had a rich history throughout the ages.

Wikipedia provides its purest definition. The online encyclopedia defines Clarion Call as, "a powerful request for action or an irresistible mandate. It derives from the cloud of a clarion, a medieval trumpet. It is frequently used in a religious context, and is the name of several Christian groups. It is also used in a political context, in that a politician issues a challenge for action from the public. In literature, it is a point in the plot where a character receives clear justification or incentive for his or her actions in the future of the plot."

The most famous example of a Clarion Call is when Joshua blew his horn to warn the nation of Israel that an account would have to be given for their actions just as Moses returned from the Mount with the Ten Commandments in hand. A challenge from Moses was subsequently given to the nation of Israel for the righteous to unashamedly identify themselves and come to GOD's side. The rest of the story is classic.

Bringing the clarion call philosophy to Omega is the vision of 38<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus, Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr. Brother Lee is issuing a challenge to the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to give an account of what we have done to show that we have kept the promises that were made at the moment we crossed the burning sands of Omega. He is also challenging all Brothers to show how they are making a difference in the lives of Black people.





## IN MEMORY OF BROTHER HERBERT E. TUCKER, 23<sup>RD</sup> GRAND BASILEUS

Brother Herbert E. Tucker Jr., who went from digging ditches to earn money for college to serving as the Fraternity's 23rd Grand Basileus, peacefully entered Omega Chapter on March 1, 2007. Brother Tucker died of respiratory failure in Martha's Vineyard Hospital. He was 91 years old. He will be remembered as a legendary and groundbreaking jurist, tireless civil rights champion and as a true and loyal son of Omega. "Brother Tucker was unquestionably one of the most outstanding of Omega men to ever lead our illustrious Fraternity," said Bro. James S. Avery Sr., the Fraternity's 28th Grand Basileus. "He was a true model of what our Founders desired when they founded our organization."

Born in Boston in 1915, Brother Tucker was the fourth of six children. His mother passed away when he was 11 years old. His father lugged bags at a local train station and arranged for Brother Tucker to perform that line of work as well. However, Tucker wanted more and raised money for college and for his family by digging ditches for the Federal Works Progress Administration, working as a mail handler at a post office and later becoming a deputy collector for the Internal Revenue Service.

In 1935, Brother Tucker was initiated into the Fraternity through Gamma Chapter. Upon graduating from Northeastern University School of Law, he was admitted to the bar in 1947. In 1952, Brother Tucker and Antonio Cardozo founded what they believed was the first black law firm in the state of Massachusetts. He and Mary Hill of Philadelphia married in 1937. The couple had two daughters, Gwendolyn and Gretchen. Beginning in 1950, Brother Tucker held offices with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, serving as president of the Boston branch from 1956 to 1960. Before that, he was the Fraternity's First District Representative, serving members in New England. In 1949, he was elected the Fraternity's second Grand Counselor. It was a position he held until 1953, when he was elected First Vice Grand Basileus. At the 41st Grand Conclave in 1955, Brother John F. Potts, who was the Fraternity's Grand Basileus at the time, placed Brother Tucker's name in nomination for Grand Basileus. He was elected to three terms as Grand Basileus without opposition. No other Grand Basileus had served that many times.

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ongoing civil rights struggle. The Fraternity approved numerous resolutions deploring mob violence and racial discrimination as well as support for the student "sit-in" demonstrations against lunch counter and restaurant discrimination. The Fraternity's Life-Membership program was launched during his tenure and the final payment was made on the national headquarters in Washington DC. The Fraternity purchased a second life membership in the NAACP and more than \$30,000 was contributed to the group by chapters who also obtained life memberships.

Brother Avery, who served as Grand Basileus from 1970-1973, said he met Brother Tucker in 1956 and was immediately impressed with the forthright way he dealt with the issues faced in leading the Fraternity. "He made sure Omega was on the front line of racial concern in America," Brother Avery said. "In fact, my emphasis on the critical issues of poverty, housing, education and health when I was Grand Basileus was greatly influenced by the many conversations I had with Brother Tucker," said Brother Avery. "I have the highest respect for him because he was a man of great integrity who gave you his thoughts with candid sincerity," he said.

Brother Tucker later became involved in politics, working on the U.S. Senate and presidential campaigns of John F. Kennedy. Brother Tucker and his wife attended one of JFK's inaugural balls in 1961. Later that year, Kennedy picked Brother Tucker to be an assistant attorney general in Massachusetts. Kennedy also appointed him to be his personal representative, with the rank of ambassador, to the Republic of Gabon in Africa.

Brother Tucker's career as a jurist began in 1973, when he was appointed special justice in the Dorchester District Court. He later became an associate justice in that court and in 1980 became the presiding justice of the Edgartown District Court, where he remained until his retirement in 1985.

He joined the Aleppo Shriners and was the Worshipful Master of Mt. Zion No. 15, Prince Hall in Dorchester. He was also a lecturer at several universities, including Boston College, Boston University, Northeastern University and Harvard College. In addition to his wife and daughters, Brother Tucker leaves a granddaughter, a grandson, and two great-grandsons. "Brother Tucker honored us with his brilliant mind and his unwavering dedication to the purposes of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.," Avery said. "It was our blessing to know him and respect him as a leader, a Brother and a friend."



## House Of Representative Majority Whip, Brother James Clyburn

*By Brother Glenn Rice*

Growing up in the segregated South, Brother James Clyburn had to overcome a number of tangible barriers and succeeded when others did not think he could. As a youth in South Carolina, a customer at his mother's beauty shop took him to task for saying that he had dreamed of one day going into government and politics. It was unthinkable for a black child during that time to have such a thought.

As a student at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, Brother Clyburn associated himself with the civil rights movement on campus. He was later jailed as the result of his involvement.

Brother Clyburn initially ran for office in 1970, running for the South Carolina legislature. He recalled going to bed on election night being a 500-vote winner and later waking to find that he was actually a 500-vote loser. A number of decades passed and at least three attempts were made before the former schoolteacher was finally elected by South Carolina voters as the first African American from South Carolina to be elected to Congress since Reconstruction in 1992 election.

When Democrats regained control of both houses of Congress, they unanimously elected Brother Clyburn Majority Whip, which is the third highest leadership post in the House of Representatives. At the age of 66, Brother Clyburn became the second African-American to reach that post after former Representative, William Gray of Pennsylvania.

Along the way, Brother Clyburn served as co-president of his House freshman class in 1992. Six years later, he was elected chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and garnered a seat on the important house Appropriations Committee. In 2002, he was

elected in a three-way race to serve as vice chair of House Democratic Caucus.

Brother Clyburn's ascent to Majority Whip was part of an emerging political power being realized by African-Americans in Congress. At least four African-American lawmakers serve as committee chairs in the House of Representatives and oversee several important subcommittees.



“This was a job that I am very prepared to do,” he said. “To reach this level you have to have a great deal of perseverance, which is something all Omega men know about.” It's Clyburn's job to maintain party unity and deliver votes on key issues. As tough and political as that job is; Clyburn said he is up for the task.

He helped garner Republican support on a number of Democratic sponsored resolutions including implementing the recommendations from 9/11 Commission, increasing the federal minimum wage and funding research for ethanol and other alternative fuels. “Our goal is to make sure legislation has sustainability and ensure it has no negative impact on our community,” Brother Clyburn said. “Whatever it does, legislation needs to be inclusive to the needs of the communities that we represent.”

Brother Clyburn opposes Bush's plan to send additional U.S. troops to Iraq. “No war has taken a greater toll on America than the war in Iraq and it is all about oil,” he said. “This nation's continued dependence on foreign oil is the driving our interest in the Middle East.”

Brother Clyburn was initiated into Omega by way of Mu Alpha Chapter in 1967. As an active and financial member of Omicron Phi Chapter in Columbia, Brother Clyburn supports Grand Basileus, Brother Warren G. Lee's, dream that the Fraternity should continue to seek to make a difference in the lives of African-Americans.



## The Essential Role of the Keeper of Records and Seal

By: Brother Charles A. Bruce

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal  
2006 – 2008

When Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. decide to take up the challenge of leadership in the organization, the initial step is to identify a compatible elected position. The Keeper of Records and Seal position at the Chapter, District and Grand Officer level has not been the first choice of many such aspirants. I encourage all of you to consider why that may or may not be true. My desire is not so much for the consideration, but that perhaps after giving that consideration, many more of you reading this article may decide that the KRS position is actually the position upon which you might decide to launch your leadership career.

The KRS position, at any level of our Fraternity, is not the principle or primary leadership position and it is certainly not the glamour spot in the organization. If we liken the Fraternity to a football team, the KRS is not the quarterback. A much closer comparison can be drawn between the KRS and the holder for the field goal kicker. Please keep in mind that no holder has ever won a Heisman Trophy or been selected as MVP in a Super Bowl football game to date.

How essential is that holder (KRS) on the team? First, the holder must be prepared for the snap from center. The ball can come to the holder high, low, slow, fast and sometimes, off target. The kicker, the coach, the rest of the team and certainly the fans expect nothing less than the holder's best effort to make the proper adjustments when the kick is in play.

The paperwork that documents the essential business of the Fraternity, financial transactions, membership applications, correspondence, Meeting Minutes and forms to be sent to IHQ are all very much like the snap from center. They can come to the KRS in every manner imaginable and the KRS is expected to handle it. By the way, in regard to Meeting Minutes, no document exists that is more essential to maintaining a historical record in relation to what business did or did not happen within any given Fraternity meeting.

The efficiency and ultimate success of the Fraternity is directly related to the effectiveness of the KRS. The job is demanding. It can also be rewarding. The KRS position provides a perfect platform for a Brother to rise in the organization. Failure to perform in this role can be a death knell to his aspirations if the KRS is not regularly and routinely fulfilling his responsibilities. The Fraternity also has a responsibility to elect Brothers to the KRS position who present themselves at the right fit for the job.



Being your current Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, this article may seem a bit self-serving. It is certainly not self-serving in regard to any personal or future ambition of mine. Brothers, I am the Grand Holder for the field goal kicker on this Omega team. I must admit to you that I sometimes experience difficulty in managing the snaps from center that sail way over my head.

This does not mean that we need to go to the bench for a new Grand KRS. The KRS, on all levels of the Fraternity, need your help to be successful. The Brotherhood must support the KRS in every way possible. Here are a number of ways in which the KRS can be helped:

1. Each Chapter Basileus must insist that his Chapter members comply with the Rules and Procedures of the Fraternity in regard to dues submission and providing all required information in a timely manner.
2. District Representatives must provide, encourage and fund KRS training sessions throughout their geographic areas of responsibility. This includes funding for DKRS attendance at Workshops provided by the International Office.
3. Incumbent KRS and DKRS Brothers must rigorously conform to the requirements of our transactional procedures, due dates, use of proper forms and systems, etc.
4. Brothers must stick to the business of Omega at our formal meetings at the Chapter, District and Grand Conclave level.

The entity that is ultimately best served is our beloved Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. I believe we can take the KRS positions in our organization up a notch if we work together as a team with a focused snap from the center to the holder.

Long Live Omega Psi Phi!!



## 2007 International Undergraduate Summit

The 2007 International Undergraduate Summit began on Friday morning January 26<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel. It began with the introduction of the former and current International Undergraduate Leadership in the Fraternity, Brother Dylan Bess (38<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus and Brother Adimuiyawa Bamiduro (37<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus) were acknowledge Being that the summit is an International event, it was originally modeled after large meetings such as the Leadership Conference and Grand Conclave. Formal introductions were indeed in order.

The three Undergraduate Representatives presided at the beginning of the meeting and proceeded with the planned agenda while the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Brian S. Gundy, attended the Supreme Council on that Friday morning. The meeting began with the Restoring Bridges Session which included interactive dialogue with former Grand Basileus, Brother Dorsey Miller and the current Grand Basileus, Brother Warren G. Lee Jr. along with the Undergraduate Body. Both served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus at one point in time in the Fraternity's history. The goal of the session was to assist undergraduate Brothers in the Fraternity to come to grips with the reality that one day, the collegiate life would conclude and the professional life would begin as a graduated Brother. It can be difficult, sometimes, to imagine Grand Basili as Undergraduates; however, younger Brothers must keep in mind that these Grand officers were once Undergraduates.

At the conclusion of this Undergraduate Summit, the 39<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Brian S. Gundy, joined the undergraduates for informal discussions. He shared with the Brothers that the Supreme Council had passed an amendment to the current criteria for eligibility for initiation: 1½ years of college completed, 36 hours (12+12+12). Once informed, the Undergraduate Brothers rose to there feet in a standing ovation of support for the amendment, as this was initially an issue of great concern to Undergraduate Brothers.

Brother Gundy also discussed the proposal of the Supreme Council to revert to the Lampados Club, as opposed to the current Membership Selection Process. The proposal and its implementation are to be considered by the Fraternity at the upcoming 2008 Grand Conclave. A power-point presentation was subsequently provided in hopes of conveying to the Undergraduate Brothers to KEEP GOD FIRST IN OMEGA!

Brother Gundy's rationale for the presentation focused on keeping GOD first in all that we do. As the day continued, sessions for Protocol, Health (Issues that affect Black Men) and Liability were held.

At the conclusion of the day, the Undergraduate Brothers were directed to transport themselves over to the International Headquarters to experience the Omega John Williams Museum sponsored by the City of Raleigh in conjunction with their petition for the 2010 Grand Conclave. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Carl Blunt and IHQ Undergraduate Development Officer, Lewis Anderson are primarily responsible for making this concept a reality. Undergraduate Brothers were able to tour IHQ in rooms designated for the Museum containing Col Young artifacts, a picture of all former Grand Basili, and Fraternity memorabilia. All attending Undergraduate Brothers were able to take pictures with Grand Basili as well as receive autographs from historic fraternal figures in person. The City of Raleigh Conventions Bureau also held a seminar on Col. Charles Young of which was held in the Auditorium of IHQ. The first annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus Reception was subsequently held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel.



The Summit reconvened at 9 am on Saturday morning. Sessions were also held on Membership by Brother Keith Neal, Chapter Operations and on Chapter Advisors by Brother Curtis Baylor and Brother Russell Leday. The final session of the Summit was an intimate look at the Fraternity's history and ritualistic information conducted by Grand Chaplain, Brother Farrell Duncombe and IHQ Undergraduate Development Officer, Brother Lewis Anderson. Brothers not only had an opportunity to see pictures of charter lines from the past of different Undergraduate Chapters of which they were now a part of, but to also learn protocol.

The 2007 International Undergraduate Summit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. was a complete success. Record-breaking registration numbers were met with at least 507 free pre-registrants and over 600 Brothers in attendance. Brother Gundy continues to stress to all Undergraduate Brothers that there must be a change in the way Undergraduate Brothers think and act if they are to carry out the founder's vision today and into the future. Being accountable and equipping one's self with the necessary tools to lead Omega into the future remains paramount.



# Ω Omega's Clarion Call



**Brother Troy Moore**

**Managing Editor of Omega's Clarion Call**

I greet you with fraternal appreciation of the commitment to the Fraternity that I have seen in the articles submitted from chapters from around the world. I am humbled by the diversity and complexity of our Brotherhood. We are truly a multi-faceted organization with unlimited talent and means.

At this time, a formal introduction is at hand. I am Troy Moore, Managing Editor of Omega's Clarion Call.

I was born and raised in Shreveport, LA and I am the youngest of six sons. I attended Fair Park High School where I initially developed an interest in writing and enjoyed my first shot at being published thanks to a very influential English teacher. That same English teacher convinced me to spend my entire senior year as part of a Sunday morning radio program for high school students in Caddo Parish. This radio program was featured on a local radio station in Shreveport, LA named KOKA. I later graduated from Fair Park High School in 1981.



I attended Northeast Louisiana University from 1981 to 1985. I served a number of years as a Senator on the Student Government Association. I also auditioned for and was selected as part of the coveted "Prep Staff" (Freshmen Student Orientation Staff) and "NLU 31" (Alumni Service Organization). Selection of both was based on faculty recommendation, grades, student body input and three days of intense faculty and Dean of Student Affairs interviews. At least 300 hundred apply for both. Only 15 are selected for Prep Staff and only 31 are selected for NLU 31 (31 most popular students on campus). Prep Staff and NLU 31 shaped the foundation of my writing life.

My writing skills were fully realized with Prep Staff. I wrote skits, short dramas and songs. I was part of a virtual "Saturday Night Live" writing team. I also enjoyed acting and singing in those skits and short dramas. I once planned to pursue a semi-professional acting career, but now limit my acting to church dramas.

NLU 31 introduced me to wealthy and capable alumni who taught me the value of power marketing and public relations skills. This included technical writing and hands on communication with the local media in Monroe, LA, the student population and the general public.

I crossed the burning sands of Omega on May 18, 1984 by way of Mu Tau Chapter and was #6 on the line, "Eight is Enough."

Although my line Brothers called me "Cha Mo," my line name is "Top Dog." I was also part of Mu Lambda Chapter on campus. I have a Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in English Literature and Technical Writing.

I moved to the Dallas, TX area in 1985 and joined Theta Alpha Chapter in 1996. I have served at least two terms as Chapter Editor. Over a four-year period, I received two District Scrapbook awards as well as one National Scrapbook award. My most prized accomplishment in this position was my monthly newsletter, "Theta Alpha Monthly." It served as a model for the 9<sup>th</sup>

District newsletter which continues to get better each year. I have also written submissions on behalf of Theta Alpha Chapter for a number of District award candidates all of which have been successful. Those awards include Ninth District Chapter of the year, Omega Man of the Year (twice), Citizen of the Year and District Service Award.

On the International level, I have served under two Grand Basilei as an assistant International photographer. I have also been a contributing feature writer to the Oracle.

My professional background has been in the insurance claims industry for over 20 years. I have worked in management and as a marketer to risk management companies. I continue to perform in these roles. I have also simultaneously owned a successful business, TM & DM, Inc., dba Williams Chicken, a franchised fast food restaurant.

I am a recently divorced single parent of two children, Lauren and Candis. Both live with me and are the joy of my life.





## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Leadership Conference

Downtown Marriott Hotel  
1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
July 12 - 15, 2007

**Warren G. Lee, Jr. - 38<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus**

**“Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership. Leadership Today, Tomorrow, and Forever.”**

### MESSAGE FROM THE 38TH GRAND BASILEUS

**Warren G. Lee, Jr.**

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and I thank you for your interest in our 2007 Leadership Conference. As you probably know, this years Leadership Conference includes an array of special guests and presenters. These participants were selected especially to address the theme for this year, **“Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership. Leadership Today, Tomorrow and Forever”**.

Omega enjoys a rich history of Leadership, so it is only natural that we offer such an impressive roster of presenters. The speakers include, Astronaut Maj. Gen Charles F. Bolden, USMC (Ret) will be joined by former New Jersey Attorney General, Peter Harvey, to speak on what it takes to be a leader, while Richmond Va. Mayor, and former Governor of Virginia, L. Douglas Wilder, and USCG Adm. Manson K. Brown have also made arrangements to attend.

If that isn't exciting enough, the “break out” sessions will include presenters such as Chicago Bears Super Bowl Champion Defensive Back, Dave Duerson, former All CIAA Basketball player Bleu Colquitt, Dr. Col. Charles Christopher, Dr. Ruben C. Warren, Rev. Farrell J. Duncombe and many others.

These types of Leadership Conferences have been a hallmark of Omegas commitment to the communities we serve, which is evidenced by the some of our recent projects:

- Partnering with the University of South Carolina to construct a two-million dollar dormitory on campus.
- Building up to 75 affordable homes in Ensley Alabama.
- Sponsoring a Celebrity Golf Tournament and Health Symposium/Faire in Jacksonville Fl.
- Opening and supporting the 2500 square foot Omega-Williams African American Museum in Decatur Ga.
- Funding a research project at the International Theological Center in Atlanta GA. The theme, "Crisis Facing the Black Male."
- Sponsoring a Leadership Summit for male undergraduates in Atlanta Ga.
- Co-Sponsoring the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament in Raleigh, NC.

A golf tournament and some special Friday night entertainment is planned to "round out" the weekend. We encourage your cooperation, partnership and sponsorship so that we may continue our good work.

Please contact our International Headquarters for 501 (c)3 Tax Deductible contributions.

Thank you and see you there.

Warren G. Lee, Jr.  
38th Grand Basileus  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.





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Hosted by Mu Omega Chapter, Philadelphia, PA.

Alan W. Junius, Basileus

**2007 Omega Psi Phi Leadership Conference**

Welcome,

The Omega Psi Phi 2007 Leadership Conference is being sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, in cooperation with the Omega Development Corporation, and Mu Omega Chapter of Philadelphia. It is only fitting that the "City of Brotherly Love" is the backdrop for this years Leadership Conference. Al Junius, the local chapter Basileus has put together a very strong team to make sure that everyone will be taken care of in true "brotherly" fashion, while in Philly.

A tremendous agenda "loaded" with speakers, who have made their mark in history, will be joined with other successful presenters to provide information and "Uplift" to those in attendance. Also a varied and entertaining package is available for the wives/sweethearts and other family members who wont be attending the sessions.

Since the Omega Leadership Conference is being held concurrently with the famous King "Tut" exhibit and the Philadelphia "Greek Weekend", there will not be a "dull moment" for those that want to experience the city and surrounding area's during the extended weekend. Additionally included in this year's planning is a Thursday afternoon golf tournament and special Friday night entertainment. All are encouraged to participate in the various activities that will be held throughout the city both day and night on Saturday.

On behalf of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Omega Development Corporation, I want to thank Al Junius and the members of Mu Omega Chapter for hosting the 2007 Leadership Conference. To all of our corporate sponsors, individual contributors, speakers, presenters and all of the Omegas in attendance, a hearty "Thank You" goes out to you also. It is because of your loyalty and support that we continue to "Make a Difference".

Yours in Friendship and Fraternity,

Carl A. Blunt  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.  
1st Vice Grand Basileus  
2007 Conference Chairman





# Omega Salutes Its Sons in the United States Military

**The United States military was one of the first sectors of American society where equality of the races was found to be in the country's best interest. African-American men and women have had an undeniable influence in the military for many years and currently hold one third of all positions. Omega has contributed profoundly to this undeniable influence. Omega's Clarion Call salutes the Brothers of Omega who have served with honor and distinction.**

*“Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters, U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on earth which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States.”*

**-Frederick Douglass**





**Black Men Can Fly  
The Story Of Brother George S. Lima**

Brother George S. Lima's story spans 86 years from New England to Harlem, NY to the Deep South. He has faced poverty, prejudice, adversity and ignorance. Through it all, he has maintained a love for life with dignity and undying perseverance. Brother Lima became an aviator and Tuskegee Airman when it was thought that Black men couldn't fly.

Brother Lima is the CEO and President of the **BlackAir Foundation** which is a newly formed **501C3 non-profit organization**, incorporated in the state of Rhode Island, that is dedicated to empowering minority youth through education and training. His remarkable experiences as a Tuskegee Airmen recently came to the attention of the public in the documentary ***Black Men Can Fly***. Building on this theme, flight symbolizes a youth's opportunity to advance socially and economically. "Air is more than just the space around us, but the medium or media through which we communicate." said Brother Lima.

He wants it to be known that not just Black men, but "Black kids can fly," too! The thrust

of the BlackAir Foundation is to empower minority youth. As such, the vision for the Foundation includes training opportunities for youth in the fields of aviation, radio, television and filmmaking.

The mission of BlackAir Foundation is to create a consortium of organizations and individuals committed to developing education and training activities in Black and minority communities. The Foundation also seeks to improve communication within the Black and other minority communities.

BlackAir Foundation's goals and objectives are to:

- -Introduce Black and minority children to aviation
- -Introduce Black and minority children to filmmaking, radio and television production
- -Disseminate Mental Health information to Black and minority families, in particular parents

To meet these goals, BlackAir Foundation has developed the following programming:

**\*Lambert/Lima Flying Squadron**—introduces youth to aviation as a career choice, and involves rides in a Diamond Star 4-passenger airplane.

**\*Filmmaking**—expose youth to the methods used to create documentaries. Some assignments will involve family members. This program has the potential to position Blacks and minorities at the forefront of the film industry developing in Rhode Island.

**\*Radio and Television**—provides youth orientation to the methods of the industry; family members will also be involved in specific projects.



**Ret. Col., Brother John Henry Smith**  
*By Jeffrey T. Smith*

**Denver, CO-** Ret. Col., Brother John Henry Smith is an Omega man imbued with the desire to serve humanity and his country as an officer in the United States Air Force. Smith has done extraordinary things to help the several communities he has called home.

Brother Smith's service to Omega began in February of 1951, when he was initiated into the Fraternity through Lambda Epsilon Chapter. Smith served as president on a pledge line of 13 and received direction and guidance from Past Grand Basileus, Brotther Burnel Coulon who a then member of the of Lambda Epsilon Chapter.

Brother Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, spoke at Smith's initiation ceremony. Brother Smith recalled fondly of the activities on Tuskegee's campus during the early 1950's and in particular the day of May 18, 1953 which served as a milestone that would form his life for next 50 years. He graduated from college that day and also became a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. The day ended with the wedding ceremony to his college sweetheart, Mildred. Their union has continued more than 50 years. The couple has four grown children and three grandchildren.

He has traveled extensively as an Air Force officer. Those assignments included stints at Elgin AFB (Florida), Elmendorf AFB (Alaska), Sheppard AFB (Texas), Lackland AFB (Texas), LockbourneAFB(Ohio), ClarkAFB(Philippines) and the Republic of Vietnam.

During his stay at each station, he continued his

education receiving several degrees throughout his career. Brother Smith attended night and Saturday school to complete each degree and worked around the clock in an effort to support and care for his family.

He distinguished himself many times as a passionate advocate for men and women requiring financial assistance and guidance. In addition to his demanding military assignments, Brother Smith served on credit union boards at three Air Force installations to include Elmendorf, Lockbourne, and Lackland. He serve as chairman at Lackland.

Brother Smith retired in December of 1978 as director of management and budget for the Air Force Logistic Command (AFLC). He received numerous awards and honors for his military and community service contributions.

He currently lives in Denver and remains an active member of Chi Phi Chapter. He has received the Chapter's Omega Man of the Year, Superior Service, and Founders' awards. The Chapter also selected Brother Smith as its Citizen of the Year for his work on numerous projects that supported the less fortunate.

He served 12 years as board president of the Northeast Denver Housing Center, a non-profit organization that provides affordable housing to low-income families.

As an 11-year active member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Smith has served as president of the Hubert L. 'Hooks' Jones Chapter. Smith is a member of the Tuskgee Airmen national board of directors and scholarship foundation. The group gave Smith the Norris Parrish Award, its highest award.

Brother Smith has lived a life of service worthy of emulation by others. The four cardinal principles



are evident in his military career, community service, and more than 50 years of faithfulness to his wife and family. He is just one of several Omega military men who have exemplified the words of friendship, fraternity, fidelity, and freedom.

**Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter a Military Chapter Celebrating Twenty Years and Rich in Omega's Tradition**

**Fort Bragg, NC**-In May of 1985, Brother Gale Matthew Collins, Basileus Emeritus, committed himself to the undertakings of establishing a graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. This Chapter was Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter (TGG).

Brother Collins was assisted by Brother Major Milton J. Cross. Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter has a very unique history that came into being as a result of Brothers who shared the same high ideals and aspirations. Brothers who strived to make things better for mankind and above all whose lives were deeply entrenched in the four cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

On October 2, 1986 an application was submitted to the Supreme Council to obtain Chapter status. Chartered members are Gale M. Collins, Milton J. Cross, James T. Curry, Darryl Bennett, Ronald W. Adams, Herbert N. Charity, Webster M. Fisher, Ronald K. Gillard, Floyd E. Hudson, Jr. Robert L. Manning, Keith M. Owens, Wilber A. Parker, Darrell A. Todd, Herbert L. Townes, Roy Tucker, Jr., and Darren A. Young.

The Chapter was chartered by the Supreme Council on December 6, 1987. Upon receiving the charter, the Chapter immediately began to set the example for others to follow. On Saturday

evening February 20, 1988 the Mass was unfolded at 2000 hours in the Main Officers' and Civilians Club, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Dedication of the Chapter Charter Ceremonies was conducted by the Sixth District Representative, Brother William H. Hoffer. Brother C. Tyrone Gilmore, First Vice Grand Basileus delivered the keynote address for the new chartered three Greek letter graduate chapter Tau Gamma Gamma (TGG), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

We celebrate the history of our Chapter each year during Achievement Week. The chapter is celebrating its 20th year now.

**The Home of the Air Borne Ques**

The Brothers in this Chapter are Commissioned Officers, Commissioned Warrant Officers, Noncommissioned Officers and Civilians. They are on call for the world and the nation and can be deployed at a moments notice. The Chapter is known throughout the world as the Home of the Airborne Ques!

The Brother who displays excellence in leadership in the Fraternity and military is awarded the Colonel (Brother) Charles Young Military Leadership Award yearly and can compete at the District and International level for this award. The award was recommended by TGG Chapter to the Sixth District and International level and was approved at the Grand Conclave in Saint Louis, 2004. Brothers can also be awarded four other major Fraternity awards which are Omega Man of the Year, Founders Award, Superior Service Award and Citizens of the Year.

The Chapter competes yearly for the Graduate Chapter of the Year (GCOTY) Award at the Sixth District and International levels. The Chapter was named the GGOTY for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 2004. The Chapter was honored and blessed



with the GCOTY Award in 2006, 2005, 2004 and 1997 for the Sixth District. The Chapter also was awarded the first ever Social Action Chapter of the Year Award in 2005 and 2006 for the Sixth District. It was awarded one of two of the first Reclamation Chapter of the Year Awards in 2006 for the Sixth District. The Chapter's first Graduate Omega Man of the Year for the Sixth District was Brother Conrado B. Morgan, 2005. Lastly, the Chapter also established its first Scholarship Endowment account in 2006 to honor Brothers of the past, present and future. A large donation was made to the Scholarship Endowment Account in honor of Brother Herbert L. Townes in March of 2006.

Long Live Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and may the light of Omega continue to shine on Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter. Please visit our web page at [www.airbonesques.com](http://www.airbonesques.com)



**In Praise of Brother LV Tucker, Jr.**  
*By Brother Glen Mathews*

**Bolingbrook, IL**-Brother Tucker joined the Air Force in June of 1985 and served three and a half years on active duty stationed at Scott AFB, in Illinois as a surgical assistant for the Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat) Physicians. In 1989 LV joined the Air force reserves and cross-trained in the position of cardiopulmonary technician. Brother Tucker's Deployments/Activations:

\* Activated for 6 months (January 91 to June 91) in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm to back fill at Scott AFB in the Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) clinic and work in surgery

with the ENT Physicians.

- \* Activated for 6 months (December 01 to July 02) to Lackland AFB San Antonio TX for the reinforcement of deployed active duty members in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Assigned to the respiratory therapy department and intensive care units.
- \* Deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from February 03 to September 03 where each day Bro. Tucker was subject to the threat of chemical and biological weapons attack. Deployment was also to combat zones in the following countries: Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Bahrain. During this deployment Bro. Tucker was a member of a Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT), which transported injured U.S. soldiers and coalition soldiers via air transport from field hospitals to in theater medical facilities more definitive medical care including surgeries, could be provided.
- \* Brother LV Tucker, Jr. retired from the 932<sup>nd</sup> Medical Squadron Scott AFB, IL in July of 2006 with honors after twenty one years of courageous service under four Commander-in-Chiefs, to our country and coalition forces.

Brother LV Tucker, Jr., M.S., CCC- SLP/L is currently member of Mu Xi Chapter, a Certified Speech Language Pathologist and President of Omega Therapy Services in Bolingbrook, IL.

Bro. Tucker's Awards/Recognitions:

1. National Defense Service Medal
  2. Air Force Longevity Award
  3. Outstanding Unit Award
  4. AF Good Conduct Metal
  5. Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter
- Glenn Mathews Tenth District Representative



**Pi Omega Chapter Men in #555 Parachute Infantry Association, Inc.**  
*By Brother John Scott*

**Baltimore, MD-**In 1943, the United States was involved in World War II and the military was rigidly segregated. Requests were made and approved to give the Black soldier an opportunity to qualify for such specialty units as the paratroopers. Twenty screened volunteers were selected to undergo the training and became known as the test platoon. Sixteen completed the training and received the silver wings of a paratrooper. They also became the nucleus of the 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion, which became known as the Triple Nickels. Soon after, Black soldiers throughout the Army volunteered to be trained as paratroopers and were assigned to the 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman issued a presidential proclamation directing the Armed Forces to integrate their personnel. In December of 1947, the 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion was deactivated and assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. After this, the Black paratrooper could receive an assignment into other integrated airborne units.

In 1978, the men who served in the 555<sup>th</sup> met in Washington D.C. to organize a reunion of former members of the organization. They established a constitution and became incorporated as the 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Association. It was decided that all who qualified as military paratroopers be eligible for membership. Presently, there is a national office with 26 chapters across the United States made up of former military paratroopers. A national conference is held in various locations across the country each year.

A Chapter in Baltimore of 18 ex-paratroopers includes Brother John Scott of Pi Omega Chapter who served for 2 years in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne

Division in the 1950's and Brother Darren Parnell, also of Pi Omega Chapter. The Baltimore Chapter participates annually in various veteran activities, has awarded scholarships to high school graduates enrolled in JROTC programs, and contributes annually to the Afro-American Newspaper's Mrs. Santa Program.

The story of the Triple Nickels is a newly told chapter in military and black social history. Without a doubt, the courage and competency of these members paved the way for the integrated military and civilian societies that all Americans enjoy today. The 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Association, Inc. was formed as a vehicle designed to pay homage to those paratroopers who preceded us to maintain their memory by doing good works for the society in which we live.



*Brother Col. Timothy Lamb and wife  
Congratulated by Alpha Lambda Lambda  
Chapter Brothers*

**Omega's Son takes Command of the United States Army Medical Material Agency at Ft Detriect, MD.  
22 September 2006**

**Ft Detriect, MD-** Brother (Colonel) Timothy Lamb (Pi Gamma 80) took command of the



United States Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) located at Ft. Detrick, Maryland. USAMMA serves as the Army Medical Department's strategic level organization whose mission is to enhance military readiness by providing medical materiel life cycle management and logistics solutions to the warfighter across the full spectrum of healthcare missions worldwide.

Colonel Lamb's distinguished career began in 1994 where he was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Air Assault Division, Ft Campbell, Ky., as a medical platoon leader. His assignments included Deputy Chief of Staff for logistics, Pentagon, Washington DC and Commander, 32<sup>nd</sup> Medical Logistics Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC. Brother COL Lamb was last assigned as the Chief of Staff, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade (Germany) and as Deputy Commander, TF 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brother Lamb is married to his wife Janet Marie and they have two children, Jordan and Jarrett. Brother Lamb comes from very humble beginnings and his humble beginnings keep him humble. Congratulations to one of Omega's sons for following the path of many other distinguished military men of this Fraternity, Brother (Colonel) Timothy Lamb.

**Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter**

**Saluting New Colonels**

*By Brother Michael H. Smith*

Ft. Mead, MD- Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, the home of The Capital Region Ques, is proud to recognize those Brothers who faithfully serve their country in the United States military. Initially chartered as a military based chapter in 1998, LGG Chapter incorporated a new strategy and shifted its membership focus from the primary membership of military Brothers to that of young

and disassociated Omega men between the ages of 25 and 50. LGG Chapter is most fortunate to have on its Chapter roster six new Colonels who are all on the most recent selection board. The current Chapter Basileus, Brother Angelo Riddick, was on the ACC Information Operations list. Brother Stanley King was on the Institutional Support list. Brothers Lawrence McRae, Florentino Lopez Carter (Scholarship Chair) and Brother Anthony Reyes are on the Operations list. Brother Robert Palmer was recently promoted to Colonel, in the United States Air Force.

Brother Riddick (XE Chapter '82) was commissioned at Marion Military Institute and completed his 4 year degree at Albany State College in Georgia. After serving his initial service in the Infantry, he moved to the Army's Transportation Corps. In 2000, Brother Riddick was selected to serve in the Information Operations Career field. He currently serves as a Professor of Systems Management (Military Faculty) at the National Defense University.

Brother King (Nu Psi Chapter '83) was commissioned at Virginia State University and completed all levels of Field Artillery Officers training before being assigned to various Field Artillery units. He was selected to serve in the Human Resources Management career field after being selected to both Major and Lieutenant Colonel, below the zone (ahead of his contemporaries). Brother King currently serves as a Human Resources Manager in Rosslyn, Virginia which is a short drive from the Pentagon in Northern Virginia.

Brother Florentino Carter (Alpha Sigma Chapter '81) was commissioned through the senior ROTC program at Ft. Valley State College. As an Armor/Calvary Officer, he served in various levels of command culminating as a Calvary



Squadron Commander in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Brother Carter was wounded in the war before returning to serve in a coveted staff position at the Pentagon. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice in Iraq. Brother Lawrence McRae (Phi Xi Chapter '85) initially enlisted in the Army National Guard while a student at Tuskegee Institute. After completion of Basic and Advance Individual Training, Brother McRae served four years as a Military Policemen. After his commissioned ended, he returned to active duty upon graduation into the Air Defense Artillery and has held various assignments at the Divisional level. Brother McRae transitioned to the Army's Acquisition Corps in 1992. In 2003, he served as the Product Manger for the Sentinel (AN/MPQ-64) Radar System. He is currently the Deputy for Ballistic Missile Defense Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition Technology and Logistics.

Brother Anthony Reyes (GE Chapter '82) was commissioned at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) through the ROTC program. As a Field Artillery Officer he commanded Howitzer Batteries in both the 2nd and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiments. After commanding the Garrison at Fort Monmouth, Brother Reyes was selected to be a War College Fellow with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. He now serves as the Chief of the Army Diversity Office at Headquarters Department of the Army.

Brother Palmer (Pi Rho Chapter '87) earned his Air Force commission at North Carolina Central University. Brother Palmer is the most diverse Finance/Comptroller officer in the United States Air Force having served as an Auditor, Budget/Acquisition Officer, Cost Analyst, and a 3-time Chief Financial Officer of various Headquarters and/or Squadron units. Brother Palmer currently serves as a Deputy Director, Financial Management and Comptroller, National Guard Bureau, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland,

managing over \$7.5 billion in Air Guard assets. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter takes pride in recognizing the outstanding achievements of the active duty Colonels in the various branches of the United States Armed Forces. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter also has a number of active duty and retired senior officers as evidenced in the partial list below.

**Retired Colonels:**

- Eugene Dacus, Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Gamma Sigma/73
- Chauncey D. Dockins, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), Sigma Tau/78
- Andre Debose, Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.), Gamma Epsilon/78
- Edward L. Pressley, Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Mu Xi/85
- Willie Williams, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), Gamma Epsilon/81
- James W. Whitehead, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), Pi Gamma/75
- Moses Whitehurst, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), Nu Gamma Gamma/92

With a chapter roster of more than 150 members, LGG is home to over 30 active duty and retired junior officers (Majors, Captains, Lieutenants). LGG Brothers, military and non-military, are striving to meet the "Omega Call of Duty".

**Major leads Omega By Example**

As an Active Duty Engineer Officer in the U. S. Army, Major Daniel B. Jones Sr., has received the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with One Oak-leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with two Oak-leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon.

It is this skill-set and leadership ability that





impressed the 38<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus, Brother Warren G. Lee Jr., to appoint Brother Jones to the position of Chairman of the International Community and Civic Affairs Committee.

The Committee selects the Omega Man of the Year and a Citizen of the Year and Undergraduate and Graduate Chapters of the Year. The Committee also prepares a high school achievement activity and establishes a National Achievement Week Program.

Brother Jones is the Immediate Past Basileus of Zeta Omega Chapter in Cleveland, OH. The Chapter is the oldest and largest chapter in Ohio and West Virginia. Brother Jones has served on all Chapter committees. Additionally, he is the Advisor to Psi Gamma Chapter, Kent State University. Brother Jones is a life member (#4400) of the Fraternity and the second largest contributor to the housing development project for Zeta Omega Chapter. Brother Jones is also an active member of the Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Council.

Along with 60-year-member, Brother George Purefoy, Brother Jones designed a granite monument in honor of Brother Colonel Charles Young. The statue is located at 44<sup>th</sup> and Prospect Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. Jones initiated fundraising and grant-writing efforts, while providing oversight to the monument's installation.

Brother Jones wrote a grant to help under-served children achieve their personal goals. The grant provided resources for the youth to receive speech communication courses, etiquette training and also provided their debut at Zeta Omega's Achievement Week celebration.

Brother Jones has served as the Northeast Ohio assistant area representative and special advisor to the Fourth District Representative. He served on the District Ring ad hoc Committee and

recently was appointed to serve as the Fourth District Assistant Keeper of Finance and District Budget Committee. Brother Jones has served as Northern West Virginia Area Representative, where he was instrumental in reactivating membership in that area.

Through Zeta Omega's Reclamation and Retention Program, Brother Jones directed the return of 48 members to Omega's roll.

The Major is the Executive Officer and Operations Officer at Kent State University (Army ROTC). He has served in a variety of command and staff positions. Also, Major Jones served as Aid De-Camp for West Virginia Governor, Cecil Harland Underwood. Major Jones was selected for promotion to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel in December 2004.



**Brother Kenneth L. Hale  
Receives NAACP Military Award Xi Alpha  
Chapter**

**Charleston, WV-**Brother Air Guard Major Kenneth L. Hale received the Roy L. Wilkins Renown Service Award from the NAACP on July 18 2006 at the group's 31st Annual Armed



Services and Veterans Affairs Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Brother Hale was the only Air Guard member to receive the award for 2006. He represented West Virginia's 2,300 Air Guard members and more than 105,000 airmen nationwide. The award recognizes distinguished military members who have contributed to military equal opportunity policies and programs.

"This was a mountaintop experience for me, but once you've gotten the spiritual revelation you understand that there is still plenty of work to do and a long road to haul," Brother Hale said. "But I look forward to those challenges."

Brother Major Hale serves as the Labor Relations and State Equal Employment Manager for the National Guard. He provides advice to Adjutant General Allen Tackett on matters relating to diversity, workplace training, and the military-civilian collective bargaining agreement.

Brother Hale's work in the community is what inspired Brig. Gen. Terry Butler, commander of the state's Air Guard, to nominate Hale for the award. "Kenny is involved in many things that make a real difference in his community," Butler said. "He's coached little league football for more than 20 years, he volunteers as an assistant basketball coach at a local middle school, he works with the Black Ministerial Alliance on social issues and the list goes on and on."

Family is also important to Brother Hale. He is the father of seven children. Brother Hale credits his work ethic and desire to make a difference in the world to his late father, Edward. "He is most definitely the reason I've done the things I've done," Hale said. "I'm happy to carry on the torch so that others may have the same chances for success that I've had."

Edward Hale was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of dedicated young black men

who enlisted at a time when many thought black men lacked the skill and intelligence to be military aviators. History debunked this myth, and men like Hale's father became known as pioneers in the fight for freedom – against the Axis powers overseas and against racism and prejudice at home.

According to Brother Hale, the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen were trail blazers in the fight for equal rights in the military and true African-American patriots. "It makes me very proud to know that I stand on the shoulders of those who've gone before me," he said.

Brother Hale is among a distinguished group of military members to receive the Wilkins award



**Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter Talent Hunt**

**Fort Bragg, NC-Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter (Military Chapter), Sixth District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity** hosted the 2007 Talent Hunt Program at E. E. Smith High School on February 11, 2007. There were seven students representing three different high schools. Performances included singing, poetry reading and musical instrumentals. Brother Ronald



Peterson, Talent Hunt Committee Chairman, Sixth District, was in attendance with several other Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter's Brothers.

The Fort Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was in attendance and responsible for recruiting three of the performers. Brother Patrick J. Torian, Talent Hunt Committee Chairman, and Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter did an outstanding job. The Committee is to be commended for its work on this mandated project. The first place winner was Ms. Chatilla Lewis, Senior, E.E. Smith High School singing, "They All Laughed." Please visit our web site at [www.airborneques.com](http://www.airborneques.com) for more photos other community services.  
<http://airborneques.com>

**Omega Brother Training Iraqi Army**  
*By Brothers Scott Watson & Derrick Vines*

**Beta Phi Chapter, Durham, NC** – One of the key components of the U.S. strategy in Iraq is equipping the Iraqi Army to stabilize the new government and the country. Brother Lieutenant Colonel Curtis Inman of Beta Phi Chapter is currently engaged in this task. Brother Inman, who received his 25-year lapel pin in 2006, is the Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 32nd Regiment of the 108<sup>th</sup> Division Army Reserve, a unit which provides combat training for reserve and active duty soldiers. Brother Inman's unit is presently deployed in Iraq.

Brother Inman, a native of Goldsboro, NC, attended Elizabeth City State University where he lettered in football and tennis and received a B.S. degree from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He also lettered in football and was an ROTC graduate. He was

commissioned an Ordinance Officer in 1983 and later served two tours of duty in Korea, in addition to stints at Fort Dix (NJ) and Fort Ord (CA). During his distinguished Army career he has been awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Achievement Medal. This graduate of the Command and General Staff Officer College and Defense Strategy Course, is a man of duty and honor whose interest is in the well-being of those under his command.

Brother Inman proved his mettle as the sole survivor of the "Infamous" line at Appalachian State University in the Spring of 1981, being the first "Lamp" pledged by undergraduate Omegas on the campus. He is known for his brotherly affection, positive and upbeat personality and loyalty. He is a true friend to all.

Brother Inman has been a faithful and stalwart Omega Man since he "crossed the burning sands." "Curt E," as he is known by brothers in his undergraduate chapter, Psi Mu, is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi, having been active with Lambda Xi Chapter in Korea, Omicron Nu Chapter in Seaside, CA, Beta Kappa Kappa Chapter in High Point, NC and, most recently, Beta Phi Chapter in Durham, NC. In 2006, Beta Phi Chapter made Brother Inman the recipient of the Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award for his outstanding dedication to country and Fraternity while deployed.

Brother Inman is married to the former Jeannette Jones. She is member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and a graduate of North Carolina Central University in Durham. We pray for Brother Inman's safe return from his present tour of duty and we honor his sacrifice for our country and for the people of Iraq.



**Donate for the Soldier's Community**

*By Brother Troy T. Collins.*

**Fort Hood, TX-** On Saturday, June 3, 2006, the Men of Omicron Pi Chapter discovered an innovative approach to assist with the shortage of blood throughout the Central Texas Area during its Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. Countless months, weeks and days were sacrificed in order to collect more than 353 Units of blood this year. Committee Chairman, Brother Joseph Graham was able to coordinate a coalition of supporters from the Robertson Blood Center and Scott & White Hospital Blood Center. This was the first joint blood drive in the Killeen, Temple and Copperas Cove Area. The blood drive was a three phase initiative that unfolded superbly as family members, fellow soldiers, citizens, and many Omega Men gathered at one of many locations to donate to one of God's greatest gifts, "LIFE."

The goal was to collect blood to support Soldiers fighting in the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq/Afghanistan, and patients that live here in the community. The Central Texas Community has been the backbone for many Soldiers that provide tireless support to the nation's calling. Brother Graham stated, "This was a great accomplishment for our community. Our health service professionals displayed a wealth of knowledge in order to conduct an event of this magnitude. This was probably one of the greatest blood drives in the State of Texas. I know that Dr. Drew would be proud of how our great community came together under one canvas-for one life."



**Rear Admiral Manson K. Brown  
Commander, Maintenance & Logistics  
Command Pacific**

*By Robert L. Woodson*

Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Manson K. Brown assumed command of Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific in June 2006. A native of Washington, DC, he graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1978 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Rear Admiral Brown holds a Masters of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a Masters of Science degree in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a registered professional civil engineer.

His previous tours of duty include Assistant Engineering Officer in USCGC GLACIER, Project Engineer at Civil Engineering Unit Miami, Deputy Group Commander at Coast Guard Group Mayport, Engineering Assignment Officer in the Officer Personnel Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Facilities Engineer at Support Center Alameda, and Assistant Chief, Civil Engineering Division at Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific. Rear Admiral Brown's previous commands include Commander, Coast Guard Sector



Honolulu and Commander, Coast Guard Group Charleston. From 1999 to 2002, he served as the Military Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (DOT), including duty as the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for six months after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In May 2003, he served as the Chief of Officer Personnel Management at the Coast Guard Personnel Command. From April to July 2004, he was temporarily assigned as the Senior Advisor for Transportation to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq. Working in a combat zone, he oversaw restoration of Iraq's major transportation systems, including two major ports. His military decorations include the U.S. Transportation Secretary's Gold Medal, Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Transportation 9-11 Medal, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal and several other personal and unit awards. In 1994, Rear Admiral Brown was honored as the first recipient of the Coast Guard's Captain John G. Witherspoon Award for Inspirational Leadership.

Rear Admiral Brown is married to the former Herminia Banez of Berkeley, California, and has three grown sons, Justin, Robert, and Matthew. Following in his father's footsteps as a social and charitable activist, Rear Admiral Brown is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the first black Fraternal Organization to be founded at a Historically Black College. He was initiated into Omega, September, 1983, Sigma Iota Chapter Oakland, California. In 1990, he was honored as Sigma Alpha Chapter's Omega Man of the Year. He is also a member of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) and has served on its Board of Directors for most of the last 15 years, currently as the Immediate Past National President. NNOA promotes

diversity in the officer corps of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps. He is also a member of the Coast Guard Academy Board of Trustees.



**Brother Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Griffin Retires**

**Stuttgart, Germany** – On Thursday, 6 April 2006, Brother Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan N. Griffin retired from the United States Army after 24 years of loyal and outstanding service at the Swabin Event Center, Patch Barracks.

Brother Lieutenant Colonel Griffin is a native of Lancaster, South Carolina and after matriculation through the South Carolina school systems, was commissioned as an officer of Infantry May 1983. He has served in numerous Command and Staff positions including: Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Training Officer, Battalion Assistant S3, Battalion S1, Company Commander, Small Group Instructor (SGI), Program Manager, Force XXI Digitization (Infantry Digitized Soldier), Tactics and Doctrine writer, Battalion S3 and Executive Officer, Joint and Army Exercise Planner, Aide De Camp, and Deliberate and Joint Strategic Planner.

LTC Griffin's military schooling includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses;



Airborne, Ranger and Pathfinder Courses; CAS3 and Army Supply and Staff Officers Course; Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Course, Air load Planners Course, Command and General Staff, College, and the Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Officers and Peace Operations Courses.

His Awards include Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award), NATO Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Airborne Badge, Ranger Tab and Pathfinder Badge.

Brother Griffin and his wife Sharron have two sons, Jonathan II and Jordan. Their initial plans are to retire in Europe and continue employment with the United States Government and continue their work in Missionary and Pastoral Ministry. Brother Griffin is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., initiated in Epsilon Epsilon Chapter Nov 81 and is currently the Basileus of Theta Rho Chapter in Western Germany and the newly elected 13<sup>th</sup> District Representative.

**13<sup>th</sup> District Representative Speaks**

Greetings, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, he who has a name above all names and can do all but fail. It is with a glad heart and humble spirit that I as the new District Representative address the Brothers of Omega and outline my vision for the Thirteenth District. The Thirteenth District is a broad District that extends from Bermuda to Puerto Rico across the Caribbean,

to Hawaii, Korea and Japan in the Pacific, to the Nations that comprise Europe, Asia, Asia Minor, Africa, and the Middle East. At any given time, a man of Omega is serving in one of the areas, regions, and continents previously mentioned. I am proud of the service rendered by the Brothers of the 13<sup>th</sup> District.

It is my vision for the 13<sup>th</sup> District to be progressive and advance as the Fraternity advances. We hope to accomplish the following goals and objectives:

1. **Charter Two Undergraduate Chapters.** One in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the other at the University of Hawaii.

2. **Establish Three Graduate Chapters.** Two in Africa (Nigeria and Ghana) and one in Caribbean or Pacific (Jamaica/Guam)

3. **Reactivate the Graduate Chapter in Liberia.**

4. **Establish "Omega Africa Project.** Establish an Omega Africa Project. This will be a comprehensive program that will include the construction of churches, schools, medical centers and Skill/Technical Institutions. I have appointed Brother Kevin Warthon as the District Chairman based on his vast experience and contacts within Africa. I encourage and solicit support from the Districts and the Brotherhood.

5. **Other Programs.** Develop programs that provide focus and highlight the efforts of all Chapters in the District to show the District's relevance:

a. Compete to host a Leadership Conference in 2009.



- b. Sponsor an International Day or International Venue at the Conclave or Leadership Conference.
- c. Host at least two Supreme Council Meetings in the District
- d. Coordinate a Video Teleconference and Video Cast of select events during Leadership Conference and Conclave to our brothers deployed overseas.

While many of these goals and objectives require more research and planning prior to full implementation, I ask the Brotherhood to embrace the spirit of each goal with an open mind.

I would like to send out our sincere congratulations to Brother Cliff Miner, our immediate Past District Representative for his outstanding service. Additionally, we would like to congratulate the new District Officers, whom we will highlight in our next issue of the Oracle.

Sincerely,

Jonathan N. Griffin  
13<sup>th</sup> District Representative

**Omega Psi Phi Promotes  
Community Service**

*By Brother (MAJ) Willie J. Locke, III*

**Seoul, Korea-** The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter, Seoul, South Korea, held their annual Achievement Week/Scholarship Ball and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. The Keynote Speaker for the event was Brother (COL) LaWarren Patterson.

Celebrating accomplishments throughout the

fiscal year culminated with the recognition of those who demonstrated outstanding contribution, sustained support for the activities of the organization, outstanding citizens for extraordinary contributions to humanity. Also recognized were those who exhibit the highest ideal of Omega's Four Cardinal Principals: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. The Chapter recognized five outstanding individuals who exceed the criteria that were set before the selection committee. The honorees were as follows: Omega Man of the Year- Brother (MAJ) Marvin Chisolm; Superior Service Award- Brother (MAJ) Hector Sheppard; COL Charles Young Award- Brother (Major) Zebby Miles; Citizen of the Year Award- Brother Rick Clark; Founders Award- Brother (MAJ) Dallis Barnes.

From November 01, 2005 to October 31, 2006, the Chapter provided over \$20,000 in donations and monetary support to the local area communities. The Chapter provided \$10,000.00 in scholarships to students across the peninsula (Seoul American High School- Ms Elizabeth Chipps, Mr Avery Fields, and Mr Daniel O'Connor; Taegu American High School- Ms Katrina Nufable; Osan American High School- Ms Kortne Ussery). Furthermore, the Chapter provided the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at Daegu American High School \$1,800.00 to help promote mentorship, social enrichment, and posture them for success as they prepare for college. The Fraternity has also donated \$500.00 to Seoul American High School Women's Basketball Team in order to assist them with their upcoming trip to Japan.

Finally, the Chapter distributed over 5 Thanksgiving baskets across the peninsula. Two families received baskets within Area II Area IV. During the holiday season and



throughout the year, Lambda Xi Chapter will continue provide an outlet of support to the community in which we reside. We thank the entire community for their continued support in all of our endeavors in order for us to provide community.

### Africa Endeavor '06' Commencement Ceremony

**WONDERBOOM, South Africa** — Brig. Gen. M.S. Brazzoli, center, the acting chief of the South African National Defence Force's Command and Management Information Systems Division, presides over the Africa Endeavor 06 commencement ceremony here July 13, 2006, as South African Col. Lodewyk de Jager, left, and U.S. Army Lt. Col. Kevin Warthon, Exercise Director from USEUCOM ECJ6 prepares to welcome the participants.

Africa Endeavor 2006 is sponsored by the U.S. European Command. The South Africa National Defense Force is hosting the workshop.

Over the five day workshop, the nations will conduct effective and reliable interoperability testing and document the results of the tests. The outcome will be the proven and tested military communications standards for the African continent. Furthermore, the actual tests will lead to improved support of the African Union and its African Standby Force.

"Today our efforts are operationally focused," said LTC Warthon. "Africa

Endeavor is becoming a reality for the good of the African continent and a reality for the common good of mankind."

"We're part of the second largest military communications interoperability workshop in the world," Lt. Col. Kevin Warthon, Africa Endeavor workshop director, told the troops assembled on the parade ground. "This is a new beginning for our military communicators as together we develop the means to deliver greater security and peacekeeping support for the African continent and the world at large. And we will do this collectively and corporately."

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin W. Warthon enlisted in the Army in 1974. He was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Signal Corps in 1980. Over his career LTC Warthon has served in numerous technical and leadership assignments: LTC Warthon is currently chief of the Coalition Command, Control, and Communications Branch, Operations Division, Headquarters European Command Command, Control, Communications and Information Systems Warfighting Integration Directorate with a regional area of concentration in Africa.

He has completed degree programs in Biology and Theology from Henderson State University and Liberty University. He is married and has one daughter. He hails from Little Rock, Arkansas. Lieutenant Colonel entered Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc thru Xi Beta Chapter, Fall 1975- 9<sup>th</sup> District.







**2006 Achievement Week Observance: Mu Nu Recognizes Outstanding Achievers**

*By: Brother Troy K. Manigault*

Montgomery County, Maryland-Mu Nu Chapter hosted its 2006 Achievement Week Observance awards and dinner program on November 15, 2006 at the East County Community Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, with some 100 family, friends and supporters of the annual scholarship program in attendance. The Achievement Week Chairman, Brother Samuel Spann III (Zeta Zeta, 1979, University of South Carolina), organized another successful event which featured 26 student award recipients from 14 area high schools.

This year's featured speaker was Bro. Roy Priest (Eta Gamma, 1962, Central State University) who shared words of wisdom, praise for the students and their parents, and some fitting and humorous anecdotes and reflections. The Business Person of the Year honoree was Brother Knowlton Atterbeary (Sigma, 1967, Michigan State University), who was recognized for his leadership and philanthropy as the president and CEO of KRA Cor-

poration, a professional and technical services firm. The Citizen of the Year honoree was Councilwoman Valerie Irvin, who was recognized for her leadership and community activism. The program's attendee list included Rep. Albert R. Wynn, U.S. House of Representatives who not only presented the students with commendation letters, but also offered encouraging remarks to the students and acknowledged their academic excellence. Rep. Wynn recognized the Men of Omega for their commitment to youth scholarship and community uplift. Also in attendance were special guests Brother Kenneth Rodgers (Rho Mu, 1983, University of Arkansas-Monticello), DKRS – 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and Mu Nu Chapter's own, Bro. Milton D. Harrison (Nu Psi, 1975, Virginia State University), ADKRS – 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

The program included the awarding of the Chapter's 2006 achievement awards: Omega Man of the Year – Brother Eddie C. Black (Xi Psi Chapter, 1977, South Carolina State University); Founder's Award – Brother George B. Thomas Sr. (Xi Psi Chapter, 1950); the Maynard James Community Service Award – Brother B. Eugene Neal (Pi Chapter, 1967, Morgan State University); and the Superior Service Award – Brother Troy K. Manigault (Mu Nu Chapter, 1994, Montgomery County, MD). The program also included special acknowledgements and plaques from the outgoing Basileus, Brother Black, to key Brothers in his administration during his 2-year term as Mu Nu Chapter's leader. The program concluded with the traditional singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" followed by the "Omega Hymn."

Mu Nu Chapter was chartered May 23, 1970, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland.





**Brother Steven Cooper  
congratulates Brother Avery**

**Newark, N.J.** -Upsilon Phi Chapter presented eight awards as part of its Annual Achievement Week Awards Program conducted at New Jersey Institute of Technology on Saturday, December 9, 2006. Past Grand Basileus, Brother James Avery and District Representative, Brother Marvin Dillard were two of the 187 in attendance who heard keynote speaker, the Honorable Cory Booker, Mayor of Newark, NJ challenge those in attendance to become involved in community and public service.

The recipients for the year 2006 included: Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr, Citizen of the Year; The Schoor DePalma Community Foundation, Corporate Citizenship Award; The Education Opportunity Fund (EOF), the Uplift Award; Steven Browne, Student of the Year; Charlotte DeFilippo, Outstanding Public Service Award; Brother Charles Watts, Superior Service Award; Brother William H.L.Oliver, Basileus/Founders Award; and Brother Bruce D. Harman, Omega Man of the Year.

**2006 Kappa Omega Achievement  
Week Observance**

*Chapter Reporter: Brother Trent E. Roach*

**Harrisburg, PA-** Kappa Omega Chapter of Harrisburg, PA chose to observe Achievement Week in conjunction with Founders Day Weekend on November 17, 2006. The 95<sup>th</sup> year of our illustrious Fraternity reveals the strength of the Fraternity's Motto, "Friendship is Essential to the Soul." Under the direction of this year's Achievement Week Chairperson, Brother Dr. George H. Love, the Chapter enjoyed an event filled weekend. Recognizing the remarkable achievements of Omega Men and exceptional citizens of Harrisburg is the cornerstone of why men of Kappa Omega Chapter observe Achievement Week.

The Achievement Week Dinner held on Saturday November 18, 2006, embraced the Theme "Three Looks, One Focus: Family/Fraternity/Friendship. How can we as individuals make a difference in the lives of Black People?" Our Keynote Speaker, Brother Dr. Donald Clark presented a fitting analogy of the Four Cardinal Principles converging his thoughts upon Scholarship.

The Chapter recognized Mr. Halbert Leftridge as the Entrepreneur of the Year. Mr. Leftridge owned and operated a pharmacy and convenience store servicing the needs of Harrisburg citizens for over 48 years. He received his formal education from Harrisburg Public Schools and continued his education at Tuskegee Institute prior to his induction into the armed forces in 1941. The Citizen of the Year award was bestowed upon Mr. Calobe Jackson Jr. in recognition of many of his life accomplishments. Mr. Jackson served two terms on the Harrisburg School Board and was recently appointed to the Harrisburg School District Board of Control. Mr. Jackson's historical



knowledge, particularly about historical African-American athletes and citizens of Central Pennsylvania, makes him a unique source for historical information. The Student of the Year award was presented to Corey Black. Corey is a senior at Harrisburg Science and Technology High School and is ranked in the top 10 percent of his class. He plans to further his education at Howard University majoring in pre-medical studies.

Kappa Omega Chapter chose to honor Brother Kevin L Washington as its 2006 Omega Man of the Year. Brother Washington graduated third in his class from University City High School in Philadelphia, PA in 1995. He matriculated to Shippensburg University receiving his BS/BA degree in 2000. While attending college, Brother Washington served as captain of the football team. He continued his education at Shippensburg University and earned an MBA degree in Business Administration in 2005.

Brother Washington was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1999 and currently serves as the Chapter's Keeper of Records and Seal. He serves on the Membership Selection Committee and was the Chapter's representative at the International Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas. Brother Washington was also a delegate at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Conference in Philadelphia.

A special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Brother Jesse Rawls Sr. in recognition of his direct involvement in implementing a commemorative United States Postal Stamp honoring one of our beloved founders Brother Ernest E. Just. Brother Rawls was instrumental in obtaining the Chapter's club catering license, the last issued in Pennsylvania. Brother Rawls is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, a graduate of University of Michigan, a four time Col-

lege All America Wrestling Champion and an inductee into the State and NCAA Halls of Fame.

A special Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother Forrest Hunter for his steadfast dedication to the operation and performance of the Bingo enterprise and for his past service as the Chapter's Keeper of Finance.

On Sunday, November 19, 2006, the brothers of Kappa Omega chapter worshipped at St. Paul Episcopal Church. The Rev. Victor J. Thomas, Priest extended his worship services to allow the Men of Omega to present the respective plaques to this year's honorees. The Chapter's Basileus, Brother Arthur C. Dickinson, extended his compliments to the Achievement Week Chairman, Brother Dr. George H. Love and the committee members for another successful Achievement Week observance.

### Pi Omega Achievement Week Celebration



**Baltimore MD**– Pi Omega Chapter hosted its Annual Achievement Week and Founder's Day Observance on Saturday November 18, 2006. Achievement Week was originally designed to promote the study of Negro life and history. The celebration is observed in November of each year and is designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and interna-



tional levels who have made a noteworthy contribution towards improving the quality of life for Black Americans.

This year's program was held at The Forum Caterers in Baltimore, MD. Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr., Achievement Week Chairman, had everyone on point as the guests and honorees arrived. Brother Arthur Lambert served as the Master of Ceremony for the event. Brother Danard Smith, Pi Omega Chapter

Basileus, offered welcoming remarks informing the audience about the purpose of the event, the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), and the history of Pi Omega Chapter which is celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Baltimore, MD community.



Greetings were also offered by Brother Marvin Dillard, 30<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative and Brother Roderick Richardson, First Vice Second District Representative and member of Pi Omega Chapter.

Brother Terrel Parris, Immediate Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, was the guest speaker. He encouraged the Brothers to continue to develop programs that uplifted and enriched young people, to maintain their integrity and personal courage, and to always conduct themselves in the best interest of the Fraternity.

### **Achievement Award Winners for 2006 were:**

#### ***Howard L. Cornish Humanitarian Award:***

Rosa Pryor Music Scholarship Fund, Suited To Succeed, Bro. Ozzie Newsome, Bro. Steve McNair, and Lenny Moore

***National Superior Service Award:*** Brother Eric West

***Founder's Award:*** Brother Melvin Fossett

***Outstanding Citizen of the Year:*** Eric Scott and Antonio West

***Omega Man of the Year:*** Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr.

#### ***Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year:***

Brother Tarrance Green, Morgan State University

A special tribute was given to those members of Pi Omega Chapter who have served as Second District Representative. The Second District includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. Since its formation in 1947 there have been 30 Second District Representatives, and 5 have come from Pi Omega Chapter. Those Brothers are: Bro. Robert Johnson (10<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative), Brother James Grant (13<sup>th</sup>)deceased, Bro. Dr. Walter Amprey (17<sup>th</sup>), Hon. Brother George McKinney (22<sup>nd</sup>), and Brother Dr. Michael Freeman (25<sup>th</sup>).



## Brother C. Donald Bowser Pi Omega Chapter Man of the Year

**Baltimore, MD-** On November 17, 2006, Pi Omega Chapter honored Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr. as its Man of the Year during its Achievement Week/ Founder's Day Celebration. He was initiated into the Fraternity on December 6, 1973 by way of Pi Chapter at Morgan State College. During his tenure at Pi Chapter, he served as an officer in various positions to include Keeper of Finance, Keeper of Records and Seal, Neophyte Commandant and the Delegate to several Second District Conferences and the Grand Conclave in Atlanta, GA. At the District level, he served as an Undergraduate Representative to the Second District Council for two terms. He graduated from Morgan State University in June 1977.



*Pi Omega Basileus D. Danard Smith presents Pi Omega Chapter Man of the Year Award to Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr. with Brother Oliver Askew.*

Brother Bowser was a founder and charter member of Chi Kappa Chapter in 1979, an intermediate Chapter located in Baltimore, MD at the time. In 1984 Brother Bowser transferred to Mu Nu Chapter in Montgomery County as a result of accepting a new position with the National Headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC. After completion of his Masters

degree in Taxation at Southeastern University in Washington, DC, Brother Bowser rejoined Pi Omega Chapter in 1987. Since that time he has served on various committees including Membership, Social Action, Reclamation, Mardi Gras, Audit, Nominating, Special Activities, Fundraising and Achievement Week/Founders Day. He has also served on the election campaign committees of District Representatives, Brother Walter Amprey, Brother George McKinney, Brother Michael Freeman and Brother Gregory Ackles. He recently served on the campaign committee for First Vice District Representative, Brother Roderick Richardson and was deeply honored to have served on the campaign committee of Brother Terrell Parris in his bid for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and First Vice Grand Basileus.

At the District level he has chaired the Budget & Audit Committees as well as the United Negro College Fund and Site Selection Committees. He was elected and served as the Assistant District Keeper of Finance and as the District Keeper of Finance. At the International level he has served on the Budget Committee and currently chairs that committee. Brother Bowser is currently the Director of Equal Employment



Opportunity for the Information Technology and Mission Assurance Divisions at the National Headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service where he has been employed for the past 31 years. He is the proud father of a beautiful daughter, Nia. For his dedication to Omega, Brother Bowser was selected as Pi Omega Chapter's Man of the Year.



**Mu Omega Names Legendary Brother "Tick" Coleman *Man of the Year***  
*By Brother Andre Bright*

**Philadelphia, PA-**The Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter named Brother Frank "Tick" Coleman as *Mu Omega Chapter's Man of the Year* during a program that concluded its observance of National Achievement Week.

The program was held at Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, PA on November 19<sup>th</sup> and was the conclusion of a week long series of activities held by the Chapter to celebrate Achievement Week. Brother Coleman's selection as *Man of the Year* came as little surprise to those who know the level of commitment and dedication to Omega he has shown. Some of Brother Coleman's life long accomplishments include:

1. He was the first black high school quarterback in the Philadelphia Public League and led Central High School to a City Championship in 1929.
2. He was initiated into Omega by way of Beta Chapter at Lincoln University in 1932.
3. He was one of the first African-Americans to achieve Eagle Scout status in the Boy Scouts and he is currently the oldest living Eagle Scout.

"Brother Frank 'Tick' Coleman is not only an Omega legacy, but a Philadelphia legacy as well," said Brother Allan W. Junius, Basileus of Mu Omega Chapter. "His lifetime achievements began in grade school and continue through today. "The challenges he faced in his life have allowed many of us to walk through doors that were once closed to our people," continued Brother Junius. Brother Coleman's love of education made it possible for hundreds of men to achieve academic success.

Through his efforts, Brother Coleman helped to make a college education a reality for hundreds of black men throughout the Philadelphia area. He oversaw the progress of the young men he helped send to Lincoln University and helped finance their education through scholarships that he funded. You would be hard pressed to find a graduate of Lincoln University whose life was not touched in some way by Brother Coleman.

After the ceremonies, Brother Coleman was surrounded and congratulated by many Brothers who wanted an opportunity to take a picture with him and to shake the hand of a Brother who represents so much history with Omega. When



asked to describe what Brother Coleman means to Mu Omega Chapter, Brother Junius said, "he has set an extraordinary example of Perseverance and Uplift through his career achievements. He is truly an inspiration for all who have had an opportunity to be graced by his presence and have been afforded the occasion to sit in his wise counsel."

### Mu Omega Ques Celebrate Achievement Week

*Submitted by Brother Andre Bright*

### Philadelphia, PA-

The Achievement Week program began in 1920 as Negro History and Literature Week by Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson who is considered by many as the father of Black His-

tory. The name was changed to National Negro Achievement Week in 1925 and was the primary means of recognizing the importance of Black history. In 1948, the program changed to its current name, National Achievement Week. What began in 1920 as a call by Brother Carter G. Woodson to recognize and honor Negro history and achievement now serves as the catalyst for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s National Achievement Week program.

On November 19, 2006, Mu Omega's Achieve-

ment Week observance was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, PA. The keynote address was delivered by Mu Omega Chapter's Brother Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Jones who serves as Senior Pastor. Chaired by Brother Martin J. Whitaker, the program sought to recognize members of Mu Omega Chapter and citizens of the Delaware Valley area who have made a substantial contribution to the lives of individuals both locally and nationally.

The program came at the end of a series of week long events held by Mu Omega Chapter to

help foster awareness of the contribution of African-Americans. The honorees were: **Dr. Charles Blockson** (*Mu Omega Citizen of the Year*) for his work to help pre-



serve one of the most extensive collections of African-American memorabilia and history in the United States at Sullivan Hall on Temple University's main campus; **Brother Millard Coker** (*Baslieus Award*) for his exemplary service, commitment and dedication to Mu Omega Chapter; **Parnell Place Block Association** (*PANA Community Service Award*) for their street cleaning and neighborhood beautification efforts; and **Brother Frank "Tick" Coleman** (*Mu Omega Man of the Year*) for his lifetime of achievement and service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



“On behalf of the members of the Achievement Week Committee, I would like to thank our honorees for their desire to improve the lives of all of us,” said Brother Martin J. Whitaker. “I would also like to thank the members of the Achievement Week Committee for their hard work, devotion and passion for bringing together such a wonderful and spiritually uplifting program,” continued Brother Whitaker.



**Theta Omega Chapter Achievement Week Activities Celebrate 84<sup>th</sup> Year of Service to Omega**  
*By Alfonso Cornish*

**Louisville, KY**-Theta Omega Chapter's 2006 Achievement Chairman, Chuck Matthews and his committee, planned a very exciting Achievement Week Program to culminate the Chapter's 84<sup>th</sup> year of service to the greater Louisville, KY

metropolitan area and kick off the Chapter's 85<sup>th</sup> year. The week of November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> was designated as “Theta Omega Chapter's 2006 Achievement Week.”

The week started off with a Monday Night Football / Reclamations event at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Over 35 Brothers attended and enjoyed an evening of fellowship, card games, door prizes and good food and drink. The Achievement Week Committee consisted of Brothers Charles Matthews (Chairman), Claude Tisby, Jim Green, James Jackson, Jr., Al Cornish, Furman Glenn, Lester Sanders and Ronnie Graves, Basileus.

On the preceding Wednesday, the Chapter conducted its community service project. Brothers Chuck Matthews, Claude Tisby and James Jackson, Jr. provided 12 at risk youth from Kammerer Middle School with a day of career exploration. The Chapter currently is providing mentoring support to these young men. The students were treated to tours and career discussions with key senior management at General Electric and Norton Healthcare.

On the preceding Friday night, it was the Brothers' “Night Out with Wives & Sweethearts.” The dinner was hosted at the Cardinal Club by Brother Claude Tisby. Approximately 15 Brothers and their wives enjoyed a scrumptious buffet and good conversation.

On Saturday night, the Annual Founder's Ban-





quet was held and the Chapter awarded its 2006 Citizen of the Year Award to Police Officer, Steven Kelsey for his heroism in saving the life of a two year old shooting victim, Erica Hughes. That same incident claimed the life of her mother. Officer Kelsey and his partner, Officer Larry Riley, piled into a cruiser with the girl and two firefighters and sped along Louisville's rain-slick streets rushing her to Kosair Children's Hospital.

In addition, the Chapter awarded its Omega Man of the Year to immediate past Basileus, Brother Ronnie Graves for his leadership, dedication and service to the Chapter and Fraternity. Brother Graves served as Basileus for two years. Rev. James Jackson, Jr. was awarded the Superior Service Award for his on going commitment, involvement and support of the Chapter. The Chapter awarded a Special Recognition Award to Dwayne Gant for his perseverance. The Founders' Award was given to Lee Bowman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative, for his service to the Fraternity on the local, district and national level.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Mary Sias, president of Kentucky State University. The theme of her keynote address was, "Making Your Mark through Fraternity, Family and Friends." In her speech, Dr. Sias stressed the importance of making the right choices and the difference making the right choices can have on the community. She challenged the audience to get involved and assist others because, "we are all one family whether it is your biological family or not," Dr. Sias said.

The banquet closed with the Brothers singing their Fraternity song "Omega Dear." The week long celebration concluded with Sunday Church Services at Stoner Memorial AME Zion Church hosted by Brother Jim Green. The Brothers and their families listened to a rousing and uplifting message from the pastor, Rev. Jacqueline King.



**Eta Psi Chapter  
Presents Achievement Awards**  
*By Brother Jamaal Phillips*

**Nashville, TN-** The Eta Psi Chapter of Fisk University presented Brother Bryan K. White and Brother Josiah J. Sampson, III with the Omega Man of the Year and Outstanding Citizen Award, respectively, on November 9, 2006. The presentation took place at American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, home of the Lambda Mu Chapter. Brother Mike Chatman represented Eta Psi Chapter during this presentation and offered up a congratulatory word to their chosen Brothers.





**Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter Holds Founder Day Program**

*by Brother Jamaal Phillips*

**Henderson, TN**-On November 9, 2006, Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter held its Founder's Day Program as a part of its Achievement Week. The Chapter hosted the event on the campus of American Baptist College in Nashville, TN, home of Lambda Mu Chapter. The Chapter provided active local and surrounding area undergraduate chapters the opportunity to present their selections for Omega Man of the Year and Outstanding Citizen of the Year. For the 2005-2006 year, Middle Tennessee State Universities Mu Zeta Chapter named Brother Demitri Carter and Brother Ryan Jeans as their joint recipients of the Omega Man of the Year. Brother Charles Wilson was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

**OLL Kicks Founder's Day into High Gear**

*By Brother Jamaal Phillips*

**Hendersonville, TN** - November 9, 2006. As a part of Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter's Founder's Day Program, the men of Vanderbilt's Theta Beta Chapter presented each other with the awards for Omega Man of the Year and Superior Service Award. The two man undergraduate chapter chose its own Aubrey Hammonds as Omega Man of the Year and Daryl Grayner as the recipient of the Superior Service Award. The program was held on the campus of Lambda Mu Chapter at American Baptist College in Nashville.



**Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter's Achievement Week 2006**

*By Brother Charles J. Griffith, Jr.*

**Murfreesboro, TN**-On November 17, 2006, the Brothers of Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted their Achievement Week / Founders Day Banquet as well as the Chapter's Twentieth Anniversary at the Lane Agri-Park Bldg in Murfreesboro, TN. The 2006 theme was,

"How Can We As Individuals Make A Difference In The Lives of Black People?" Brother Minister Napoleon Harris served as Key Note Speaker. While the guests and

Brothers were enjoying a wonderful meal, everyone was entertained by a slide show presentation that chronicled the twenty year history of Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter.

The following Brothers received awards: Founders Awards – Dr. (Brother) James E. Taylor. Brother Taylor was recognized for his outstanding leadership of conducting annual cancer screening for the commu-

nity for the last seven years. The Superior Service Award was presented to Brother Charles Griffith, Jr., "Big Money Griff," was cited for his outstanding leadership and management skills and for serving as Chairman of the Achievement Week & Founders Banquet Committee for the last two years. And lastly, but certainly not least, the prestigious title of Omega Man of the Year was bestowed upon Brother Ed Morant for his outstanding service as Talent Hunt Chair

for the last two years and for serving as the Fifth District Keeper of Records and Seal for the same period. In addition, Reverend Richard W. Gordon was selected as the Citizen of the Year for his out-

standing community leadership over the last four decades. Our annual Essay Contest was very competitive this year. The winners for 2006 were: Hollie Rucker of Eagleville High School at Third Place receiving \$100.00; Michael Polk, Jr. of Oakland High School at 2<sup>nd</sup> Place receiving \$200.00; and Ashley Mosby from Blackman High School at 1<sup>st</sup> Place receiving \$300.00 for her achievements.



**Xi Pi Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week Activities**

*By Brother Lloyd Alston*

**Colorado Springs, CO-** On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 1911 hours (7:11 PM), Sons of Blood and Thunder gathered at the home of Brother Samuel Hunter, one of the founding members of the Xi Pi Chapter of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Brother Hunter joined the Theta Psi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at West Virginia State College in 1937. An original Tuskegee Airman, Brother Hunter and his wife Minnie Ray, graciously opened their home to all Omega Men on this special night for friendship, fellowship, and for retelling the story of Omega's auspicious creation. Led by Brother Hunter, all attending Omega Men lifted their glasses in toasts to our Founders in gratitude for their wisdom, fortitude and courage in

creating our beloved Fraternity.

Xi Pi Chapter culminated its celebration of Achievement Week activities by hosting its Founders Dinner the following evening on November 18 at the Peterson AFB Officers Club. Brother Jeffery T. Smith, 8<sup>th</sup> District Representative and former Basileus of Denver's Chi Phi Chapter, highlighted the evening with his presence and his remarks as the evening's keynote speaker. Brothers and guests reflected upon another year of outstanding fellowship and community service as portions of a recording of Reverend Martin Luther King's "Drum Major" sermon, emphasizing Christ-like service, preceded the presentation of Chapter awards for 2006.

Award recipients included Brothers James Miller as Citizen of the Year; Brett Britton as Superior Service Award; Eric Brazell, Founders Award; Marcus Gipson as Omega Man of the Year Award; and Tony Gray the Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award. Additionally, Broth-



er Gipson presented Basileus Awards to Brothers Walter Glover, Ernest Longs, and Lloyd Alston. Basileus Gipson also presented Chapter Star Awards to Brothers Roy Griggs, Jerald Gatlin and Jeff Smith. Xi Pi Chapter founder, past Basileus, and senior member, Brother Samuel Hunter (Theta Psi ('37)), administered the oath of office to the Chapter's incoming officers: Brothers Marcus Gipson (Basileus); Brett Britton (Vice Basileus); Jeffrey Smith (Keeper of Records and Seal); Tommie Gipson (Keeper of Finance); Lloyd Alston (Chapter Editor to the Oracle); Ernest Longs (Chaplain); Tony Gray (Assistant KRS); and E. James Mason (Keeper of Peace).



**Nu Iota Celebrates Achievement Week**

**Marshall, TX.** On November 13, 2006, the members of Nu Iota Chapter and their families celebrated the Fraternity's National Achievement Week. This is the occasion where the members of Nu Iota Chapter select and recognize those members of the



Chapter and the community who have made special contributions over the past year.

The activities began with church services with Rev. Paul Taylor at the Peters Chapel Baptist Church. After church services, the Chapter held its Achievement Week program. During this program, Brother Anthony Parrish was honored as "Omega Man of the Year" and Mrs. Julia Williams was recognized as the "Citizen of the Year."

Brother Anthony Parrish has been a member of Omega since 1977. He pledged at Texas Southern University where he graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Communications. Brother Parrish is currently a District Manager with the American National Insurance Company. He is a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church where he is a certified lay speaker, member of the finance committee, trustee and

Pastor of Parish Relations and Methodist Men. He is also the founder and lead performer in two local popular bands, The Men of Sound and Intimate Moments.

Mrs. Julia Williams is a self-employed Occupational Therapist. She contracts with MISD to provide occupational therapy skills to special needs students. Mrs. Williams is a graduate of Texas Woman's University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, St. Joseph Catholic Church, League of Women Voters, Historical Preservation Committee and the New Town Association. In each one of her organizations, she has held leadership positions. Mrs. Williams is closely associated with the Fraternity. Her husband and her son are members of Nu Iota and Psi Chapters respectively.

At the conclusion of the formal program, Mrs. Mildred Mason, wife of Brother L.U. Mason, was presented



a bouquet of roses as the Chapter's sweetheart while the Brothers sung the Omega Sweetheart song to her and the other wives who were present. To complete the day's activities, the Chapter and guest adjourned to Caddo Lake to enjoy an afternoon meal and observe the lake's fall foliage.



**Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter's Founder's Celebration Focused on Service with Compassion**

**Madison, Wisconsin-**On Saturday, November 18, 2006 Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter celebrated ninety-five years of service to Omega at the Concourse Hotel. The Master of Ceremony was Brother Carlos Weeden, Chapter Basileus. The Keynote speaker at the

event was Brother Richard L. Jones, Sr., pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The keynote address was themed, "Advancing the service agenda of Omega with more compassion." The address encouraged the Brotherhood as well as those present to recognize that we all have something of value to give back to our communities. It also stressed that we must be compassionate when serving those less fortunate. The keynote speech was followed by the awards ceremony.

The following awards were presented: The recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award was Ritchie Sturgeon, of Alliant Energy. Brother Haywood Gillingham, MD was awarded Omega Man of the Year for his outstanding contribution to his field of medicine and his service to the Chapter. Brother Anthony Wade, Chapter KRS, received the Basileus Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to carry out the work of the Chapter.





individuals and appreciates their continued service to the community and the Chapter. The night concluded with fellowship and dinner.

Finally, Brother Charles H. Brown received an award for Special Leadership and Dedication to the Chapter. Brother Brown was inducted into Epsilon Theta Chapter on December 2, 1972 and has been active since his induction. During his thirty-four years in Omega, Brother Brown was a Charter member of the graduate chapter Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter in Madison, served as Basileus of Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter for multiple terms, served as a committee chairman on several committees for the Talented Tenth District, and served as Wisconsin State Representative for the 10<sup>th</sup> District.



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**Rockland Ques Host Jazz Brunch**  
*By Brothers Scott Watson & Dennis McGloster*

**Pomona, NY** – Great jazz, delicious food, generous libations, a cool venue, beautiful and enthusiastic patrons, and a thoroughly immersed group of Omega men was winning combination! That’s an apt description of the first annual Jazz Brunch sponsored by Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Rockland County, NY on Sunday, February 18, 2007.

The brainchild of Brother T. Edward McBride, Jr., a committee consisting of Brothers Gerald “Billy” Inman, David Smith, Sr. and Dennis McGloster, this overwhelmingly successful event was the product of this 3-year-old chapter located across the Hudson River from Westchester County in the New York City Metropolitan area.

The Jazz Brunch truly reflected Black and Omega economic empowerment. The event, which drew an intergenerational crowd from New Jer-

sey, New York City, Rockland and Westchester Counties and Connecticut was held at Our Place Sports Bar & Restaurant in Spring Valley, NY. Our Place is a business venture of local entrepreneur and Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter founder, Brother David Smith, Sr. Our Place was converted into an intimate, New York-style jazz club with stage and a bar. It accommodated a packed house who listened to the smooth jazz of Stella Marris and the Joe Tracinda Trio. Patrons were treated to a complimentary drink, a choice of champagne, a Bloody Mary or a Mimosa. They were also treated to a mouth-watering menu of breakfast and lunch items.

The patrons also enjoyed a Chinese auction in which various theme related baskets were raffled off in a comedic and entertaining manner by Brother Gerald Inman. These elegant baskets consisted of Victoria’s Secret items, courtside New York Knicks tickets and expensive cigars. They were assembled by Sandy McGloster (wife of Basileus, Brother Dennis McGloster), Annette McBride (wife of KRS, Brother T. Edward McBride, Jr.) and Deborah Inman (wife of Chaplain, Brother Gerald Inman). As a gesture of appreciation, Stella Marris, featured artist and activist in the Rockland County African American community, was given a bouquet of flowers along with Sandy McGloster for their efforts in making this event a success. In addition we were delighted by the special impromptu performance of patron Charles Nelson, formerly of The Drifters, who was called to the stage and got a rousing response from the crowd for his rendition of “Fly Me to the Moon.” He was accompanied by the Joe Tracinda Trio. Truly a good time was had by all! The Chapter looks forward to making this an annual event. It is hoped that it will be one of many to serve the





Mu Nu Chapter founded a tutorial and mentoring program called the Saturday School in 1986 out of a single room at the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) in Olney, Maryland. It was established to help address the achievement gap that existed among African American students in the county compared to that of other county students. Through the enthusiasm and perseverance of Mu Nu Chapter Brothers as well as key support from African American leaders in the community, the Saturday School program continued to grow over the past two decades. The program's success led Mu Nu Chapter to incorporate the initiative as a non-profit organization under the GBTLA name in recognition of and high esteem for Brother Thomas' vision and dedication.

GBTLA's 20 years of service is without question a significant milestone when considering all of the predecessor and successor tutorial and mentoring programs that have tried and failed to take hold in the county with none lasted more than two years. The humble beginnings of GBTLA can be best measured in terms of its contributions to the academic and social well being of the students it served and those it continues to serve. What began in a single room of a small building in 1986 with approximately 20 volunteers and 20 students has since taken root and thrived where it now serves more than 3500 students in grades 1 through 12. Included is more than 130 area schools and centers established at 12 county high schools. GBTLA's 2005 program budget was just over \$1.5M in grant money. This has enabled parents to secure tutorial services during

the school year at an incredibly reasonable rate of just \$15 per student. Each center also has its own dedicated Center Director and staff of volunteer tutors and professionals. Many of the former GBTLA students who are now in college or who have since graduated are now bridge builders providing their own time back to GBTLA as tutors and mentors.

GBTLA's accolades are many and include recognition from the County's Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, the County Executive, the Governor of Maryland, and even the White House. Notable attendees at the GBTLA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala included the Superintendent of Schools, the County Executive-elect, as well as Representative Chris Van Hollen of the U.S. House of Representatives (Maryland). The program continues to be recognized for its success in focusing on core academic subject areas with low tutor-to-student ratios and mentors that achieve results. The free program is aligned with the County's curriculum, includes all materials, and even employs certified and experienced teachers who have contributed to a 70 percent success rate for students who meet or exceed their math and reading levels upon finishing the program. Brother Thomas was quoted as saying in an October 2006 *Gazette* interview (*Gazette.com*, October 27<sup>th</sup>, by M.J. Brachfeld), "If we can plant that seed and nurture it through to fruition, then we have achieved a mighty thing for humanity." GBTLA has indeed done that over the past 20 years as it pursues the next 20.







Bother Andwele French (1992), and Brother Antonio Hall (2003).

The Chapter's 8th year of the toy drive proved to be a big success as the Chapter raised over \$250 dollars along with various toys both new and gently used. The Brothers took up donations around the campus and posted flyers around the community. The Chapter donated all the proceeds raised to the Angel Tree Foundation to a local school. The gifts ranged from remote control cars, hot wheels cars and trucks, compact disc players, dolls, doll houses and clothes. All the gently used/new cloths and toys that were donated were taken to the Toys for Tots program in Lexington, KY. Although this is a wide spread problem in our communities, the Brothers feel that every little bit counts!

## Kappa Iota Brothers Provide Needed Minority Health Care

*By Brother Curtis Collier*

**CHATTANOOGA, TN** In striving to live up to the Cardinal Principle Uplift, Brothers of Kappa Iota Chapter were instrumental in the success of the Hamilton County Minority Health Fair which was held on August 19, 2006 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the East Gate Town Centre. Providing leadership was Kappa Iota Chapter Brother Dr. Michael Geer, He and Brother Cornell Beslin were key members of the local health care committee who were esponsible for the fair.

Too many members of the Black community do not have access to medical care or avoid seeking treatment until diseases are fully developed. The aim of the Health Fair was to reach out to the community to provide access to medical treatment for people who other wise would not seek

treatment or medical advice. Many common ordinary diseases of life can be treated if detected early.

One major such ordinary disease of life is hypertension. Brother Dr. Geer gave a well received lecture before the Health Fair on Race and Hypertension. He was able to do this the with support of a \$700.00 grant from Abbot Laboratory given in his behalf.

An indication of the great need for such an event was evident by the number of people who took advantage of the service. The Health Fair registered over 800 people this year. At least 300 blood samples were taken from participating patients. Early lab results indicate a large number of the samples showed abnormal results consistent with diabetes and elevated cholesterol. One person was diagnosed to be HIV positive along with two diagnosis of severe lung disease, and a number of cases of hypertension were detected.

Brother Geer acknowledged that screening for the health fair was successful. However; the next phase of he event will be to establish links with various groups and agencies that will be in a position to assist in managing the collected data and/or providing treatment for diseases.

## Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter Host Health Fair

*By Brother Jamaal Phillips*

**Hendersonville, TN** – On November 8, 2006, Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter of Hendersonville, TN held a health fair in conjunction with Delta Chapter's (Meharry Medical College) bone



The donation was made by Eta Omega Chapter in the memory of the late Brother Ocie Irons. Brother Ocie Irons was active with the Butler Street YMCA for forty years. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Butler Street YMCA and a computer room was named in his honor. Brother Irons led many of Eta Omega Chapter's annual donation drives to support the Butler Street YMCA. He was an active Chapter Brother, a highly regarded educator and was Principal of Smith High School and Harper High School in Atlanta, GA.

Eta Omega Chapter's donation continues a long tradition of association and support by the Chapter for the Butler Street YMCA. It is only natural that the Chapter should support the "Y." The "Y" has an Omega Room and the Omega Wisemen's Club meets there. Many Chapter Brothers grew up participating in the "Y's" programs.

The Butler Street YMCA is an African American not-for profit institution that implements programs embodied in Christian ethics and civil principles that build a healthy spirit and body. The Butler Street YMCA is located in the Sweet Auburn district of downtown Atlanta, GA. The "Y's" neighborhood includes Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wheat Street Baptist Church, the Masonic Hall, the Odd Fellows Building and the Martin Luther King Historical Center.

The Butler Street YMCA is the oldest independent African American YMCA in Atlanta. GA and presently serves approximately 6,100 who range in age from three to ninety. The Butler Street YMCA was initially organized in the spring of 1894. While the "Y's" neighborhood

has experienced many changes since 1894 and is presently undergoing renovation, It has remained a constant beacon of personal growth, education and fun for Atlanta, GA's Black Community. The Butler Street YMCA provides for the strengthening of families, the healthy development of children, positive individual behavior and a healthier and safer community for all.

Brother Dr. Rhodes was born in Halls, Tennessee and has been in the YMCA movement as either a member or an administrator his whole life. He discussed with Brothers some of the "Y's" exciting projects. Brother Dr. Rhodes related that the "Y" and the Atlanta Historical Center have entered into a project to help preserve the "Y's" rich history by categorizing artifacts and identifying many of the Atlantans referenced in "Y" documents and photographic materials. Brother Dr. Rhodes also explained a project in which NAS-CAR is educating youth about the sports car racing business and offering internships.

Eta Omega Chapter is located in Southwest Atlanta, GA and is led by Basileus, Brother Christopher K. Norman and Vice Basileus, Brother Don Lee.

**ETA OMEGA CONTINUES TO PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES**

*By Brother Stedman S. Southall*

**Atlanta, GA**-On Saturday morning September 30, 2006, Eta Omega Chapter Brothers joined hundreds of others in Atlanta's Grant Park to participate in the Walk for Diabetes sponsored by





the American Diabetes Association. Eta Omega Chapter has enjoyed a long relationship with the American Diabetes Association. The Chapter annually participates in the Association's sponsored Walks. Through the years, the Chapter has contributed over \$11,000.00 to the Association. Eta Omega Chapter recently contributed \$1,860.00. The contributions and the attention generated by the Walks assist the Association in preventing Diabetes, finding a cure for Diabetes, and improving the lives of those who suffer from the disease.

The Walk addressed the seriousness of Diabetes in a very colorful and festive atmosphere in Atlanta's historic Grant Park. The seven Chapter Brothers participating in the 3.1 mile walk boldly presented Omega's Purple and Gold among the myriad of corporate logos and organization banners. Grant Park is a cherished green space on the east side of Atlanta, GA. The Park is home to the Atlanta Zoo and Cyclorama.

Diabetes is a medical condition which allows too much sugar to remain in the bloodstream. The human body breaks down many foods into sugars which are used for energy. The sugars are carried through the body by the blood stream. If one is healthy, the body produces insulin which tells the body's cells to absorb the sugars. Diabetics cannot make any or enough insulin. The sugars that should be absorbed into the body's cells stay in the bloodstream instead.

There are generally considered to be two types of Diabetes, Type I and Type 2. Type 1 is usually diagnosed in children and adolescents. The body suddenly shuts down its insulin production. Type 2 is much more common; it develops over time and is often linked to being overweight and inactive. Type 1 accounts for 5 to 10 percent of

Diabetes cases, while Type 2 accounts for up to 95 percent of Diabetes cases. Type 2 is usually associated with people older than 45, but can also develop at earlier ages.

There is no cure for Diabetes. Those with Diabetes should check their blood sugar daily and be on proper medication. A good diet and exercise are important for those with Diabetes. Left untreated, Diabetes can damage many of the body's organs, including the eyes, kidneys, circulatory system, feet, heart and brain. More information about the disease can be found by contacting your doctor, the American Diabetes Association and other health oriented organizations.

Eta Omega Chapter's efforts for the Walk were organized by the Chapter's Social Action Committee. The Committee is Chaired by Brother David L. Moorer.



### ETA OMEGA HOSTS FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

*By Brother Stedman S. Southall*

**Atlanta, GA**-On Friday, August 25, 2006, eighty-two golfers teed-off in the Fifth Annual Eta Omega Chapter Golf Classic. The Golf Classic was a fun day of golf and relaxation at the scenic Wolf Creek Golf Course in Southwest Atlanta, Georgia. The day began with gray overcast skies but the clouds departed and the sun shone through to a great Classic.



It has been said that golfers are the last of the goodtime charlies. That being said, the Classic was a rousing success. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., golfers made a shotgun start in the four-person scramble golf tournament. The golfers participating in this year's Classic were treated to golf at one of the most challenging links venues in the metropolitan Atlanta, GA area along with goodies, food, contests and prizes.

Each year the Classic attracts more golfers, more community support and more recognition. As it has grown, so has Eta Omega Chapter's confidence and competence at successfully staging such a large event. In the beginning years, Eta Omega Chapter partnered with other civic organizations such as the Roots Adoption Agency and Kenney Anderson Foundation to present the Classic. At least two years ago, Eta Omega Chapter stepped out on its own and began staging the event by itself.

A large part of Eta Omega Chapter's willingness to proceed solo in staging the Classic was the dynamic leadership provided by Brother Richard Turnley. Brother Turnley enthusiastically stepped forward and volunteered to Chair the Classic.

Eta Omega Chapter sponsored the Classic for the benefit of the Eta Omega Foundation, Inc.'s Scholarship Fund. Eta Omega Foundation, Inc. was created in 1994 to advance educational, civic and other charitable purposes. Brother William L. Appling is Chairman of Eta Omega Foundation, Inc. Since its inception, the Foundation has focused on four primary programmatic initiatives.

Those initiatives include: The awarding scholarships of which \$200,000.00 have been awarded; Improving student test skills. The Foundation has assisted over 600 students by equipping them with the skills necessary to improve their performance on the SAT through the Foundation sponsored 5''P'' SAT Clinic; Developing Young Leaders. The Foundation has sponsored promising high school youth to attend summer youth leadership development conferences to strengthen self-esteem and to develop leadership attributes; Reaching Out To Young Males. The Foundation has a mission to assist boys with developing and refining the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for success in middle school, high school and post secondary endeavors by sponsoring the Omega Manhood Leadership Institute for boys aged 8 to 15.

Eta Omega's Scholarship Committee worked hand in hand with the Foundation to support the Classic. The Scholarship Committee challenged each Eta Omega Brother to contribute to the Classic. The Scholarship Committee is chaired by Brother Wilbur T. Leaphart.

In order for some to have fun, others have to work. It took months of hard work by the Eta Omega Golf Tournament Committee to stage such a grand event. In addition to efforts by the Golf Tournament Committee Members, it also took the help of many other Chapter Brothers to make the event a success.



**ETA OMEGA CHAPTER PARTICIPATED IN GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY BLOOD DRIVE**

*By Brother Stedman S. Southall*

**Atlanta, GA-** Eta Omega Chapter participated in the blood drive held at Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta, Georgia on September 20, 2006. Eta Omega Chapter's participation in the blood drive was coordinated by the Social Action Committee which is chaired by Brother David L. Moorer.

The blood drive was part of the 2006 Colonial Athletic Association Blood Drive Challenge which is an annual competition between the schools in the CAA to determine which can donate the most blood. The drive was hosted by GSU and the American Red Cross. GSU's goal for the blood drive was to donate 500 units. Approximately 350 people participated in the drive. Last year GSU came in third to the University of Delaware. The University of Delaware has won the blood drive the past four years by providing more donations than anyone else.

Participating in the blood drive gave Eta Omega Chapter Brothers the opportunity to catch-up on events with Zeta Theta Chapter Brothers.

Zeta Theta Chapter is the Undergraduate Chapter located at GSU. Eta Omega and Zeta Theta Chapters are partnered under the Graduate Undergraduate Partnership Program of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. Zeta Theta Chapter is led by Basileus, Brother Derrick Cooper who is also 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Representative for the state Georgia.



**2006 Omega Showboat Docks in Colorado Springs**

*By Brother Lloyd Alston*

**Colorado Springs, CO-**The Xi Pi Chapter of Colorado Springs, Colorado set sail with approximately 500 friends of the Chapter during its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Omega Showboat Talent Extravaganza on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Brothers Jim Miller and Walter Glover conceived the idea of the Chapter hosting a single annual event as its primary





young men from our B2M program. Occasionally, the Brothers treat the residents with cookouts and faithfully serve Thanksgiving & Christmas luncheons.

During these events, the residents are provided with love gifts and prizes. This special mentoring relationship with the residents has allowed Brothers to establish life long friendships and the opportunity to learn from those who have blazed life's trail.

One of the residents, Mr. Robert Cooper, made this comment, "We applaud the work and dedication of the Omega men throughout the years. This organization has benefited the community and senior citizens of the retirement home. We would like to give them a big thanks for all the work and support they have done." As Brother Ken Burrow sums it up, "it's indeed a pleasure to be involved in the service of brotherhood and with the residents of Forest Green Manor Seniors Center!"



**Houston Area Coalition Hosts Blood Drive**

*By Brother William A. Drumgoole, III*

**Houston, Texas-** On June 3, 2006, the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters of Omega Psi

Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the nationally mandated Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive. This year's blood drive was organized by Brother Glen Barber (Nu Phi Chapter '04) and was held at the Omega Nu Phi Education Center in Houston.

The Houston Area Coalition of Chapters rotates planning duties for the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive, but all of the Chapters in the area support this worthwhile endeavor just the same. A good number of Houston Area Brothers are Commit For Life Donors, meaning they give blood several times a year. The Coalition was able to establish an account to have Donations credited to the Fraternity on a continual basis. The outpouring of support was tremendous and overwhelmed the staff of the Blood Center with a backlog of people waiting for a chance to help save a life.

The event was well attended not only by Omega men from various Houston chapters, but by members of other Pan-Hellenic organizations and Houston Area residents as well. Due to the outpouring of support shown by the community, the Houston Coalition was able to exceed its projected goal of 25 units of blood by collecting close to 50 units in a six hour window.

This annual event enables the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters to aid in saving lives as well bringing awareness to the work of Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew.



### Nu Phi Chapter Annual Astros Baseball Game Outing

*By Brother Bernard R. Clayton, Jr.*

**Houston, TX**-Nu Phi Chapter, the 2006 Ninth District Social Action Chapter of the Year is not resting on its laurels. For the last 12 years the Chapter has taken kids in its mentorship program to at least one Houston Astros Baseball game. The mentees, usually young men from the neighboring Cuney Homes Project, have looked forward to this summer treat every year. Ms. Sheffield, the Activity Coordinator at the Cuney Homes Project, uses the game as a motivator to get kids to behave during the summer months. Ralph Cooper of KCOH (Houston Radio Station) was instrumental in securing the tickets. The Brothers commandeered an entire section above the dug-out. Cricket Communications, through Brother Mark Richards, helped underwrite the event.

After a Chili and Cheese Hot Dog Lunch, the kids boarded a bus provided by Commissioner El Franco Lee, and headed to the stadium. The kids enjoyed the game as it was the first live professional sports contest many of them had attended. The kids were debriefed at the Frat House with frozen popsicles. This activity closes out the summer for many of the kids in Nu Phi Chapter's mentoring program. Nu Phi Chapter has also hosted Boy Scouts and other youth groups throughout the years.

### Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

*By Brother Sedric D. Myers*

**Houston, TX**-The lives of thousands were shattered by Hurricane Katrina. Many of those people found shelter in Houston, Texas at the Astrodome and the George R. Brown Convention Center. After the hurricane, the Brothers of the Houston Coalition of Chapters joined the Red Cross in uplifting our people. The Coalition encompasses 10 Chapters in the Greater Houston area (Nu Phi, Theta Chi, Rho Nu, Rho Xi, Rho Beta Beta, Tau Epsilon, Rho Theta, Omega Theta, Eta Mu, Nu Delta Delta) who mobilized quickly and under the disaster relief coordinator, Brother Sedric Myers (Nu Phi Chapter). Brothers provided temporary housing, donated clothes, prepared meals, and provided financial aid, career counseling services, legal services, and many prayers for the victims and Brothers of Omega who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Many Brothers in the Houston area opened their homes to family and loved ones that were in the New Orleans, LA area. Some Brothers in the Houston, TX area were known to have hosted upwards of 25-30 family members at their homes.

The nations' cry was heard and the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters stepped up. The International Headquarters expeditiously approved funding to be used to help Brothers that may have been in need of assistance. Brother Nelson Anthony, Coalition President, hosted Brother George



Smith, International Social Action Chairman, after he arrived in Houston, TX. His visit was on behalf of the Grand Basileus to make sure Omega was doing what it could to help. The Mighty Ninth District, under the leadership of Brother Todd Clemons, followed suit and established an assistance program for Brothers from the affected areas. The Brothers of the Second District (Mu Gamma Gamma Chapter) sent several packages of items and financial contributions that were distributed to victims of Katrina.

There were hundreds of Brothers from several chapters in the New Orleans, LA area affected in the wake of Katrina. Many of those Brothers found open arms extended from their fraternal family in Houston, TX. A great number of those Brothers decided to eventually make Houston, TX their new home. Many have already joined chapters in the area.

While the storm waters have subsided and New Orleans, LA is starting to rebuild we should be mindful that many people lost everything. Many of our Fraternity Brothers were among them. They are still looking for long term employment and furnishings for newly acquired homes. Brother Paul Stephens (Theta Chi Chapter) has set up the Frat House in Houston, TX for distribution of FEMA aide. Let us continue to Lift as we Climb and live by our Fraternity's four cardinal principles- Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.



### Fraternity Initiates “Project Uplift” Program

**Minden, LA-**The Minden Gamma Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has initiated a new program called Project Uplift. It was formed to help out the widows of former members of the Chapter. The Chapter has chosen to help the ladies by mowing their yards which is a task that some of the widows are unable to do. According to Brother Pete Grigsby, the Vice-Basileus of the Gamma Omicron Chapter, this is one way the Chapter can express its appreciation to its deceased Brothers. Gamma Omicron Chapter members cut at least one widow's yard every Saturday during the summer months.



### Honorable Projects

*By Brother Shawn Ferdinand*

**Arlington, TX-**November is always a time of giving for the Brothers of OGG. At the October 2006 meeting a motion was made and carried to do something really special for those who survived hurricane Katrina and remain in the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex. Brothers distributed turkeys, food, and Wal-Mart gift certificates to fifteen families affected by the storm. The families were elated and often boasted that the Omegas were among the few still helping.

OGG did not stop there. Another ten baskets and financial assistance was given to a local church who carried out the rest of the mission. It was a proud day to represent Omega bearing precious gifts to those who are most needy and appreciative. A heart felt thanks goes out to the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter for having the compassion and fortitude to execute precisely such an endeavor. It's an honor to be a part of a fraternity and a chapter with such dept.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

**Madison, Wisconsin-**On Tuesday, November 21, 2006 Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter sponsored its Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in South Madison. Food baskets containing turkeys and non-perishable goods were also made available to Second Baptist Church. Brothers of Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter made themselves available to deliver baskets to individuals with handicapping conditions. Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter has sponsored the food drive for 10 years now and has made a real difference in the lives of less fortunate families and individuals. American Family Insurance has been a major sponsor of this event since 1996.

This year, Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter was able to serve over 145 families and individuals with Turkey Baskets. In addition, 150 homeless individuals were fed through Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter's efforts during the homeless ministry's Thanksgiving Dinner held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.







**Brother Demaune Millard of Pi Omega Chapter Chosen by incoming Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon to Direct the Office of Government Relations**



**Baltimore, MD** On December 20, 2006, City Council President and incoming Mayor Sheila Dixon announced four additional Cabinet-level appointments to help her

implement the priorities and initiatives of her new Administration. Mayor-designee Dixon has chosen Chris Thomaskutty to direct the CitiStat Office and Brother Demaune Millard to direct her Office of Government Relations. Dixon also tapped Mary Pat Fannon from *Baltimore Main Streets* to serve as deputy director of Government Relations. Finally, Mayor-designee Dixon announced that Edward J. Gallagher, the City's Director of Finance for the past two years, would remain with her new Administration.

"These appointments reflect the energy and optimism that people have for Baltimore right now," said Mayor-designee Dixon. Like Ed Gallagher, Chris, Brother Demaune and Mary Pat could easily do well in the private sector. "But I think it says something about their commitment and passion for their city that they each chose to join me in keeping Baltimore moving forward," said Mayor-designee Dixon.

While working with the American Public Transportation Association based in Washington, DC, Brother Millard was made a Special Assistant in the Glendening Administration in 2002. He organized the environmental community to restore \$10 million in budget cuts by the General Assembly. As a legislative analyst for the Maryland Dept of Transportation, Brother Millard worked directly with the General Assembly to advance the Administration's \$502 million State

Transit Initiative. He also staffed the workgroup charged with the reauthorization of the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program resulting in legislation that increased Maryland's MBE participation goals from 14% to 25%.

"Having spent the past 10 years working on both the state and federal levels, both in Annapolis and Washington, Brother Millard brings a special combination of established relationships and first-hand experience that should prove valuable as the City strengthens its partnerships with the State and the federal government," commented Dixon.



**Nu Omicron Chapter Elects New Officers Queens, NY**

*By Brother Dr. James Bethea*

The Nu Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc elected its new officers during a recent Chapter meeting. Brother Robert Stevens was elected Basileus of the Chapter. Brother Stevens recently served as Vice-Basileus and spearheaded many Chapter events throughout the year. He is a leader by example and his vision is to continue to uphold the storied tradition of the Chapter.



Brother Gerald Levy is the newly elected Vice-Basileus. He recently served as Keeper-of-Peace in addition to serving on many committees. Brother Randall Joseph is the new Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother Joseph was the former Chaplain and served on a number of committees as well. Brother Cedric Gaddy was elected Keeper of Finance. Brother Gaddy served on a number of committees prior to being elected to KF and brings extensive knowledge and experience to this position. Brother Will Cooper is the new Chaplain. Brother Cooper recently and continues to serve as chair of the Black History Month Program Committee. Brother Dr. James Bethea is the new Keeper-of-Peace. Brother Bethea served on many committees and is the current Editor-to-the-Oracle.

Congratulations to the new officers! The officers promise that great things will happen for the Chapter as well as the Greater NYC community because it's a Nu world Order.!

**Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee Visits Mu Omega**

*By Brother Andre Bright*

**Philadelphia, PA-** It is truly a rare occasion to have the Grand Basileus to visit and speak to a local Chapter. That occasion occurred when Brother Warren G. Lee visited Mu Omega Chapter on November, 9 2006. The visit served as an opportunity to announce that the City of Philadelphia will serve as the location for Omega's Leadership Conference in July of 2007. In addition, Mu Omega Chapter will serve as the host Chapter.

During his speech Brother Lee announced several initiatives being implemented in Philadelphia, PA. One of those is an initiative entitled the Next Generation of Leaders.

The goal of the Next Generation Program, which is being spearheaded by Mu Omega Brother and former Grand Keeper of Records & Seal, Terrel Parris, is to help develop young African-American males into men of character who will

have a positive impact on our society. "In our communities today, many of our young men do not have a standard of excellence to follow, or have aspirations of greatness." said Brother Lee.

The vision of the Grand Basileus is to couple the Next Generation of Leaders Program with the efforts of the Omega Development Corporation, a program aimed at rebuilding homes within large areas to help foster economic development and growth within those areas.

"By bringing these two programs together in Philadelphia, we're able to build better communities, and in turn, help build better men." ,” continued Brother Lee. Although it is still in the planning stages, the 2007 Leadership Conference will be held the weekend of Friday, July 13th through Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. "Mu Omega Chapter is honored to serve as host of Omega's International Leadership Conference," said Mu Omega Basileus, Brother Alan W. Junius. "We look forward to welcoming our Brothers from across the country to Philadelphia." "It is my goal, and that of Mu Omega Chapter, to make this one of the best Leadership Conferences ever," continued Brother Junius.

**Fraternity and Friendship on Menu for Philly Ques**

*By Brother Andre Bright*

**Philadelphia, PA--**"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity..." *Psalms 133*. What began as a get together to kick off the Memorial Day weekend four years ago has grown into a weekly mainstay for Philadelphia, PA area Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Every Friday at 12:30 pm, Brothers of Omega gather on the second level of Liberty Place's food court to meet for lunch, laughs and some fraternal bonding.

"This began as a way to get the Brothers who worked in Center City together and talk about life



and the Fraternity,” said Brother Jesse Reason, the newly elected 1st Vice Basileus of Mu Omega Chapter. “We had a lot of fun and the response to it was good. The Brothers said they wanted to do it again the following week and it’s been going strong ever since,” continued Brother Reason. Starting out with a handful of Brothers, word spread and a network of about fifteen Brothers routinely gather for the weekly luncheons.

Not only do the luncheons provide a chance for local Brothers to get together for a few laughs, it also provides an opportunity for visiting Brothers to meet and socialize with the Philly Ques. “We’ve had a number of Brothers who were in town on business or visiting their families stop through and spend some time with us,” said Brother Steve Oakman, who was recently elected 2nd Vice Basileus of Mu Omega Chapter.

In addition, Brothers who have been inactive with Omega have used the Friday lunch as a means of reconnecting with their Brothers and that has become a springboard for Reclamation. “When you look at the numbers of reclaimed Brothers that Mu Omega Chapter has had over the last year or two,” said Brother Jason DeMarco, Mu Omega Chapter’s Keeper of Records and Seal. “You can see the effect of the Brothers getting together every week for lunch and talking about the Fraternity and the activities that Mu Omega Chapter is doing,” he continued.

**Bro. Alan W. Junius Assumes Helm of Mu Omega Chapter**  
*By Brother Andre Bright*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA--**On Thursday, October 12, 2006, Brother Alan W. Junius was formally introduced as Basileus of Mu Omega Chapter.

Brother Junius’ ascension to Mu Omega Chapter’s top elected post began in 1997 when he was elected Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal. In 1998, he was elected Keeper of Records and Seal and served until 2002 when he was elected Second Vice Basileus. He served under then Basileus, Brother William “Bucky” Dent and First Basileus, Brother William Smith. His leadership skills were further developed when Brother Junius was elected First Vice Basileus under Brother William Smith in 2004. The job of running Mu Omega, a chapter that is steeped in historical significance to Omega Psi Phi, can be a very daunting task. “Brotherhood is the motivating factor that draws us together in unity. Without it, we’re just a group of individuals who met out of accident or convenience,” said Brother Junius.



In addition to his commitment to the Brotherhood, Brother Junius intends to focus his administration on developing Brothers for leadership positions. “My administration will focus our resources on coaching, directing and training brothers who wish to excel (in) positions of responsibility not only on the Chapter level, but at the District and International level as well.” Brother Junius will also focus on helping to provide that extra push to Brothers as they explore and develop their leadership skills both personally and professionally.



Why leadership, and why is it is so vital? “Brother Benjamin E. Mays once said about leadership, and I’m paraphrasing, that if you’re leading and no one is following, then you’re just out for a walk. I’m not here for a walk,” said Brother Junius.

The efforts to promote community involvement will also remain high on Mu Omega Chapter’s agenda. Due to the increase in violence in Philadelphia’s neighbourhoods, Brother Junius looks to partner with grass roots organizations to assist in getting out the message that collectively, we as a society, must help to put an end to the violence that plagues our city.

Brother Junius concluded his comments by issuing a challenge to the Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter.

“My challenge to the Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter is to stand up. When a cause is presented that affects you or the people you know, stand up. When it comes time for Mu Omega Chapter to take a stand with the community, stand up. When a Brother, or his family, needs our support, stand up. When an injustice has occurred, stand up. When gun violence has become a part of your neighbourhood, stand up,” said Brother Junius.

“My Brothers, as a group of professional intellectuals, advocates of higher education, morally conscious individuals, fathers, brothers and sons, we must always stand up for what is right or else we risk putting, as Sly Stone once said, ‘a permanent crease in your right and wrong,” continued Brother Junius.

**Brother Benjamin K. Richmond  
Awarded Louisville, Kentucky Metro  
Government Dr. Martin Luther King  
Freedom Award**

*By Al Cornish*

**Louisville, Kentucky-** On Sunday, January 14, 2007, Louisville, KY’s Mayor, Jerry

Abramson, awarded the city’s Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Award to Brother Benjamin K. Richmond. The ceremony took place during the Louisville Orchestra’s Martin Luther King concert at the Kentucky Center. The medal recognizes people who promote justice, peace, freedom, nonviolence, racial equity and civic activism.

Since 1987, Brother Richmond has served as the President/CEO of the Louisville, KY Urban League. Brother Richmond, an active member of Theta Omega Chapter, has represented the mission of the Louisville, KY Urban League which is to assist African-American and disadvantaged persons in the achievement of social and economic equality primarily through education, employment, housing, family development, and community development.

In presenting the award to Brother Richmond, Mayor Abramson stressed that this award is presented to someone whose life reflects the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Brother Richmond was described as a steadfast leader who has been at the table for issues in the community for the last 20 years.

In accepting the very prestigious award, Brother Richmond thanked his staff for their support as well as his mother and father, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Richmond. He said that his father had worked with Dr. King to advance the cause of freedom in Mississippi. This foundation has set the tone and direction for his life.

Some of Brother Richmond’s many accomplishments include successfully completing a \$1.2 million capital campaign, overseeing the construction of a new League headquarters, continuing the expansion of League programs, training and workforce development, establishing REBOUND housing development project, enhancing League relationships with the business



community and he has been instrumental in fostering the growth of minority businesses and entrepreneurs.

Also, Brother Richmond has been instrumental in fostering a better understanding of race relations and creating an environment of change committed to eliminating racial inequities, and to instilling a message of hope in those he and the League have touched.

When asked what the award meant to him, Brother Richmond stated, "it means a lot to me because of the work of Dr. King. Dr. King, Jr. He helped us understand what humanity is all about. Dr. King taught us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. "His mission was to better serve our community and that is what the Urban League has stood for in this community over the years," said Brother Richmond. He closed the interviews by calling on all residents and citizens to use Martin Luther King Day as a day to serve people and humanity. "Keep the dream alive by reaching back to help others," Brother Richmond concluded.

**Theta Beta Omega Week**

*By Daryl Eugene Grayer, Jr.*

**Nashville, TN** – September 17-23, 2006 was the annual week of Terrible Theta Beta Chapter. Since our inception on the Vanderbilt campus March 1, 1971 as the first black Greek letter organization at Vanderbilt, we have hosted a week of events to benefit Vanderbilt and the Nashville, TN area in numerous capacities. The title of 2006's event was, "It's a Ques World." It displayed to the community just how hard, through perseverance, a chapter with two members can and will work to serve. Our four cardinal principles, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift are the ideals in which we strive to serve both Vanderbilt and the Nashville, TN area.

Events such as the Symposium, The Achievement Gap, and Aids Awareness served to touch the Vanderbilt community as we uplifted minds on

social and health issues that affect the African-American community. Other events such as the BBQ, 3 on 3 Tournament, Que-sino and party were a chance for our Chapter to build bridges within the Vanderbilt community by giving students the opportunity to socialize with the men of Theta Beta Chapter. In addition, we wanted to create different opportunities for students to step outside their comfort zone and interact with an array of students.

We would like to thank the Vanderbilt faculty and staff that supported our week. We would like to thank the three Greek councils for their presence and hands on involvement with our week. Please continue to support our hard works as we further our involvement in the Vanderbilt community and excel with gratitude.

**Omega Brothers Exemplify the Fourth Cardinal Principle of Uplift**

*By Brother Augustus Jordan III*

**Willingboro, New Jersey-** Brother Erik Bradley of Nu Nu Chapter in Willingboro, New Jersey, crossed the burning sands on January 22, 2007. Brother Bradley suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia. Sickle Cell Anemia is a disease in which red blood cells, normally disc-shaped, become crescent shaped. As a result, they function abnormally and cause blood clots which give rise to recurrent painful episodes known as "sickle cell pain crises,"

After finalizing preparations for a probate step show that took place on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, he then surprised his line brothers by regrouping with them in Atlanta, GA at The Undergraduate Summit later that same weekend. Although Bradley and his three line brothers QKA, "The Sons of Chocolate Thunder," had a joyous occasion that they would never forget.





for the definitive taste, a free champagne toast, available on-site professional child care, party favors and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Signature Keepsake Champagne Flute. All was followed by a newly added late-night breakfast buffet

This is Kansas City's biggest and best New Year's Eve Celebration. It has been a sell-out success since its inception. "There were approximately 1200 participants," stated Brother Wesley K. Smith, Co-Chair for Omega Ball V.

Omega Ball V, Kansas City's Ultimate New Year's Extravaganza, is an upscale, urban-plush celebration that raises scholarships dollars for Kansas City youth. It is fast becoming a social high-point in the community.

**Omega Days at the Louisiana State Capitol Building**

*By Brother Roger Watkins*

**Baton Rouge, LA-**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Omega Days was spearheaded by the efforts of Brothers Ernest Baylor, Louisiana State Representative of Shreveport, LA and Roy Quezaire, Louisiana State Representative of Donaldsonville, LA. Brother Roger Watkins, 9<sup>th</sup> District Political Action Chair, was the first to arrive at the Capitol on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The morning started with over 40 Brothers having breakfast in the Eleanor Room. During breakfast, Brothers Ernest Baylor and Roy Quezaire followed by Brother Todd Clemons, 9<sup>th</sup> District Representative, addressed the assembled Brothers. They all spoke to the significance of the day and event. Our own Brother Godfrey White, Executive Director in the Office of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, addressed the Brothers with encouraging and challenging remarks about the role of strong African-American men leading the way in the political process leading to

economic empowerment.

Brother Roger Watkins presented his vision for getting Omega involved in the political process on a consistent basis through networking and political action leads. This would be an effort to keep Brothers aware of the bills and activities of our legislative bodies and scheduled political events. Brother Quezaire presented one such piece of information; a State Representative position is about to become open in a majority African-American district and no African-American candidates had been identified. Furthermore, Brother Watkins addressed Omega's responsibility to provide a voice and operate as gatekeepers for African-American communities experiencing economic disenfranchisement.

Omega Days proceeded to the legislative committee meetings which were followed by lunch in the Lt. Governors reception hall. During lunch, representatives from the Governor's office greeted the Brothers and Brothers involved in the political arena presented more information on economic opportunities within the government contracting process. Following lunch, Brothers were acknowledged in the House and Senate with a Resolution commemorating the Omega Day at the Capitol. For Brothers who were able to attend, Lambda Alpha Chapter hosted a reception at the Fraternity House for fellowship and reflection on the day.

Omega Days at the Capitol was an unprecedented event which should not be underestimated. Congratulations and thanks to all the Brothers in attendance. Men of Omega are making a difference in the lives of Black people in the 9<sup>th</sup> District and in particular, the state of Louisiana. Let us continue making a difference and recognizing the power Omega possesses through committed and conscientious men.



**Berry Named Professor of the Year**

*By Brother Derrick DeBurr*

**Dallas, TX**-Brother John Berry has been an icon at El Centro Community College for over 20 years. In the spring of 2006, Dallas County Community College District named Brother Berry the “Miles Production Company Outstanding Faculty Member” for 2005. Earlier, El Centro College named him Professor of the Year for 2005. Brother Berry was the first African American to receive this honor, which is the highest honor offered to an instructor in the District.

El Centro College is 1 of 8 campuses in the Dallas County Community College District. It has a student population of over 2, 500 full and part-time students. The district boasts a student population of over 8,000 students spread over the 8 campuses. El Centro was founded in 1953 as an educational outreach effort by Dallas County. Bro. John Berry has been teaching for over 30 years, with 20 years at El Centro.

He holds a PhD in Mathematics with a Masters in Accounting and Bachelors in Education. Brother Berry was initiated in 1967 into Theta Alpha Chapter in Dallas, TX.

Brother Berry has been married over 30 years to his wife, Cora Lynn-Berry. He is the father of 2 Children Brother John Berry, Jr. and Angela Berry-Robeson.

**Brother West Honored As Texas Governor For A Day**

*By Brother Derrick DeBurr*

**Austin, TX**-Continuing a 50-year Senate tradition, President Pro Tempore, Royce West of Dallas, TX was sworn in as Governor for a Day. The Texas Constitution states that whenever the Governor and Lt. Governor are out of the state at the same time or are otherwise unable to serve in their official capacity, the President Pro Tem

assumes the duties of the Governor. By custom, once during each President Pro Tem’s tenure, both top officials leave the state to allow a day where the Senator is honored for his or her services to the state and his or her District.



Brother West was elected to represent his Dallas District in 1992. He has had a distinguished Senate career, being named to *Texas Monthly’s* Top Ten Legislators list once and twice receiving an Honorable mention. He chairs the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee and sits on the Finance, Education, Health and Human Services, and Jurisprudence committees. He is a noted champion of the state’s top ten percent rule, which guarantees admission to a state school for high school seniors graduating in the top ten percent of their class. West also recently brought the University of North Texas at Dallas to his District with the expectation of increasing educational opportunities for Texas residents. He has been instrumental in reforms to the Education code, Welfare and Tort laws as well as being the





principle author of the Texas Juvenile Justice Code.

Governor West began the day with a parade down Austin's Congress Avenue, which started at the historic Congress Avenue Bridge, and ended at the State Capitol. West was then honored with a ceremony in the Senate Chamber where he was praised by his Senate and House colleagues.

"Royce West is a man who uses his commanding presence in the Texas Senate to pass legislation that is helpful and to kill legislation that harmful," said Senator Judith Zaffirini of Laredo. "We know so well that he fights day and night to do what is right and to make wrong things right and that is the hallmark of the character of this man with high integrity, high honesty, the highest ethics, Governor Royce West," Senator Zaffirini commented.

While this occasion was largely ceremonial, Governor West used the opportunity of his inaugural address to bring attention to the issues of criminal justice, education, poverty and access to health care. He pointed out that the state, which is predicted to have a multiple billion dollar surplus next biennium, should put that money where it is needed most. This would be in better education, better drug and crime prevention programs, and increased health coverage, especially for children. He ended his speech with a ceremonial proclamation aimed at energizing the Legislature to concentrate on these issues. "Therefore let it be proclaimed that I Royce West, Governor of the State of Texas do order that it should be the number one priority of the State of Texas to prepare the next generation of Texans, our future leaders and the future of our state, by improving access to quality health care, to a quality education, and the quality of life that comes from enhanced economic opportunity," he said.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to the Capitol Grounds for food and entertainment. Governor Brother West was joined at the ceremony by his wife Carol and his seven children. Brother West is a partner in the law firm of West & Associates, an active member in Theta Alpha Chapter and Deacon in the Good Street Baptist Church of Dallas, TX.

### Epsilon Rho Chapter

**Minneapolis, MN**-The Brothers of Epsilon Rho Chapter have had a busy fall with their campaign to reactivate Xi Chapter at the University of Minnesota. After more than 25 years of low enrollment, the current undergraduate membership is finally healthy enough to push for reactivation. Epsilon Rho Chapter held several events this fall promoting the Brotherhood in hopes of reactivating the Fraternity's 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

The Brothers started off the semester with "Ques Move You In," whereby Epsilon Rho partnered with a university-sponsored event aimed at helping freshmen students move into their residence hall rooms. Brothers volunteered four hours to help first-year students move their personal belongings into their new homes. Dressed in Fraternity shirts and gold boots, the Brothers received numerous compliments from the program directors and they were invited back to help with the program next year.

During the first week of classes, the Epsilon Rho Step Team performed at Freshman Convocation, an event facilitated by the university to introduce new students to campus life. The enthusiastic show won the attention of the estimated 250-person crowd.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continued to show



a positive face on campus by hosting a Back-to-School Welcome Breakfast, co-sponsored by the Black Student Union. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. banner was widely visible at the event and Brothers served food and took their time to talk about Omega with the guests. Krispy Kreme donuts were served along with pancakes, turkey sausages, scrambled eggs, juice, and hash browns. The event was an opportunity for Epsilon Rho Chapter to join together and serve the community, attract a few good men, raise awareness of the Chapter in the student population, and promote its next event: the Back-to-School Barbeque.

The Back to School Barbeque was a great success for the Chapter. About three to four hundred people waited in line to enjoy delicious Omega Bar-B-Que chicken. Epsilon Rho Chapter decided to collaborate with UPS for this event to reduce production costs. This proved to be a sound decision as UPS provided Epsilon Rho Chapter with a tent and cotton candy machine which cranked out purple cotton candy!

Each year, organizations at the University of Minnesota are able to paint up to three panels of a skywalk bridge. In their quest to immortalize Omega's presence on campus, Brothers painted panels on the bridge. The three-paneled Fraternity-based design went up next to other Black Greek Fraternities and Sororities and displayed Xi Chapter's presence at the University of Minnesota since 1921. Brothers also showed their presence by participating in the Student Activities Fair. With all these events complete and under the direction of district representative, Xi Chapter hopes to be active by the close of this academic year.

## Phi Omicron Chapter's Brother Roderick Shelton Elected Superior Court Judge

*By Brother Greg Webb*

**San Diego, CA.** – At 11:00 A.M. on Monday January 8, 2007, Brother Roderick Shelton was sworn in as Superior Court Judge, Seat #36 for the County of San Diego. The ceremony was held in the third floor Presiding Department at the main courthouse, downtown, San Diego.

In the November elections, he won by a landslide, capturing approximately 46% of the vote and nearly equaling the total number of votes among his competitors. Brother Shelton's victory has given him the distinction of being one of the youngest Superior Court judges in San Diego, CA's history.

After Brother Shelton took his oath from Judge Samartino, the Honorable Judge Joe O. Littlejohn (Ret.) gave a short affirmation speech. Judge Littlejohn was one of the more prominent Black Judges in San Diego. He is also one of Brother Shelton's mentors and was instrumental in convincing him to run for office at a time which coincided with his own retirement.

The victory celebration was held the next day at the George Stevens Senior Center. His well wishers included all of his prominent supporters, most notably, Mayor Jerry Sanders and Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego City District Attorney.

The men of Phi Omicron Chapter salute Brother Shelton and are very proud to have been involved in his grand achievement. We are certain that he will continue to excel and distinguish himself as an Omega man.





**Tau Nu Chapter of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Celebrates Brother Coleridge L. Brewer's 60 Years of Service**

*By Harvey Hinton III, Dave Thomas*

William A. Dromgoole's famous poem "Bridge Builder" has inspired many sons of Omega to remember our duty one to another as well as to our community at large. The poem speaks of a traveler whose destination is never mentioned, but is remembered for his unselfish efforts to build a bridge for an unknown follower to cross. The Brothers of the Tau Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., in Fort Wayne, Indiana, have had the privilege and honor to marvel a man whose life exemplifies this poem's message, Brother Coleridge L. Brewer. He was born on July 9, 1916, in Dyersburg, Tennessee and was the fourth of five children. Brother Brewer was raised by his older siblings and extended family as the result of early loss of his parents.

He was initiated into "Bloody Rho Psi" Chapter at Tennessee State University in 1945. Brother Brewer's perseverance and continued efforts to lift others while climbing has endured for 60 years. Bro. Brewer was an inspiration to all. Highlights from his life include:

- ❖ US Army Veteran
- ❖ Member of the 1945 undefeated Tennessee State University Football Team
- ❖ President of the Lampodas' Club (Rho Psi)
- ❖ Dean of Pledges (Rho Psi)
- ❖ History teacher (Charleston, Missouri)

- ❖ Insurance Salesman (Gary, Indiana)
- ❖ Civil Engineer (Indiana State Highway Commission & the City of Ft. Wayne)
- ❖ Founding member the Tau Nu Graduate chapter
- ❖ Business owner (Ft. Wayne, Indiana)
- ❖ Completed Civil engineering courses at Purdue University in the 1960's.
- ❖ Commissioner and Board Member of the Ft. Wayne Metro Youth Football League
- ❖ Inductee into the Ft. Wayne African-American Museum Hall of Fame
- ❖ Namesake of the Tau Nu chapter scholarship

In the true Omega spirit, Bro. Brewer made sure to bridges were built for those who would travel behind him as he fought through Jim Crowism and the lingering injustices of racism that permeated his childhood.

Brother Brewer's life was a testimony of perseverance. He reminded us to "remember to look for the good in people and to let the other stuff go." When asked about his most memorable fraternity experiences, Brother Brewer talked about the kinships and bonds he shared with the friends acquired while seeking Omega. He also kept in contact with his line brother and dear friend, Marvin Smithson of Chicago.

We call him the "King Maker," the "God Father" and he was truly a "Bridge Builder."

Brother Coleridge L. Brewer 1916-2006



**Brother Darrin K. Wynn**  
**Omega Chapter**



Born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1965, Brother Darrin Keith Wynn began his life of service as an Omega Man on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1986. Following a brief absence, Chi Delta Chapter returned to University of Maryland College Park campus with Brother Wynn as the eighth on his line of, "The 8 Sons of Geronimo." The period of absence and return is often referred to as the break between Old Chi "D" Chapter and the New Chi "D Chapter." He was also known as "Thick Dog" and was easily one of the most recognized figures of the New Chi "D" Chapter. He had a willingness to step up and do whatever was needed. His leadership and enthusiasm for Omega had an immediate impact on the Chapter and the University of Maryland community. His efforts in planning and fundraising helped Chi Delta Chapter to sponsor events that served to stimulate the campus from both a community service and social perspective. During his time on campus, Brother Wynn was involved with the R.O.P.E.S program, which in 1986, was a program organized to retain minority students at Maryland. He was also an active member of the University's Pan-Hellenic Council, representing Omega among the other Greek letter organizations on campus. Because he was such a visible and hard working Omega Man, he was chosen by Black Entertainment Television (BET) to represent Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. on a nationally televised group forum, discussing Black Greek letter organizations.

"Thick Dog" was an avid stepper who performed in multiple step shows at the University's Cole Field House. Although the University shows were planned and organized, "Thick" rarely resisted the opportunity to "set out a hop". His display of love for Omega was deep and he frequently provided UPLIFT to the Brotherhood as well as the campus community.

In an official capacity, Brother Wynn served on Chi Delta Chapter's Membership Committee, acting as the Assistant Dean of Pledges for the spring of 1987. He also served as the Chapter's Sergeant at Arms.

Upon returning to Baltimore, Brother Wynn chose to work and fellowship with the Pi Omega Chapter. His work included service on Pi Omega's Social Action Committee, serving as a mentor for the Principle Achievers Program. This mentoring and tutoring program sought to provide an outlet and guidance to school aged youths in city of Baltimore and those Baltimore County. Darrin felt very strongly about affecting the lives of the young men in his community. He wanted to make a difference. It was obvious that he was able to do so with these young men who often sought his counsel to overcome both everyday and sometimes more difficult situations.

Most recently, Brother Wynn chose to serve Omega by meeting and educating new Brothers. Providing information, guidance, and leading by example has helped many Omega men in upholding the four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.





**Brother Rudolph Wellington Powell  
Omega Chapter**

**Brother Rudolph Wellington Powell** was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Nu Psi Chapter at Virginia

State University on December 6, 1940. "Rudy" as he was affectionately known by his Brothers in Omega, was a devoted life member of the Fraternity who served faithfully and with distinction for over 66 years. He was active with Kappa Omicron Chapter in New York City for more than 30 years. Prior to that, he was an active member with Epsilon Chapter in New York City, and Nu Omicron Chapter in Jamaica, NY. He was elected as Basileus in four different chapters to include Nu Psi Chapter, Epsilon Chapter, Nu Omicron Chapter, and Kappa Omicron Chapter. Rudy was appointed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Corridor Five Representative. This was a position he would hold for nearly 30 years. In his role as a Corridor Representative, he oversaw the activities and administrative duties for the 14 local chapters in New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Albany areas. He was later appointed Corridor Five Representative Emeritus.

Brother Powell's professional career began when he enrolled in the New York School of Social Work in 1950. In 1952, he became certified in Social Services by the State of New York and worked in the capacity of Supervisor of Social Work until his retirement. Brother Powell was

willing to share his experiences and knowledge of Omega with his Brothers. He invited many of the newly initiated Brothers in the New York City area to his home and encouraged them to remain financial and active.

He received many honors and accolades for his service in Omega. On a local level he was selected as the Omega Man of the Year four times. He received this award from Nu Omicron Chapter in 1966, Xi Phi Chapter in 1972, Omicron Iota Chapter in 1992, and Kappa Omicron Chapter in 1993. He was also honored as the Citizen of the Year by Iota Xi Chapter in 1980. On the district level he was selected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Citizen of the Year in 1981. On the National level he received National Service Awards for 25, 40, 50, and 60 years of continuous service.

Brother Powell was also a member of the following organizations:

- Life Member - NAACP**
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Alpha Lodge #116 FAM. of New Jersey**
- Life Senior Member of Alpha Chapter #62 Royal Arch Mason**

**In loving Memory of Brother Shields**

**Leroy Minor, Sr.**

*By Brother J. Smith*

Brother Minor was born on our Fraternity's Founder Day, November 17, 1923 in Knoxville, TN. He entered Omega Chapter on Sunday, November 5, 2006. Brother Minor was one of seven



children born to Henry and Alzenca Minor, Sr. A graduate of Knoxville College, Brother Minor pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Beta Epsilon Chapter in 1947. Upon graduation, he joined the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) and served the city diligently. He eventually rose through the ranks becoming the city's first black captain. Brother Minor was extremely active with the youths of Knoxville during his tenure with the KPD.

Brother Minor loved the Lord and was a faithful member and Trustee at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. He was an active member of Iota Alpha Chapter and held several key positions. His favorite was the Ebony Fashion Show Fair Committee. Whenever there was a project on the horizon, Brother Minor enthusiastically stepped up and embraced the effort. Brother Minor was a shining example of our four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift! His powerful spirit and strong conviction will truly be missed.



**OMEGA CHAPTER**  
**Brother L.A. Moon**  
**April 10, 1910 – October 29, 2005**

Brother Lawrence A. Moon was born in Ore City, Texas on April 10, 1910 and was the fourth child in a family of ten children. He moved to Marshall, Texas and joined the Ebenezer United Methodist Church where he remained a faithful member until his passing.

After completing high school, he entered Wiley College where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He graduated Sum Cum Laude of his class. After he graduated, he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where he developed his interest in the Dry Cleaning business. He returned to Marshall and opened Moon's Cleaners, his first business venture. He later expanded and started three Laundromats and invested in various business ventures in the Marshall, TX area.

He pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1929 while attending Wiley College. Brother Moon served Nu Iota Chapter in every leadership position including Basileus and was selected as Citizen of the Year as well as Omega Man of the Year several times. He had several special mentoring relationships with many of the undergraduate Brothers who have attended Wiley College.

Brother Moon was a member of the Wiley College Board of Trustees, Life Member of the Wiley College National Alumni Association, Life Member of the NAACP, Century Member of the Boy Scouts of America, Board Member of Marshall Regional Medical Center, Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Brother Moon received the awards of Wiley College Hall of Fame, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wiley College, and Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, 1996-1997. He has been featured in the Wiley Reporter and Marshall News Messenger newspaper. Brother Moon is survived



by his son, Kenneth Moon and many other relatives and friends.



**Brother Davey Wayne Vanwright**

Brother Davey Wayne Vanwright was born December 1, 1959 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Theresa L. Vanwright and the late Davis Vanwright. Brother Vanwright entered Omega Chapter on June 9, 2005. The Omega Memorial Services for Brother Vanwright was held at the King's Funeral Home on June 11, 2005 and the funeral services were held on June 11, 2005 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He was a life long resident of Lake Charles and was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Brother Vanwright was also a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and was employed by Harbor House for nineteen years.

Brother Vanwright attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, but graduated from

McNeese State University. Brother Vanwright was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on April 11, 1981 through Gamma Delta Chapter at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, presently the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Since his initiation, he has served Omega diligently in three Chapters, Gamma Delta Chapter, Rho Beta Chapter and at the time of his demise he was a valued member of Rho Chi Chapter.

Brother Vanwright served untiringly in various Chapter positions and offices locally and on the District level. He was also voted as Rho Chi Chapter's "Omega Man of The Year" in 1999. He was the immediate past Ninth District Achievement Week Chairman. Brother Vanwright was also past Basileus of both Rho Chi and Rho Beta Chapters and past Keeper of Records and Seal of Rho Chi Chapter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Angela Thibodeaux Vanwright of Lake Charles, Louisiana; one daughter, Brittany Shaye Vanwright of Lake Charles, Louisiana; his mother, Theresa L. Vanwright of lake Charles, Louisiana; four sisters; Linda S. DeRuso, Rosa Stelly, Catherine S. Dejean, all of Lake Charles, Louisiana and Tyrolyn Vanwright Redmond of Houston, Texas and a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Vanwright personified our four cardinal principles, Manhood, Perseverance, Scholarship and Uplift and lived by our motto, "Friendship is essential to the soul". His vibrant personality and works will be greatly missed.



**In Memory of  
Brother Albert M. Moody**

Brother Albert Maurice Moody passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2006 at Willis-Knighton Hospital, North. He was 88 years old. Services celebrating his life were held on Friday, December 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, 1500 Pierre Ave., Shreveport, LA.

Brother Moody was born December 13, 1917 in Darlington, LA. He was the oldest of nine children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. James Nathaniel Moody, Sr. He attended the public schools of Baton Rouge, LA. He attended Southern University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Chemistry. He later received a Master of Science degree from Columbia University.

Prior to taking up residence in Shreveport, he served in the United States Army for four years as a commissioned officer and later leaving the Army as a Lt. Colonel, Brother Moody served as principal of Mulletto Bend Elementary School in West Baton Rouge Parish and as Assistant Dean of Men at Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Brother Moody was employed by the Caddo Parish School Board for 40 years as a teacher of mathematics at Central Colored High School, Booker T. Washington High School, the principal of Hollywood Elementary School and Bethune Junior-Senior High School. In the course of his career, he founded the Caddo Parish Teachers Federal Credit Union and served as its CEO and Treasurer. Brother Moody retired from the school board on October 18, 2003.

Brother Moody is survived by his wife of 65 years, Estella; two children, Albert Maurice, Jr., Lanham, MD and Tahira Abdul-O-Rahman (Mustafa); five grandchildren, Richard "Ricky" Eugene Coleman of Palm Dale, CA, Khadija Jamilla Abdul-Rahman, Safiya Zainab Abdul-Rahman,, Safiya Zainab Abdul-Rahman Smith (Kevin), Ibn Mustafa Abdul-Rahman, all of Shreveport and Naeema Abdul-Rahman Booker (Chester) of Indianapolis, IN; seven great grandchildren; two brothers, Rev. James N. Moody, Jr. of Henderson, KY and Dr. Charles David Moody, Sr. (Christella) of Las Vegas, NV; two sisters, Rev Mary Edith Moody of Baton Rouge and Mrs. Martha Moody Boone (morel) of Keithville; and host a of other nephews, nieces relatives and friends.







**Brother Len T. Harris  
Minden, La. – Gamma Omicron**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Ninth District suffered a loss with the passing of Brother Len Terrell Harris. Brother Len Terrell Harris entered Omega Chapter on September 25, 2006. A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 01, 2006, followed by the Homecoming Celebration on October 02, 2006 at St. Rest Baptist Church in Minden, LA.

On April 14, 1946, Len Terrell Harris, affectionately known as “Len T,” was born to Cleveland Harris, Sr. and Innie Lee Harris in Athens, Louisiana. He was the youngest of four children. At an early age, Brother Harris became a Christian. He joined the St. Rest Baptist Church where he was a faithful member and served in many positions to include: Chairman of the Deacon’s Ministry, Church Treasurer, Superintendent

of Outreach for Sunday school, Director of Baptist Training Union and chairman of the Nurturing for Baptist Churches program.

In 1980, he became a member of the Gamma Omicron Chapter.

Brother Harris was a 1964 graduate of Webster High School where he was the winning pitcher on the 1963 state championship team. His education at Webster High School prepared him to enter Grambling College and graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1969. He also began his career in this year as an educator in the Webster Parish School System by teaching Physical Education at J.L. Jones Elementary until 1973. In 1973 he accepted a special education position at Shongaloo High School. He later taught special education at Brown Middle School in 1974 and at Minden High School in 1985. He obtained a Masters of Art degree and plus 30 from Louisiana Tech University in 1976 and 1982, respectively.

He touched the lives of so many students as a classroom teacher and was a role model for countless male students when he served as supervisor of the summer CETA Pro-



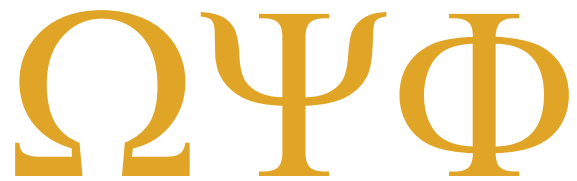
gram. In 1986, he was chosen as principal of Webster Junior High School serving until his retirement in 1999. Realizing that he still had much to offer students, he accepted a position at Woodlawn High School in Shreveport, LA. He served as a special education teacher and assistant principal until his passing.

Brother Harris married his high school sweetheart, Jereldene Martin, on June 15, 1968. **In his words, “God blessed us with two lovely and affectionate children, Patrick Len-Terrell (Sam), and Jerilyn Patrice (BabyB).** He was a family man, an educator as well as a servant in his community.

He served as chairman of the Minden Recreation Commission, Cub Scout Master, a member of the Kiwanis Club and Socialite Club. He also served on the Louisiana Governor’s Draft Review Committee. Brother Harris has received a number of professional honors and awards. He was a member of the Webster Educator Association, National Education Association, Louisiana Association of Educators, and Louisiana Association of School Executives. In 1997, he served on the state task force for

principals and received the Principal Of The Year award locally as well as regionally. He has also served as vice president and president of the Webster Parish Principals Association.

Brothers Harris is survived by his brothers, J.R. Harris of La Porte, TX; Cleveland Harris Jr. and wife Dorothy Harris of Minden, LA; one special uncle, Henry Mack of Minden, LA; two special aunts, Gladys Mack of Minden, LA: and Idell Mack of Houston, TX; his devoted mother-in-law, Versia Martin of Minden, LA; sister in-law Imojean Sims, Long Beach, CA; four nephews, Kendall Allen of Houston, TX, Rodney Allen of Houston, TX, Deric Harris(Felica) of Minden, LA, Chauncey Pugh, Minden, LA; four nieces, Jacqueline Allen, Rosilind Hadden(Anthony) and Vanessa Cosby(Elton) all of Houston, TX,: Liz Harris, Minden, LA; and a host of cousins, friends and other relatives.





Chapter	Chapter Name	First Name	Last Name
000002	Beta	Dana	Armstead
000005	Epsilon	Julius	Smalls
000007	Eta	James	Keener, Jr.
000016	Pi	Tarrance	Green
000017	Rho	Taurus	Turner
000019	Tau	Reginald	Harris
000026	Gamma Psi	Cedric	Howell
000027	Delta Psi	Galen	Houston
000029	Zeta Psi	Robert	Hood
000032	Iota Psi	Foday	Kenneh, II
000033	Kappa Psi	Edward	Muhammad
000037	Xi Psi	Theodore	Hamilton
000038	Omicron Psi	Anthony	Tillman II
000043	Upsilon Psi	Brian	Harris
000044	Phi Psi	Domonick	Crane
000046	Psi Psi	Steven	Jacobs
000049	Gamma Sigma	Desmond	Foster
000053	Eta Sigma	Brandon	Kendrick
000056	Kappa Sigma	Christopher	Weathers Jr.
000059	Nu Sigma	Kevin	Little
000072	Gamma Epsilon	Brian	Davis
000075	Zeta Epsilon	Dominic	Day Sr.
000076	Eta Epsilon	Steven	Fisher
000080	Lambda Epsilon	Dennis	Robinson, Jr
000082	Nu Epsilon	Willie	Johnson Jr
000094	Alpha Gamma	Antoine	Stewart
000095	Beta Gamma	Isaac	Moore
000096	Gamma Gamma	Jamar	Whitehurst
000097	Delta Gamma	Tandon	Mardis
000098	Epsilon Gamma	Walter	Virgil Jr.
000101	Theta Gamma	Leslie	Davis
000108	Omicron Gamma	Calvin	Rice
000109	Pi Gamma	Eugene	Gibbs, Jr.
000110	Rho Gamma	Chandler	Blakely
000119	Beta Theta	Cleyton	McDonald
000120	Gamma Theta	Ricky	Waters Jr
000124	Eta Theta	Tracy G	Gilbert
000135	Sigma Theta	Benjamin	Bailey
000137	Upsilon Theta	Jermaine	Cooper
000139	Chi Theta		
000141	Omega Theta	Alvin	Shaw
000142	Alpha Beta	Geoffrey	Taylor
000148	Eta Beta	Lyndon	Baskin
000149	Theta Beta	Daryl	Grayer Jr.
000150	Iota Beta	Christopher	Wright, Jr.
000153	Mu Beta	Henry	Hayes
000155	Xi Beta	Quieran	Burnett
000158	Rho Beta	Brandon	Colligan
000165	Omega Beta	Bakari	White
000168	Gamma Delta	Lawrence	Williams
000190	Alpha Zeta	Keon	Morning

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000191	Beta Zeta	Joray	Wright
000195	Zeta Zeta	Jamie	Downs
000201	Mu Zeta	Randy	Crawley, Jr
000203	Xi Zeta	Sifiso	Mkhize
000211	Chi Zeta	Jamison	Simmons
000215	Beta Eta	Charles	Johnson Jr
000216	Gamma Eta	Stephon	Latham
000217	Delta Eta	Adrian	Ross
000221	Theta Eta	Preston	Waller
000235	Chi Eta	Leroy	Fields III
000241	Delta Kappa	Stephen	Holmes, Jr.
000254	Rho Kappa	Antwonne	Pierce
000271	Kappa Lambda	Justin	Walton
000278	Rho Lambda	Maurice	Sanders
000280	Tau Lambda	Marcus	Hairston
000283	Chi Lambda	Xavier	Purdy
000308	Psi Mu	Brian	Newland
000315	Zeta Delta Delta	Kordia	Hardy
000317	Theta Delta Delta	Creston	Burse
000326	Rho Delta Delta	Albert	Williams Jr
000328	Tau Delta Delta	Julian	Marchi
000333	Omega Delta Delta	Robert	Patterson
000335	Alpha Delta Zeta	Charles	Brady, Jr.
000338	Chi Tau Tau	Byron	Washington
000339	Alpha Delta Iota	Jason	Riles
000501	Alpha Omega	Marvin	Hart
000502	Beta Omega	Orrin	Ellis
000503	Gamma Omega	John	Hughes, IV
000505	Epsilon Omega	Frank	Mundy
000506	Zeta Omega	Benjamin	Holbert
000507	Eta Omega	Donald	Lee
000508	Theta Omega	Warren	Shelton Jr
000510	Kappa Omega	Arthur	Dickinson
000511	Lambda Omega	Anthony	Knight
000513	Nu Omega	Steven	McReynolds
000515	Omicron Omega	Franklin	Harris
000517	Rho Omega	Lawrence	Anderson
000519	Tau Omega	Sean David	Young
000521	Phi Omega	Daren	Thomas
000522	Chi Omega	Zollie	White Jr
000523	Psi Omega	Billy	Nichols
000524	Alpha Phi	Larry	Forest
000525	Beta Phi	Allen	Little
000526	Gamma Phi	Leonard	Webster
000528	Epsilon Phi	Earl	Young
000529	Zeta Phi	Charles	Johnson
000530	Eta Phi	Vernell	Baker
000531	Theta Phi	Wade	Rice
000532	Iota Phi	Kenneth	Minefield
000533	Kappa Phi	Frederick	Green
000534	Lambda Phi	Win	Roshell
000535	Mu Phi	James	Melvin





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000536	Nu Phi	Henry	Emanuel Jr	000619	Delta Upsilon	Larry	Lewis
000538	Omicron Phi	Charles	Marshall	000620	Epsilon Upsilon	Kevin	Hook
000541	Sigma Phi	Farrell	Duncombe	000624	Iota Upsilon	Jerry	Peterson
000543	Upsilon Phi	Bruce	Harman	000625	Kappa Upsilon	John	Jenkins
000545	Chi Phi	Theron	Labrie	000626	Lambda Upsilon	Benjie	Wimberly
000546	Psi Phi	Gregory	Bradsher	000628	Nu Upsilon	Carlton	Lampkins
000547	Alpha Alpha	Michael	Brice	000629	Xi Upsilon	Sylvester	Pace
000548	Beta Alpha	Andre	Brown	000630	Omicron Upsilon	Henry	Jennings
000550	Delta Alpha	Eric	Stephens	000633	Sigma Upsilon	Melvin	McWilliams
000551	Epsilon Alpha	Howard	Robinson	000636	Phi Upsilon	William	Anderson
000552	Zeta Alpha	Robert	Gorham	000639	Alpha Chi	Michael	Angeletti
000553	Eta Alpha	Robert	Robinson	000640	Beta Chi	Kelvin	Coaxum
000554	Theta Alpha	Patrick	Smith	000642	Delta Chi	Ronald	Copes
000555	Iota Alpha	Adronicus	Thomas	000644	Zeta Chi	Michael J	Jenkins
000557	Lambda Alpha	Calvin	Beal	000645	Eta Chi	Henry	Jackson
000558	Mu Alpha	Daryl	Grigsby	000646	Theta Chi	Rodney	Louis
000561	Omicron Alpha	Cedric	Dickerson	000647	Iota Chi	Everton	Mandley
000563	Rho Alpha	Bobby	Dennison	000649	Lambda Chi	Thomas	Jones
000564	Sigma Alpha	Peter	Harden	000650	Mu Chi	Anthony	Scruse
000566	Upsilon Alpha	Michael	Epps	000651	Nu Chi	Marquie	Board
000569	Psi Alpha	Gregory	Thompson	000655	Rho Chi	Samuel	Baynes
000571	Beta Iota	Robert	Wilson	000659	Phi Chi	Tyrone	Williams
000573	Delta Iota	Tyron	Eason	000660	Chi Chi	Bruce	Little
000574	Epsilon Iota	Cletus	Wilkins	000661	Psi Chi	Berry	Davis
000578	Iota Iota	Eric	Fairfax	000666	Delta Tau	Kemp	Oubre, Sr.
000579	Kappa Iota	Dwayne	Young	000668	Zeta Tau	Williams	Thomas
000580	Lambda Iota	Abdur	Hassan	000669	Eta Tau	Julius	Green, II
000581	Mu Iota	Leon	Adams	000670	Theta Tau	Johnny	Harris
000582	Nu Iota	Ardis	Wright	000671	Iota Tau	Woodrow	Doby Jr.
000583	Xi Iota	Alfred	Wilson	000672	Kappa Tau	Corey	Grubbs
000584	Omicron Iota	John	Edwards	000673	Lambda Tau	Dwight E	Jordan
000585	Pi Iota	Michael	Wilson	000675	Nu Tau	Harl O	Fisher
000586	Rho Iota	Larry	Patterson	000678	Pi Tau	Bobby	Burkes Sr
000590	Phi Iota	Melvin	Jones	000679	Rho Tau	Marvin	Burruss
000591	Chi Iota	Darryl	Kelly	000680	Sigma Tau	Charles	Ellis
000592	Psi Iota	Charles	Moore Jr	000681	Tau Tau	Walter	Hunter
000594	Beta Omicron	John	Veasley	000682	Upsilon Tau	James	Sanders
000595	Gamma Omicron	Windell	Bonner	000684	Chi Tau	Tony	Greene
000596	Delta Omicron	Herbert	Inman Jr	000685	Psi Tau	Willie	Peale, Jr.
000598	Zeta Omicron	Waymon	Foster	000686	Alpha Rho	Keir	Abrams
000599	Eta Omicron	Frederick	Polite	000687	Beta Rho	Elmus	Stockstill
000600	Theta Omicron	Joel	Cummings	000688	Gamma Rho	Ryan	Lloyd
000601	Iota Omicron	Henry	Dorsey	000689	Delta Rho	Phillip	Lemmon Sr
000602	Kappa Omicron	Victor	Antoine	000690	Epsilon Rho	Robert	Browne
000603	Lambda Omicron	Eddie	Conner	000692	Eta Rho	Frank	Brunson
000604	Mu Omicron	Terry	Nettles	000693	Theta Rho	Oshea	White
000605	Nu Omicron	Robert	Stevens	000695	Kappa Rho	Rodney	Sessoms
000607	Omicron Omicron	Kenneth	Barnes	000698	Nu Rho	Printice	McGlory Jr
000609	Rho Omicron	Eldridge	Simon	000700	Omicron Rho	Samuel	Cox
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000617	Beta Upsilon	John	Williams	000703	Sigma Rho	Maurice	Brown
000618	Gamma Upsilon	Curtis	Whitten	000705	Upsilon Rho	Andrew	Smith





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000713	Epsilon Nu	Loretto	Fowler	000806	Psi Alpha Alpha	Kenneth	Younger
000715	Eta Nu	John	Williams Jr	000808	Alpha Beta Beta	Charles	Govan
000716	Theta Nu	Willie	Minor	000809	Beta Beta Beta	Willie	Williams
000717	Iota Nu	Norman	Wilderson	000811	Delta Beta Beta	Marcus	Ballard
000720	Mu Nu	Bobby	Juett	000816	Iota Beta Beta	Jeremiah	Green
000721	Nu Nu	Mamon	Bey	000817	Kappa Beta Beta	Diego	Howard
000723	Omicron Nu	Tony	Goodrich	000818	Lambda Beta Beta	Gustavo	Perez
000724	Pi Nu	V.	Williams	000819	Mu Beta Beta	Lewis	Brunner
000725	Rho Nu	Byron	Williams	000821	Xi Beta Beta	Harvey	Batten
000728	Upsilon Nu	Cecil	Shorte	000823	Pi Beta Beta	Louis	Robison
000731	Psi Nu	Joseph	Neal	000824	Rho Beta Beta	Vernon	Weakly
000732	Omega Nu	Joseph	Washington	000825	Sigma Beta Beta	Bernard	Eyssalenne
000733	Alpha Pi	John	Humes	000828	Phi Beta Beta	Michael	Haynes
000734	Beta Pi	Robert	Welch II	000829	Chi Beta Beta	William	Crutchfield
000735	Gamma Pi	Teddy	Taylor		Gamma Gamma		
000736	Delta Pi	Marlowe	Gilmore	000834	Gamma	William	Weeden
000739	Eta Pi	Anthony	Hayes		Epsilon Gamma		
000740	Theta Pi	Shamann	Walton	000836	Gamma	Chevalier	Duncan
000741	Iota Pi	Oscar	Neal, Jr.		Zeta Gamma		
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000774	Sigma Xi	James	Anderson		Sigma Gamma		
000776	Upsilon Xi	Nathaniel	Birdsong Jr	000849	Gamma	Bryant	Jones
000778	Chi Xi	Michael	McKinley		Tau Gamma		
000779	Psi Xi	Timothy	Melton, III	000850	Gamma	Conrado	Morgan
000780	Omega Xi	Saeed	Henderson		Upsilon Gamma		
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000786	Alpha	Charles	Whittaker	000852	Gamma	Antonio	Sampson
000787	Delta Alpha Alpha	Ernest	Jones Jr.		Chi Gamma		
000790	Eta Alpha Alpha	James	Wilson Jr	000853	Gamma	Benjamin	Hill Jr
000793	Kappa Alpha Alpha	James	Brown		Omega Gamma		
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000794	Alpha	Edwin	Ross	000857	Beta Iota Iota	Melvin	Scott, Jr.
000795	Mu Alpha Alpha	Eric	Bell	000861	Zeta Iota Iota	Darryl	Hicks
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000869	Xi Iota Iota	Ronald	Humphrey	000904	Lambda	Jahari	Crawford, Sr.
000870	Omicron Iota Iota	Stanley	Moss		Delta Lambda		
000876	Phi Iota Iota	Rodrek	Williams	000907	Lambda	Charles	Carter
000877	Chi Iota Iota	Reginald	Howell		Epsilon Lambda		
000878	Psi Iota Iota	Charles	Sansbury	000908	Lambda	Steven	Smith
000879	Omega Iota Iota	Rodney	Zeigler		Zeta Lambda		
				000909	Lambda	Christopher	Swan
000880	Alpha Kappa Kappa	Kevin	Hester		Eta Lambda		
000881	Beta Kappa Kappa	Leotis	McNeil II	000910	Lambda	Anthony	Whitaker
	Epsilon Kappa				Theta Lambda		
000884	Kappa	Archie	Smith	000911	Lambda	Levi	Robinson
000886	Eta Kappa Kappa	Johnnie	Ross		Kappa Lambda		
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000892	Nu Kappa Kappa	Jojuane	Porter	000917	Xi Lambda Lambda	Dennis	McGloster
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	Upsilon Kappa			000923	Lambda	Isaac	Crawford
000899	Kappa	Taurese	Edge		Chi Lambda		
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000901	Chi Kappa Kappa	Mack	McCraney Jr				





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Thank you for your interest in the 2007 Omega Psi Phi Leadership Conference. This year's conference will be held Friday & Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. The theme this year is: “Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership, Leadership Today, Tomorrow and Forever”.

In conjunction with this year's conference, there will be activities beginning on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>, with a Job Fair from 11:00AM to 6:00PM, a golf tournament from 1:00PM to 6:30PM and opportunities to visit the city and the King “Tut” exhibit.

On Friday, we begin our conference with a breakfast recognizing the men that have been members for 60 plus years. Following the breakfast, we move into our medical health symposium that will be moderated by the Fraternity's Surgeon General, Dr. Charles Christopher. Members of the panel will be well known medical professionals from the local area.

The break out sessions, following the health symposium, will cover ways to achieve leadership roles in the workplace by career planning, effective resume writing, and image consulting, and address critical issues impacting African American males. Later that evening, those attending can sit back and relax and enjoy the Friday night entertainment.

On Saturday, we will start by honoring the men who have been members for 50 years at breakfast. The following workshops will cover leadership and teamwork and business leadership via franchising opportunities.

The invited luncheon speakers for both Friday and Saturday include a Governor and Mayor, an Admiral, an Attorney General and an astronaut.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Mu Omega Chapter are proud to host this year's Leadership Conference in Philadelphia.

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