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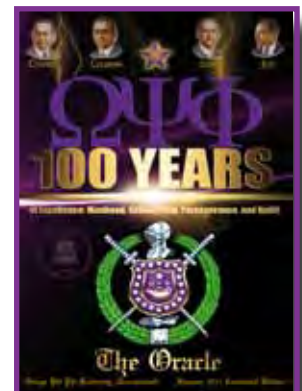
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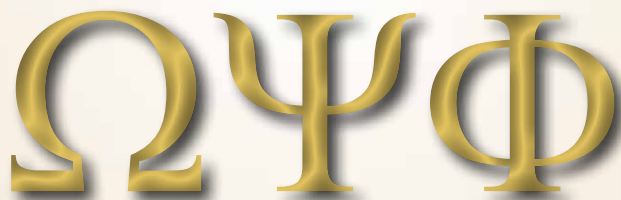
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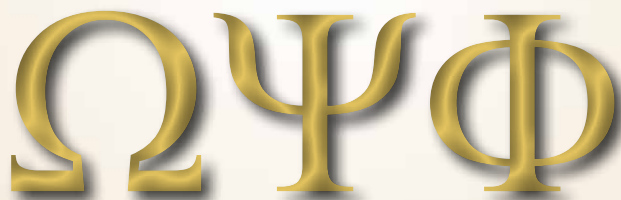
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2nd	Oscar J. Cooper	1912 - 1913	Omega Chapter
3rd	Edgar A. Love	1913 - 1915	Omega Chapter
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11th	George E. Vaughn	1924 - 1926	Omega Chapter
12th	Julius S. McClain	1926 - 1929	Omega Chapter
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20th	Milo C. Murray	1949 - 1951	Omega Chapter
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26th	George E. Meares	1964 - 1967	Omega Chapter
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39th	Andrew A. Ray	2010 -	



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<i>Conclave</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Year</i>
1st	Washington, DC	1912
2nd	Washington, DC	1913
3rd	Washington, DC	1914
4th	Oxford, PA	1915
5th	Washington, DC	1916
6th	Oxford, PA	1917
7th	Washington, DC	1918
8th	Boston, MA	1919
9th	Nashville, TN	1920
10th	Atlanta, GA	1921
11th	Philadelphia, PA	1922
12th	St. Louis, MO	1923
13th	Washington, DC	1924
14th	Tuskegee, AL	1925
15th	Chicago, IL	1926
16th	New York, NY	1927
17th	Indianapolis, IN	1928
18th	Baltimore, MD	1929
19th	Detroit, MI	1931
20th	Richmond, VA	1932
21st	Durham, NC	1933
22nd	St. Louis, MO	1934
23rd	Atlanta, GA	1935
24th	Philadelphia, PA	1936
25th	Cleveland, OH	1937
26th	Chicago, IL	1938
27th	New York, NY	1939
28th	Nashville, TN	1940
29th	Indianapolis, IN	1941
30th	Little Rock, AR	1944
31st	Washington, DC	1945
32nd	Fort Worth, TX	1946
33rd	Detroit, MI	1947
34th	Columbus, OH	1948
35th	Chicago, IL	1949
36th	Boston, MA	1950
37th	Miami, FL	1951
38th	Philadelphia, PA	1952
39th	Cincinnati, OH	1953
40th	Atlanta, GA	1954
41st	Los Angeles, CA	1955
42nd	Baltimore, MD	1956
43rd	St. Louis, MO	1957
44th	Cleveland, OH	1958
45th	New York, NY	1959

<i>Conclave</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Year</i>
46th	San Antonio, TX	1960
47th	Washington, DC	1961
48th	Indianapolis, IN	1962
49th	Denver, CO	1964
50th	Detroit, MI	1965
51st	Boston, MA	1967
52nd	Charlotte, NC	1968
53rd	Pittsburgh, PA	1970
54th	Houston, TX	1971
55th	St. Louis, MO	1973
56th	Phoenix, AZ	1974
57th	Atlanta, GA	1976
58th	New Orleans, LA	1977
59th	Denver, CO	1979
60th	San Francisco, CA	1980
61st	Miami, FL	1982
62nd	Kansas City, MO	1983
63rd	Louisville, KY	1984
64th	Washington, DC	1986
65th	Dallas, TX	1988
66th	Detroit, MI	1990
67th	Atlanta, GA	1992
68th	Cleveland, OH	1994
69th	Los Angeles, CA	1996
70th	New Orleans, LA	1998
71st	Indianapolis, IN	2000
72nd	Charlotte, NC	2002
73rd	St. Louis, MO	2004
74th	Little Rock, AR	2006
75th	Birmingham, AL	2008
76th	Raleigh, NC	2010
<i>Centennial Grand Conclave*</i>		<i>2011</i>
<i>Washington, DC</i>		
77th	Minneapolis, MN	2012

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

Message from the 39th Grand Basileus



My Brothers, we are approaching “*The Moment in Time.*” The world will witness thousands of Omega men assembling in Washington, DC to pay tribute to our Founders and the men who have contributed to their legacy. The Cardinal Principles will be on full display, as we present the several venues, wherein Omega men will be recognized for work in their respective professions and their uplift to humanity.

It is crucial that we hold Omega high as we walk and talk during the celebratory activities and indeed our everyday lives. The eyes of the world will be upon us as we conduct the business of Omega in the Nation’s Capitol. Our oath and our charge calls for us to always consider Omega first in all that we do while representing our glorious legacy.

In carrying out our collective responsibility, it is important to remember that Washington, DC is a FEDERAL DISTRICT. There are laws and regulations in Washington, DC that may not apply in other cities. There exists a heightened security level on a daily basis. Being a diplomatic city, motorcades do not stop! They are in continuous motion throughout the city; therefore, care must be taken while navigating the streets.

The 100th Committee spent considerable time meeting with multiple agencies in order to craft the best way forward. We are required to comply with all DC mandates. Some of the latter may significantly vary from what has been expected and/or accepted at past conclave venues i.e. security, ID admissions, loitering, container laws etc.

Be it known, that when Omega men, meet Omega Standards; there will be no cause for criticism of our beloved Fraternity. I look forward to greeting you in the city of Omega’s birth; where we will proudly close our first century and enthusiastically launch our second. Be well my brothers and may the Supreme Basileus of the Universe be with you and yours.

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

Fraternally yours,

Andrew A. Ray

Dr. Andrew A. Ray

39th Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Message from the First Vice Grand Basileus



Brothers, I greet you in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we celebrate 100 years of excellence, I thank you for allowing me to serve. I have been blessed to work with an excellent group of committee chairs, co-chairs and committee members. Everyone is working together and determined to assist Omega in living up to the expectations our Founders had for us.

All of our committees are working diligently and the members recognize the importance of each committee to the overall success of our administration and the Fraternity. All of our committees will be featured in the next Omega Bulletin; however, some are playing major roles in the Centennial Celebration and are listed in *The Oracle*.

My brothers, the country is calling our name and looking for us to lead. There are companies preparing to post job openings on our website because they are interested in hiring Omega men. There are wellness and social organizations that are offering to partner with us because of our history of working to make the lives better for all people as we serve our communities. During this 100-year celebration, let's come together to make our Fraternity the best organization that it can be. Let's not be divided as districts or undergraduate and graduate, but be "One Omega" and live out Omega's aim and Omega's creed and be of the spirit to serve as the Founders would have us to be. Let's make them proud in this *Year of Celebration*.

There are a few things that I would like to mention that our committees are doing that are important to our success in accomplishing our goals to help our communities:

- The Voter Education, Registration, and Mobilization Committee will take the lead in ensuring that all Omegas are registered and participate in the most important local and national elections in our time. We must reverse the mistakes that happened in mid-term elections, and be prepared for 2012.
- The Fatherhood Initiative Committee is partnering with President Obama in promoting fatherhood and highlighting the importance of fathers playing an active and responsible role in the lives of their children.
- The Big Brother Big Sister Committee is partnering with the national organization and ensuring that we have men involved in mentoring our boys.
- The Career Development Committee and GE For Life Committees are recruiting companies to provide job opportunities for the undergraduates and graduates. There will be career development training at the Centennial.
- The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Rules Committee, and Recommendation Committee are working together to have an updated Constitution and Bylaws ready to be released at the Centennial.
- The Undergraduate Liaison and Undergraduate Committee are working together, to provide support, advice and program opportunities for the Undergraduate Council and Undergraduate body.

These are just a few of the things happening with the various committees. Again I say to you that all of our Committee Chairs are doing an excellent job as we celebrate 100 years of excellence. Remember my brothers as Dean Smith said "when nobody cares who gets the credit we are so much better!"

Thank you again my brothers for allowing me to serve you.

In the spirit of which I serve,

Antonio F. Knox, Sr.

Antonio F. Knox, Sr.

First Vice Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Message from the 2nd Vice Grand Basileus



Greeting Brothers:

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. 100 years ago three undergraduate men came together to give birth to a lifestyle in which we know as Omega Psi Phi. The fact that these men were of similar ideals and like attainment enhanced the bond of their friendship. Right after they met to discuss their expectations and aspirations of our Fraternity, the three undergraduates decided to meet with their soon to be advisor. The rest is history....

Brothers, during this year-long celebration, we must be truthful with ourselves and realize that Omega is due for renovation as well as revitalization. As we endeavor into this next century of existence, it is imperative that we “get back to the basics” which we were founded upon. The respect that was once given to an Omega man is rapidly dwindling away because of the stereotype of the “Que Dawg.” The noble work of those intelligent men who came before us is almost an after thought when people think of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The longevity of Omega should be consistent with the work of every individual who has pledged allegiance to her cause. This charge is on the lap of every man who took the oath that bind Omega men all around the world and those who have accepted this as a way of life. From the most elder brother to the most youthful brother, Omega needs your help! Like any family, there will be differences of opinions and ideas, but we can not allow those barriers to be the cause of our demise. We must come together to be one strong force! Long live Omega Psi Phi!

Fraternally,

Robert Littlejohn, Jr.

Robert Littlejohn Jr.

2nd Vice Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

“Serving with integrity and enthusiasm”

Scenes from the *Undergraduate Summit (Charlotte, NC)*



Farewell Tribute



to 28th Grand Basileus James S. Avery, Sr.

Born March 24, 1923, James S. Avery was the grandson of a slave, owned by Colonel John Avery, a white plantation owner in Prince George County, VA. Brother Avery's father moved to New Jersey in 1908. James Avery began his journey of making a difference in America in his hometown of Cranford, New Jersey. During his early

years, America was still segregated and minorities were severely disadvantaged in this land of opportunity. Although relatively sheltered in this quiet and diverse community, Brother Avery knew that the pursuit of higher education provided hope as a means to change life's circumstances and lay the path of leadership for future generations.

His destiny of leadership was the result of preparedness, opportunity and commitment. For James Avery, this was evident early in his life. In his autobiography, he wrote, “when I was a student at Cranford High School, I had teachers who never let me forget that I could achieve my goal... Through this kind of support and encouragement, one becomes better able to face life’s challenges and to seize opportunities that can make a difference in the world around us.”

At Cranford High School, he lettered in football, basketball and track. In addition to being a gifted athlete, he was a scholastic achiever. Always recognized by his peers, he served as President of the Student Council. After high school, Brother Avery received a scholarship to attend Columbia University. His studies were interrupted by a tour of duty in the military, where he served in the U.S. Army. Ironically, it was the military that gave Brother Avery his first real perception of racism. He and some of his football buddies decided to enlist in the Marines. They all applied and took the physical exam, however, Jim was allegedly rejected because he had “flat feet.” In spite of the humiliation, he still wanted to serve his country and chose the Army, enlisted in the Reserve Corps and was allowed to continue in school until called for active duty.

After an honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to Columbia University and received his Bachelor’s degree and continued to receive a Master’s degree in Education. He started his working career in his hometown of Cranford, N.J. as a teacher and coach, for which he received numerous honors and awards. The quality of service you provide in your daily life and the manner in which you perform whatever responsibility you’re given, never goes unnoticed. For Brother Avery, opportunity knocked while he was teaching. It happened to be the father of one of his students. This particular parent was an assistant manager at Esso Standard Oil Company (now Exxon). Based upon feedback from his child and the observations of others, the gentleman called on James Avery and indicated that Esso was looking for a professional employee with a background in education and experience in community service, who could function in the company’s educational and race relations programs. In reflecting on this situation, James Avery came to the following

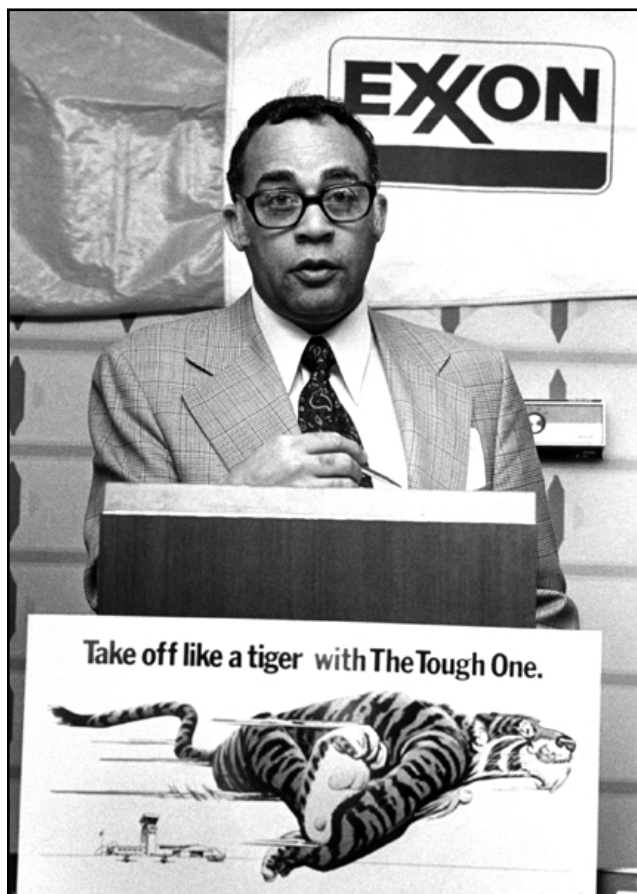
conclusion: “I told him I would think about it. After all, it was a sudden shock to my system and to my pattern of living and working, I was happy in the field of education and I especially enjoyed helping people shape their careers and develop their lifetime goals. Frankly, I was not immediately interested in changing job directions, even though I knew opportunities for further advancement were quite limited for blacks. I studied the opportunity, went deeply into the company’s background and finally decided that such a job was indeed a real challenge as well as a great chance to realize a lot more for both my family and me. In arriving at my decision, I felt that I must consider more than the present. I must think of even greater opportunities that are provided by this new post.”

He would ultimately have an 18-state operating territory from Maine to Louisiana. Entering the world of business in the mid 1950’s and managing a territory that included the Deep South, needless to say - Brother Avery faced many new challenges. However, he approached each challenge head-on and performed his job with the same enthusiasm and dedication to which he pursued sports and education. It is often the challenges we face that clearly define who we are. For Avery, a kid from Cranford, New Jersey, the segregated “Jim Crow” South was potentially overwhelming. But, he knew he had to persevere and make a difference! Here are some of his

thoughts on segregation as reflected in his autobiography, “I thoroughly disliked it whenever I experienced segregated conditions. I never felt I was an inferior person or one whose intelligence level was lower than anyone else. Being judged only for my skin color riled the hell out of me, but I was representing a major corporation, and I had to deal with it. In doing so, it simply reinforced my feelings of self and strengthened my perceptions of who I was.”

During his tenure at Esso Standard Oil Company (now Exxon), James Avery forged many partnerships, alliances and affiliations with high profile individuals and national organizations. Yet it was at the start of his career that he decided to seek membership into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was impressed by several local businessmen and community leaders in Plainfield, NJ. for their community involvement. He was friend and neighbor to Raymond Cruse, Bill McKnight, Washington & Joel Nelson, and Donald Van Blake.

The men demonstrated a friendship and mutual respect that inspired Brother Avery. He saw these characteristics in casual situations, in organized social occasions and on a one on one basis. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



through the Omicron Chi Chapter in 1957. Chartered in 1955, Brother Avery was its first initiated member.

Brother Avery scaled the ranks of leadership in Omega serving as Basileus of Omicron Chi Chapter, the 9th Second District Representative and ultimately the 28th Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from 1970-1973. His example of leadership was never the result of an aggressive, unscrupulous



pursuit of power. Instead, it was born out of service and nurtured through self-respect, respect for others, and a commitment to "See It Through." During his administration, he initiated drug education programs, youth education motivation programs, the national Health O'Rama and the funding program for the fraternity's national housing project. He reorganized the Life Membership Program, expanded the fraternity's Scholarship Commission and stimulated strong chapter development during the Great Expansion. Listed by Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in America, he also served as Vice Chairman of the Omega Life Membership Foundation, responsible for managing the investment funds of the life members of the fraternity.

The life of Brother James S. Avery, Sr. is the personification of a life well lived at a very high level, professional, educational and fraternal. He embodied our Four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. A pioneer in Corporate America, he ascended to become highest ranking Black in the Oil Industry in 1971. Serving as National Public Affairs Manager for Exxon, which is the equivalent of a regional Vice President. He literally shaped Exxon's Public Affairs policy during the oil shortages of the early 70's and how they ethically marketed their product to Black America in the 60's.

Our 28th Grand Basileus had a long distinguished civic life and held leadership positions in numerous national and state level organizations. In the late 60's he served as chairman of Vice President Hubert Humphrey's Task Force on Youth Motivation during the Lyndon Johnson Administration. The main objective of the Task Force was to encourage black students at the high school and college level to prepare for new opportunities in business and industry. Brother Avery organized companies participating in the Plans for Progress program to mentor students



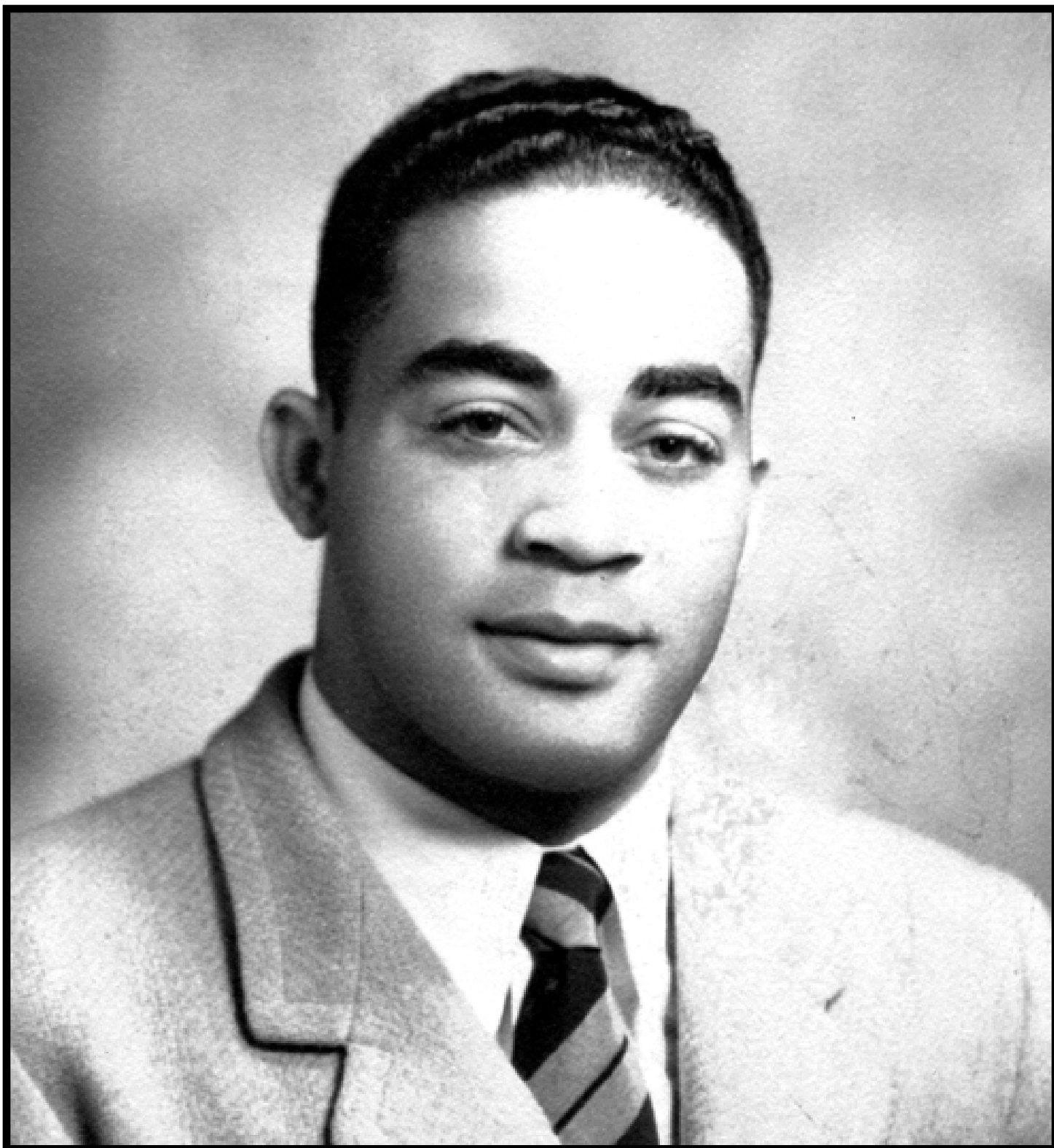
on matters such as preparation of resumes, employment requirements and job performance expectations.

Serving as National Chairman of the United Negro

College Fund for three national campaigns from 1965-67, he helped raise over \$12 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) and during his involvement with UNCF, Esso Standard Oil Company established a grant to UNCF which grew from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per year. He felt strongly about building financial resources Black colleges and universities needed for the preparedness of Black students.

Brother James S. Avery Sr. served on too numerous state and national boards to mention. He retired from Exxon Chemical after 30 years of service. During his corporate life, he was listed in Who's Who In America, Who's Who Among African Americans, Who's Who In Finance and Industry and the Ebony Success Library. During his distinguished career, many of his speeches, including his college commencement speeches, were reprinted and distributed to businesses and educational and social organizations around the country focusing on the need for educational preparedness and the responsible use of human talents. In addition, he received the Jackie Robinson Foundation's "Robie" Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. His autobiography, *"Others Thought I Could Lead,"* was published in 2006 by Wheatmark Publishers, Inc.

He and his wife Joan have five children, ten grandchildren and reside in Rossmoor Community in Monroe Township, NJ, where he was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Rossmoor Interfaith Council. Brother Avery was a member of Rossmoor Community Church and First Baptist Church of Cranford, NJ where he served on its Trustee Board, the First Baptist Church Credit Union's Audit Committee and was President of the church's Laymen's Association.



On May 3, 2011, Almighty God, the Supreme Basileus of the Universe called Brother James S. Avery, Sr. from a time temporal to life eternal and while heaven rejoices his arrival, the Brotherhood of Omega collectively sheds a bittersweet tear as Brother Grand leaves our beloved fold; we shall always cherish his memory and steadfast service to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Second District. The brilliance of Omega's Star has diminished and a mighty tree has fallen.









Remembering BROTHER JAMES S. AVERY





Brother James S. Avery
March 23, 1923 - May 3, 2011
28th Grand Basileus 1970 - 1973



OMEGA MEN & THEIR HEALTH

-Heart disease is the number one cause of death of black men.



Black men suffer far worse health than any other racial group in America. This continues to be the norm as it has been for the past 50+ years. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was very concerned about this health disparity in 1968 when he stated, **“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane.”**

The life-line of our Fraternity, as well as other fraternities, comes from the community and our interest has to be the health of black men, which unfortunately, has not been our utmost concern. It is well documented that the life span of black men is four to five years shorter than females and white men.

The Mighty Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has encouraged Omega men and men of the community to take a proactive approach to improve their health literacy and take

responsibility for improving their health. All one has to do is look at the number of brothers and other men, old and young, who have had heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, kidney disease, and cancer because of poor lifestyle habits, lack of health literacy, and denial, resulting in sickness and death. Look at the number of brothers and other black men who are unaware that smoking is a major cause of illness. Look at the number of us who drink excessive amounts of alcohol, not understanding that this is a major cause of cancer.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this very important topic with the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and indeed, black men in the United States.

The brothers in our great Fraternity have contributed to and impacted the country in the areas of civil rights, politics, sports, science, business, finance, medicine, and the arts.

Many of us do not have a primary care physician and do not appreciate the need to embrace the prevention of a medical catastrophe. Many are unaware that poor lifestyle habits, acquired during your youth, can cause major health issues in middle age and beyond. You cannot adequately contribute to your growth, your family, the Fraternity, or your community if you are sick.

It is well documented from the Institute of Medicine, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality that the health of black men is directly related to low health literacy. Other factors that contribute to this complex issue are poverty, cultural barriers, lack of education, limited or no access to health care, and employment that does not provide health insurance. My experiences, as a primary care physician in Charleston, South Carolina, have taught me that myths and untruths widely exist even among college educated, professional black men. It is interesting to me that men with insurance have poor health outcomes, poor quality of care, and poor quantity of care.

Black men are often targeted with questionable and undocumented health information, particularly, related to prostate and sexual health. Seldom, are we encouraged to embrace health care prevention in an honest, culturally sensitive, and sincere manner. Too often, our ignorance of health information is preyed upon with health claims that often come from people known in our community. As a result, a major lack of trust of the health care system continues to be prevalent in our community.

Heart disease is the number one cause of death of black men and studies reveal that the awareness of heart attack and stroke warnings and signs is low among black men. My experiences, from practicing medicine, suggest that the risk factors for heart disease and stroke are too often ignored.

Prostate cancer is a major killer of black men because there is no early detection. Our recent, weekly newsletter, entitled "I'll Be All Right" from Closing the Gap in Health Care, addressed the issue of men and health care, as follows:

"If you are an African-American or minority

woman, you have heard the phrase, "I'll be all right," from your husband or significant male friend when he is very ill. Some men refuse to see a physician or seek medical care when they are in trouble and require care.

African-American women live longer than African-American men because women, most likely, will not be in denial when it is time to seek medical care. Consider the following research facts about men as related to health care:

- Men have a higher death rate for leading causes of death than women.
- Men know less about health issues and take less responsibility for them.
- Men are less likely to see themselves as being ill.
- African-American and Hispanic men, unlike Caucasian men, do not routinely visit a physician.



Brother Dr. Thaddeus John Bell

It is past time to reverse this trend. Come on man, don't you want to be around? I am Dr. Thaddeus John Bell, closing the gap in health care for African-Americans and the underserved."

Let it be said that our great Fraternity understood the challenges of health literacy and its relationship to our brotherhood and the black men of the community. Let us remind our younger and more mature brothers that our true destiny is to live for our family, our Fraternity, and our community. Let the record show, 100 years from now, that the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity reached a higher level of the appreciation for health and did something about a major issue, health disparities.

"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."

BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY:

Revitalizing Omega's Reclamation Program

Ask any member of the Fraternity how many inactive brothers they know and some may be able to identify a number of brothers whose names they can quickly recall.

The re-charged International Reclamation Committee, chaired by Brother William "Bill" Council is aiming to change those numbers and bring more Omega men back to the fold with some creative approaches to reclaiming them.

The committee laid out three key goals for rebuilding Omega Psi Phi's Reclamation program that will involve:

- developing a reclamation manual for chapters,
- forming a reclamation team that will attend all major national and state events to reclaim brothers, and
- provide practical support to District and local chapter reclamation chairs and committees.

Brothers should look for the Committee to move into action at the upcoming Centennial Conclave. There has been significant growth as a result of the activity of the International reclamation programs and committee initiatives, according to Brother Council.

The online reclamation portal has generated \$200,000 so far. "The key to what we are putting together is that we are planning to go to brothers where they are. We are going to be very proactive in our approach. We want to get to the point where



Omega men who are even thinking of being reclaimed will know where they can at least find us if they are interested," says Brother Council. "A lot of unfinancial brothers attend a lot of big Omega functions even though they are not financially active. Those are the places we must have a significant presence."

A new reclamation program will be rolled out at the start of the 2011-2012 fraternity year that sets a target number of reclaimed brothers to be achieved by the end of the same year. The upcoming drive, "100 for 100," will seek to reclaim 100 brothers for each year that Omega Psi Phi initiated new brothers. For example, the brothers who were initiated in 1972 will be asked to collectively return 100 to Omega's active rolls. Each chapter will also be asked to reclaim a certain number of brothers.

The committee is working with IHQ now to compile membership and initiation information starting with the 1950s. The committee is also studying how it can reclaim brothers through father-son memberships in the Fraternity and also through broadcasting and publishing the stories of men who have been reclaimed. It also wants to use communications tools to highlight creative reclamation approaches of individual chapters.

For example, at Gamma Pi Chapter in suburban Maryland, the chapter's Reclamation Committee has instituted a "Que University" for brothers who have been away from Omega to re-acquaint them with Fraternity history, procedures and processes.

"Que University" is open to unaffiliated members who have control numbers that can be confirmed.

Some brothers have been reclaimed through the program and Gamma Pi leads the Second District with more than 80 brothers reclaimed in 2010-2011.

Members of the International Reclamation Committee are: Brothers Council, Chairman; Eric Haley, Vice Chairman; Kenneth Patterson, Daryl Mason, Rodney Anderson, Dr. Jim Harper, Willie Kitchen and James Alexander, Jr.





WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	APPROX. ATTEND.
All Day	Brothers and Families Arrive	Washington, DC	TBD
9 AM-1 PM	Celebrity Golf Tournament	National Golf Club at Tantallon, Ft. Washington, MD	144
9 AM-1PM	Tennis Tournament	Banneker Recreation Center, Washington, DC	50
9 AM-5 PM	Registration	W.E. Washington Convention Center	
1 PM-3 PM	Col. Charles Young Memorial Ceremony	Arlington National Cemetery	1,000
5:30-6:30 PM	Family Prayer & Bible Study	W.E. Washington Convention Center	TBD
6:00-12 AM	Salute to Military Reception & Ball	W.E. Washington Convention Center	2,000

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011

6 AM-5 PM	Registration	W.E. Washington Convention Center	
7-7:30 AM	Morning Prayer & Worship	W.E. Washington Convention Center	TBD
7:30-9:30 AM	Service Awards Breakfast (40 Year & 50 Year Awardees)	W.E. Washington Convention Center	3,500
10 AM-7 PM	Exhibits Open	W.E. Washington Convention Center	
10 AM-12 PM	Plenary Session I (Registered OPPF Members Only)	W.E. Washington Convention Center	5,000
12-1:30 PM	Lunch On Your Own		
1:30-3:30 PM	Salute to Business, Civic & Political Involvement	W.E. Washington Convention Center	5,000
3:45-5:30 PM	Salute to Science & Medicine	W.E. Washington Convention Center	5,000
7-9:30 PM	Public Program	W.E. Washington Convention Center	6,000
10 PM-2 AM	Pan-Hellenic Dance	W.E. Washington Convention Center	2,000

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011

7 AM-5 PM	Registration	W.E. Washington Convention Center	
7:30-9:30 AM	Service Awards Breakfast (25 Year & 60+ Year Awardees)	W.E. Washington Convention Center	3,500
10 AM-7 PM	Exhibits Open	W.E. Washington Convention Center	
9:45-11:45 AM	Plenary Session II (Registered OPPF Members Only)	W. E. Washington Convention Center	5,000
12-2:15 PM	Ronald McNair Luncheon Salute to Education, Scholarship, Undergraduate Leadership & Religion	W.E. Washington Convention Center	5,000
2:30-4 PM	Fatherhood Initiative (Panel Presentation)	W.E. Washington Convention Center	1,000
6-6:45 PM	Family Prayer & Bible Study	W.E. Washington Convention Center	TBD
7-9PM	Salute to Sports & Entertainment	W.E. Washington Convention Center	1,500
9 PM-12:00 AM	Step Show	Howard University	2,000

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011

10 AM-7PM	Exhibits Open	W.E. Washington Convention Center	
9-10:30AM	March to Carter G. Woodson Home		TBD
11 AM-Noon	Founders Brick Walkway Dedication	Howard University	1,500
Noon-1:30 PM	Lunch On Your Own		
Noon-3:00 PM	Family Fest	Howard University	
2:30-5PM	Talent Hunt Demonstration	Howard University	1,500
6-7:15 PM	Grand Basileus' Reception	Howard University (By Invitation Only)	1,500
7:30-10 PM	Founders Reception & Banquet	W.E. Washington Convention Center	5,000

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011

9-11 AM	Ecumenical Worship Service	W.E. Washington Convention Center	1,500
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Retirement Ceremony in Honor of the First Commander of United States Africa Command- *Brother General William “Kip” Ward*

The Honorable John McHugh, Secretary of the Army hosted a retirement ceremony in honor of the former Commander of United States Africa Command (AFRICOM), Brother General William E. “Kip” Ward on Summerall Field, Joint Base Myer- Henderson Hall (formerly Fort Myer), VA. General Ward ended a 40-year career in the United States Army that began as a 2nd Lt that culminated in his achieving the rank of 4-star general. And as equally important, he is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and plans to be in attendance at the Centennial Grand Conclave.

General Ward served in Stuttgart, Germany as the first commander of United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) from October 1, 2007 to March 9, 2011. Prior to assuming that position, Ward was Deputy Commander, Headquarters United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. He previously served as the Deputy Commanding General/ Chief of Staff, US Army Europe and Seventh Army. While in this capacity he was selected by the Secretary of State to serve as the United States Security Coordinator, Israel - Palestinian Authority where he served from March through December 2005.

He was commissioned into the Infantry in June 1971. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, US Army Command and General Staff College, and US Army War College. He holds a Masters of Arts

Degree in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelors of Art Degree in Political Science from Morgan State University. His military service has included overseas tours in Korea, Egypt, Somalia, Bosnia, Israel, two tours in Germany, and a wide variety of assignments in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

His awards and badges include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); the Distinguished Service Medal; the Defense Superior Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters); the Legion of Merit (with three Oak Leaf Clusters); the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the

Meritorious Service Medal (with six Oak Leaf Clusters); the Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters); the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); the Expert Infantryman’s Badge; the Combat Infantryman’s Badge; and the Master Parachutist Badge.

The retirement review and ceremony had all of the ceremonial pomp and circumstance that reflects on the great traditions of the US Army. According to COL Conrado Morgan, President, Washington, DC Chapter, ROCKS, inc, “the ceremony was awesome with the colors blowing in the wind, the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Soldiers and two bands on the parade field as they executed with precision and skill, their maneuvers with honors to the General Ward. And what made the event more special, was General Ward’s announcement that the ceremony was in tribute to his Mother’s birthday...what a birthday gift from a loving son.

After all of the presentations of awards and certificates to both General Ward and his wife Joyce and he gave his final remarks, the Soldiers on the parade field PASSED IN REVIEW which was followed by a VIP receiving line and a reception in the Officers Club.

Some of the many guests who attended included former Chief of Staff of the Army, General(Ret) George Casey, General Lloyd Austin, Commanding General of US Forces in Iraq (our last remaining African American 4-star general), General(Ret) Johnnie Wilson and other Senior Officers, SES’s, family members, fraternity brothers, and organizations like The ROCKS, ROMA and the Buffalo Soldiers.

So we salute this soldier, this patriot who helped to lead the fight against terrorism. As he said in his remarks, “we must always continue to improve the foxhole” and “be true to our teammates.”

All photos by the Afro American Newspaper





*Brother George K. McKinney
Memorial Program Chairman*



The Centennial Founders Memorial Committee (CFMC) planned the official Omega Memorial services at the gravesites of each of our Esteemed Founders on Founders Day, Saturday, March 12, 2011. This was the first event of the 2011 Centennial Celebration year.

These solemn services were led by our First Vice Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox, Sr., with Former Grand Basilei, Supreme Council members, and members of the Founders' families and the brotherhood.

The following schedule was established for the services:

10:00 am:
Founder Prof. Frank Coleman and
Founder Dr. Ernest E. Just
Lincoln Memorial Cemetery,
Suitland, MD

12 Noon:
Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love
Mt. Auburn Cemetery,
Baltimore, MD

3:00 pm:
Founder Dr. Oscar J. Cooper
Whitemarsh Memorial Cemetery,
Ambler, PA





*(Dr. Ernest E. Just's granddaughter and
1st Vice Grand Basileus Brother Tony Knox.)*





*Jon E. Love, Sr., son of
Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love*





Members of the Supreme Council at the gravesite of Founder Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Amber, Pennsylvania, March 12, 2011 at 4:00pm.



Family members of Founder Dr. Oscar J. Cooper



33rd Grand Basileus Dr. Moses C. Norman (left) and 34th Grand Basileus Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore (right).



(2nd Vice Grand Basileus Robert Littlejohn, Jr. with family member of Founder Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, and 1st Vice Grand Basileus Brother Tony Knox.)

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One of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most trusted mentees was Omega Psi Phi member the Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., who, after King's assassination, organized the Rainbow Coalition, which later merged, in 1996, with Operation PUSH, both organizations that he founded.

Pictured: Jackson and King at the Mason Temple Church in Memphis on April 3, 1968 where King delivered his final speech.

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Message from the Editor to The Oracle



On accepting the position of Editor to The Oracle, I did so with the intent of getting the brotherhood more involved and excited about *The Oracle*. At the same time, I felt it was extremely important in returning to some of the basics of the publication, while emulating those editors that came before me. Editors such as Brothers Stanley M. Douglas (first Editor to The Oracle), Walter Mazyck, Dr. Herman Dreer, Frank Weaver, Dr. Melvin B. Tolson, William Otto McClarrin, Samuel Shepard, Ellis F. Corbett, Charles “Chuckie T.” Turner, and so many others that helped record the history of Omega.

Omega history is intricately intertwined with world history and it is extremely important that we record and tell our Omega story for the world to read. I have communicated with Omega’s senior leadership, I have communicated with brothers from all around the world, and I have talked with brothers who have been in the Fraternity for many, many years regarding their point of view for our publication.

The common theme among all those conversations is that our publication should cover several fundamental things, to include the following:

- 1) it must be representative of the brotherhood in general;
- 2) it must highlight the many successes and accomplishments among our brotherhood;
- 3) it should highlight our positive affect on the people and communities we serve collectively; and finally,
- 4) it must be something we can be proud to share with others.

With those criteria in mind, the roadmap for success is clearly defined and more importantly, it is transferable regardless of whom may serve as Editor to The Oracle. As an organization, we are a significant agent of change and many eyes are upon us. Image is everything and Omega’s image can be enhanced by the way we present ourselves to each other and the way we present ourselves to the world. Through our publication of *The Oracle*, we must show the world Omega’s impact.

In the words of Brother Otto McClarrin (Former Editor to The Oracle -Omega Chapter), *“We can no longer afford the luxury of an image of Omega men as major participants in a happy-go-lucky social fun-loving world of make-believe. We need to make known Omega’s contributions toward the development of new knowledge, new social technology, and a ‘new breed’ of leaders committed to the special needs of African-Americans and under-served communities. We shall show what Omega is doing to exalt the reality of human equality.”* Those insightful words are as relevant today as they were more than 50 years ago.

With continued support from Fraternity leadership, the District Directors of Public Relations, chapter reporters, and the brotherhood in general, we will collectively and continually improve *The Oracle*. *The Oracle* is always a work in progress and each subsequent issue is expected to surpass the last issue. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Faternally,

Michael A. Boykin

MAJ Michael A. Boykin

Centennial Editor to The Oracle

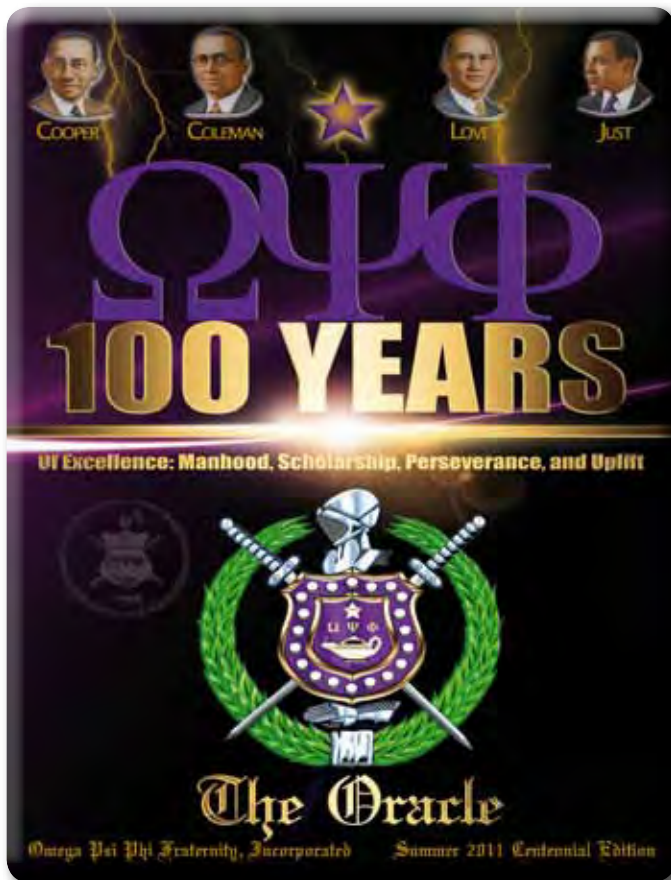
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Brother Sean T. Long wins *The Oracle's* Centennial Cover Design Contest

First, let me say, I am humbled and honored to have my design chosen. Brothers from all over the country reached out to say how they liked the design and voted. Initially, I didn't think I could come up with a design to accurately reflect 100 years of the best fraternity in the world.

What should our 100th year cover look like?..was the question I had to answer. One day, I picked up the Dreer History Book and read how the Founders drank from the Pierian Spring, which was a metaphor for a source of knowledge in Greek mythology. I began to draw on what I knew about our beloved Fraternity.



Our Founders studied long and hard. Everything chosen 100 years ago was a deliberate decision. For the 100th Anniversary Centennial Cover, everything was deliberately chosen. There is a song I learned while seeking Omega and one of the lines goes, "...Cooper, Coleman, Love, and Just,...they are watching over us...." I thought to myself, you can't have a Centennial Cover without having the Founders represented. They are the second highest items on the cover, it represents them "watching over"

the success of Omega's first 100 years. The highest item is the "lightning," coming from the heavens, which of course is a direct reference to that stormy night that all Omegas know about. It also represents the thought that went into the Fraternity. When active, there are electrical charges in the brain during the thought process.

Each letter of Omega Psi Phi is hit by a flash of lightning, that represents the thoughtfulness and thoroughness that went into the Fraternity's name and foundation. The star represents the greatness of the Fraternity. The star is old gold at its core for the richness of Omega, and purple representing the royalty at each point.

The largest item on the cover are the greek letters for Omega Psi Phi, which are purple, and chiseled. This represents the Fraternity's growth and rock solid foundation, but also for the contributions that Omega Psi Phi has made to the lives of everyone in this country, whether they know it or not.

Next is the "100 Years" in old gold, for our years of service and commitment to our principles and our communities. Underneath is a bar where Royal Purple and Old Gold intersects. There is an eternal light at this intersection, representing the Fraternity's foundation in its purest form.

Our Cardinal Principles are highlighted, as they serve as the foundation for every Omega man. They are also the foundation of the "100 years," and the Fraternity's symbols.

Along with the "100 Years," we had to include the original shield, though slightly faded in the background, it still looms large in Omega. It also shows 100 years of progress, side by side. The brilliance of the current shield was expertly redesigned, by another brother, and shows how bright Omega's future is. It is important to honor our Fraternity's history, while celebrating the direction of our future. *The Oracle* is at the bottom, because this is our prized possession for history, and everything above it, serves as the Foundation for the next 100 years.

The design is a combination of all things Omega, it is dedicated to our Founders, and inspired by many. I would like to recognize and thank, my wife, Fontella, and my daughter, Nia for their love, support, and understanding as I continue my journey in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

"Friendship is Essential to the Soul"

Brother Sean T. Long
5-XLL-2009

A Celebration of Excellence, A Night of Elegance

Monroe, CT - After a long, cold, and snowy winter in the Northeast, it was finally time to put away the snow boots and breakout the formal attire. Two chapters within Fairfield County, CT partnered to present an evening of style, elegance, and acknowledgment to excellence in the community. Alpha Nu Chapter (Norwalk/Stamford, CT) and Rho Upsilon Chapter (Bridgeport, CT) hosted over 215 guests as they presented their Achievement Week awards to members of the Fraternity and acknowledged outstanding service performed by community leaders. In attendance, were several State Representatives, City Council persons, and the Honorable Mayor Bill Finch of Bridgeport, CT.

The event was held in March 2011 at the exquisite Waterview Banquet Facility in Monroe, CT. Fine dining, dancing, and fellowship were the agenda items for the evening. "This was an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding service to our Fraternity and our communities. We must not take their hard work and commitment for granted, but to celebrate for all to appreciate," said Basileus Greg Burnett from Alpha Nu Chapter. The Alpha Nu honorees included Omega Man of the Year Brother Joseph E. Mann; Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Brother Taariq A. Cayne; Superior Service Award Brother Wesley O. McPherson; and Citizen of the Year awarded to Pastor Lindsay E. Curtis. The Chapter Chairman for the event Brother Dr. DeNorris D. Crosby, who celebrated his 50th year of service to the Fraternity, has already set in motion ideas to take the event to a higher level in 2012.



Reverend Lindsay E. Curtis (left), Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, was presented the 2010 Citizen of the Year Award from Alpha Nu Chapter for his service to the Norwalk/Stamford, CT community. Brother Greg Burnett (right), Basileus of Alpha Nu presented the award during the recent Achievement Week Awards Dinner in Monroe, CT. Pastor Curtis is the past President of the Norwalk NAACP Chapter and the driving force behind the South Norwalk Collegiate Academy. He has been a key figure in local efforts to curb violence, especially among young people.

Eta Phi Chapter Hosts 74th First District Conference

Boston, MA - April 8, 2011, Eta Phi Chapter hosted the 74th First District Conference. We were honored to have in attendance our 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray, 33rd Grand Basileus Dr. Moses Norman, Grand Chaplain Rev. Dr. Christopher Curry, 3rd District Representative Anthony Knight, Brother Thabiti Boone and our esteemed Brother Carl McNair as our special guests.

Brother Thabiti Boone led a Fatherhood Initiative workshop for students, parents, and members of the Boston community at the Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy. Brother Carl McNair, keynote speaker for the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Luncheon, shared valuable experiences he shared with his blood brother, Dr. Ronald E. McNair. Exceptional high school students from all areas of New England competed in the annual Talent Hunt competition with dance, vocal, and instrumental presentations. Later in the evening, brothers had a spirited discussion on the meaning of brotherhood and the state of the Fraternity as part of the "Stop the Violence" workshop. The weekend celebration culminated with the Birth of Omega Dinner Dance; Former Grand Basileus Dr. Moses Norman gave a few words on the purpose of the Fraternity and the conference.

In line with the focus on science and youth, Eta Phi hosted the 1st Annual Dr. Ronald McNair Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Science Fair as part of its new STEM initiative. This year's competition showcased 12 exhibits from Boston middle schools and high schools in different disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. In partnership with local technology and engineering firms, the brothers aim to support young students by exposing them to STEM-related careers and activities early in their academic careers.

Throughout the weekend, the 1st District exemplified all that our dear Founders envisioned by celebrating the milestones of our beloved Fraternity, the accomplishments of our many renowned brothers, and the excellence of our next generation of leaders.



Brothers attending the 74th First District Conference

Chi Omicron Chapter Sponsors “Career-Gear” Clothing Drive

New Haven, CT- During the months of March, April and May 2011, the Brothers of the Chi Omicron Chapter conducted “Career Gear” Clothing Drive. Brothers were asked to collect business wear, which included suits, dress shirts, neck ties, dress socks, and dress shoes to be donated to the Strive-New Haven non-profit organization.

Strive- New Haven, INC. coordinates skills training workshops that assist job seekers in obtaining and maintaining permanent employment. Upon graduation of the three week, 105 hour training workshop, participants are provided with donated business attire to attend job interviews. The majority of the participants in the program were recently released from incarceration or recently homeless, with no other real means of personal or economic development without the program.

The tireless efforts of the brothers of the Chi Omicron Chapter helped to collect over 12 full bags of clothing, filled with dress shirts, neck ties, slacks and dress shoes. We challenged each brother to collect or personally donate at least one small bag of clothing, which was met with great success. The volunteers at Strive-New Haven were very appreciative of the donations and the Chi Omicron Chapter is looking forward to making the Career-Gear Clothing Drive, a staple in our yearly service projects.

Tau Iota Brothers continue the tradition of mentoring and helping kids

Hartford, CT - Hartford North End Little League has been in existence for almost 30 years. The league originally consisted of children ages nine to 14 years old. In 1986, two fraternities bonded together, Tau Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. formed a t-ball league for children ages five to eight years old. The purpose of t-ball is to be an instructional league for the children to learn the fundamentals of baseball so that they will be more equipped to compete and play well when they graduated to little league.

Currently, Hartford North End Little League has a total of six t-ball teams since its inception. The brothers of Tau Iota have been dedicated since the beginning and have continued to sponsor a team as well as serving as coaches. Brothers Anthony B. Lilley, Richard McGhee III and Raymond Bailey are head coaches of a few teams whose basic concept is to play hard and have fun.



Tau Iota Chapter - Raising the level of awareness on key issues in the community



Hartford, CT - On Saturday February 26, 2011, the Tau Iota Chapter, in partnership with the Greater Hartford NAACP held the “2011 Education: Then, Now, and Forever Conference” in Mather Hall at Trinity College, presided by Brother Dr. Benjamin Foster Jr. Workshops and seminars were conducted to uplift the Hartford community and especially the youth in attendance. The demographics of the attendees ranged from students in middle school, high school, and college to adults. The seminars included an SAT workshop, informational sessions on historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) and traditional institutions, and “The importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)” in our public school education system.

The keynote address was provided by Brother Rev. Dr. Charles G. Adams (Senior Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Professor of Hartford Divinity School). The chapter presented Leadership in the Community awards to Dr. David Carter and Dr. Paul Copes who are impactful community leaders within the greater Hartford area.

On April 26 2011, the Tau Iota Chapter kicked off its Omega Week 2011 programming with a health care debate called “What We Deserve.” The discussion was held at the University of Connecticut’s (UConn) Student Union Center. The brothers and guests reviewed and discussed the “Affordable Care Act” recently passed by the Obama administration and its impact community on health care reform. The objective of the discussion was to educate, engage and promote activism within the undergraduate general body on national issues that will have a profound effect on their lifestyle choices upon graduation.

At the conclusion of the discussion, we collectively viewed the movie “Sicko” by Michael Moore. The insightful movie led to another great debate afterwards which generated several important questions such as: “What are necessary medical procedures?” “Should the government provide universal health care?” “If the United States has already adopted “socialist ideals” like public schooling, public firefighters and rescue workers, then why can’t the nation also accept universal health care?” The general conclusion amongst all was we as a nation need a stronger awareness and engagement in the issues that affect us in order for real change to occur.

Setting the Record Straight - Our Duty to Get it Right

by Brother Jarrett Drake

“History is a measurement of the past and an assurance of the future. If a man loses or forgets his history, he will become a fugitive of yesterday and tomorrow.” This quote represents my philosophical foundation as a research archivist at the Maryland State Archives. By reclaiming 19th century narratives of black history along its Eastern Shore, it is my task to discover and confront conflicts while helping others in Maryland to do the same. But one such search revealed a grave mistake within our Fraternity history regarding one of our Founders, the Most Honorable Bishop Edgar Amos Love. The Dreer History Book, the international website, and most chapter websites have incorrectly listed Love's birthplace as Harrisburg, Virginia. He was actually born in Harrisonburg (See Figures 1 & 2). Harrisburg and Harrisonburg are two completely different towns in Virginia, roughly 130 miles apart.

Figure 1: Edgar A. Love's Army Registration Card for World War I listing his actual birthplace as Harrisonburg.

Courtesy, Ancestry.com

Form 1 3127 REGISTRATION CARD 8 No. 4128

1 Name in full: Edgar Amos Love Age in yrs: 25

2 Home address: 342 T St NW Washington, D. C.

3 Date of birth: Sept 10 1891

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born

5 Where were you born? Harrisonburg Virginia

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? USA

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? clerk in man

8 By whom employed? Pastor Mt Washington

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? no

10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? negro

11 What military service have you had? Rank no branch no years no Nation or State no

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? no

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

E. A. Love
(Signature or mark)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Medium Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Slender

2 Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? Dark Bald? no

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? no

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

THHawway
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 8

City or County Washington, D. C.

State no

JUN 5 1917
(Date of registration)

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U-1713 1. NAME (Print) Edgar Amos Love ORDER NUMBER _____

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 111-16 174 St Jamaica Queens N.Y.

(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MARITAL STATUS Same

(Married, single, widowed, divorced, or separated) (If none, leave blank)

4. TELEPHONE Ja-6-8886 5. AGE IN YEARS 50 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Harrisonburg Va.

(Number) (Town) (Date of birth) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Virginia Love 111-16 174 St Jamaica N.Y.

(Name) (Address)

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Board of Missions Methodist Church

(Name) (Address)

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 150-5 Ave New York City N.Y.

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

EDGAR A. LOVE (Signature)

D. N. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-3

D. N. S. FORM 2 (Revised 4-1-42) (over)

Figure 2:
Edgar A. Love's
Army Registration
Card for World War
II, corroborating
the above. *Courtesy,*
Ancestry.com

The error could have happened in any number of ways and for any number of reasons. This article does not seek to assign blame nor point fingers, but simply correct a mistake in the biographical details of one of our Founders and our first Grand Basileus. In addition, I hope this revelation can elucidate two charges for the Brotherhood. First, we should focus on the relevant details of our Fraternity history. And second, we must continually seek evidence to substantiate said details.

Quality supersedes quantity in regards to historical knowledge. What we qualify as relevant versus irrelevant will forever be subjective. That is, it will shift from one brother to the next. But we must make active decisions about what is significant and what is not. Fraternity information must undergo a vetting process of sorts, both to reject mistruths and avoid saturation. "Betty Crocker," as it is known in certain circles, refers to the unproven, mythical "facts" that constitute the extent of some brothers' knowledge. Its domination of our discourse will only serve to fabricate folklore and render our true struggle artificial and obsolete. What's the candy bar of the Frat? I don't know, and it doesn't matter. How many miles did Col. Young walk, as opposed to ride, on his journey to Washington? Again, I don't know, and it doesn't matter. Where was Bishop Edgar Amos Love born? Well that I do know, and that matters.

The second point is an addendum to the first. We must ever strive to retrieve evidence to support our knowledge base. Indeed, there are some things about our Fraternity history—and black history for that matter—which have no record; and by no means do I disqualify the credibility of oral tradition and its central role in passing down our stories at a time when we had no other means or opportunity to do so. Moreover, written records can be manipulated, doctored, or even destroyed. Yet we have access to resources our ancestors didn't. We have public archives. We have integrated libraries. We have electronic databases. Countless Omega Men gave their lives in hopes that their posterity might take scholarship to a new level, not simply replicate it. Locating a document—a letter, a photograph, an Army Registration Card—only assists our efforts to maintain a rich history of Omega. Questioning the source, origin, or validity of another brother's information does not demonstrate a lack of faith. Instead, it shows that preserving our heritage is of utmost priority, and that no brother has the right to tarnish it.

As we celebrate our first century and head into the second, the moment is ripe that we have a precise, substantiated account of relevant facts. These facts in and of themselves do not comprise the entirety of historical knowledge, but function as the sine qua non, Latin meaning "without which there is none." Bro. Walter H. Mazyck initiated this legacy, Bro. Herman Dreer continued it, and Bro. Robert L. Gill refined it. Yet our history is never finished. History, out of its nature and necessity, evolves. Not every line of their work is correct, and that's ok. We are because they were. It is our duty to ensure that when our Fraternity enters its third century we will have stood firmly on their shoulders and strengthened our own, with the expectation that future generations of Omega Men will assume the humble responsibility to do so as well. Brother Drake has more in depth discussions on various topics on his blog www.letmetalkmyish.com.

Rho Upsilon Chapter- Back in Business

Bridgeport, CT – Chartered on June 18, 1952, Rho Upsilon Chapter has served the greater Bridgeport community for many years and is approaching its 60th anniversary! After many years of inactivity, six brothers decided to bond together and start the process of reactivation with the assistance of Alpha Nu Chapter.

This charge was led by Brother Thomas K. Coble, along with Brothers Keith A. Coote, Ralph R. Ford, PhD, Craig Kelly, Terry Billups and Terry L. McKnight. Rho Upsilon was officially reactivated in April 2010 at the 73rd First District Conference in Springfield, MA.

Six brothers thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit has now become 12, including two neophyte brothers, who were initiated on April 2, 2011. The reclamation mandate and effort of reclaiming many of the inactive brothers who reside in the Bridgeport area is a chapter focus, as well as attracting men of great quality to support Omega's mission.

It is with great pride that we report that Brother Coble was recognized and selected as the Superior Service Award recipient for the First District.

It is the duty of the brothers of Rho Upsilon Chapter to re-establish ourselves as leaders in this community through mentoring, social programs and community events. Our goal will be realized with our intent to re-establish partnerships with many of the great organizations in the greater Bridgeport area.

Epsilon Iota Iota's Que Academy

Hamden, CT - The Epsilon Iota Iota Chapter's mentoring project "Que Academy" has been in existence since September 19, 2009. Brothers Jonathan Hill and Jarrett Drake are the co-directors of the program. The Que Academy meets from September to June at John S. Martinez Middle School on the first and third Saturday of each month. The purpose of the program is to engage, inform, and inspire young men from the ages of 10-15 years old. The participants learn how to make good life choices and progress towards becoming responsible, respectful, and productive members of society. During the first Saturday of each month, the brothers conduct mentoring sessions that address specific topics, such as self-confidence, decision making and conflict resolution. The third Saturday of the each month is reserved for a community service project in which brothers and the young men collectively operate.

The Que Academy has been very active during the centennial year. We assisted the Chapter's MLK Day Celebration, visited the Yale Art Gallery's exhibit "Embodied: Black Identities in Art", and volunteered at St. Andrews Church food pantry. Mentoring sessions also focused on topics such as: respect for our women, dressing for success, and the impact of positive decision making. There are 16 gentlemen enrolled in the program and our goal is to double that number for the upcoming semester in September 2011.

Iota Chi and Gamma Chapters Hosts the Black History Awards Luncheon

Cambridge, MA - On February 27, 2011 Iota Chi Chapter and Gamma Chapter hosted the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Black History Awards Luncheon at the John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute at Northeastern University. The mouth-watering luncheon entailed melodic tunes played by a lovely Berklee College of Music student, Ms. Tavonna Miller. Brother Darrel Powell was the host for this occasion and presented awards to Dr. Richard O'Bryant and John D. O'Bryant for their continued service to the community.

Achievement Week Awards were awarded to Brother John Marshall for being selected as the Omega Man of the Year from Iota Chi Chapter. Ms. Nancy Rousseau was awarded the Citizen of the Year, who later during the 74th First District Conference was awarded the District Citizen of the Year as well. Brother Lenward Gatison was presented with the Undergraduate of the Year Award from Gamma Chapter. Brother Gatison has excelled academically and demonstrated his dedication to uphold his fraternal duties while playing ice hockey for the University of Massachusetts/Boston hockey team. Mr. Anthony Ducoste, a senior at Marblehead High School, was the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Iota Chi Chapter Essay contest winner, and he was recognized during the luncheon and was presented with his award.

The highlight of luncheon was the live Skype broadcast of Brother Byron Hurt receiving his Omega Man of the Year Award from Gamma Chapter. This was the first time this was ever done in the history of the institution. Gamma Chapter also presented Ms. Heather Moore with the Citizen of the Year Award from Gamma Chapter. Brothers in attendance included: Sharrieff Christmas, Darrel Powell, Francois Fils-Aime, Yvel Joseph, Steven Ricot, Lenward Gatison, Daniel Boyd, and Eric Mitchell.



Chi Upsilon and Pi Kappa Kappa Chapters Host Annual HBCU College Fair & Chi Upsilon Chapter Celebrates Founders Day Programs

Camden, NJ - On November 17, 2010, Chi Upsilon Chapter, along with Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Sicklerville, NJ hosted its annual HBCU College Fair at the Susquehanna Center in Camden, NJ. The event was an overall success with the participation of colleges and universities from around the country such as Delaware State University, Howard University, Morgan State University, Rutgers University and a host of others.

Seniors and juniors from several high schools in the southern New Jersey area came and spoke with recruiters as they received information about college and filled out applications on-site to the institutions they were seeking admission.



Approximately 1500-2000 students attended this event and the overall success was outstanding. The entire event has been forged to help young, college bound and enthusiastic students follow their dreams of becoming well-rounded participants in society.



The Chapter also hosted Founder's Day with several chapter and visiting brothers at the Camden Paulk-Jones Center in Camden, NJ. As the evening proceeded we were reminded on how Omega was born and the foundation of our Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Brother Father James Wynn, Brother Angelo Watson-James, Brother Shawn M. Jackson, and Brother Aaron Yelverton replanted the seed in our hearts as they spoke on our Founders intentions for their quest in Omega Psi Phi.

While dinner was being served a musical selection was performed by the soulful Brother Karl Medley, Jr. followed by the introduction of the keynote speaker. The introduction of Brother Eugene Alston was humorous and eloquently presented by Brother Olen Avant. The message that Brother Alston shared with the brotherhood was profound and heartfelt. He spoke on the ups and downs of his life, and how God showed him the way to be the man his is today. Being a businessman and a leader in the community, Brother Alston exemplified what it is to be an Omega Man in his message that night.

As the night came to a close, the brotherhood was led in a rededication to the fraternity by former 2nd District Representative Brother David B. Wharton, Sr. KRS. Basileus Brother Oscar Spencer gave his closing remarks speaking on the history of Chi Upsilon Chapter and it's only surviving founder, Brother William "Porky" Carpenter.



Brother Carpenter was unable to attend the Founder's day celebration due to other complications, but he was later presented with a plaque of appreciation by Brother Oscar R. Spencer and Brother Maurice S. Gibson on behalf of the chapter acknowledging him as one of the surviving founders of Chi Upsilon Chapter, Camden, NJ. An uplifting evening came to an end with the benediction from Brother Father James Wynn as we were reminded that "Friendship is essential to the soul."



Pi Omega Social Action Projects

Baltimore, MD. March 2011. The National Federation of the Blind collects eyeglasses twice a year for those who can benefit from them. Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated 163 pair of eyeglasses to the National Federation of the Blind.

In February 2011, Pi Omega Chapter donated over 160 items of women's undergarments, 15 bottles of detergent, and 3 bottles of bleach to My Sister's Place. My Sister's Place is an organization that provides assistance to the homeless women and children of Baltimore City. This organization offers shower and laundry facilities, parenting classes, life skills workshops, GED preparation, along with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter are honored to lend assistance to such a cause.

Pi Omega Chapter also hosted a Father Son/Male Mentoring Breakfast in conjunction with their community partner Matthew Henson Elementary School. Pi Omega Basileus, Zanes Cypress and Pi Omega brothers provided mentoring and life skill building tools for these phenomenal young boys at the Father/Son Breakfast. More importantly, it was a pleasure to see many fathers and male relatives in attendance actively participating the lives of these young boys.

Pi Omega Chapter is an important sponsor of Matthew Henson Elementary School in providing, not only mentoring, but any level of support needed to enhance the school within the community. Brother Dr. Gary Rodwell must be commended for taking the lead in this effort. As a result of Pi Omega's commitment to strengthening and enhancing their community partnership with Matthew Henson, it was honored by Matthew Henson Elementary School as Outstanding Partner for its dedicated service to the students and staff. Through relationships such as these, Pi Omega will continue to strengthen its community and serve its people.



Brother Basileus Zanes Cypress displays Pi Omega's Outstanding Partner Award from Matthew Henson School

Phi Upsilon Chapter sponsors first Annual Coat Drive

Neptune, N.J. - On December 24, 2010, the brothers of Phi Upsilon Chapter sponsored its first Annual Coat Drive. The chapter collected 73 brand new winter coats which were distributed at the Mount Pisgah Masonic Lodge in Asbury Park, N.J.

At 10:00 am, in frigid 29 degree weather, families from the community came out to get the new coats. Some of the children who arrived for coats were wearing sweatshirts or old flimsy jackets. The Phi Upsilon brothers responded to the need and all of the children left with smiles on their faces and warm coats on their backs. The children were of various ethnic backgrounds. The few coats left over were delivered to the Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Asbury Park.

The huge success of the coat drive was made possible by the generosity of chapter members, family and friends who donated new coats. Phi Upsilon looks forward to their coat drive becoming larger and therefore benefiting the community that much more!



Bro. James Brown, Bro. Jeremy Robinson and Basileus

Eta Pi Chapter's Aggressive Agenda for Making a Difference in the Community

Montclair, NJ - Saturday January 15, 2011. The Eta Pi Chapter held its 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, NJ. Each year, brothers work tirelessly to prepare meals for hundreds of family members and guests.

The program consisted of various presentations and a keynote address. Brother Alvin S. Perry of the Tau Delta Delta Chapter and Brother Pastor Perry Simmons of Abyssinian Baptist Church of Newark, NJ (and member of the Eta Pi Chapter) addressed the brothers and guests in attendance.

Brother Perry delivered a sensational message dissecting portions of the *"I Have a Dream Speech"* and revealing the context of unselfish living. He reminded the audience to think of others as we continue the legacy of *"The Dream."* He challenged men in attendance to mentor a young man and help combat the many issues and challenges young men struggle with in the black community.

Brother Simmons message reminded us about the strength, importance and power of love. He shared that it was love that Dr. King utilized during those darkest hours of the Civil Rights Movement including the Birmingham jail. "Without love - we have nothing. Prayer cannot exist without love; Speech will not occur without love; Faith cannot exist without love and Conversation cannot occur without Love"



On February 12, 2011, the Eta Pi Chapter of Montclair, NJ held its 6th Annual Black Wealth Initiative at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Orange NJ. The program focused on three major points including wealth accumulation, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Each year the planning committee carefully selects an entrepreneur and financial panel as well as a keynote speaker. This year the Eta Pi Chapter was honored to have Mr. John Simmons, Personal Finance Editor for Black Enterprise Magazine. In addition, to dynamic speakers, this program offered a vendor marketplace with financial services and for the first time, the Black Wealth Initiative opened its doors to kidpreneurs.



On Friday March 11, 2011 the Eta Pi Chapter held its annual Talent Hunt competition at the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium in Orange, NJ. Each year the Eta Pi Chapter collaborates with the Orange Extended School Day Program and the Eta Pi Chapter Foundation to sponsor this phenomenal competition for high school students in the Essex and Union County area.

The fierce competition was fascinating to watch as the talented young people performed songs by artist such as Eta James and Luther Vandross while instrumentalist performed classical pieces by Mozart and Beethoven on piano and violin respectively. A total of 12 students graced the stage to compete for cash prizes totaling \$250.00 and an opportunity to compete at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. District Talent Hunt held in Cherry Hill, NJ April 30, 2011.

The emcee for the evening was none other than TV Personality formerly of BET's 106 & Park and currently of New York's Extra, Mr. AJ Callaway. Winners of this years competition include Mr. Khari Hughes, Rahway High School, Rahway NJ (Contemporary Vocal) 1st Place; Mr. Chase D, Linden, Montclair HS, Montclair NJ (Classical Instrumental) 2nd Place and Ms. Ayshante K. Archelus, Vision Academy, Orange NJ (Dramatic Interpretation) 3rd place. The program has paid out over \$7,500 in cash and prizes, and offers limitless opportunities for young people.



TLL Annual Talent Hunt Competition

Waldorf, MD - A stool and a microphone is all that Kaytlin Medley asked for from Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter during the chapter's 3rd Annual Talent Hunt competition held February 26, 2011. Kaytlin, a sophomore at Westlake High School, supplied the instruments; an acoustic guitar and an amazingly sweet voice.

In return, the audience offered cheers and an applause that seemed to make Kaytlin blush. The brothers of TLL Chapter presented her with something else: first place and a \$500.00 cash award. Kaytlin traveled to Cherry Hill, NJ, in April, to compete in the Second District Conference's Talent Hunt competition.

Brother Jake Prater chaired the event for the second year in a row. "I'm glad that the event was a success," he said, "and we're proud today because each student came out and gave 110%. In our eyes, they are all winners and we want to encourage them to continue to hone their talents."

First and second runners-up were Darnell Williams and Robert Harris, respectively. Darnell is a junior at North Point High School and had the audience clapping their hands with his energetic tap dance routine. Robert is a senior at McDonough High School and had fingers snapping and toes tapping while he shared his talent of singing.

Denise Brown, a resident of Waldorf, brought her two middle school-aged children to the program. "Although my kids aren't old enough to compete yet, I wanted to bring them to plant the seeds of success in their minds," she shared. "This event is good for the youth in Southern Maryland." For more information on the TLL Chapter's events and programs, go to www.southernmdques.org.



TLL Annual Canned Food Drive for the Robert Fuller Transitional House

Waldorf, MD - Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter recently provided its annual fish fry luncheon and conducted a canned food drive for the Robert Fuller Transitional House. This program has existed for several years and past years have also included community donation drives to provide suits and suit accessories to the men so they may have professional dress during job interviews. "One of our greatest commandments is to love our neighbors as ourselves," said Brother Ike Templeton as he led the lunchtime prayer during the event.



Brother Jeffrey Cowins, the current Keeper of Finance for TLL, provided the expertise in the kitchen for the morning. He shared that volunteering is vital not only to the chapter, but also to himself. "It's important that we really connect with the residents and share more of ourselves."

The New Revival Center of Renewal, led by Bishop Paul Wells, has managed the transitional home since 2006. The home services an average of 20 men at a time with varying life circumstances, to include the areas of addiction, counseling, mental diagnosis, homelessness, and those in need of job placement.

"Bishop Wells has been a God-send to this shelter and myself," said Derrick Holmes, a house manager at the shelter. Holmes is a former inmate who uses his experience as one of the ways that he connects with the residents, especially those whom have also served time in prison.

"My message for the men is to stay focused on their objectives to achieve their goals," he said. Holmes shared how he experienced fear leading up to his release from prison in 2008 and how that feeling has increased his faith through the years. "By the grace of God, I haven't had to look back."

TLL invites the local community to continue to be transformed by participating in the service projects the chapter provides to Southern Maryland.

Nu Upsilon Chapter Promotes Reading Literacy



During the month of February 2011, brothers of the Nu Upsilon Chapter, under the leadership of Brother Craig Wolfrey, Social Actions Chairman, conducted its Annual Read-a-Thon at elementary schools throughout New Castle County, DE. This project not only involves reading to the students but engaging them in the activity through the use of a variety of questioning strategies to enhance their comprehension skills and to build their vocabulary.

This year, Brothers Spencer Busch, Carlton Lampkins, Gregory Scudder, and Rick Wiley visited two schools, sharing the joy of reading to approximately 500 students in grades K - 5. The reading selections included different genres of literature such as fiction, non-fiction, and poetry by some of the world's most renowned, award-winning African American and multicultural authors and illustrators. At the end of each session, brothers presented each student with a designer bookmark.

The ability to read well is a skill that lasts a lifetime. Brothers are encouraged to be a part of the "educational village" by promoting reading in their communities. You won't regret this significant contribution towards the academic and career success of our young people.

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter mentors youth through the Purple Boot Initiative

Southern MD - The brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter can't think of many better ways to start the year off, than by having January be National Mentoring Month. Like many of the other national months, it can be said that this month should be every day. Tau Lambda Lambda brothers agree.

The website, www.nationalmentoringmonth.org, has a list of 10 things to do in January and the top three are:

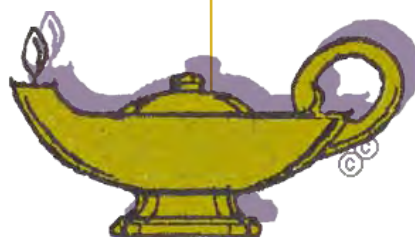
- 1. Become a mentor in your community;**
- 2. Learn more about mentoring**
- 3. Partner with a mentoring organization.**

What an awesome list. Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter has always supported mentoring since the chapter was chartered in Hughesville, MD in 2004. TLL began operating the Purple Boot Initiative (PBI) in 2009. PBI is a program that focuses on the development of young boys aged 7 to 14 in Southern Maryland. The program began at Indian Head Elementary School and the chapter is currently looking to expand it.

The Purple Boot Initiative was created in 1996 by Brother Etu Evans at the Harlem Day Charter School in Harlem, N.Y. Brother Evans believes that the impossible becomes possible when we raise the levels of expectation, resources and exposure of young boys. In less than a year of its inception, the Purple Boot Initiative increased the academic and behavioral performance of its mentees by more than 50 percent. TLL is proud of this success.

The members of TLL are hoping to have even greater success through the Purple Boot Initiative in Southern Maryland, but we'll need the community's assistance in order to make that happen. Brother Michael Fowlkes chairs the program and has encouraged the community to support the PBI by referring young boys residing in Southern Maryland.

For more information on the Purple Boot Initiative or the activities of and programs offered by Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter, please send an e-mail to purple.boot.initiative@gmail.com or visit www.southernMDQues.org





Nu Omicron Chapter celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Hollis, NY - The Nu Omicron Chapter celebrated Achievement Week during the week of November 15, 2010. All of the activities were held on the campus of St. John's University (SJU). On Wednesday, November 17th, the brothers of Nu Omicron held its first ever informational on the campus of SJU, which was attended by a number young men interested in Omega.

On Thursday, November 18, 2010, the brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter sponsored a forum titled, "The Call of the Streets: Living Above the Influence of Your Peers." This motivational and interactive discussion was presented by Lorenzo Steele – Former NYC Correctional Officer at Riker's Island, and Brother Jacque Leander, Community Activist and attorney. The speakers provided an in-depth look at the harsh realities of prison life.

The discussion hit home for the audience of over 30 St. John's University students, many of whom have a family or friend who is or has been incarcerated. The program offered practical advice and encouragement for the students to stay diligent in protecting their liberty while in school and at home, and to be mindful of the friends they keep especially when their goals are not aligned with their own.

On Saturday November 20th, Nu Omicron hosted its annual Achievement week program in the beautiful D'Angelo Center Ballroom at SJU. The evening began with a welcome from the

Corridor 5 Representative, Brother Kevin Woodhouse and followed by opening remarks from Nu Omicron's Basileus, Brother Errin Hatwood.

Throughout the program the Voices of Victory student choir performed a number of breathtaking selections much to the delight of the audience. The keynote address was provided by Congressman Gregory Meeks who represents the people of New York's Sixth Congressional District. Congressman Meeks gave an enlightening presentation on the state of Black Politics while also addressing the Fraternity's theme of "*Effective Political Action: Using Style and Substance.*" In his presentation, Congressman Meeks stressed the importance of Black people staying engaged in the political process and that we still have much to accomplish even after the election of our first Black President, Barack Obama. Winners of the achievement week awards were:

Superior Service: Brother Jelani Watkins

Edgar A. Love Award: Brother Les Myers

Omega Man of the Year: Brother Dr. James Bethea

Citizen of the Year: Ms. Nichelle Manning- Andrews, Principal of PS/IS 138

Basileus Award: Ms. Jodi Cox, St. John's University

Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter hosts 2011 Talent Hunt Competition

Forestville, MD. February 2011 - The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter held its annual Talent Hunt competition on Saturday February 19, 2011 at Suitland Senior High School in Forestville, MD under the leadership of Bro. Michael Smith, Chairman with the theme –Omega Idol.

Following auditions on Saturday February 5, 2011 at Walker Mill Middle School in Capital Heights, MD, the final round of contestants consisted of 28 High School students with 12 Vocal, 6 Dance, and 4 Instrumental Contestants making up the Performing Arts, along with 2 Drawing, 1 Sculpture, 1 Painting, and 2 Photography Contestants rounding out the Visual Arts.

The chapter awarded a total of \$1700.00 in prizes as noted below with our Overall Winner's additional expenses to be paid by the chapter for participation at the District level:

**Clifton Marble, Jr 1st Place, Vocal / 1st Place Overall \$700,
Savanah Cranford 1st Place, Dance / 2nd Place Overall \$500,
Shon Simpson 1st Place, Visual Arts / 3rd Place Overall \$300,
Kenya Lara 1st Place, Instrumental \$200.**



Mu Omega Chapter 2010 Achievement Week Program

Cheltenham, PA - National Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history. Presently, the Achievement Week Program is used to recognize those individuals at the local and national levels who have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for African Americans.

The keynote speaker for this year's event was Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Senior Pastor, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. The Citizen of the year Award recipient was Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey.

Theta Mu Mu/Pi and Rho Xi Omega (AKA) Bring Read Across America to the SEED School of Maryland

Baltimore County, MD - On Thursday, March 17, 2011 brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter and Pi Chapter (Morgan State University) joined by the ladies of Rho Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. visited the SEED school of Maryland to discuss the importance of education and reading.

This event was held in conjunction with the National Education Association's Read Across America program in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The SEED School of Maryland is a new statewide college-preparatory public boarding school that opened in August 2008. It currently serves 240 students in grades 6 through 8. The school will grow to serve 400 students in grades 6 through 12. SEED is an extraordinary opportunity for students from across the state to receive a tuition free, college preparatory, boarding education.

The Dr. Seuss book, "*The Lorax*," served as the lead novel of the event. Brother Marlon Robinson of Theta Mu Mu and a representative from Rho Xi Omega Chapter read the book to the entire student body in the gymnasium. Following the group read, the students were broken up into smaller groups for a group reading session.

Excerpts of Hill Harper's book, "*Letters to a Young Brother*" and Russell Simmons' book, "*Super Rich: A Guide to Having it All*" to discuss topics such as swagger, goals, role models, etc. The Social Action Committee of Theta Mu Mu Chapter and the Emerging Young Leaders Initiative of Rho Xi Omega Chapter facilitated the event and plan to continue their ongoing partnership with the SEED school in the future.



(left - right) Jesse R. Reason Immediate Past Basileus, Garfield Jackson Achievement Week Chairman, Commissioner Ramsey, Steven C. Oakman Basileus

Delta Upsilon celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Trenton, NJ. November 20, 2010 - The Kearney Lecture Hall was filled to capacity. The occasion was the Second Annual National Achievement Week Education Lecture Series co-sponsored by Mercer County Community College's (MCCC) James Kearney Campus and Delta Upsilon Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. through its Social Action Committee.

Brother Dr. Marcus D. Tillery, Ph.D. Dean, School of Applied Science and Technology Thomas Edison State College was the keynote speaker. The topic was: "Technology and Social Change." For more than an hour Brother Tillery held the attention of 125 to 135 "Youth College" high school students with an inspiring interactive presentation.

The students were deeply engaged and highly responsive to Dr. Tillery's mantra: "Are you going to be at the table?" After very carefully laying out the many advances made in the fields of computer science, agriculture and biotechnology, he made it known that there would be plenty of room at the table for those who had prepared themselves with strong science-based educations.

Brother Donald Davis, the Director of MCCC's Youth College, expressed great pleasure with the respect and attentiveness the youth had shown Dr. Tillery. Brother Davis also expressed a desire to get active with the chapter and to join the S.A.C.

Basileus Garry M. Keel, Ed. D. and Vice Basileus Khary Nickson were present. In addition chapter Brothers, Julius Campbell, Don Brown and Aula Maarufu Sumbry were present.



(Left to right): Brothers Brian Alford, Sam Scriven, Larry Lewis, Sr., Garry M. Keel, Chapter President, Aula Sumbry, Rev. John R. Taylor, Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Scott Rice, Achievement Week Chairperson, Charles Hill, Jeff Sumners, Kelvin Smith, Ron Jones, and Robert Overton.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter celebrates honorees for Achievement Week 2010



Brother Derrick Hostler

Brooklyn, NY. November 6, 2010. The Alpha Upsilon Chapter "Brooklyn Omegas" aligning with the Fraternity's theme of *Effective Political Action: Using Style and Substance*, collaborated with Zeta Psi Chapter to celebrate and conduct a dynamic Achievement Week Program. The Achievement Week celebration was held at Middle School 113, The Ronald Edmonds Learning Center (R.E.L.C.), located in the Fort Greene Section of Brooklyn.

The keynote speaker this year was Brother Derrick Hostler, President of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Credit Union. He spoke on the importance of advocating for the needs of our community in ways that are both long lasting and effective. In keeping with the Fraternity's theme, Brother Hostler focused on how to mobilize our political power in an effort to get the desired results for the communities we serve.

The Alpha Upsilon Chapter 2010 honorees are:
Omega Man of The Year - Brother John Reives,
Superior Service Award - Brother Sean Robinson,
Basileus Award - Brother Ron Jones,
Edward Taylor Lifetime Award - Brother Rufus Knowlin,
Committee Chairman of The Year - Brother Lamar Coombs
Community Uplift Award - Brother Rob Cornegy,
Neophyte of the Year - Brother Khalek Kirkland

This year's Citizen of the Year Award was awarded to New York City Police Department's Chief Philip Banks. As the Chief of Community Affairs, Chief Banks develops and implements policies and programs which foster positive police and community relations in New York City's many diverse communities. Chief Banks is currently the highest-ranking African-American in the New York City Police Department.

The students from R.E.L.C shared their extraordinary talents with those in attendance with performances from both the chorus and marching band. As a gesture of thanks to the school for opening up the doors for this event, and in keeping with our two of our Cardinal Principles- Scholarship and Uplift, the men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter made a special donation of clothing and book bags filled with school supplies to the school for deserving students.

More than 60 Omegas were in attendance for the Alpha Upsilon Achievement Week Program. A special acknowledgement was given to Brother Malik Kirkland from the Committee and the Chapter's Executive Council in recognition of his hard work and dedication during this event.

Pi Omega Chapter Hosts Annual Achievement Week and Founders Day Observance

Baltimore, MD. November 13, 2010. Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter hosted its Annual Achievement Week and Founders Day Observance. The guest speaker was the 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray. Achievement Week was originally designed to promote the study of Negro life and history. The celebration is observed in November of each year and designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and international 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. Brother Charles Summers and Brother Roderick Richardson, Achievement Week Chairman and Co-Chairman respectfully, did an outstanding job keeping things on point for this event. Brother Dr. Walter Amprey served as Master of Ceremony for this year's observance. Pi Omega Basileus, Brother Zanes Cypress, offered welcoming remarks informing the audience about the purpose of the event, and the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrating its 99th Anniversary.

Brother Richardson presented the tribute to the Founders. Founder Stand-ins for this year were: Brother Jeff Downings (Brother Edgar A. Love), Brother Joe Brooks (Brother Oscar Cooper), Brother Ronald Williams (Brother Frank Coleman), and Brother Frajid Mason (Brother Ernest Just).

Brother Harold Hart provided the Spiritual Uplift and read from Genesis 4:9 Am I my brother's keeper?. Brother Hart informed the brothers that yes we are each other's keeper: as men and as Fraternity brothers. We share a special bond as Omegas and need to watch out for the best interest of our brothers.

Brother Andrew Ray spoke on the theme for the event "Effecting Political Action – Using Style Over Substance". Brother Ray shared some of his background from growing up in Mississippi. Brother Ray reflected on how Omega men have to be men of substance and prepare for the long haul, while those of style will come and go with the times.

In addition to the awards presented by Pi Omega Chapter, each awardee received a citation from Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. Prior to the awards ceremony Brother John Scott gave an update on the status of the scholarship recipients that Pi Omega and the Pi Omega Foundation are sponsoring at area Historical Black College and Universities. Current students are attending schools at Howard, N.C. A&T, and Bowie State University.

2010 Achievement Award Winners:

Howard L. Cornish

Humanitarian Award:

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute,
Bethel A.M.E. Church, Cameron Miles, New
Metropolitan Baptist Church,
Oblate Sisters of Providence,

National Superior Service Award:

Brother Dwayne White,

Founders Award:

Brother Dr. Walter Gill,

Colonel Charles Young

Leadership Award: Capt. Thel Moore, Jr.,

Citizen of the Year: Tobi Pulley,

Omega Man of the Year:

Brother John C. Berkley



Nu Nu Chapter Celebrates 40 Year Anniversary & 2010 Achievement Week Banquet



Willingboro, NJ - Nu Nu Chapter held its annual Achievement Week Awards Banquet at the Kove II in Edgewater Park, NJ on Saturday 13 November 2010. Dignitaries in attendance included Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Brother Terrell Parris, 30th District Representative Brother Marvin C. Dillard, and Corridor III Representative Brother Robert Manning.

This Achievement Week focused on the Founders of Nu Nu Chapter, as the chapter celebrated 40 years of service. The following individuals were recognized for their many contributions to the chapter and to the community we serve:

Joseph Washington Basileus Award - Brothers Carlos J. Henriquez, Michael Brown, Lybrant E. Wright, Alfred D. Dennis, John W. Piercy, III, and Mamon S. Bey.

Chapter Founders Brothers Earl Rippie, Melvin Thomas, Joseph Washington, and Brother Arthur Brown (Omega Chapter) were presented with Proclamations from the Second District, and also received the Founders Award and Omega Man of the Year Award.

Brothers Theodore Cannon (Keeper of Finance Emeritus) and Melvin Wells (Chaplain Emeritus) were presented with Proclamations from the Second District, as they hold the title of Emeritus within the chapter. Brother Melvin Wells also received an Inspirational Award.

Colonel Charles Young Award - Brothers Chief Master Sergeant Charles McLaurin, COL George Waters, Lt. COL. Theodore Cannon, and Lt. COL Thomas H. Mayfield.

Superior Service Award - Brothers Ronald J. Moffitt (2nd District Director of Public Relations Emeritus), Edward Tyson, and Guy Williams.

The Arthur Frank Brown Community and Inspiration Award - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Theta Pi Omega, and Pi Mu Omega Chapters; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. – Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Zeta Delta Zeta Chapter; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Rancocas Valley Alumnae Chapter; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. – Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter; and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. – Willingboro/Ft.. Dix/ McGuire Alumni Chapter.



Nu Nu Chapter Founders Bros. Joseph Washington, Earl Rippie, and Melvin Thomas receive Proclamations from the Second District.



Nu Nu Chapter Founders Bros. Arthur F. Brown (posthumously – represented by Mrs. Etta P. Brown), Melvin Thomas, Joseph Washington, and Earl Rippie.

Outgoing Basileus Brother David S. Linder was presented an award for his hard work and dedication during the year, and Achievement Week Chairman and 29th District Representative Brother Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. was presented an award for his dedication to the Achievement Week and the 40th Anniversary of Nu Nu.

Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Terrell Parris introduced and installed the 2011 Nu Nu Chapter Officers:

Basileus
Vice Basileus
Keeper of Records and Seal
Keeper of Finance
Chaplain
Director of Public Relations

Brother Carlos J. Henriquez
Brother Michael Brown
Brother Carlton Rucker
Brother Lybrant E. Wright
Brother Alfred D. Dennis
Brother John W. Piercy, III.

NFL Players Association Public Policy Counsel Delivers Keynote Address at Sigma Beta Beta 2010 Achievement Week Program



Westbury, Long Island, NY. November 21, 2010 National Football League Players Association Public Policy Counsel Brother Joe D. Briggs, Esq. headlined an outstanding Achievement Week Program hosted by the Sigma Beta Beta Chapter at the Westbury United Methodist Church in Westbury, NY. In observing this year's theme of "Effective Political Action & Substance", Brother Briggs, recently named to the NAACP Power 40 list, eloquently spoke on subjects ranging from politics to sports in society.

Brother Briggs, a three letter student-athlete at Texas Christian University, upon completing his Master's degree at Florida A & M University, earned his Jurist Doctorate from Florida State University in 2006. Upon his completion of his externship as a US Senate Legal Fellow, Brother Briggs was hired by the NFL Players Association to manage their Financial Programs Department. He currently serves as the Public Policy Counsel of the NFLPA and is the first person to lead the NFLPA Government Relations Department.

Achievement Week Award recipients were Sigma Beta Beta Brother Capt. Fred A. Moss, 800th Military Police Brigade who was honored as Citizen of the Year. On September 11, 2009, Capt. Moss assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 800th Military Police Brigade. Brother Moss, also a veteran of both Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, was recognized for his tireless community service activities impacting veterans issues and activities benefitting the youth of Nassau County, Long Island.

Honored as Sigma Beta Beta 2010 Omega Man of the Year was Brother Basileus Eric Harley. Brother Harley, the 2009 recipient of the Sigma Beta Beta Superior Service award was initiated November 5, 1988 at Delta Theta Chapter at Southeastern University. Brother Harley after relocating to NYC still remains active and financial with Alpha Omega Chapter. He was cited for his diligent work in the Self Awareness Self Esteem (SASE) mentoring program, active role in the Annual Feed the Homeless Program and the implementation of several of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter's signature events including the Annual Dennis Hayle Scholarship Walk.

Sigma Beta Beta honored two outstanding brothers for the

2010 Superior Service Award. They were Keeper of Finance Brother Vernon Campbell and Keeper of records and Seal Brother Frank Drayton. Brother Campbell initiated at Zeta Psi Chapter on August 12, 1961 and is a charter member of Sigma Beta Beta, in addition to serving as KF, chairs the Budget committee, co-chairs the Dance and Journal committee also serves on the Scholarship committee. While not working for Omega, Brother Campbell is employed by the MTA, New York Transit as Assistant Chief Officer in charge of Subway Support North Operations. Brother Frank Drayton, also a charter member of Sigma Beta Beta, was initiated on December 2, 1972 at Beta Gamma Chapter at Cheney State College (now Cheney State University). Along with his duties as KRS, Brother Drayton has served as Keeper of Peace, Chapter Reporter, and Vice Basileus and is currently the chapter representative to the Nassau-Suffolk Counties Pan Hellenic Council. Brother Drayton is currently retired after working over 20 years with Chemical Bank (now JP Morgan Chase) as an Auditor.

Brother Dennis W. Tunstall appointed President of Willingboro School Board



Willingboro, NJ - Willingboro School Board appointed a new president and vice president during December 2010 board meeting. School Board member Brother Dennis Tunstall (1984 Lambda Omicron) was unanimously elected President. He will replace former board president Tony John.

Brother Tunstall, a Willingboro native has raised four children here with his wife, Lisa. A man of faith, he is an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and gives his time and energy to a number of community service organizations. As a staunch advocate for youth, Brother Tunstall serves on various Boards in basketball, football, and baseball and Youth Motivational Task Force.

The mission of Willingboro School District is to successfully educate all students through high expectations, a commitment to excellence, an equal access to a comprehensive program, emphasizing the belief that all students will learn and become responsible, literate, thinking, and contributing members of society.

Brother Charles Everett becomes Citizen Ambassador on Healthcare

New York, NY - Brother Charles A. Everett, of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter recently accepted an invitation from the HFMA (Healthcare Financial Management Association) to join fellow experts in the healthcare industry, as a Citizen Ambassador, on the Healthcare Financial Management Delegation to Brazil.



Brother Everett will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare administrators from around the world; engaging in face-to-face meetings, forums, and sessions with government officials in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

The delegation will learn about the planning, delivery, and financing of healthcare in Brazil. Areas of exploration will include: An Overview of the Brazilian healthcare economic sector; Life expectancy-primary medical issues and concerns; Increasing healthcare awareness among the Brazilian population; Access to and availability of quality care; Healthcare expenditures and allocations.

The Healthcare Financial Management Delegation to Brazil is being organized by "People to People." It was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, and has received ceremonial support from every President since Eisenhower, up to the present.

Charles has over 15 years experience in the healthcare industry as a Research Assistant, Auditor/Consultant, Sr. Revenue Cycle Manager, and Assistant Director. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (Pre Med) from North Carolina Central University and a Master's of Public Administration Degree (with distinction) from Mercy College.

Brother Charles A. Everett was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter (New York, N.Y.) on December 17, 2005. During his tenure at Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter, he has held various offices including Chapter Reporter, Keeper of Records and Seal, and Keeper of Finance. Charles is also credited with starting "The Purple Book, Gold Book Project," a project designed to provide functional bookshelf space in New York hospitals for pediatric patients, and their families to enjoy educational and fun reading materials. Among his many OPPF accomplishments, Charles was the recipient of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter's Basileus Award, in his first year as a member.

Alpha Upsilon's Christmas in Brooklyn

Brooklyn, NY - On Saturday, December 11, 2010, Alpha Upsilon Chapter Social Action Committee, collaborated with the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation to honor Restoration's founder, Robert F. Kennedy. This annual celebration promotes literacy and healthy lifestyles in Central Brooklyn. Over 300 children ages 1 - 15 enjoyed a variety of activities, which included storytelling, petting zoo, face painting, live music, a Christmas musical and a Kwanzaa celebration.

Dignitaries in attendance included Robert Kennedy Jr., Assemblywoman Annette Robinson (Delta Sigma Theta), Councilman Al Vann (Alpha Phi Alpha), Colvin W. Grannum - President and CEO of Restoration Corp. (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.) and Robert Cornegy (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.). Robert Cornegy, member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter, proudly serves as the State Committeeman/District Leader of the 56th Assembly District serving Bedford Stuyvesant, Bushwick and Crown Heights.

The committee members for Alpha Upsilon Chapter were Brothers Robert Cornegy and Glenn Chapman. A special acknowledgement was given to Brother Robert Cornegy and Alpha Upsilon from the Restoration Corporation in recognition of their hard work and dedication during the event.

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, the nation's first community development corporation, partners with residents and business to improve the quality of life of Central Brooklyn by fostering economic self sufficiency, enhancing family stability and growth, promoting the arts and culture and transforming the neighborhood into a safe, vibrant place to live, work and visit.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, Restoration is a dynamic institution that creates significant, sustainable and demonstrable impact in improving the well being of local residents and business.



Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter Continues the Tradition of Serving the Community



Frederick, MD - On November 22nd, and again on December 22nd 2010, while the night air was cold and crisp, the Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter provided turkeys to the residents of the

Lincoln Housing Community. Over the past 10 years, Lincoln has provided an area for the brothers to conduct monthly chapter meetings and in turn, this community has been the focal point for many of the chapters' social action endeavors.

The Housing Authority of the City of Frederick (HACF) was created in 1937 to address the urgent need for improved housing in the area, especially for low-income residents. Mayor Lloyd C. Culler (1934-1943) of Frederick appointed a group of local citizens to make recommendations on how to improve low-income housing in Frederick City. Acting on those recommendations, the Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution to establish the local Housing Authority. The Lincoln Apartments was the first development created by the HACF and was built in 1941. The development consists of 50 units and is located on Phebus Avenue in the city of Frederick.

Brother Lucky O'Connor was instrumental in securing over 100 turkeys by way of The Bea Gaddy Family Centers, Inc of Baltimore. Ms. Gaddy was an advocate for hunger, homelessness and other social issues and had received numerous certificates and awards for her unselfish actions. "Something to help somebody else that may not be as fortunate as you or have [as] much as you", Ms. Gaddy died in October 2001 after a battle with breast cancer.

At the start of each school year, the brothers support the Lincoln community by hosting a back to school cookout during which the children are provided with needed school supplies. The brothers provide the community with turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as hosting a Christmas party with food and toys for the residents' children. This year during the chapters' annual Christmas party, the brothers along with their Quettes supported the Frederick cold weather shelter with articles of clothing for those less fortunate.

Over the past 10 years the Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda chapter have shared the joys and sorrows of the residents of this community, but all in all, each share a blessing in knowing and supporting each other.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter Brings Noted Author to Brooklyn Community

Brooklyn, NY- On October 31st, 2010 the Alpha Upsilon Chapter (www.brooklynomega.org) had the pleasure of co-sponsoring a visit to the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, NY, by famed Professor Charles Olgetree, of Harvard University. His visit was in support of his latest novel, "*Presumption of Guilt: The arrest of Henry Louis Gates Jr.*" Professor Olgetree spoke and taught at length about the relationship between African-Americans and the law as practiced by law enforcement officials and handed down by politicians, from both a historical and current perspective.

We were fortunate to perform various tasks during this important teaching moment. An important is that of the 3 million New Yorkers stopped and frisked, the Bedford Stuyvesant area has the highest percentage of citizens affected by such law enforcement tactics. As we learned from the Professor, with the continued incarceration of African-American males, African-American females are increasingly being targeted and politicians are emboldening Law enforcement by such tactics as making it illegal to videotape police engagements with citizens. To do this in Boston would be considered a felony and a violation of that officers rights to conduct his or her duties.



Members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter whom participated, Brothers, Ronald E Jones, Thabita Boone, Robert Cornegy Jr., Michael Ratcliff, Steve Liverpool, Ferdinand Verley and Michael Tucker.

Lambda Nu Chapter Sponsors Health Education Conference & Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

Franklin, VA – On April 30, 2011 the Lambda Nu Chapter sponsored a Health Education Conference & Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. There were over 100 people in attendance at the conference. This health initiative was done in collaboration with First Baptist Church and with several other community organizations and partners. Participants were able to receive free blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol screenings. In addition, booths were set up to provide information on various health care topics. The conference featured experts in the fields of nutrition, diabetes, prostate care, and women's health care who presented current and relevant information on these health topics. This was truly an opportunity for the community to receive screenings, attain information, and ask questions pertaining to health care issues and concerns.

The Charles R. Drew Blood drive was a joint sponsored by the Lambda Nu Chapter and the Franklin Tri-County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. It was an event that gave participants an opportunity to donate their blood to save a life. There were 22 donors and of which 12 pints of blood were collected for the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross.



Omega men proudly give the "Gift of Life."

Gamma Epsilon Chapter Welcomes "Purple Holocaust" Fall 2010

Hampton, VA - At 1:30 pm on November 20, 2010, Gamma Epsilon (GE) Chapter (Hampton University) welcomed 10 new brothers to Omega Psi Phi. The initiation ceremony was conducted by the 3rd District Representative, Brother Anthony Knight, and attended by over 40 brothers from the surrounding chapters, graduate GE brothers, friends and fathers of the new Omega men.

Gamma Epsilon Chapter was founded on February 12, 1947 and these men have acknowledged that they are up to the task of carrying on all of the GE traditions and work for Omega.

The newest members of Gamma Epsilon chapter are:

1. Chris Nanton, FT. Washington, MD, Sociology
2. Malik Leaphart, Atlanta, GA, Architecture
3. Johnathon Wade, Richmond, VA, Sociology
4. Johnathaun Lee, Miami, FL, Biology
5. Justin Thomas, Ypsilanti, MI, English Arts
6. J.R. Carter, Camden, SC, Psychology
7. Josh Vincent, Ypsilanti, MI, Finance
8. Nicholas Burroughs, Raleigh, NC, 5-year MBA
9. Gary Bush II, Pittsburgh, PA, Sports Management
10. Trevin Parrish, Beltsville, MD, Health Physical Education

This ceremony not only had two fathers to pin their sons, but Brother Fred Burroughs (GE-1952) was there to witness his grandson Nicholas Burroughs enter the folds of Omega. Brother Burroughs shared memories of his days at Hampton Institute, the joys he has experienced as an Omega Man, and also challenged the new brothers to strive to be a good brother in Omega. Brother Nicholas Burroughs, Brother Terrance Burroughs, and Brother Fred Burroughs represented three generations of Omega men at the ceremony.



Kappa Iota Iota (KII) Honors Five Deserving Awardees

Ft., Eustis, VA. - Kappa Iota Iota honored five recipients who stood out and performed above the norm this past Que Year. These awards were presented during the Peninsula Tri-Chapter Achievement Week Banquet held November 13, 2010.

Omega Man of the Year

Brother Scott Wilson showed tremendous enthusiasm this year leading a very successful Thomas Ward Golf Tournament, performing as Keeper of Records and Seals for Chapter, and Assistant KRS for 3rd District. His participation and support in numerous other KII events and community projects was nothing short of exemplary.

Superior Service

Brother Ulysses Brown contributed tremendously during the year and distinguished himself as the KII rep to the Tri-Chapter Mardi Gras, Vice Basileus, founder of the Friends of KII Foundation, and participation in numerous other KII events.

Founders Award

Brother James Battle continues to serve and epitomize the values of our Founders. He chairs KII's participation in a Youth Academy Program that he founded called Young Men of Distinction (YMOD). After 40 years in the Fraternity, he still dedicates himself to service and uplift.

Citizen of the Year

Brother Derrick "Lil Rock" Greenhill distinguished himself in our communities through his involvement in numerous uplift programs as well as his service as a Newport News, VA fireman, where he recently was recognized as the Employee of the Year 2010. He also dedicates himself to mentoring youth in Newport News, works numerous community action projects, and is an advisor to the Brothers of his home chapter, Pi Gamma (Norfolk State University).

Colonel Charles Young

Brother Clarke McGriff (Colonel) symbolizes the footsteps of Colonel Charles Young through 30 years of distinguished military service. He currently serves as the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Chaplain and the Chaplain for KII. Brother McGriff had his retirement ceremony on 19 November 2010.



Omega Psi Phi Leaders Launches Rededication Program at Howard University

Washington, DC – Howard University, November 17, 2010 – The Omega Psi Phi Rededication Program began with a press conference on the steps of Thirkield Hall, the birthplace of Omega 99 years ago. Brother Kenny Brown, Grand Marshal for the Centennial Celebration, served as Master of Ceremony for the Rededication Ceremony that followed that evening at Crampon Auditorium.

Brother Rev. Bernard L. Richardson officially opened the ceremony with benediction, paving the way for the “rally cry” by Brother Mark Jackson, encouraging ALL men of Omega to get active, stay active and prepare for a celebration like no other. Brother Jackson also made a special recognition to Brother Steven Johnson, who through his hard work and dedication to Omega has been officially named a Deputy Grand Marshal for the Centennial.

Brother Lloyd Jordan, Esq., Omega Psi Phi 36th Grand Basileus addressed the brotherhood with strong and serious words of encouragement to continue and preserve the legacy of Omega. “Rise knowing you have responsibility. God thought so much of you; He made you an Omega man.” Brother Jordan expressed that not every man can be an Omega. It is special; it is priceless; it is an honor and privilege that is to be cherished and respected.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony, Brother Moses C. Norman, Omega Psi Phi 33rd Grand Basileus, delivered the powerful message translating the feelings of the Founders, the three undergraduates who had the foresight to seek assistance from Professor Just. “You cannot have a full life until you have friends, and become a friend.” Everything an Omega man needs to know is found on the first page of the Fraternity’s constitution. Live the creed and honor the Founders. Honor the commitment to the Four Cardinal Principles.



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Zeta Mu Mu Brother Chris Wynder Takes Command of 525th Military Police Bn

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba - History was made in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba when Brother (Lieutenant Colonel) Alexander Conyers relinquished command of the 525th Military Police Battalion to Brother (Lieutenant Colonel) Christopher V. Wynder. Brother Conyers commanded the 525th MP Battalion for two years, providing sound leadership and direction to a unit with a strategically significant mission.



The South Carolina native and South Carolina State graduate was initiated in 1987 in the Xi Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and has been an active member of the Fraternity, having served in multiple leadership positions and selected as Omega Man of the Year in 2003 at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. LTC Conyers has had a tremendous 20 year military career,

and served in various command and staff assignments around the world, to include: Korea, Fort Bragg, Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Leavenworth, and Afghanistan. LTC Conyers earned a Masters of Public Administration from Troy State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. Brother Conyers is married to the former Agatha Youmans of Hampton, South Carolina who is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and they have two children.



Brother Wynder, a Hampton, Virginia native and Florida A&M University graduate was initiated in the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 2006 and served as the Lambda Xi Chapter Chaplain. He most recently served as the Keeper of Records and Seal for the newly established Zeta Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Williamsburg, Virginia. LTC Wynder's

military career has also been remarkable with command and staff assignments around the world, to include; Korea, Fort Bragg, Fort Belvoir, Fort Hood, Fort Leavenworth, Iraq, Haiti, and Afghanistan.

His new assignment as Commander, 525th Military Police Battalion in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is for two years. LTC Wynder earned a Masters of Public Administration from Troy State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. His military education includes the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College. Brother Wynder is married to the former Rhonda Daniels of Fort Washington, Maryland. Rhonda serves as a Major in the Army National Guard and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Together they are raising five girls ranging in ages from three to 15.

Congratulations to Bro Conyers and Bro Wynder for selfless and significant service to our nation, the military, and Omega.

Delta Theta Chapter Hosts Professional Panel with Brother Gary Flowers

Washington, D.C. - On November 16, 2010, the brothers of the Delta Theta Chapter closed their Achievement Week 2010 programming with a discussion entitled "The Importance of Maintaining a Professional Image" with guest speaker Brother Gary L. Flowers, on the campus of Georgetown University.

Brother Flowers is the current Executive Director & CEO of the Black Leadership Forum, Inc., an alliance and clearinghouse for over 30 Black Civil Rights and service organizations in the United States of America, based in Washington, DC. The Brothers of Delta Theta wore suits on campus all day and encouraged all black males to dress up too. In preparation for this professional day, Delta Theta held its annual "Q-Cuts" on November 15th providing students with free haircuts.

Brother Gyasi Parrish presided over the discussion and inquired about students' perspectives of what being "professional" entails. The consensus was that a professional is judged by his clothing, speech, knowledge, and mannerisms. Brother Flowers spoke about his personal experiences in terms of professionalism. He encouraged all black men in attendance to have their license pictures retaken with a shirt and tie worn instead of the all too common t-shirt because a police officer would be more reluctant to harass a person wearing a suit in their license picture.

The discussion was a success and the students enjoyed and appreciated Brother Flowers' presence and his wisdom. Delta Theta would like to formally thank Brother Flowers for taking time from his busy schedule to participate in this discussion.



Prince William County, VA - On November 6, 2010, Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter (PLL) celebrated and observed Achievement Week activities 14 – 19 November. Special guests included Brother Dr. Andrew Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Anthony Knight, 3rd District Representative, and Brother Robert Warren, 1st Vice District Representative, 3rd District. Basileus Harvey L. Woodson, Jr., Master of Ceremonies, recognized a host of other Omega representatives and distinguished attendees. In his remarks, the Grand Basileus reflected on the four founders, Omega's cardinal principles, and the focus on celebrating a legacy.

During the evening's festivities, PLL announced the recipients for its 2010 Achievement Week Awards. This year's Citizen of the Year is the Reverend Keith A. Savage, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Manassas, VA. Rev. Savage works tirelessly on behalf of the underprivileged, including his local leadership of V.O.I.C.E. (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), a regional civil rights and social justice network of Christian, Jews, Muslims, and other religions. Additionally, PLL also announced the winners of other Achievement Week Awards:

Omega Man of the Year – Brother Bernard Oliphant,
Colonel Charles Young Award- Brother LTC Trevor Williams
Omega Superior Service Award – Brother Craig Turman, Sr.



Williamsburg, VA - The brothers of Zeta Mu Mu Chapter celebrated the Founding of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc by participating in several activities during the week of November 17th, 2010. The brothers are striving to live up to our cardinal principles of: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

In the spirit of community UPLIFT, the chapter conducted a month long clothing drive for the Grove Christian Outreach Center on Pocahontas's Trail in the Williamsburg area. The donations helped children and adults that are in need of assistance in these dire economic times. Items included toys/books/DVD's as well as food and clothing for those less fortunate. Brothers Glenn Johnson and Eric Gwaltney made the donation on behalf of the Chapter.

The chapter also held it's Annual Achievement Week Program and Banquet at the Clarion Hotel in Williamsburg on Sunday November 14th. Guest speaker for the event was Carl R. Francis Jr, Director of Communications for the National Football League Players Association. ZMM's Achievement Week awards recipients are - Citizen of the Year (Mrs. Barbara Alexander); Omega Man of the Year (Brian Young); Superior Service Award (Charles Wynder Sr.) and Colonel Charles Young Award (Chris Wynder). These individuals have contributed their time, talent and expertise to help the community and the chapter "Lift as we climb."



Zeta Mu Mu Citizen of the Year- Ms. Barbara Alexander

Richmond, VA - Members of the Upsilon Nu and Phi Phi Chapters, along with undergraduate chapters at Virginia Commonwealth University (Phi Delta) and Virginia Union University (Zeta), held its Annual Achievement Week Honors Program at Club 533 in downtown Richmond, VA. Several outstanding students, community leaders and Fraternity members were honored at the program.

Honorees for the 2010 year included the following:

Upsilon Nu Chapter

Delegate Jennifer McClellan, Citizen of the Year
Arlissa Grooms-Washington - Vounteer of the Year
Jeffrey L. Tarpley - Omega Man of the Year

Phi Phi Chapter

Keith Crawford, Hugenout High School – Student honoree
Christopher Bell, John Marshall H.S. – Student honoree
Saul Taylor, Richmond Community H.S. – Student honoree
Sheriff C.T. Woody – Citizen of the Year
James Carver – Omega Man of the Year



(left to right) Brother Jeffrey Tarpley & Brother James Carver

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Omega Epsilon & Delta Epsilon celebrate 40 Year Reunion

Toledo, OH - On September 10-12, 2010, the twin chartered chapters of Omega Epsilon (University Of Toledo) and Delta Epsilon (Bowling Green State University) had their 40th reunion in Toledo, Ohio. This was a first time gathering of all lines that crossed at OE and DE chapters starting in 1969 to present. There were approximately 70 brothers who attended some portion of the weekend affair.

The weekend started with a welcome and hospitality for the brotherhood on Friday evening. On Saturday, there was an OE-DE chapter luncheon. The guest speaker was 4th District Representative Brother Rufus D. Heard. His message was one of rededication to the principles of the Fraternity and the need to provide our presence in the brotherhood. In his words—"the Fraternity needs your 40 years of experience more than you need the Fraternity." This was a call to arms for service to the Fraternity!

The weekend concluded with church service on Sunday at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio and a cook-out, hosted by the undergraduate brothers and the reunion planning committee. Arrangements were made to plan an all line reunion for Omega Epsilon and Delta Epsilon chapters every 5 years.



Omega Epsilon & Delta Epsilon Investment Group

In 1980, Fraternity brothers initiated at Omega Epsilon (University of Toledo) and Delta Epsilon (Bowling Green State University) chapters came together to create the OE-DE Investment group. This idea was born in Columbus, Ohio at a chapter brother's wedding. After college graduation, we wanted a lasting reason to see each other at least once a year. We were spread across the country starting new careers in various professions. Our primary requirement for membership in the OE-DE Investment group is having been initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

We started the investment group with very modest dues of \$10.00 a month to make it affordable to any brother who wanted to join. We have increased dues only slightly over the years. That meager investment has grown well into six figures and before the market downturn was approaching a quarter of a million dollars! Our growth speaks to disciplined investing and compounding interest over the years. In the past, we have invested in real estate, provided capital for start up businesses by brothers and rendered personal loans. While these investments had solid returns, our primary interests are in stocks, mutual funds and bonds. Our model can be easily duplicated by chapters all over the country.

Our vision is simple, to improve lives of all investment group members and families through friendship and financial growth. We meet once a year on Memorial weekend in a different city decided at the previous annual meeting. Our weekends are structured with a social gathering on Friday, business meeting on Saturday, dinner with our families in the evening, Sunday morning worship service and a cook-out on Sunday afternoon.

This year our annual meeting will be in Chicago, Illinois on Memorial weekend. This will mark our 32nd year together as OE-DE Investment Group. We look forward to a bright future and creating a lasting legacy that can be carried on by Omega Men current and future. Officers include Gregory Forté, Chairman, Gary Wilson, Financial Chairman and Quincy Landingham, Correspondence Chairman.



Passion for Southern Cooking and Perseverance Translates into Success for Former Corporate Chef

Macedonia, OH – A love of good, old-fashioned, Southern-style comfort food is something most of us share, regardless of where we live. Whether we're from the north, south, east or west, there's something about the rich, delicious taste of black-eyed peas, turnip or collard greens, macaroni and cheese, or okra & tomatoes that, though deeply rooted in the South, transcends geography.

Recognizing this, Brother Claude Booker, 3-89-Theta Epsilon, active member of Zeta Omega Graduate Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio, set out to develop a quick and easy-to-prepare way for consumers to enjoy delicious, down-home favorites anytime. That's how he came up with Simply Southern Sides, a line of fully cooked and seasoned, boil-in-bag Southern-style side dishes that come either frozen or refrigerated.

This new twist on universal favorites is resonating among both foodservice and retail customers as Simply Southern Sides is currently sold in over 1,000 grocery stores in 18 states. Despite starting the Macedonia, Ohio-based Company at the beginning of the economic recession in 2007, Simply Southern Sides has managed to enjoy dramatic sales growth thanks to strong support from friends, family and Brother Booker's Fraternity Brothers, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In fact, in just four years Simply Southern Sides has become a multi-million dollar company.

Brother Booker's methodical approach to growing his business has garnered attention and accolades locally and overseas. In February of this year Simply Southern Sides was selected as one of 100 Northeast Ohio companies to participate in a small business forum hosted by President Barack Obama and several members of his Cabinet. Later that month the company was among five Greater Cleveland businesses recognized by Kaleidoscope Magazine for contributing to Northeast Ohio's economic growth.

Additionally, in August of 2010 Simply Southern Sides was named a COSE Ten Under Ten winner. This award recognizes the top ten companies in Northeast Ohio with ten or fewer employees. Also, in early April of 2010 Simply Southern Sides was made a JumpStart Launch 100 company, a collaborative statewide initiative that strives to create a pipeline of 100 minority and inner-city businesses with high growth potential.

On an international level, the company's success has led to securing contracts with the Department of Defense OCONUS Menu Program (Outside Continental United States). Simply Southern Sides is proud to be a part of feeding military troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. The products are also served at eight military bases in the United States, including Ft. Benning and Ft. Knox in Georgia and Kentucky. In fact, the company has been named a top 100 Supplier to the United States Military.

The company operates out of an 11,000 square-foot head quarters where they have recently added a warehouse, an R&D center and a retail outlet. Brother Booker's future plans consist of launching a philanthropic division and broadening its base in current distribution channels, which Booker estimates will allow him to hire 15 to 20 full- and part-time employees. "The success that we're experiencing has allowed me to do the things that I've always wanted to do, which is make great tasting food and to uplift others."

Brother Christopher Allen Completes Study Abroad Program

Cincinnati, OH - This past winter, University of Cincinnati student Christopher T. Allen embarked upon a study abroad trip that took him to Europe. Brother Allen, (Tau Xi Chapter, Spring 2006), earned a trip to Paris, France & Barcelona, Spain through the university's College of Business International Program. The program is designed to allow students pursuing International Business degrees to attend leadership forums and business workshops geared towards learning how business is conducted in the European Union.

While on the trip, Brother Allen, along with 20 other students, were each required to live with host families and to take on the course load of typical European college students to further the "Euro-experience." This included company visits, case studies & group projects.

Brother Allen, a Cincinnati native, is by no means a stranger

to international travel. While in seventh grade, he was fortunate to earn a trip to Munich, Germany, as a part of a student exchange program through his middle school; The Academy of World Languages in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was this early exposure to foreign cultures that led him to add German & International Business as minors in addition to his Marketing major. "This trip has not only broadened my horizons, but really opened up my eyes to new experiences and cultures," Brother Allen said.



Zeta Omega Chapter

Cleveland, OH - Zeta Omega Chapter used its 13th Annual Russell T. Adraine Achievement Week Dinner as a beginning of the Holiday Season 2010 in which the chapter would conduct two successful raffles, do community service at the Salvation Army, collect suits and coats for men, women and children while exceeded the stretch goal of giving away 530 Christmas Baskets to greater Cleveland families in the span of 68 days.

The first raffle was in the support of the 3rd Annual Ben Holbert Grocery Grab. In the grocery grab the first place winner gets three minutes to run throughout the grocery store while gathering up items and the second gets two minutes to gather different foodstuffs. The third place gets winner gets a \$25.00 gift certificate. The proceeds become seed money for the Christmas Basket Give Away. This year the Brother sold enough raffle tickets to donate \$1500.00 to the Christmas Basket Program.

The second raffle supported the Centennial Omega Brick Program. Brothers bought tickets for a package donated by Brother Bennett Gaines that include two tickets for the Cleveland Cavaliers vs. the Orlando Magic and two tickets to the Cleveland Browns vs. the Baltimore Ravens games. The drawing was to be at the December Meeting. Excess money of the cost of the brick would be contributed to the Christmas Basket Program. The winner of the package was Rico Thompson and Zeta Omega Chapter is the proud owner of Centennial Brick 939. Excess funds of \$40.00 were given to the Christmas Basket Fund.

Brother Lance McElrath lead a group of brothers in completing close to 200 hours of community service at the Salvation Army. The brothers over the past year have gone to the Salvation Army and packed 2500 bags for their local foodbank. This is the third year for the program and there are plans to expand the program in the future. An offshoot of this program was championed by Brother Rico Thompson, Rico started a Suits for Men Program. In the first year of the program "The brothers were very generous, we collected over 25 men's and women's suits, as well as over 20 bags of children's clothes" reported Brother Stitts, Chairman of the Social Action Committee for Zeta Omega.

On December 18, Zeta Omega Brothers and friends gathered on a cold and snowy morning to pack 500 boxes that contained items for a family to cook a Christmas meal. The items included a turkey, stuffing, 5 pounds of potatoes, two cans each of corn and green beans and one can of yams and of cranberry sauce, two boxes of Jell-O and one of corn bread mix. The items are packed in a trailer by the brothers and staff at the local grocery store and delivered to the frat house by Brother Edward Hubbard. The ZO brothers form a human chain to unload the trailer and begin the task of packing all the items in the boxes for distribution. By noon the Brothers and friends have finished packing the boxes and the final tally was that there were 530 boxes distributed. The Brothers agreed that was a fitting end to the Zeta Omega Holiday Season 2010 and would hook up Wednesday of the Annual Christmas Party and promised to do it better in 2011-The Centennial of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.





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Theta Omega Chapter Hosts 2010 Talent Hunt

Louisville, KY – Theta Omega. Mr. Joshua Crowder, Mr. Charles Vanderhoof and Mr. Germonte Johnson were awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners by a panel of judges in the Theta Omega Talent Competition. The competition was conducted on Sunday, February 27, 2011, before an audience at Wyatt Hall, Bellarmine University. Mr. Zachary White was a very close 4th place contestant. The winners were selected from twelve highly talented contestants who performed in areas ranging from theatre, voice, piano, and poetry. Mr. Joshua Crowder, a junior at DuPont Manual High School presented on his piano an “Impromptu in G1 Major” by Franz Schubert, Mr. Charles Vanderhoof, a senior at John Hardin High School presented an opera solo rendition of “Gia il Sole Dal Gange” and Mr. Germonte Johnson, a senior at Fern Creek High School, sang in A Cappella the gospel selection “I Know I’ve Been Changed”. Cash awards were made to the three winners.

The Theta Omega chapter’s Talent Hunt Committee functions as a subcommittee of the committee on Scholarship to showcase local student’s performance excellence in the fine arts pursuant to the guidelines set forth by the international Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The competition was initiated in 1945 and has continued unabated for 66 years as a mandated program for all fraternity chapters. The 1st place winner will compete in the Kentucky-Tennessee regional fraternity competition in April. The regional winner will then compete for scholarships later in July 2011 at the international fraternity Centennial Celebration that will be held in Washington, D.C.

Gamma Phi celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Nashville, TN - Gamma Phi Chapter celebrated Achievement Week by honoring public service within and outside of the fraternity. The week of events began on Nov. 14, 2010 with a worship service held at Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church.

A Founder’s Day program was held at Gordon Memorial on Nov. 17, 2010. Fifth District Representative Brother Ed Morant was the guest speaker. Brother Morant stressed the importance of strong Black males in the community.

Brother Robert Bostick was selected the 2010 Gamma Phi Chapter Omega Man of the Year and Tennessee State Representative Brother Joe Armstrong received the 2010 Gamma Phi Chapter Omega Citizen of the Year Award. Brother Armstrong is responsible for Omega men having Omega personalized license plates in the state of Tennessee. He is also an active participant in the annual Gamma Phi Chapter Omega Day on the Hill at the State Capital in Nashville, Tennessee.

The week concluded with the chapter’s annual black-tie Harvest Ball on Nov. 19, 2010 at The Jefferson Showcase Ballroom in Nashville. Highlights included the chapter celebrating its 85th year anniversary and recognizing Brother David Saunders for receiving his 50 year fraternity pin at the recently held conclave in Raleigh, NC.

Theta Omega Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week

Louisville, KY - This National Social Action Chapter of the Year for the past two years running recently celebrated their Achievement Week. During the week of November 14-19, citizens of the Louisville, KY community welcomed and appreciated the actions of these dedicated men. Theta Omega Chapter began the week worshipping at SPILLMAN Memorial Church in West Louisville. A special treat for the day was the musical performance by the OMEGA Choir. The choir director, musicians and choir members are all Omega Men. An arousing sermon by the Chapter Basileus, Brother Michael Lee, and sermon ate by Minister Rita Bowman, wife of Brother Lee Bowman, made the service spiritually uplifting. Brother Lester Sanders, Social Action Chairman, completed the service by presenting Robert G. Burks Awards to members recognized for outstanding professional achievements throughout the Louisville community.

The week began with members teaming with the area “Dare to Care” food program. They passed out food to senior citizens, special needs adults and citizens who require food assistance. Service projects continued throughout the week with a Health Fair and Blood Drive at the University of Louisville campus. Members completed the week by donating turkeys and passing out food baskets to people less fortunate in the community. “Brothers Night Out” entailed Monday Night Football and dinner for senior members that included a rededication and reclamation service. A bible study was held in conjunction with our “QUES for Christ” program. Bible study furthers supports our four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift that make us who we are.

The week concluded with our annual “Founders Banquet” at the Galt House. Our speaker for the night was the dynamic Rev. Dr. F. Bruce Williams of the Bates Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. His subject focused on moral growth as we become mature in life. He emphasized the importance of reaching down to assist others that need help. Awards for 2010 were presented to the following fraternity members: David Tandy, Citizen of the Year Award; Michael Lee, Founder’s Award; Furman Glenn, Superior Service Award; and Audwin Helton, The Omega Man of the Year Award. High School Essay Contest winners were recognized with plaques and scholarship awards.

Annually the chapter sponsors a talent demonstration, and provides mentoring support in area schools. The chapter also awards scholarships to eligible high school seniors so that they can continue their post secondary education. Members finished the night with plenty of food and dancing. Brothers of Theta Omega Chapter live knowing that “Friendship is Essential to the Soul”.

Theta Iota Chapter Honors 2010 Award Recipients

Jackson, TN: On Sunday, November 21, 2010, the brothers of Theta Iota Chapter held their Founders Day Program at Lane College Chambers McClure Auditorium in Jackson, Tennessee at 5:00 p.m. Brother Melvin Ewell, Basileus of Theta Iota Chapter, presided over the program. Brother Dr. David Beckley, President of Rust College, rendered the keynote address, which focused on the Fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles.

Immediately following the address, the chapter presented awards to various youth and community leaders. Brothers Paul Thacker and Raymond Cunningham Jr. presented the George L. Thacker Community Service Awards to local middle school students Dillon Douglass and Andrew Wells. Blake Brooks, son of Brother Stephen C. Brooks, Esq., Fifth District Counselor, Justin Brooks, Mark McCuller, and Brandon Perry were the high school students who received the award. These students excelled in the classroom as well as community service within the Madison County area.

Brother Robert Starr presented the Alton W. Jarmon Benevolence Award to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bomar for their generous donations for scholarships on an annual basis to our chapter. Brother Rev. (Dr.) Carmichael Crutchfield presented the Rev. James F. Taylor Christian Leadership Award to Rev. Sharon Karamoko for her excellence as a pastor and community leadership. Mrs. Margaret Rogers received the Chapter's Citizen of the Year Award. Brother Ron Tharpe received the 2010 Theta Iota Chapter Founders Award for his faithful service and dedication to the fraternity. Brother Melvin Ewell presented Brother Tharpe with the award. The 2010 Theta Iota Chapter Superior Service Award was given to Brother Ronnie Teague for his excellent service during the year 2010. Program Chair, Brother Michael Hart, presented Brother Teague with the plaque. Brother Sonny Phillips, Theta Iota Chapter Keeper of Finance, was presented the 2010 Theta Iota Chapter Omega Man of the Year Award by 2009 winner Brother Corey Currie.

The Lane College Concert Choir and Ms. Shetina Hoyle provided the music during the event. Brothers Michael Hart, (Min.) Ron Tharpe, Raymond Cunningham Jr., (Dr.) Andre Temple, and David Hunt served on the 2010 Program Committee.



Rho Psi Affinity Chapter Receives Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy

Nashville, TN - The Tennessee State University Rho Psi Affinity Chapter has been selected by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy. Recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy are individuals and organizations who have generously given resources to a TBR institution or have outstanding volunteer efforts in raising money for the institution.

The idea to give back was spun from the fraternity members' desire to dedicate a monument on campus to recognize the chapter's history and achievements. The Fraternity was the first Black Greek-lettered organization at TSU to establish an alumni affinity chapter, the first to erect a monument, the first to establish an endowment for scholarships and is the first to be recognized for its long-standing philanthropic support with the Chancellor's Award.



Rho Psi Affinity Chapter contributes \$103,000 to establish an endowment at TSU in support of student scholarships and academic excellence.

"We have to ensure our university maintains its mission and that we work to sustain it," said Larry Brown, a 1967 graduate, member of Rho Psi's Affinity Chapter and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and visionary behind the group's efforts. "It is our responsibility as alumni to give back and to continue to voice the importance of this responsibility of giving to the next generation."

The Rho Psi Affinity Chapter's efforts have set the pace for other Black Greek-lettered organizations and alumni chapters at Tennessee State University, and across the country, to begin a more collaborative and concentrated focus on fundraising for their alma maters, particularly historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Each fall, a call for nominations is issued by the TBR. Institutions may elect to nominate individuals, companies or organizations for the award. The nominations are reviewed by a donor recognition committee appointed by the Chancellor. The committee then recommends a slate of award winners to the Chancellor. Winners are recognized at an honorary event hosted by the nominating institution.

Gamma Phi Brothers Assists Boys at Bordeaux Elementary School

Nashville, TN – Gamma Phi chapter sponsored a tie-tying instructional workshop for 3rd and 4th grade boys at Bordeaux Elementary School in Nashville, Tennessee. The boys were divided into manageable groups and each chapter brother present taught their group how to tie a neck tie. Each of the nearly 70 young men received a tie of his choice from the chapter as a gift. Many of the students said they had never owned a tie before.

The workshop was part of an ongoing mentoring program between the chapter and the school. The chapter's involvement with Bordeaux Elementary began in 2007 with semiannual visits to the school to mentor 4th grade boys. Positive feedback from the students, parents, teachers and administrators led to more frequent visits and participation in the program was opened to 3rd grade boys. Each visit usually involves chapter members with backgrounds related to the topic of discussion. To date, those topics have included money management, law enforcement, fire safety, science & engineering, career aspirations, physical health, peer pressure, bullying, gang abstention, table etiquette and good manners. Each discussion reinforces the benefits of education, and stresses good study habits. In addition to the mentoring program, members of the chapter participate in the school's annual Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon Week, volunteering to read to students, of both genders, in multiple classrooms.

Brother Jerry Blackman participated in the tie-tying workshop. "As I was helping the young men with the ties, I asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up. Among the varied responses, I heard one of the boys tell the other, 'I'm going to be a

Que!' I looked at him and said, 'That's what we are.' He looked at me with stunned excitement. When I 'threw up the hooks' he smiled," said Blackman. In addition to Blackman, Brothers Robert Bostick (chair), Cuba Johnson, Jr., Michael Woods, Michael Moultry, Clint Boyd, Jr., Geoffrey Rhett and Andre Boykins participated in the tie-tying instructional workshop.

"Our objective for this mentoring program is to provide positive interaction, with an emphasis on enlightening and encouraging young boys," said Bostick, the chapter's coordinator for the program. "Many of these young men are from single-parent homes headed by mothers. Male teachers at the elementary school level are scarce. We not only want to give them a glimpse at positive male images, we want to develop bonds with them and help them progress. The single act of giving them a tie of their own, and teaching them how to tie it, will go a long way in building a positive self image," said Bostick.



Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Hendersonville, TN - The Omega Lambda Lambda held its 2010 Achievement Week from November 8th to November 12th and are pleased to report it was a great success.

The week started joyously on Monday with the Gospel Music Explosion held at Community Baptist Church. Tuesday brought the STOP Community Violence Forum at Saint Phillip AME Church of North Nashville. Guest speakers for the forum included Judge Monte Watkins, North Precinct Sergeant Terrence Graves, Councilwoman Erica Gilmore, and Representative Brenda Gilmore.

Wednesday's Health Fair was held at Tennessee State University's Kean Hall. Health care workers and volunteers in medicine and dentistry held screenings including screenings for hypertension and diabetes. Thursday was the Founder's Day Program with Keynote Speaker Rev. Ralph Johnson at Community Baptist Church.

Several brothers were honored including:

- Omega Man of the Year – Bryan White
- Founder's Award – Chris Maldonado
- Superior Service Award – Preston Bailey & Charles Wilson
- Bridge Builder Award – William Smith
- Citizen of the Year – Sierra Allmon

The week closed successfully with the Jazz Banquet on Friday with guest speaker C. Tyrone Gilmore, Sr., 34th Grand Basileus Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Tennessee State University.



Psi Pi Chapter Helps Conduct Health Screenings at Kenwood High School

Clarksville, TN- On February 23, 2011 brothers of the Psi Pi Chapter teamed with Kerri Worthy, LPN to performed vision and hearing screenings at Kenwood High School. This project was implemented to assist Nurse Worthy to complete the screenings for the 9th grade class. The students, educators and administrator were very thankful for the presence, participation and partnership provided by Psi Pi Chapter. Statistics show that many children, particularly African-American students, fail to receive proper medical attention which impedes learning and development.

Through the demonstrated spirit of Omega, various students at Kenwood High School know and

have witnessed the importance of giving back to help others succeed in life.



Gamma Phi Chapter 2010 Holiday Uplift

Nashville, TN - Gamma Phi Chapter spent the 2010 holiday season serving others. On Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, members of the Fraternity served the residents of Hadley Park Towers, a home for senior citizens. This is the chapter's 21st consecutive year serving the residents of Hadley Park Towers on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Also in December 2010, the chapter provided assistance to the C.E. McGruder Family Resource Center during their annual Santa Toy Store event which distributes hundreds of gifts to needy families for Christmas. Gamma Phi Chapter has provided support over the years by lending manpower

to help gather the gifts and escorting the families to their vehicles.

Gamma Phi Chapter was established in Nashville, Tennessee in 1925 and has implemented many community outreach programs over the years including community clean-ups, mentoring and tutoring programs, awarding scholarships, health fairs, voters' registration drives and annual Thanksgiving and Christmas charity dinners for senior citizens. The chapter celebrated its 85th anniversary in October 2010.



Kappa Iota Chapter Uplifts Special Families for Christmas 2010

Chattanooga, TN - Kappa Iota Chapter of Chattanooga, Tennessee, mindful of the Cardinal Principal of Uplift, reaches out at Christmas time to the community in an effort to bring happiness and joy into the lives of those less fortunate.

Many area families were without the financial resources to have a bountiful Christmas meal and could look forward to Christmas only with anguish and trepidation. With an understanding that such families existed in our community, the brothers of Kappa Iota Chapter made it a point to not let this special time of the year pass without doing its share to help these families.

Brothers committed themselves to providing a traditional Christmas meal to as many families as it could. Spearheaded by Brother Gary James, the Christmas project helped a significant number of special families. Brother James brings leadership, passion and fortitude to this endeavor.

The greatest gift for the Kappa Iota brothers is the gift seeing the joy and relief in the faces of the mothers who know their children will not be left out of the bounty of Christmas. Reaching back to lift others, an Omega tradition observed by Kappa Iota.

Brother Thomas Dortch Serves as Kappa Iota's Achievement Week Speaker

Chattanooga, TN - At its celebration of Achievement Week, Kappa Iota Chapter brought to Chattanooga, a brother of remarkable achievement and accomplishment. Brother Thomas "Tommy" W. Dortch, Jr. was the featured speaker at Kappa Iota's 2010 Achievement Week Banquet.

Brother Dortch is a visionary, a civic leader, an author, an entrepreneur, a husband and father. He is the Chairman Emeritus of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TWD, Inc. Under his leadership 100 Black Men expanded from 43 Chapters in the United States to 102 Chapters through the United States, Africa, England and the West Indies.

The Achievement Week Banquet was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the Second Missionary Baptist Church. After a wonderful meal, Brother Dortch spoke and gave a captivating and inspirational message on setting high goals, the importance of hard work, how perseverance can help you surmount obstacles, and helping others. The speech was very well received.

The Achievement Week Banquet is also the occasion where Kappa Iota's Omega Man of the Year is presented. This year's recipient was Brother D'wayne Young. The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Chris Ramsey. Brother Floyd Eaves, acknowledged at the banquet and presented his 60-year Omega service award.

Brother Kurt Watson Delta Chapter 2010 Omega Man of the Year

Nashville, TN - It is With the utmost respect that Brother Kurt Watson has remained a positive beacon of hope for the local Nashville community and campus of Meharry Medical College. Since becoming a member in the Spring of 2006, Brother Watson quickly embraced the challenge to serve and work to lift the Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. as Omega Man of the Year. In all aspects of life, he proudly exhibits the four cardinal principles: manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Furthermore, Brother Watson demonstrates a steadfast commitment in upholding the traditions of our fraternity through our esteemed fraternity in spite of spending innumerable hours in the research lab on a daily basis as a PhD student. Through demonstrating a self-less demeanor and willingness to assist our fraternity in numerous capacities, Kurt Watson continues to showcase an impressive and admirable ability to balance his educational endeavors along with assuming an active role in carrying on the Legacy of the Mother Pearl of the South, Delta Chapter.

As the past Basileus, Brother Watson went beyond the Call of Omega by placing the Delta Chapter at the forefront of thriving organizations on the campus of Meharry Medical College. He organized massive food preparations for Family and Community Affairs on the Meharry Campus. In addition, Brother Watson maintained great rapport with the faculty and administration. In terms of the greater Nashville community, he established a partnership with Buena Vista Elementary School and developed a campus-wide book drive to donate to local schools. In both cases, hundreds of children were impacted in a major way, and Kurt was the major catalyst. Moreover, he recently encouraged the campus to donate peanut butter for the Second Harvest Food Bank. This act of service was definitely a success, and student involvement was incredible with the challenge conveyed by Brother Kurt.

After receiving his PhD, Brother Kurt Watson continues to uplift the current members of the Delta Chapter and remains an influential figure. He has gained the respect of our members through his enthusiasm for the fraternity. Through regularly attending meetings and contributing ideas to our current activities, Kurt defines leadership through his actions and not just his words. Brother Kurt serves as a mouthpiece for our chapter as he keeps past members updated about our status. Most importantly, Kurt maintains humility and nerve in any situation. It is for these reasons and many more that the Delta Chapter highly honors Kurt Watson to be the Omega Man of the Year.

Theta Omega Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Louisville, KY - Any exhibition of work or service by the Theta Omega Chapter makes them special in the Louisville metro area. Theta Omega, the International Social Action Chapter of the Year for the past two years running, recently celebrated their Achievement Week.

During the week of November 14-19, citizens of the Louisville, KY community welcomed and appreciated the actions of these dedicated men. Since its establishment on December 12, 1922, the Theta Omega Graduate Chapter has served the needs of the Louisville metro area. Its members reside throughout the city and are involved in all aspect of the community. This year members continued service to the community.

The week began with members teaming with the area "Dare to Care" food program. They passed out food to senior citizens, special needs adults and citizens who require food assistance. Service projects continued throughout the week with a Health Fair and Blood Drive at the University of Louisville campus. Members completed the week by donating turkeys and passing out food baskets to people less fortunate in the community.

The week concluded with our annual "Purple and Gold Founders Banquet" at the Galt House. Our speaker for the night was the dynamic Rev. Dr. F. Bruce Williams of the Bates Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. His subject focused on moral growth as we become mature in life. He emphasized the importance of reaching down to assist others that need help.

Awards for 2010 were presented to the following Fraternity members: David Tandy, Citizen of the Year Award; Michael Lee, Founder's Award; Furman Glenn, Superior Service Award; and Audwin Helton, The Omega Man of the Year Award. High School Essay Contest winners were recognized with plaques and scholarship awards. Annually the chapter sponsors a talent demonstration, and provides mentoring support in area schools. The chapter also awards scholarships to eligible high school seniors so that they can continue their post secondary education. Members finished the night with plenty of food and dancing. Brothers of Theta Omega Chapter live knowing that *"Friendship is Essential to the Soul."*



Theta Omega Teams Up with Local Agency to "Stomp Out" Hunger

Louisville, KY-The holiday season is a time we focus on giving and loving one another. At the same time, people go hungry the entire year because of unexpected events. An event such as a hospital emergency, car repair or a downturn in the economy can destroy a family living on the edge. The loss of a job makes life's daily uncertainties even more tragic.

Here in the Louisville metro area, there are organizations who are joining together to combat hunger. Both "Dare to Care" Food Bank and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Theta Omega Chapter, have teamed up to fight this critical problem. Dare to Care Food Bank was founded in 1971, when a stunned Louisville community was confronted with the horrifying news that right in their own city, on Thanksgiving Day, a nine year old boy had died of starvation. The name Dare to Care became the rallying cry of people throughout the area as they joined together to attack the very real problem of hunger in many of their neighborhoods.

The Theta Omega Chapter is an organization that focuses on community service. Throughout the year, the chapter strives to do their part with hunger problems in Louisville. They team with "Dare to Care" to ensure that food gets to those who are in need or "food insecure". This week was no different as their organization delivered over 40 holiday baskets to residents. The chapter's Social Action chairman, Brother Lester Sanders and the Food Bank Agency Manager, Ms. T.M. Wilson-Montgomery, work close together to fight hunger at all cost. Her goal is that there is no trade-off between food and expenses. She is also looking for ways to expand programs to aid residents requiring food assistance. Everyday should be a time for giving and loving without anyone going hungry. Both organizations work tirelessly to stomp out hunger in the Louisville metro area.



Theta Omega Brothers preparing Thanksgivings baskets for delivery.

The Sixth District Provides Financial Support for Mentoring & Tornado Victims

Charlotte, NC – Over 600 brothers from North Carolina and South Carolina attended the Sixth District 66th Annual Meeting at the Embassy Suite Convention Center in Concord, NC, April 28th – May 1st, 2011, hosted by Pi Phi Chapter.

Deputy Director of Regional Operations for the United States Department of Education, Dennis Bega, was the keynote speaker for the public forum on education kicking off the meeting. Mr. Bega presented President Barack Obama's plan on education and emphasized the need for more black male teachers. During the forum, a representative from each organization of the Divine Nine was in attendance.

Brother Ray Johnson led an informative session on the President's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. This program is a joint effort between President Obama and Omega Psi Phi to help renew the commitment of family and community.

Sixth District's own Brother Rick Wade, Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the US Secretary of Commerce addressed the brothers and guests on economic development. Brother Wade discussed the unusually difficult hardships and tough

economic times Americans are experiencing; however, he pointed out the President's export initiative, job creation and improving African American business opportunities.

Following Brother Wade's presentation was Brother Derrick Ellis's forum on "Stop the Violence" and the new Omega Psi Phi initiative to eliminate hazing throughout the Fraternity and put a stop to violence in our communities.

The Mighty Sixth District also unanimously voted to donate funds to help brothers and citizens who were affected by the tornados which ripped through the Raleigh, NC area. In addition funds were ear-marked to support Shaw University with their efforts to rebuild as they were among those hardest hit by the storms.

A grassroots organization in Charlotte, NC, The Anita Stroud Foundation, also benefited from the generosity of the Mighty Sixth as they received a check in the amount of \$7,500 to help with their afterschool and mentoring programs throughout the city. In addition, the local chapters will provide manpower with their mission.



(left to right) Mr. Tim Mills received a check for \$7500.00 from Sixth District Representative Victor L. Bruinton, 1st Vice DR, Ulysses S.G. Sweeney, IV and 1st Vice Grand Basileus, Tony Knox.



The Dr. Ronald E. McNair Life History Center Unveiled in Lake City, SC

Lake City, SC - The boy walked to the counter of the Lake City Public Library through a gantlet of stares in 1959. Ronald E. McNair, then 9, wanted to check out books on advanced science and calculus, but the librarian wouldn't release them. "We don't circulate books to Negroes," she told him. Library patrons laughed at McNair's behavior, and the librarian threatened to call the police. His mother, Pearl McNair, didn't budge.

Instead, Ronald hoisted himself onto the counter, his spindly legs dangling, and waited, because he wasn't leaving without the books. After two police officers determined that McNair wasn't causing a public disturbance, and when Pearl said she would pay for the books if McNair didn't bring them back, the librarian acquiesced.

"Thank you, ma'am," McNair, prompted by his mother, said before he walked out of the library. McNair, always a precocious student, would become an astronaut and a hometown hero.

On January 28, 1986, Brother McNair was on the space shuttle Challenger, which disintegrated shortly after takeoff, killing him and six other crew members. Brother Ronald E. McNair was 35.

His legacy is Lake City. The local schools, including Ronald E. McNair Middle School, held events all week in classrooms, and the Ron McNair Committee, a Lake City-based group, organized a parade, candlelight vigil and banquet.

There are more than 20 schools in America named for McNair, buildings at Francis Marion University as well as M.I.T., but do students know the history of the name?

"After a while, it becomes just a name for a building, just like any other building you've gone into on various campuses," said McNair's older brother, Carl. "I'm really, really trying to find a way to let all of these people know the legacy that they carry."

On Monday March 21, 2011, the old Lake City Library was introduced as the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Life History Center. It's the same building McNair defiantly refused to leave without his library books more than a half-century ago.

The history center is adjacent to a park named for McNair, which includes a mausoleum and statue.

Brother Jamie Patterson Named “Young Entrepreneur of the Year”



Durham, NC - At the December 2010 Durham Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, Brother Jamie LaMont Patterson was honored with the “Young Entrepreneur of the Year” award. Brother Patterson co-owns “Subject 2 Change Custom Apparel Design Company” in Durham, NC with his partner, Nykia Elvy (Delta Sigma Theta).

Their company offers original, imaginative style and design options to those with unique apparel and promotional product needs. Subject 2 Change has been the official apparel provider for the International Undergraduate Summit for the past 5 years. Brother Patterson’s company was selected to be the official apparel provider for North Carolina Central University’s “Marching Sound Machine” Band trip to Pasadena, California “Tournament of Roses” Parade in January 2011.

Brother Patterson is a native of Red Springs, NC, attended North Carolina Central University for his undergraduate and graduate degree. He is active with the Beta Phi Graduate Chapter in Durham, NC.

Brother Anthony A. Lewis appointed Vice President – Verizon Wireless Open Development



Elizabeth City, NC – Brother Anthony A. Lewis, a member of Verizon Wireless Executive Leadership, was recently appointed the Vice President for Open Development. Brother Lewis is responsible for leading Verizon Wireless’ new Open Development initiative, which will enable the development community to create devices, software and applications that can run on the Verizon Wireless network.

Prior to this appointment, Brother Lewis was President of Verizon Washington, D.C., a position he held since March 2004. He was featured in the June 2010 edition of Black Enterprise Magazine. Brother Lewis is a graduate of the Elizabeth City State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business. He also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Johns Hopkins University. Brother Lewis initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Lambda Gamma Chapter at Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC. He is currently a member of the Delta Iota Graduate Chapter in Elizabeth City.

Iota Beta Beta Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Moncks Corner, SC- On November 14, 2010 Iota Beta Beta Chapter held its annual Achievement Week Program at Moncks Corner A.M.E Church. Brother Mario Gethers presided over the program with the occasion presented by Brother Stefan Harris.

The speaker for the program was former South Carolina State Representative Brother Floyd Breeland. Brother Breeland conveyed his personal experience on the theme of “*Effective Political Action-Using Style and Substance.*” Brother Breeland emphatically expressed that elected officials should hear from you whether you voted for them or not, but that you must do it with style and substance. He said, “When it comes to effective political action, I believe style and substance must be combined because without style it’s like a Mercedes without an engine. It sure looks nice, but it won’t go anywhere.”

Brother Breeland suggested these steps to effectively make politics work for you: (1) know your representatives, it is critical to know who represents you and that they know the issues that are important to you, (2) know the right ways to communicate with your representative, (3) get to know relevant legislative staff (4) know the issues that you are concerned about inside and out and (5) know how to work in coalition with like-minded organizations. If you put these steps in motion, the results should end in positive political action by the means of style and substance.

The chapter presented several awards during the night: **Omega Man of the Year** was presented to Brother Dr. Thaddeus John Bell, in recognition of his tireless work in the medical field and his fight in the prevention and treatment of diabetes and prostate cancer.

Citizen of the Year was awarded to Dr. Carol M. Gillens, Principal of Cross Elementary School and the local school district administrator of the year.

Scrolls of Honor were presented to the following individuals:

Terris Greene and Chris Williamson- Law Enforcement

Rep. Joseph Jefferson and Tonya Taylor- Politics

Dr. Elaine Norton and Lorene Bradley- Education

Rev. Richard Harkness- Religion

Eddie Brown- Business

Dr. Edward Rajabalkin- Medicine



Citizen of the Year Dr. Carol Gillens receiving the award from Basileus George McKoy

Pi Phi Chapter celebrates 2010 Annual Achievement Week Activities

Charlotte, NC - Pi Phi Chapter recently celebrated the 99th founding of Omega Psi Pi Fraternity, Inc., with a series of activities. Brothers participated in Monday night football and tailgating at the Carolina Panthers game; "Brunch with the Brothers" at the Crowne Plaza Hotel; Cards and Domino night; Pi Phi Ensemble mini concert; health and wellness check; memorabilia display from the History and Archives Committee; the annual banquet and worship.

Serving the Charlotte community for more than 83 years, Pi Phi Chapter presented individuals, at the annual banquet held at the Marriott Executive Center, Charlotte, NC, with its Citizen of the Year Award, Superior Service Award, Founders Award and Omega Man of the Year Award.

This year Pi Phi presented its own Brother Andrew "Pete" Allen, as the keynote speaker who provided a historical perspective of life in Omega. Brother Allen, initiated at Rho Chapter in March 1943, shared his unique and rare experiences as an Omega man as well as the current events of the times to which he spoke.

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, received the "Citizen of the Year Award."

Brother T. Norman Burke was the Superior Service Award recipients.

Brother Kenneth Diamond received the "Founders Award."

Brother Willie Walker was Pi Phi Chapter's "Omega Man of the Year."

Brothers recognized for longevity were Ed High (70 Years); George Anderson (60 Years); Taylor Johnson, William Crowder and Antenor Adam (50 Years); Kenneth Glover, Samuel Davis, Jerome Geathers, Bernard McGraw, and George Bradshaw (40 Years); Ronald Nelson, Knute Hanchard, Carl Johnson, Jr., Calvin Martin, Millus Turman and Booker Maye, Jr. (25 Years).



*Brother Willie Walker, Pi Phi Chapter
2010 Omega Man of the Year*

Epsilon Upsilon Chapter celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Gastonia, NC - The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter celebrated its 59th annual Achievement Week with a banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday November 13, 2010. The theme of the event was *"Effective Political Action-Using Style and Substance."*

The keynote speaker was Brother Dr. Patrick C. Graham, President and CEO of the Urban League of Central Carolinas, Charlotte and Basileus of Pi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Charlotte, NC.

In his message, Brother Graham pointed out the negative effects of apathy on our quest for greater political accountability. He also reminded us that we must view every year as an election year, regardless of the offices at stake; he stressed that we must be courageous leaders in our own right. As Omega men, he admonished us of the need to take back our leadership role in our communities, families and homes.

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church provided entertainment via their Men's Choir and their Praise Dance Ministry.

Award recipients include:

Citizen of the Year – Ms. Willie Mae Ward, Gastonia
Omega Man of the Year – Leslie Montgomery
Edgar A. Love Award – Rev. Dr. Darial A. Jackson of
St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Gastonia.
Superior Service Award – Orlando Ager
Founders Award – Charles Whitesides
Neophyte Award - Bryant Boykin



Epsilon Upsilon Chapter presents Brother Charles Whitesides with The Founders Award. Brother Whitesides has been Epsilon Upsilon's KRS for 30+ years.

Local Mentoring Academy Awarded State Grant to Help Deserving Youth

Hickory, NC - A program benefitting the youth in Hickory, NC, received extra help through a state grant worth thousands of dollars. At the helm of this organization is Brother T. Anthony Spearman, a member of the Delta Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Clinton's Corner of Catawba, Inc. is a nonprofit organization designed to combat area problems facing youth and their families. The program was one of 14 non-profit organizations throughout North Carolina to receive a grant from the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of the state's Human Relations Council. The \$2,500 grant for each of the chosen programs will fund initiatives that support King's legacy.

Clinton's Corner became a nonprofit in 2006, and since its creation, many youth have benefitted from the program. The non-profit has three programming aspects, which include teen mentoring, parenting assistance and health initiatives. According to Brother Spearman, "One student went from being private and shy to an open, accessible young man with the help of programs and activities. We kept working with him, and he now is one of our high achievers."

Clinton's Corner's first project was Students Moving a Step Ahead or SMASA. The project is an immersion experience exposing teens to colleges, universities and museums. Brother Spearman has weaved the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. into the non-profit's fabric. "I convinced the

brothers of the Nu Omega Chapter to partner with me by providing housing for Clinton's Corner. For three days and two nights we stayed at the Nu Omega Chapter Fraternity house. The youth had a ball and the brothers of Nu Omega engaged with them which made it even better."



Jaylen Mitchell reads to Brother T. Anthony Spearman at Clinton Corner's Saturday Academy.

Brother Spearman has taken the group of young men to Detroit, Michigan and Atlanta, Georgia. During the tours they visited five institutions in the University Area: Clark Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Spelman College, Morehouse College and the International Theological Center; as well as colleges and museums in the Motor City. While

in Atlanta, the group was housed at the Fraternity's corporate residence in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

The component of Clinton's Corner which drew the attention of the state is the Mario A. Mitchell Summer and Saturday Academy, named for a young man who was killed by three teenagers and designed to prevent future violence among youth. "When our young people gain more knowledge about who they are and where they come from, then these senseless killings will stop," Brother Spearman said.

The brothers of the Delta Nu Chapter are in the forefront of this endeavor, serving as facilitators and mentors. The academy provides healthy meals and educational activities for youth ages five to 21 years old. The grant will help provide meals and transportation to cultural activities.

Kappa Alpha Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week 2010 Award Recipients

Rock Hill, SC – On November 19, 2010, The Kappa Alpha Chapter along with the Psi Kappa Chapter gathered to celebrate local citizens and Chapter brothers during the Annual Founders' Day Banquet. The evening began with a reception of food and fellowship, as guest mingled prior to the start of the banquet.

Annually Kappa Alpha award local citizens of York and Chester communities during the Founders' Day Banquet. This year's Cardinal Principal Award winners were: Manhood – Mr. John Gregory, III, Rock Hill Police Chief; Scholarship – Mrs. Ann Reid, Rock Hill School Board; Perseverance – Ms. Sandy Hester-Benitez, Stopping Impaired Driving; Uplift – Ms. Lisa Hemphill, Organ Donor. The 2010 Citizen of the Year was Mrs. Doreen Boular, City of Rock Hill. Special awards were given to men and women of York and Chester County who have dedicated their lives to service in our communities.

The Kappa Alpha 75th Anniversary "Life Time Achievement Awards" were presented winners in the following categories:

Education

Dr. Bessie Moody Lawrence
Ms. Juanita Goggins
Mr Samuel Foster
Ms. Mildred Douglas

Religion

Brother David Boone
Reverend Herbert C Crump Jr.
Presiding Elder Dr. W.O. Thompson

Sports

Donnie Shell
Jimmy "Moose" Wallace
Jim Ringer
Chris Hope

Politics

Congressman John Spratt
County Councilman Houston O. "Buddy" Motz
Roy Blake, York County Council
Mayor Doug Echols

Civil Rights

Horace Jones
Rev Robert Toatley
Cynthia Place Roddey

Social Action

John Douglas
Derek Franklin
Glenda Malone
Susan Woods
Dr. Bertha Maxwell-Roddey

The Friendship 9 - First blacks in the Civil Rights Movement to go to jail staging a sit in at the McCrory's lunch counter. This group gained national attention by following the unused strategy of "Jail No Bail."

William Massey
Thomas Gaither
Clarence Graham
Robert McCollough
Willie McCleod
Attorney James Wells
David Williamson Jr.
Mack Workman
John Gaines

During the Chapter Award presentations, Brother Jerrod "JT" Richardson, KA Spring 2009, was the recipient of 2010 The Superior Service Award.

The Founders' Award recipient was Brother Robert Parker, KA. Brother Ray Singleton was named the 2010 Psi Kappa Chapter Omega Man of the Year.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter 2010 Omega Man of the Year was Brother Carl K. Dicks.

Several special awards were also presented during the evening: Brother Beauregard King, V presented Brother Byron D. Putman with the Member vs. Men Award.

Brother Putman presented Brother Isaiah Venning with the award he received earlier this year from the National Pan Hellenic Council as he was named the 2010 Frater of the Year during the NPHC's National Convention in Washington, D.C.

Brother King finally presented Brother John Ramseur with the "My Brother's Keeper Award." This award signifies all of the hard work and sacrifices Brother Ramseur made for the chapter.

This concluded a year of activities sponsored by Kappa Alpha Chapter as they celebrated 75 years.



Kappa Alpha Basileus Brother Beauregard King, V (on the right) presents Brother Carl Dicks (left) with the Kappa Alpha 2010 Omega Man of the Year.

Epsilon Omega Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Orangeburg, SC- This year's Epsilon Omega Achievement Week speaker was none other than Brother Warren Harley, Government Affairs Liaison for the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Brother Harley was initiated into the Fraternity through the Zeta Zeta Chapter (USC-Columbia). As the Liaison for Governmental Affairs for the State of South Carolina, Brother Harley's philosophy is that political action and where it is now and in the future has a direct impact on our state and our nation. Different factions and organizations can come together for a common cause.

In a quote from the US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, "You are not just put in politics to run for a position; you are in politics to make a difference." Brother Harley said, "As African-Americans we must continue to involve ourselves in the political process at every level, so that when the table of negotiations is set and the rules of engagement are established, we will be able to bring our terms and conditions to a meeting of the minds that will ultimately satisfy and advance our communities."

Brother Harley left the audience with three points of interest, (1) Our main focus should be at all levels of government, we must continue to get involved in the political process and continuously and consistently educate ourselves of the issues of the present day, (2) Develop a blueprint for prosperity, education is knowledge and knowledge is power, the key factor that will move the human race forward is education, (3) Developing and nurturing the young entrepreneurial mind to be the future business leaders and owners of tomorrow.

Brother Harley stressed to the captivated audience that, "we must have a Kingdom Building Mentality, by referencing the Story of David from the Bible; a vision of tomorrow must be built by people who are working today by going against the odds, instead of maintaining the status quo. As people with a kingdom building mindset, we must continue to seize the opportunity when it presents itself, always remembering that we are investing in the future. The only limitations that we set are those that we create."

Epsilon Omega Chapter Awards were as follows:

- Brother Jerry Hannah – Immediate Past Basileus of Epsilon Omega (2007-2010)
- Brother Octavio Miro – Immediate Past District Representative for the "Mighty" Sixth District (NC & SC) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Mrs. Liz Zimmerman Keitt – Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2001
- Brother Young Butler – 2010 Founders Award
- Brother Robert Hemby, II – 2010 Omega Man of the Year, Epsilon Omega Chapter
- Brother Justin Boyd – 2010 Omega Man of the Year, Xsi Psi Chapter, SC State University
- Brother Larry Williams – 2010 Outstanding Citizen of the Year (posthumously)



Brother Robert Hemby, II, (left) the 2010 Omega Man of the Year for the Epsilon Omega Chapter, accept his award from Basileus, Brother Howard Jackson (on the right).

Phi Alpha Alpha Chapter 2011 Talent Hunt

Goldsboro, NC - Phi Alpha Alpha Chapter held its Annual Talent Hunt Program on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at St. James AME Zion Church. Three contestants participated in the program and all performed classical piano pieces.

First place was awarded to Angela Knight (12th grade); second place went to Elondia Grant (9th grade); and third place was awarded to Tyler Hall (9th grade). All contestants received a plaque and did a fantastic job. A special thank you to Talent Hunt Judges: Mr. Dallas Montague, Ms. Janet Barnes, and Mr. Kevin Alston for their time and expertise.



Brothers Milas Kelly and Tyrone Wagner with contestants.

Psi Phi Chapter Holds Annual Achievement Week Banquet

Winston-Salem, NC - "Effective Political Action Using Style and Substance" was the theme of Psi Phi Chapter's annual Achievement Week Program.

The event, which served as the capstone for a week of scheduled activities celebrating the Fraternity's Founders Day, was held November 10, 2010 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Program highlights included: recognition of brothers with 50 or more years of service to the Fraternity; acknowledgement of the 2010 Omega Psi Phi Summer Boys Camp participants; a slide show presentation; acknowledgment of the Omega Talent Hunt contestants; introduction of Past Mardi Gras Queens and Court, as well as current Mardi Gras Queen contestants. The Honorable Allen Joines, Mayor of City of Winston Salem, was also in attendance to present the Fraternity with a proclamation, officially observing Achievement Week 2010.

Brother Bishop Sherwood Davis, Pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, was the speaker for the event. In his message, "The Challenge of Representing Manhood to This Generation," he conveyed how critically important the need for men, especially Black men, to serve as positive

role models for today's youth. According to Brother Davis, without the presence and availability of upstanding men, the current generation of young African American males will be lost.

The Achievement Week Program culminated with the Psi Phi Chapter awards ceremony, honoring several deserving individuals for their service to the Fraternity and community. The honorees and awards were as follows: Brother James Franklin, Jr., Manhood; Brother Dr. Azaa Aileru, Scholarship; Brother Bobby Collins, Perseverance; Brother Chad Mann, Uplift; Brother Charles Hairston, Citizen of the Year; Brother Wayne Hosch, Superior Service; Brother Emory Jones, Omega Man of the Year; Brother Galvin Crisp, Founders; Brother Ernest Bowers, Colonel Charles D. Young Military Leadership.

Additional Founders' Day events that the fraternity sponsored included a rededication service, sick and shut-in visitation, Veterans' Day breakfast, bowling night, worship service, and fellowship luncheon.



Achievement Week Program Award Recipients from l-r: Chad Mann, Ernest Bowers, James Franklin, Jr., Dr. Azaa Aileru, Wayne Hosch, Emory Jones, Charles Hairston, and Galvin Crisp.

Iota Iota Chapter's Achievement Week 2010

Raleigh, NC - On Friday, November 19, 2010, the Iota Iota Chapter held its Annual Achievement Week Banquet at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church. The keynote speaker was Rev. Brother Paul L. Anderson. Anderson is the Pastor of The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship in Raleigh, NC. Brother Anderson gave a very inspiration and uplifting message on *"Effective Political Action – Using Style and Substance."* All in attendance were inspired and stirred to action by Brother Anderson's message.

The Iota Iota Chapter presented Achievement Week Awards to the following brothers:

**Citizen of the Year - Brother Keith Sutton,
Superior Service Award - Brother Elmer Gilliam,
Founders Award - Brother James Ford and
Omega Man of the Year - Brother Al White.**

Local Undergraduate Chapters Delta Psi (Shaw University) and Kappa Epsilon (St. Augustine's College) both presented Achievement Week Awards during the Iota Iota Chapter's Annual Banquet. Also on that evening, Ms. Brianna Pennington was presented as the local winner of the High School Essay Contest. In addition to our Annual Achievement Banquet, the Iota Iota Chapter held several other programs throughout Achievement Week in support of the Fraternity and the community.

The Iota Iota Chapter participated in a Sunday Worship Service, an Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Event, Omega Reading Day, a Domestic Violence Workshop (Sponsored by the Kappa Lambda Chapter - North Carolina State), a Reclamation Roundtable & Re-Dedication Ceremony, the Clarence E. Lighter Youth Leadership Banquet and a Founders Day celebration hosted by Graduate Chapters Iota Iota of Raleigh and Beta Phi of Durham.



Rev. Brother Paul L. Anderson, Keynote Speaker



Brother Al White, Iota Iota Chapter Omega Man of the Year

Alpha Beta Beta Celebrates National Achievement Week

Hartsville, SC - The Alpha Beta Beta Chapter celebrated its National Achievement Week program at Jerusalem Baptist Church on Sunday, November 14. Music was provided by Mayo High School for Math & Science Technology Choir and Carl Days of Jerusalem Men's Ensemble.

First Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Antonio Knox's address reflected Omega's theme: *"Effective Political Action using Style and Substance."* He posed this question to the audience - "Have you done all you could do in the political process?" Words reflected the recent landslide victory by the Republican Party. "Did you put signs in the yard, make phone calls, or drive people to the polls?" He pointed out a North Carolina election result decided by 45 votes. "That means 45 people did not cast their vote," he stated. "Every vote does count."

Brother Knox highlighted the role Omega has played throughout the African-American community. He emphasized Brother Jesse Jackson's 1988 and 1992 Presidential Campaigns and how they inspired us that we too, could be president. President Obama learned the lessons from those campaigns, his own congressional defeat, and the examples of others.

Change elected, the first Black President, President Barack Obama. Brother Knox urged us as Omega Men to do more in preparation for the 2012 election. Mobilize and educate voters. "If we do, I believe President Obama will be the greatest President of all," he predicted.

The program honored four Hartsville citizens. Bishop Vera Davis was named Citizen of the Year for her work with youths. Dr. Alvin T. Heatley was awarded Omega Man of the Year. Senator Brother Gerald Malloy received the Community Service Award. Brother Malloy is a member of the South Carolina State Assembly. Rodney S. Tucker II won the chapter's essay contest. Mr. Tucker is an International Baccalaureate senior at Hartsville High School. He will represent the chapter in the national essay competition.



Rodney S. Tucker II, Essay Contest winner; Senator Gerald Malloy, Community Service Award winner; Bishop Vera Davis, Citizen of the Year; Dr. Alvin T. Heatley was awarded Omega Man of the Year.

Brother Antonio Coor (Posthumously) Received N.C. State Employees Award



Raleigh, NC - North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue named Brother Antonio Coor the 2011 recipient of the John R. Larkins Award at the annual State Employees' Martin Luther King, Jr. observance on January 14, 2011.

The Larkins Award is one of the highest honors given to state employees for outstanding contributions in improving human relations and race relations in the state government and in the community.

Brother Coor was recognized posthumously for his exemplary service to some of North Carolina's at risk children; for his ability to bring people together with diverse perspectives to work in the best interest of troubled children; and for his undying love for community service through Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Boys Camp, the Garner Road Community Center and the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina as well as the Special Olympics of North Carolina.

Brother Coor displayed extraordinary talent and skills in mediating conflicts, always showing respect for others regardless of opinion, race, background. Most co-workers will tell anyone Brother Coor taught them their best lessons in race relations. He served many years as the chair of the Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Social Action Committee. He led the focus on health, housing, civil rights, education and Boys Camp.

Brother Coor directed the Sixth District Boys Camp for over 20 years. At some camp sites, the Sixth District Boys Camp was the first time African-American youth used the facility or had the opportunity to experience camping and the life skills associated with the activity.

Brother Coor went about his work without the desire of fanfare or accolades. Even as his health declined, he persevered and gave his time unselfishly. He organized and helped facilitate the Youth Leadership Conference during the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s 76th International Grand Conclave in Raleigh, NC at St. Augustine's College from July 22nd - 24th, 2010. A few weeks later, he directed the Sixth District's Boys Camp at Camp Hanes in Kings, NC from August 8th - 13th, 2010. A short 3 months later, Bro. Antonio Coor entered Omega Chapter on November 8, 2010.

Brother Wayne Branch Receives Recognition from NC Governor



Clinton, NC - Brother Wayne E. Branch, was recognized during Governor Beverly Perdue's State of the State address for North Carolina. Brother Branch, a special guest of the Governor, was acknowledged and introduced in her address.

Gov. Perdue praised Brother Branch for his work with LSG and promised small businesses, such as Brother Branch's, tax breaks and incentives in her proposed job creation package. Wayne was characterized as having that "North Carolina Spirit" for his ingenuity in reinventing his printing business to endure these difficult economic times.

Brother Branch stated "Being a guest of the Governor for this event was a once in a lifetime opportunity that my wife and I will remember for many years to come. I feel truly blessed and thankful for the recognition of my company and employees."

He received his degree in criminal justice from Fayetteville State University in 1991. After college, he worked as a deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff Department until making the leap to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol until mid-1995. After being a state trooper, Wayne's life transitioned to a new career path which at the time was quite uncertain.

In 1996, Wayne accepted the position of production specialist with Plain Paper Solution. After nearly five years with the company, he was presented the idea of running his own business. Although reluctant at first, Wayne seized the opportunity to go out on his own and LSG opened its doors in March of 2001 in Raleigh, N.C. The company grew from two employees in an 800 square-foot building in 2001 to 36 employees in a 14,000 square-foot facility in 2009. Brother Branch also has an LSG operation in Greensboro, NC.

Currently he lives in Wallace in Duplin County with his wife, Anita Powers-Branch and his one son, Justin E. Branch. Brother Branch is a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and currently serves as Deputy Director of Public Relations for the Sixth District.

Brother LTC Lawrence Henry Takes Command of Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, NC



Fort Bragg, NC - On Friday, March 4, 2011, Brother LTC Lawrence W. Henry took command of the Officers and Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) during a Change of Command

Ceremony at the United States Special Operations Command Plaza and Meadows Memorial Parade Field, Ft. Bragg, NC. This appointment makes LTC Henry the first Black to command a Special Forces unit.

LTC Lawrence W. Henry, Spring 1990 Alpha Eta Chapter; is currently stationed at Ft. Bragg and active with Tau Gamma

Gamma Chapter in Fayetteville, NC. Brother Henry is a native of East Orange, NJ and attended East Stroudsburg University (Pa) where he received his commission as a Military Intelligence Officer and a degree in Speech Communications in 1993.

As a Special Forces Officer, LTC Henry commanded SFODA 363, where he served two combat tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. After commanding SFODA 363, LTC Henry served as the Aide De Camp for a Deputy Commander at the Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Brother Henry's formal military education includes the Military Intelligence Basic and Advance Courses, the Special Forces Qualification Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, where he earned a Master of Science in Defense Analysis and Outstanding Thesis Honors. He has two sons, Aaron K. and Christian C. Henry.

Brother Andrew Vinson Joins Step Afrika!



Brother Andrew Vinson is a performing Artist for Step Afrika! The first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping. Step Afrika reaches tens of thousands of Americans each year and has performed on many stages in North & South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean.

Brother Vinson is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University where he received a BS degree in Graphic Design/BS degree in Computer Science. In 2004, he entered the folds of Omega through Lambda Gamma Chapter at Elizabeth City State University. He held the offices of Keeper of Records and Seal, Basileus & Step Master.

Based in Washington, DC, Step Afrika is DC's first and only Cultural Ambassador representing the city and nation at events around the world. The company completes an annual 50-city tour of colleges and theaters from Maine to Mississippi and is a national model for the use of stepping in education, espousing themes such as teamwork, academic achievement and cross-cultural understanding.

Step Afrika's programs teach youth of all cultural and economic backgrounds the history and development of stepping. The company is committed to enhancing the lives of youth with programs that engage and inspire them to make positive choices.

CEO Brother Geoff Foster Wins Major Contract with Bausch & Lomb



High Point, NC - Brother Geoff Foster, Beta Kappa Kappa, is the Founder and CEO of Core Technology Molding Corporation. Brother Foster company supplies plastics injection molding solutions to the world's leading companies.

Brother Foster attributes much of his company's success to the entrepreneurial and marketing principles he learned at Wake Forest University while earning his MBA, which he applied to his business model for Core Technology.

Describing the work which resulted in the Bausch & Lomb deal, Foster said, "Early last year, we were conducting some market research and realized that, with the aging population of baby boomers, the medical device market was the way to go strategically. Prior to the agreement with Bausch & Lomb, Core Technology's largest client had been Tyco Electronics. Foster added, "Now, our portfolio is diversified, and we expect to grow the medical piece 25% to 50% over the next two years."

Last year, Core Technology was awarded the Minority Supplier of the Year by the Carolinas Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. Brother Foster is also an Adjunct Professor at North Carolina A & T State University where he earned his BS and MS in 1996 and 1990, respectively. He is the Chairmen of the Industrial Advisory Board and the faculty advisor for the Society of Plastic Engineers student chapter.

Raleigh, NC Omega Men Help the Community After Devastating Tornado



Raleigh, NC - On Saturday May 7, 2011, brothers of Iota Iota Graduate Chapter and volunteers came together to clean up damage the April 2011 tornado left at the home of Brother J. D. Lewis (Omega Chapter). Brother Lewis passed away many years ago, but the home is now occupied by his daughter.

There was significant damage to the home and entire neighborhood. The removal of some of the debris and huge downed trees was necessary due to the limited amount of financial assistance by the insurance company. The clean-up involved scores of Omega men and volunteers.

"It just makes you feel good helping others out," said Brother Ken Johnson, Basileus of Iota Iota Chapter.

Throughout Saturday, brothers and volunteers dragged downed limbs, raked smaller items and stacked tons of debris left behind by the tornado's wrath.

Many of the brothers and volunteers also teamed up with area colleges to help clear debris from the campus of Shaw University.



The cleanup crews may be able to remove the physical scars from the tornado, but it'll be a lot harder to remove the emotional scars.

The fatal storm system that surged through central North Carolina "severely damaged" areas of Shaw University as well as affected students at Saint Augustine's College. Shaw University suspended classes for the Spring 2011 semester due to the damage caused by the tornado.

On June 17, 2011, Shaw received \$10,000 from the Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in a ceremony held at Shaw's Estey Hall.

"It is our civic duty to provide assistance to Shaw University to ensure that their legacy of academic excellence continues," said Brother Victor L. Bruinton, Sixth District Representative. He presented the check to Shaw University President Dr. Irma McClaurin.

"Shaw is truly grateful for this generous gift and treasures the ongoing relationship between the school and Omega Psi Phi," said Dr. McClaurin. "I truly believe that each institution is made stronger by this relationship."



Local Chapters are “Keeping Marietta Beautiful”

Marietta, GA April 30, 2011 - According to the Federal Trade Commission, 5 to 10 million people suffer every year from some sort of Identity theft or fraud. Identity theft and Fraud consist of misuse of checks, sensitive personal data and credit cards, to steal one's identity and or making of fraudulent purchases.



One of the ways to protect oneself against such crimes is to shred any and all paperwork that might contain sensitive

data such as receipts, credit card bills, and household bills. Even junk mail should be shredded especially when it contains those “pre-approved” credit card applications.

Three chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. one graduate chapter, Chi Gamma Gamma, and two undergraduate chapters, Alpha Delta Nu & Alpha Delta Rho teamed up with the City of Marietta and Iron Mountain on April 30th, from 9:00am till noon to host a City Wide Paper Shredding Day. Cars lined up as early as 8:15am to drop off sensitive documents to be shredded. The constant flow of

cars lasted throughout the event to the point where two on-site Iron Mountain shredding trucks were filled to capacity with documents.

Residents of Marietta and surrounding counties took advantage of the free shredding event and were very appreciative as the brothers of Omega directed traffic, unloaded and hauled documents to the shredder. Some residents watched the shredding process while others



inquired of the brotherhoods involvement with the “Keep Marietta Beautiful” organization.

Brothers explained that this is a good initiative for our community, it helps keep our community clean and beautiful but it also helps protect the citizens of the community and protect them against Identity Theft.

Brother Dr. Bernard Wheatley Receives Executive Award



Atlanta, GA.- Brother Bernard A. Wheatley, D.B.A., FACHE, Vice President of Operations, Athens Regional Medical Center, received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Regent's Senior Executive Award on February 2, 2011 at the joint ACHE/GAHE meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

College, Brooklyn, New York; his master's degree in Business Administration from New York Institute of Technology, and his doctorate degree from Northcentral University, Prescott Valley, Arizona.

Brother Wheatley was initiated in the Zeta Beta Beta Chapter in Athens, Georgia Spring 2008 and is an active member. In addition he serves on many community boards such as Athens Tutorial Service, Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council and has dedicated much of his time and efforts to making sure that culturally diverse youth have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

The Regent's Senior Executive Award recognizes ACHE “Fellows” who have made significant contributions to the advancement of healthcare management excellence and the achievement of ACHE's goals. Brother Dr. Wheatley received his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's

Upsilon Alpha Alpha Chapter Conducts Multi-City Clothing Drive

Panama City, FL. October 28, 2010 - The brothers of the Upsilon Alpha Alpha (UAA) Chapter recently held a multi-city winter clothing drive in the Florida Panhandle. Based out of Panama City, UAA initiated the drive in both its home community of Panama City and in Marianna, Florida. The clothing drive was held throughout October 2010.

On October 28, 2010, the brothers of UAA, in a joint city effort made collaborative donations to the Salvation Army Center for Domestic Violence in Panama City, Florida and to the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store in Marianna, Florida.

The Salvation Army Center for Domestic Violence Program provides victims and their children a safe supportive environment free from the dynamics of domestic violence and issues of power and control. Shawn Taylor and Kimberly Swanson of the Center for Domestic Violence were extremely happy to receive the items and stated that the individuals receiving the items will be also be very appreciative.



(l-r) Bro. Joe Giles, Bro. Byron Carlton, Ms. Shawn Taylor, Ms. Kimberly Swanson, Bro. Charlie Carr, Bro. Andrew Colvin (at Salvation Army Center for Domestic Violence in Panama City, FL)



Bro. LaDray Gilbert, Esq. and a representative from the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store in Marianna, FL.

Sigma Alpha Chapter Builds a Home for Haitian Family

Miami Gardens, FL -The Sigma Alpha Chapter of Miami Gardens, Florida, through its Omega Activity Center Foundation, Inc., has funded the building of a concrete block house for a destitute family in Haiti. The house was built in November 2010 through Food for the Poor Inc., a charity that is dedicated to feeding and housing destitute families in poor countries in the Americas.

The House, Omega House 1, Sigma Alpha Chapter, was built for the Christophe family of Cap-Haitien, Haiti. Food for the Poor's Haiti House Project allows for the building of a concrete block building with outhouse for \$3,100.00. It is our dream that Omega House 1, Sigma Alpha Chapter is the first home in a village of 50 such homes that is built by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In March 2010, following the earthquake in Haiti, the Sigma Alpha Chapter, in cooperation with the Castillo Orthopaedic Center of Coconut Grove, Florida, its Foundation and Food for the Poor, Inc., donated over 125 pairs of new shoes to the poor in Haiti. According to Brother Oscar Jessie Project Coordinator, we hope to match this donation with the donation of a new batch of shoes in the near future.

The Sigma Alpha Chapter has also made numerous other donations of clothes and furniture to the people of Haiti. Through our cardinal principle of UPLIFT, the men of Sigma Alpha Chapter have committed themselves to helping their less fortunate brothers and sisters of the world.

We invite other brothers and chapters to join us as we reach out to the oppressed and less fortunate in the true spirit of Omega. For information about how you as an individual or chapter can help with this endeavor, contact Brother John Williams at 786-218-4646.



The Haitian home that Sigma Alpha built.

Eta Nu Recognizes two of their Living Founders- Brothers James Jones & Joseph Smith

Pompano Beach, FL - On June 11, 1969, the Eta Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was established as the first Greek-letter organization in Pompano Beach, Florida. Living Founders James L. Jones and Joseph A. Smith are largely responsible for the success, longevity and esteem with which Eta Nu is held in fraternal circles.

Brothers Smith and Jones, having shared many common experiences, have forged a unique bond spanning 60 years. The native Floridians both attended Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, chose professional careers in education, served their country in the U.S. Army during WW II, decided to make Pompano Beach their residence and became members of the Fraternity at Omicron Epsilon Chapter in Daytona Beach.

Brother Smith is credited with having founded Omicron Epsilon in 1948 and chartering Zeta Chi in 1954, the Ft.. Lauderdale graduate chapter.

After graduating from Bethune-Cookman, Brother Smith began his professional career as a math teacher, quickly ascending to the position of assistant principal at Blanche Ely and Pompano Beach High Schools. His professional career was interrupted by a two-year stint in the army during World War II in North Africa with a chemical warfare company whose primary function entailed laying smoke screens for incoming infantry. If gas had been employed, his company was responsible for neutralizing the chemical's impact to protect the troops.

Brother Smith's unquestioned devotion to the Fraternity has never waned, even after 60 years of continuous service. Eta Nu's own Harry Harrell, a distinguished Omega man, marvels at Brother

Smith's longevity stating, "I trust that I am fortunate or blessed to enjoy a similar Omega journey."

Brother James "Jimmy" Jones, after completing his undergraduate degree in mathematics, began an extremely successful educational career in the Broward County School System as a teacher, counselor, administrator and principal, touching the lives of myriad students, educators, and parents. The love and respect that he demonstrated for his constituents was reciprocal as evidenced by the numerous plaques, trophies and certificates adorning his Florida room wall. They are a testament to a career fervently devoted to those who benefited the most from his honest, integral and steadfast leadership.

Retirement for him has been anything but as he is constantly contacted with requests to serve on various committees, support political candidates or simply use his wise instincts to advise those seeking counsel.

Brother Jones served as a communications specialist in the army, he was on duty when the message came across the teletype announcing President Truman's decision to terminate General MacArthur as commander of the European forces, replacing him in 1951 with General Ridgeway. Brother Jones was responsible for ensuring that the message was given to the commanding officer by following protocol. It is a proud moment in his military career that he remembers this event.

Today, the Fraternity and Eta Nu continue to be the beneficiaries of the talents, contributions, experiences and beacons of excellence that embody their long and extraordinary journeys.



Pictured l-r talking are Brothers Joseph Smith and James Jones at the 2010 Florida Statewide Organization Workshop.

Brother E. Newton Jackson, Jr. Receives Southern District Association Award



Greensboro, NC., February 19 - The Southern District Association (SDA) of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) held their 83rd Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC at the Sheraton Hotel in the Four Seasons Mall. This gathering of 13 southern states brought over 1100 members to the conference.

Dr. E. Newton Jackson, Jr., of Chi Omega Chapter in Tallahassee, FL was presented the 2011 SDA Honor Award, the highest award given by this organization. SDA-AAHPERD has

given this award for 60 years, with over 500 professionals having been recognized, with only 6 being non-white. Of those six, five were Omega men; Brother Jackson joins a very special group of Omegas including Brothers Dr. C.D. Henry of Grambling State (First Black College Athletic Administrator in the Big Ten Conference); Dr. LeRoy T. Walker of NCCU (President Emeritus of the United States Olympic Committee; Dr. Bob Kirk of University of Tennessee (he and Walker are written about in the Gill (2nd) history book), and Dr. William Wright of Norfolk State University.

Brother Jackson presently is a tenured full professor at the University of North Florida, and a former multi-term Basileus of Chi Omega Chapter, and is also currently the Seventh District Scholarship Chairman. Brother Jackson is pictured above with his mother, Ms. Joan Taylor Lee.

Immediate Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Ferrell Duncombe Serves as Black History Month Guest Speaker for Xi Omicron Chapter

Huntsville, AL - In observance of Black History Month 2011, Xi Omicron Chapter selected Feb. 22-24 to hold nightly programs at the Omega Center, 181 Import Circle. The program for Tuesday night featured an educational and inspiring Young Adult/Youth Explosion. Featured personalities were Ms. Yolanda Toney, Ms. Brittany Turner, Ms. Courtney English and Mr. Marquis Strong.

The program for Wednesday and Thursday night was an uplifting spiritual revival with guest evangelist, Rev. Ferrell Duncombe, Pastor of Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Montgomery, Al and Immediate Past Grand Chaplain, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Rev. Duncombe's message on Wednesday night focused on the life of Job and his steadfast faith in God. On Thursday night Brother Duncombe closed with the topic "Knocked Down but Not Knocked Out." The angelic voices of the Delta Choir provided song service on Wednesday night with B. Allen and W.T.L.T (We Tight Like That) following on Thursday night.

This observance of Black History Month was open to the general public with food and refreshments being served nightly at the conclusion of each program. Chapter participation included other local chapters, Psi Kappa Kappa and Nu Epsilon.

This year's Black History Program Observance, lead by Xi Omicron Chapter was a reflection of history, the good, bad and ugly, truly inspirational, educational, and preparation for a better future for all mankind, where men and women should be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. The president and brothers of Xi Omicron Chapter extend a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all program participants for their outstanding support.



Brother Rev. Ferrell Duncombe

Xi Omicron Chapter Officers: Joe W. Winston, President; Gerald Vines, Vice President, Lathan B. Strong, Keeper of Records and Seal, Maurice Cowan, Keeper of Finance; Barrington L. Dames, Chapter Reporter; Lamar Hall, Keeper of Peace and Rev. Steven D. Little, Chaplain and Committee Chairman, Black History Month Program, 2011.

34th Alabama State Meeting Held in Dothan, Alabama

Dothan, AL.-The 34th Annual State meeting was hosted in Dothan, Alabama Friday – Sunday, October 15 – 17, 2010 at the Dothan Convention Center. The meeting was hosted by Kappa Beta Beta and Rho Delta Delta Chapters.

Brother Wayne M. Leonard, Jr., Alabama State Representative presented the 2009-2010 fiscal year report on membership and it was very encouraging to the brothers of the State of Alabama. Records indicate that there were 839 financial brothers: of which, 641 are graduate brothers and 198 are undergraduate brothers.

Congratulations are extended to Brother Tony Cobb, Gamma Sigma Chapter of Alabama State University of Montgomery, Alabama for being elected Undergraduate Representative to the Supreme Council.

There were seven participants registered for the Talent Hunt contest. The first place winner was Adam Shae O'Boyle representing Xi Omicron Chapter of Huntsville, Alabama; second place winner was Derrick D. Byars representing Psi Kappa Kappa of Huntsville, Alabama and third place winner was Chrissean Body representing Alpha Phi of Birmingham, Alabama. Adam Shae O'Boyle and Derrick D. Byars will represent the State of Alabama during the Seventh District Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

Omega Iota Iota Chapter of Montgomery, Alabama captured the Graduate Chapter of the Year Award. Beta Eta of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama received the Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award.

Other awards and recognitions included:

- Graduate Omega Man of the Year – **Brother Dexter Jackson, Nu Iota Iota**
- Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year – **Kershun Darrell Thomas, Rho Delta Delta**
- Graduate Superior Service Award – **Brother Mack McCrackin, Alpha Tau**
- Undergraduate Superior Service Award – **Brother Antonio Lamar Goins, Rho Delta Delta**
- Founders Award – **Brother Herman Terrell, Theta Tau**
- Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award – **Brother (Major) Tracolis A. Simmons, Omega Iota Iota**
- Citizen of the Year - **Representative Barbara Boyd, Theta Tau.**

The 2011 state meeting will be held October 15, 2011 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama hosted by Alpha Tau, Rho Gamma, Beta Eta and Alpha Delta Delta chapters. Brother (Rev.) Christopher Spencer is the State Marshal.



Delta Mu Mu Chapter Provides Financial Support to the Atlanta Area

Atlanta, GA, November 22 - The Delta Mu Mu Chapter (DMM) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently concluded its week long celebration of service and brotherhood for the Atlanta community and the men who call Delta Mu Mu home. The week kicked off on Saturday November 13, 2010 where the chapter conducted social action projects at Atlanta's Hope Lodge Cancer Center. The



chapter's 501c3 organization The Commitment to Excellence Foundation (CTE), left a donation of \$1,000 to the staff to continue in the fight against cancer.

Sunday saw the brothers' rise early to participate in our annual church service. The 11 AM service is home of Pastor and Atlanta icon Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander.



Brother Timothy Brown spoke to the church congregation on behalf of the DMM Chapter and showed our appreciation to Dr. Alexander and Antioch by leaving a sizable donation of \$1,000 from the DMM chapter

and The CTE Foundation and a matching \$1,000 gift from Omega Psi Phi State of Georgia, for the church as part of the Achievement Week Celebration Endowment.

November 18, 2010 was display your fraternity colors day for the Men of DMM, followed by a reclamation project on Friday November 19. Finally, the Achievement Week Celebration was concluded Saturday, November 20, 2010 with the chapter's 2nd Annual Awards Brunch. Keynote Speaker, Spartanburg, SC Mayor James Talley delivered a passionate and powerful message on commitment to the fraternity and never giving up your struggle for success.

Chapter awards were bestowed to the following brothers:
Brother Reginald Carson, Omega Man of the Year
Brother Timothy Brown, Entrepreneur of the Year
Brother Roi Johnson, Citizen of the Year
Brother Jerome Dawson, Col. Charles Young Military Award

Atlanta, GA., October 12- In order to support the efforts of our young people in the pursuit of furthering their education, the Delta Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has recently awarded two \$1500 Book Scholarships to Dunwoody High School graduates, Dalen Claytor, son of Latonya Claytor of Dunwoody, GA, and Jovan McKay, son of Antonio and Trinna McKay of Dunwoody, GA. Dalen graduated with a 3.6 GPA and received a scholarship to attend Georgetown University where he will study Pre-Medicine. Jovan who graduated with a 3.4 GPA received a scholarship to attend Tennessee Tech University where he will study Radio-TV Communications.

These two awards were presented to Dalen Claytor and Jovan McKay on May 14, 2010 at the Dunwoody High School Awards Day Ceremony. The chapter worked in conjunction with Saint James United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, GA in this most important endeavor and will continue to assist the church in similar activities. In addition to the Book Scholarship award, other scholarship related activities of the chapter include programs such as the monthly mentoring program, The Black Rhinos, which focuses on middle school aged youth. The chapter meets with the students monthly and mentors them in the areas of academics, social skills and self esteem improvement. According to the Chapter Basileus, Dr. Marc Harrigan, "this is just an initial chapter effort to provide scholarship assistance to students in our service area so that they will be better able to pursue their dreams of a college education."



Dalen Claytor on the right.



Jovan McKay on the left.

Eta Rho Chapter Participates in the Dr. Mac J. Williams Awards Ceremony

St. Petersburg, FL – On Friday, February 18th, 2011, the African American History Month committee at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, hosted its annual Dr. Mac J. Williams, Sr. Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Mac J. Williams, Sr. was one of the first African-American trustees at St. Petersburg College. An avid community activist and minister, Dr. Williams played an integral role in creating an essential consciousness in African-American affairs and achievements in the classrooms of St. Petersburg College. It is in this vein that the Dr. Mac J. Williams, Sr. Awards Ceremony was conceived; his leadership and dedication towards the underrepresented student(s) at St. Petersburg College will never be forgotten. Ultimately, his work has been commemorated through this awards ceremony named appropriately in his honor, which recognizes high scholarly attainment for African-American students throughout Pinellas County, Florida.

Accordingly, the Dr. Mac J. Williams, Sr. Awards Ceremony was aided by the help of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Eta Rho Chapter whose service included a powerful proclamation given, via the keynote address, by Brother Rev. Watson Haynes.

A heartwarming moment came as a result of Bro. Haynes receiving a certificate-plaque for his rendering of the keynote address; Ms. Dharma Greer, the young lady who also introduced Bro. Haynes, stood at the speaker's podium and eloquently proclaimed:

On behalf of the African American History Committee and St. Petersburg College, we would like to honor you with this plaque in appreciation for your tireless work in the community and passionate commitment to social justice and educational advancement. We thank you for all you've done and all you do.
Thank you, Reverend Watson Haynes.



Bro. Orlando A. Pizana and Ms. Dharma Greer presenting Rev. Bro. Watson Haynes with ceremonial plaque.

The program ended justly through certificate presentations for over 75 area high school students. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Eta Rho Chapter, have and will continue to support and participate in this program consistently.

Little Rock Nine & Other Black History Facts Explained to Local Youth

St. Petersburg, FL-February 23rd- The Multipurpose Room of St Petersburg College, Gibbs Campus Library rocked with a crowd anxious to know if they had the right answer to trivia concerning Black History Month. The enlivened group of attendees applauded when seeing each answer slide to the PowerPoint presentation, which revealed the answers to facts like, "Name the slave who sued for his right to be free in 1857" (Dred Scott), "...the first black actor to win an Academy Award?" (Hattie McDaniel), or "...the first doctor to perfect the use of blood plasma as a life saving tool; ultimately, creating the first Blood Bank in America?" (Bro. Dr. Charles R. Drew).

Such questions lead to, "...who was the group of African-American students that were the first to integrate an all-white high school in Arkansas?" At this question, there was a sense of trepidation amongst many who sought to answer; nevertheless, upon the answer being revealed, a huge sigh of relief, even some confusion, ensued, which is why the presentation the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Eta Rho Chapter, implemented, was surely deemed necessary and aptly titled, "The Little Rock Nine Revisited."

The brothers of Eta Rho sought to acquaint, re-acquaint program participants to the knowledge and importance of the "Little Rock Nine" and the legacy they created for the sake of African-American History at the behest of school integration. The Little Rock Nine, an assembly of African-American students who enrolled in Little Rock Central High School in 1957; subsequently, the Little Rock Crisis resulted; where the students were primarily prohibited from entering the racially segregated school by then Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus.



The brothers infused a video presentation, which depicted the first of the Little Rock Nine to graduate from the formerly segregated Little Rock Central High School, Brother Ernest Green. The movie titled, "The Ernest Green Story", helped to reinforce visually what African-Americans suffered through at the hands of Jim Crow laws in the American South. One parent, upon the conclusion of the presentation, noted, "I heard something about this but never knew exactly what this [the Little Rock Nine] was all about..." This parent (along with many others) then began thanking the brothers for hosting this much needed presentation, which surely helped create a critical consciousness regarding a most unforgettable event in our history.

Kappa Upsilon Celebrates 2010 National Achievement Week

West Palm Beach, FL., November 14 - Kappa Upsilon celebrated National Achievement Week on Sunday, November 14, 2010 with a large and spirit-filled congregation at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Mangonia Park, Florida. In a moving service of Christian worship, historic remembrance and award recognition, Brother Dr. Richard Williams, chairman of the event and its dynamic main speaker, produced a memorable event at his home church.

The chapter provided invaluable support during the service, especially since several brothers contributed to the successful celebration of the Fraternity's National Achievement Week Service. Brother Dr. Richard Williams, Youth Pastor of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, delivered an eloquent and powerful sermon on the "Spiritual Importance of Friendship." His message, filled with biblical insight and contemporary references, profoundly moved the congregation.

Five awards were presented: first, Brothers Terry Crockett and Mitchell Dasher II were co-recipients of the chapter's Omega Man of the Year Award for their outstanding work on behalf of Kappa Upsilon; second, Brother John Jenkins received an award for his executive leadership of the chapter; third, Brother Dr. Richard Williams received an award for his excellent keynote speech during the National Achievement Week Service; and fourth, Mrs. Verdinia C. Baker, Deputy County Administrator of Palm Beach County, received an award for her outstanding leadership in county governance.

Reverend Erick W. Evans, Pastor of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, personally thanked the Omegas, his congregation and visitors for their joyful participation in the service. He extended an open invitation for everyone to return and worship in a vibrant House of God.



Brother Mitchell Dasher II (left), Vice Basileus and co-recipient of the 2010 Omega Man of the Year Award, congratulates Brother Dr. Richard Williams for his eloquent and insightful sermon.

Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter Celebrates 2010 Achievement Week Banquet

EastPoint, GA., November 20 – Ninety-Nine years ago, three Liberal Arts students held a conversation with a young Professor to discuss organizing the first fraternity founded on the campus of a Negro University. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911, by Brothers Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman, and Ernest E. Just. Nine months before this great Fraternity was founded, a baby boy who would later go on to become an Omega Man was born in Macon, GA., by the name of Dosh R. Jackson.

Brother Jackson, was Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter's "Special Invited Guest" during the Annual Achievement Week Founders Banquet. Brother James Donald (Ret. U.S. Army Major General) served as the keynote speaker. During his speech Brother Donald explained the daily operations of his new job as head of the Georgia Department of Corrections, and was quite upset about the massive number of black men, both young and old, that are currently incarcerated around the state.

He thanked the brothers in attendance for their efforts to keep our men out of jail by being positive role models, mentoring at local schools, providing camps, and seminars within our community. "PKK, has a good and solid hold within this area thanks to you brothers out there. Your name is now known around the state, the district, and nation because of the service you all have done and continue to do in the name of our great Fraternity," he said. After a standing ovation, he was asked to assist in handing out the various awards to the brothers that worked hard during the fiscal year, our National Essay Winners, Citizen of the Year, Charles Young Award (Brother Arnold Plesants), Superior Service (Brother Richard Thompson), and the coveted Omega Man Of The Year (Brother Oliver Barker).

Brother Eric Coe was re-elected as the Chapter Basileus, and after those awards were handed out he asked Brother Jackson to come to the front and present a gift to Brother Donald from the chapter for being the keynote speaker. Having heard that Brother Donald was an avid golfer, the chapter decided to give him a driver as his gift. Brother Jackson, took the driver, and as he turned to Brother Donald, he said, "By the power vested in me, I hereby pronounce you to be a better golfer," which brought a loud laugh from the audience. Brother Coe also presented Brother Jackson, with a gift from the chapter, "It's hard to shop for a man that pretty has everything already" said Brother Coe.



Pi Iota Chapter Helps Those in Need

Tampa, FL - On Saturday January 22nd, 2011 the Pi Iota Chapter hosted a clothing drive and fed the homeless at the downtown Tampa Salvation Army. Pi Iota provided more than 150 bagged lunches for those in need. Each bagged lunch included a sandwich, bag of chips, drink and uplifting bible verse.

While conducting outreach activities in the community, brothers of Pi Iota were greeted by a brother from the Chi Theta Chapter who was among those in need of help. After falling on hard times, the brother was unable to relocate from the halfway home he resided in. Pi Iota assisted him with packing and provided his transportation to Atlanta where he looks to make a fresh start.



Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter Hosts 4th Annual Football Recruiting Summit

East Point, GA., February 12, 2011 - "We are trying to get more of our student-athletes into college that did not get offered a scholarship on National Signing Day, simply because they were not at the top of someone's list." These were the words of Brother Alonzo Upshur, Chairman of the Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter's 4th Annual Football Recruiting Summit.

The event was held at Miller Grove High School, where Brother Upshur is employed as a teacher. Co-Chairman, of the event Brother Phil Thomas welcomed the students and their parents to the summit. It was Brother Thomas's job to discuss the NCAA's Clearing House procedures and answer any questions about GPA's, SAT/ACT scores and eligibility status left if you get "Red-shirted" or transfer from a junior college team. He also represented Morehouse College where he serves as an Assistant Football Coach.

"Each year gets bigger and better as far as schools being represented and students coming out to this event" said Brother Thomas. This year we had coaches and representatives from Grambling State University, Jackson State University, Miles College, Tuskegee University, University of North Texas, and Winston Salem State University in attendance to look at the students, GPA, SAT/ACT Scores, and highlight film from their football careers. "Over the past four years this event has gotten young men \$68,000, in football scholarships to schools across the nation" said Brother Upshur.

"The school was buzzing with a lot of different events today, including an event hosted by the 100 Black Men of America, a health fair, and study sessions for the SAT, but none of the local news camera crews would give us two to three minutes to share our event, but to us this is newsworthy" said Brother Eric Coe, Chapter Basileus.



Brother Roy Griggs delivers Keynote Address at ACURE Banquet

Panama City, FL - Brother Roy Griggs is the President and Owner of Business Coaches of America. His specialty is the development and growth of small businesses. Brother Griggs was the featured speaker at the ACURE banquet in Panama City, Florida on August 14, 2010.

ACURE or the Advisory Committee for Urban Revitalization Equity monitors the vital signs of the community. ACURE, established in 1986, is responsible for single member districting in Bay County, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday for students, and the MLK monument at the local courthouse. Annually, ACURE sponsors candidate forums, and the MLK Jr. march and festival in Panama City. The purpose of the banquet was to honor deserving high school and college graduates from local schools who achieved a 3.0 grade point average, or better throughout high school and college. Each student was provided dinner, a certificate of achievement as well as a trophy. A few well-deserving community members were also given community service plaques. These citizens gave of themselves for the benefit of others.

Brother Griggs, also a retired Air Force Colonel provided a rousing speech that emphasized achievement, community service and development. He delivered a special message to the youth in attendance to always aim high for your dreams and don't allow distractions deter you from your goal. Brother Griggs was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Mississippi Valley State University and is active in his local chapter in Colorado Springs. Brother Griggs is also the Economic Development Advisor for the Colorado Springs chapter of the NAACP.

Brother Griggs was introduced to the audience by Brother Reuben Sparks, the Basileus of Upsilon Alpha Alpha graduate Chapter in Panama City. The attendees were treated to a night to remember with an exciting and challenging speech with honors going to outstanding young scholars and those involved in community service.



Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter Observes 2010 Achievement Week

Ft.. Gordon, GA., - Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter celebrated the 2010 Achievement Week from November 14, 2010 through November 20, 2010. The chapter began its celebration by attending church at Faith Outreach Ministries.

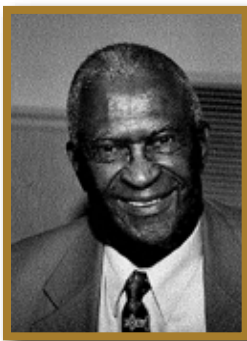
On November 16th, the chapter participated in a Social Action project at Liberty Baptist Church by providing the Church with eight Thanksgiving baskets to aid in providing a complete Thanksgiving dinner to needy families designated by the church. Reverend Don A. Darden, Jr. thanked the chapter for the support and asked that we continue our efforts to help those less fortunate. Upsilon Gamma Gamma has partnered with Liberty Baptist Church in clothing drives, feeding the homeless, and neighborhood cleanups. On Founders Day, the chapter in conjunction with Psi Omega, Gamma Beta of Paine College, Omega Eta of Augusta State University, and brothers throughout the CSRA gathered at the Fraternity House of Psi Omega.

The chapter conducted its formal meeting and newly elected officers were sworn in. The Officers sworn in were Brother Stan Reed - Basileus, Brother Allan Marble - Vice Basileus, Brother Willie Bates - Keeper of Finance, and Brother Jon Smith - Keeper of Records and Seal. The ceremony was administered by Immediate Past Basileus- Brother Joseph Thomas.

The Annual Achievement Week Banquet was hosted at the Gordon Club on November 20th with over three hundred people in attendance. The keynote speaker for the evening was our very own Brigadier General LaWarren Patterson, the commander of the 7th Signal Command (Theater) on Ft.. Gordon, Ga. He emphasized the importance of the men of Omega in society today stressing that though the journey is filled with trials and tribulations, but if we remain steadfast and keep our faith in God, then we will persevere.

Achievement Week was also utilized to recognize those brothers who went beyond the call of duty in their support for the chapter and the Fraternity. Brother Stan Reed received the Omega Man of the Year Award and the Superior Service Award, Brother Willie Bates received the Founders Award, Brother Dwayne Bowden received the COL Charles Young Award, Brother Joseph Thomas Jr. received the Basileus Award and the Citizen of the Year Award was received by Ms. Monique Braswell. The chapter then recognized and issued a check for \$200 to the High School Essay Contest winner for 2010 Ms. Alexis Darden, who attends school at the Academy of Richmond County.

Brother Leroy 'Pop' Miller sees 70 years in Omega as time well spent



Kansas City, MO - His name is Leroy Miller but everybody calls him 'Pop'.

Born in Salisbury, North Carolina, in 1920, Pop grew up to become an educational pioneer and was revered for being an example of how school desegregation could work.

In December, the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Scott, the Eighth District Representative, presented Pop with a resolution, recognizing his 70 years as an Omega.

Pop currently lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and is an active member of the Omicron Xi Chapter in Kansas City, KS.

On his 90th birthday last year, Pop was inundated with phone calls from fellow Omegas. In fact, Pop received unexpected phone calls from the Grand Basileus, Warren G. Lee Jr. and First Vice Grand Basileus Carl A. Blunt, who each passed along birthday well wishes.

Pop later said he was overwhelmed by the expression of love he received that day.

As a teacher and vice principal, Pop witnessed desegregation and court-imposed busing. Later, he became one of the first black principals of a formerly all-white high school.

Pop was the sixth of 10 children was born to parents who hadn't made it beyond the sixth grade. But they had high expectations for Pop and his siblings. All 10 became college graduates, and many earned advanced degrees.

After graduating from high school, Pop earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina A&T University. While at A&T, Pop crossed the burning sands and entered into Omega through Mu Psi

Chapter. Pop said Founder Oscar J. Cooper once attended their spring formal dance.

Days after graduating in 1942, Pop was drafted into the United States Army and was later stationed in Europe, where he became a member of the famous Red Ball Express.

The special unit delivered vital supplies to 28 American troops divisions that had stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and raced across France and Belgium in pursuit of retreating German forces.

Pop served three years in World War II, earning four bronze stars.

Coming home in 1945, he found that blacks still weren't able to get the same jobs as whites, and when he went to department stores, Pop found blacks were still serving as maids instead of clerks. Even with a college education, Pop's own job choices were limited.

He moved to Charlotte and became an industrial arts teacher at West Charlotte High School.

In the years before the landmark United States Supreme Court decision in 1954 that struck down laws that required separate but equal education for black and white students, Pop remembered how black schools were given old, outdated textbooks previously used in the white schools.

Pop left West Charlotte in 1972 to become principal of Carmel Middle School. A year and a half later, he became principal at East Mecklenburg High School.

The assignment was significant because Pop became the first black principal of a traditionally white high school not only in North Carolina but also in the southern United States.

Beta Upsilon Chapter Annual Thanksgiving Project

Omaha, NE - Brothers of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery at Mount Mariah Church on Thursday, November 25, 2010. Brothers Chris Rodgers, Tyrone Brice, Barry Thomas, Wayne Houston, and Osuman Issaka, along with the Omega sQuires participants assisted with preparing individual dinners and delivering the meals.

This event has been a tradition for over 10 years and was established by our late Brother Craig Robinson. Brothers continued the day of giving by delivering additional dinners to the St. Francis Homeless Shelter. The brothers also donated a \$350.00 check to Pastor Adams of Mount Mariah Church to help fund the church's Thanksgiving program.



Beta Upsilon Chapter 2010 Beautillion: *Stepping Into a True Legacy of Leadership!*

Omaha, NE- On Saturday, November 27, 2010, the Mid-America Center of Council Bluffs, IA Grand Ballroom was the scene of an elegant affair. Tables topped in purple and gold décor set the stage for the classic, sophisticated evening. Dashing in tuxedo tails, white jacquard vest and polished-to-perfection shoes, 18 young men took center stage with their lovely Mothers (or other influential female figures in their life) in an array of black and silver rhinestones, to a crowd of 500 family, members, friends, for the 34th Annual Beautillion.

With shouts of pride and excitement, Bryan High School Senior, Justin Payne, son of Virginia Walker and Timothy Payne was crowned the 33rd Mr. Beautillion for 2010. The theme, "Stepping into a Legacy of Leadership," was in line with the goals of the Fraternity as the young men were officially presented to society and charged to aspire to their destiny of leadership. The Beautillion, now in its 34th year, is an annual event hosted by the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The audience was delighted with a special opening step performance by Nine Junior Beaus ranging from ages 8-13. Other performances were a soulful rendition of the Black National Anthem sung by the talented Miss Dani Cleveland and a saxophone solo performed by Gospel Jazz artist Chuck Nelson. Fabian Hayden choreographed the break from the traditional mother-son waltz to an upbeat theme inspired "Two-Step," that the Beaus and Moms grooved to perfection.

The presentation of 18 of the loveliest "Belles" (escorts) joined the Beaus and also "wowed" the crowd with their "Stepping" skills to the tune of Will Downing's song "Stepping." The evening continued with the presentation of the Passionetta Prince Scholarship worth \$1,000 given annually to a select Belle of the Court based on academic achievement and creative essay.

Ms. Prince served as choreographer of the Beautillion while it was under the auspices of the Urban League of Nebraska until she was tragically murdered in 2006.

This year the scholarship was presented to Miss Cierra Tooley, daughter of Sheri Carter and Derrick Davis and senior at Omaha Central High School



The evening culminated with crowning of Mr. Beautillion who earned a \$2,000 scholarship; First Runner Up: Brandon Williams, grandson of Bettie Williams and senior at Central High School with a \$1,000 scholarship; 2nd runner-up was, Galen Gullie, son of Gayla Gullie a senior at Bryan High School received a \$750 scholarship. Beau Gullie was also the recipient of the Cox Communications-sponsored Mr. Academia Scholarship, presented by Cox Communications representative Tracey M. Newby. The Mr. Personality Award was presented to Nathaniel Asad, son of Sebrina Taylor, a senior at Omaha North High.

Brother Ed White, Chapter Basilieus welcomed attendees, Annette Crowder, Beautillion Director served as emcee of the evening and Rev. William Williams of Rockbrook United Methodist Church and Chapter Chaplain gave the invocation.



The Beautillion is an annual "coming out" celebration. It is a formal introduction to society and public recognition for outstanding academic achievement, citizenship, leadership and community service, for outstanding African American males sponsored by the Beta Upsilon Chapter. Beautillion was an original concept of the Urban League of Nebraska Guild for 30 years. In 2008, the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc., became the primary sponsor of this time honored event. The mission of the Beautillion is to educate and encourage African American male students from various disciplines on the vital importance of earning a college degree, and giving back to their communities.

Beta Upsilon Chapter's 1st Annual Omega Gospelfest 2011

Omaha, NE - On Saturday April 2, 2011, the Beta Upsilon Chapter hosted its first Omega Gospelfest. The event was dedicated to the families of Murder Victims in the City. The gospelfest featured selections from the Morning Star Baptist Church Mass Choir, the Urban Choir of the Urban League of Omaha, and the Voices of Victory from Salem Baptist Church. Over 300 guests witnessed the spirit of true brotherhood as Omega's light shined bright.



Brother Dr. Marvin L. Stancil kicked the event off with the singing of "The Lord's Prayer", Brother Chris Rodgers who is also a County Commissioner of the City, gave the welcome and purpose. Brother Rev. William Williams set the tone as Master of Ceremonies of the event and leading the congregation in a Litany Against Violence during the Candlelight Vigil. During the Prayer Vigil over 20 Brothers stood as one in front of the congregation while praying for the city, our youth and committing to find resolutions to the senseless acts of murder affecting the city.

The Highlight of the event came when the Brotherhood presented a check for \$2500 to Pastor John Voner of the E.I.E. (Enough is Enough) Organization. E.I.E. is an organization in Omaha that serves in the capacity of non-violence and victim relief efforts. An additional \$1200 was raised by the guest at the event.

Beta Upsilon Chapter showcases 2011 Talent Hunt Competition

Omaha, NE - The Beta Upsilon Chapter held its annual Talent Hunt Show Hunt Show at The Love and Jazz Museum Center on Sunday, April 3, 2011. The Talent Hunt provides exposure, encouragement, and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the Performing Arts. The need for such a program was born out of the unequal opportunity afforded to some American youths to develop and give full expression to their talents. Cynthia Gooch, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Brother Gregory Brooks and Brother Osuman Issaka assisted with the program. There were five talented contestants who competed to become the 2011 Beta Upsilon Chapter Talent Hunt Champion. Two contestants performed contemporary vocal selections; one performed a dramatic reading; and two contestants played the piano.

Third place was awarded to Nathaniel Asad for his original piano composition. Second place was awarded to Jaylin Jones for her

contemporary vocal selection; and first place was awarded to Briar Watson for her dramatic reading. The third place winner received \$75, second

place received \$100. The overall winner received \$175.00 and all contestants received a certificate of participation.



Gamma Upsilon Graduate Chapter Contributing to the Future of our Youth

Wichita, KS - The brothers of Gamma Upsilon congratulate the Wichita graduating high school seniors every year with providing scholarships to them for continuing education. This is certainly the first of many accomplishments they will have to look forward to in their life. It pleases us to announce each year Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc is providing financial assistance to qualified students who will be entering college in the Fall.

We have three categories of scholarships; F. Inman Boyd Scholarship (\$1000), Hubert C. Hutcheson Scholarship (\$500), and the Gamma Upsilon Graduate Chapter General Scholarship (Two - \$500). Brother Boyd (Omega Chapter) graciously donated \$10,000 to the Chapter through his Will upon his death. Additionally, the Hubert C. Hutcheson Scholarship is named after one of the founders of Epsilon Psi Undergraduate Chapter in Wichita.



Left to right: Brothers Rod Gray, Johari Hemphill, Ronnie Miller, Olivia Barnes, Kiana Johnson, Rebecca Rider, Norman Ehresman, Brothers Harry Willis, Joe Patrick, Jr, and Troy Andrews.

Gamma Upsilon & Epsilon Psi Chapters Celebrate Achievement Week 2010

Wichita, KS - On November 19, 2010, the city of Wichita was under the influence of the men of Gamma Upsilon Graduate and Epsilon Psi Undergraduate Chapters. The event marked the end of a great year in Omega and Wichita, and the brothers went all out to make this a very memorable celebration. The event was held in the Banquet Hall of Corporate Caterers, the finest dining and meeting facility in the city of Wichita.



Brothers, wives, family, and friends spared no expense to make this an elegant event that will be remembered for years to come. Not only did the attendees look like members from the lifestyles of the rich and famous, but the dinner menu was appropriately fit for a king.

After the meal, immediate past Basilei, Brother Curtis Whitten presented the 2010 Achievement Week Awards. As usual, this years award winners were very deserving. The Citizen of the Year award went to Mrs. Imogene Patrick, the wife of our own Brother Joe Patrick Sr. (Omega Chapter). Her hard work in our community has been unmatched for many years and she sets an example for many to follow. The Omega Man of the Year was presented to Brother Roderick Gray, Sr. Unselfish in every aspect of his journey, Brother Gray was a clear choice for this year's award. Rarely can you find a brother willing to serve on nearly every event sponsored by the chapter, but Brother Gray is that exception. Last, but not least, Quapri Pitts, a high school senior at South East High School, was the recipient of our Achievement Week essay award and plans to continue her education at Florida State University. Her winning essay focused on four areas, and in her own words Pitts says "To further our political agenda is to create equality. The steps to realizing this dream are all clear. We must better ourselves, vote, stay out of jail, and finally we must band together and stand united. This way when we have an issue the government will not think twice about granting our request." Her powerful essay led us all to think of our political agendas and our responsibilities as African-American voters.

Founders Day would not have been complete without loosening the ties and dancing the night away. The chapter hosted a dance after our dinner, and it was also an event to be remembered. Our very own Derrick (DJ) Judkins provided the music, and brothers, friends, and family partied until midnight. Those in attendance had a wonderful evening, and are looking forward to an even bigger and better celebration for our Centennial celebration in Wichita.



Past Basileus Curtis Whitten (left) presents Brother Roderick Gray, Sr. (right) with the 2010 Omega Man of the Year Award.

Gamma Upsilon's Annual Tribute to Senior Citizens

Wichita, KS - Our foundation in life comes from our family and more specifically our elders. Our elders have lived many decades, with most living through the Civil Rights era and it is due to these brave and courageous individuals that we exercise the freedoms we have today. The brothers of Gamma Upsilon Chapter understand the sacrifices our elders have made and honor them annually with the Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner. This has been a tradition for years and has grown over time.

This year, over 175 senior citizens, topping last years attendance record of 150 seniors. This number included widows of two of our deceased brothers and five of the senior chapter brothers: Brothers Edward Jones (49), George Shaver (52), Wendell Smith (61), Marcellus Duckett (69), and William Hunter (69).

This Christmas, no exceptions were made and the brothers put on an outstanding event for our seniors. They were very appreciative and looked forward to the event, always put on right after church, so the seniors are dressed in their Sunday best and do not come back out after arriving home. The chair and co-chair for this event were Brothers Wendell Smith (61) and Curtis Whitten (83), who did an impeccable job securing the location, food and support of the brothers.



The brothers will continue to honor our Senior Citizens for years to come as it is the right thing to do for a people that paved the way for us and our children for years to come. A few hours of time for a lifetime of freedom is not a sacrifice, but a requirement for the Chapter. Once again the brothers of Gamma Upsilon would like to THANK the Senior Citizens of the Wichita area for allowing us to SERVE them!

Brothers of Xi Pi Chapter Clean-up the Neighborhood

Colorado Springs, CO - The brothers of the Xi Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. do their part in the community by participating in the City Of Colorado Springs Adopt -A-Park program. After the city of Colorado Springs decided to pull 328 garbage cans from 128 local parks, the brothers of XI PI started to focus more on keeping the parks free of garbage.

The Colorado Springs Parks Department took the garbage cans away to save approximately \$40,000 in liners, roll-off service costs, landfill fees and worker time. The Brothers of XI PI Chapter assemble once a quarter at Boulder Park which is located in the beautiful, mountainous city of Colorado Springs, CO. Some of the responsibilities in the Adopt-A-Park program include collecting trash throughout the park while keeping an eye out for foreign materials, especially glass, checking for and removing weeds and grass from all shrub beds and tree rings, and leveling and/or resetting wood chips in shrub beds and tree rings as necessary.



Upsilon Omega Celebrates 90 Years of Service to the Community

St. Louis, MO - The Upsilon Omega Chapter celebrated its 90th year on January 23, 2011. Upsilon Chapter was founded on January 23, 1921 as the first chapter established in the Fraternity's history composed entirely of graduate men. The name was later changed to Upsilon Omega to reflect the fact that it was a graduate chapter.



Beta Upsilon Chapter hosts “Mad City Money” Workshop

Omaha, NE - The Urban Financial Services Coalition Omaha Chapter, Inc. (UFSCOC) in partnership with the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. offered free financial education workshops for a total of 15 young ladies and gentlemen ranging from 10 to 22 years of age known as “Mad City Money.” The workshop, hosted by Beta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Omaha Public Schools TAC Administration Building.



Mad City Money is a 2½-hour hands-on simulation that appeals to youth and gives them a taste of the real world—complete with occupation, salary, spouse, student loan debt, credit card debt, and medical insurance payments. Teens take on the role and the responsibilities of an adult in futuristic Mad City. Before transporting the students to Mad City, Chiara Smith, the facilitator, reviewed the contents of their Mad City Money student packets, which included a family and career profile sheet, sample checks, and check writing instructions.

A few comments from the workshop included:

Nikole Pope, age 12, “I will not smoke. I will always care for my kid first and make sure I have the money for everything.”

Michala Beatie, age 13, “I will make sure I spend my money wisely.”

Male participant, age 22, “I will save my money and make smarter purchases throughout life.”

Male participant, age 11, “I will grow up to be a leader and do what is right.”

Beta Upsilon Chapter’s Project Manhood Mentoring Program

Omaha, NE – Beta Upsilon Chapter Project Manhood has partnered with Central Park Elementary in Omaha, Ne for over 10 years. Project Manhood provides each participant the opportunity to observe and learn interactively, aspects of respect, scholarship and study habits, health and hygiene, leadership and citizenship and peer to peer relationships.

As a part of November curriculum, Business Ethic/Career Growth, Project Manhood participants, selected female students, and administrators visited PayPal, Inc. The Omaha eBay GIVE Team hosted a tour for the group, which consisted of an overview of PayPal and eBay, question and answer session, and a building tour. The eBay Foundation has been a primary sponsor for Project Manhood over the past five years. The tour allowed the eBay (PayPal) employees and senior executives to see firsthand, the difference Project Manhood makes in these kids lives.

PayPal employees were very impressed with the students behavior and how they conducted themselves throughout the visit. The students asked very intelligent questions and were attentive during the Q&A session.



Theta Alpha Chapter celebrates 75 Years of Service in Dallas, TX

Dallas, TX - On April 29, 1935, (Oracle, June 1935) seven professional men established the Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. These seven men: Brothers George L. Allen Sr, E. Homer Brown, Frank H. Jordan, Jr, William T. Burke, Charles Fields, Bernard Blackman and Rodman Doyle set the foundation for a strong graduate chapter that would celebrate 75 years of fraternal brotherhood among 300 Omega Men and guests on October 9, 2010. Among the 300 in attendance, were 13 past Theta Alpha Basilei including Immediate Past Grand Basileus Brother Warren G. Lee along with current Basileus Bro. Zaphery L. Williams.

The celebration, "A Black Tie Affair," took place at the historic Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas and was complete with a live band and formal program hosted by none other than master of ceremony and current president of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Brother Charles O'Neal.

Ninth (9th) District Representative Brother Shawn Brewer spoke with masterful eloquence when praising Theta Alpha for its many achievements and efforts in the community as a chapter. As an example, Brother Brewer highlighted Theta Alpha's mentoring efforts through the Omega Sparks program. With an emphasis on Christian Manhood, Brother Brewer spoke of Theta Alpha as a long standing pillar in the 9th District and international body.

The chapter was presented with a gift on behalf of Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray by Brother James W. Jordan, his Chief of Staff. The gift, the cover and pages from the June 1935 issue of the Oracle describing the organization of Theta Alpha chapter in Dallas, Texas. Gracing the cover of this issue was 15th Grand Basileus (1935 - 1937), Brother William E. Baugh. In the article, Keeper of Records and Seal, Chas. Fillmore Fields goes on to describe the events surrounding the organization of Theta Alpha Chapter at the Maria Morgan Branch of the Y.W.C.A. on Monday night April 29, 1935.



(L. to r.) – Bro. Gerry Gilliam, Quette Johnson, Bro. Tobias Johnson

Omega Man Honored During Veterans Day Ceremony

Fort Sill, OK - On November 11, 2010 the Lawton/Fort Sill community gathered to observe the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. During the ceremony, the Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Major General David Halverson, presented Brother LTC(Ret.) Robert Stinnett, a member of the Psi Upsilon Chapter, with a Silver Star for his gallantry actions from November 14-17, 1965, while serving in the Army as a captain in the Vietnam War.



The Silver Star is the third highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces for valor in the face of the enemy. Brother Stinnett's action are documented in the Book "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young" as a helicopter pilot in the Ia Drang Valley. The citation on his award reads, "CPT Stinnett's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

Alpha Delta Delta Chapter Partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters Program

Ruston, LA - In the spring of 2010 the Alpha Delta Delta Chapter reached out the local branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters. The first member to become a part of this program was Brother Trevor Vicks, who has previously worked with the Southeastern branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters. In 2007, he was named "Big Brother of the Year." He mentors a 4th grader at Ruston Elementary, where he meets weekly to play games and have encouraging conversations with his "little." He and his little brother, look forward to their weekly meetings.



Omega Psi Phi was the first of Louisiana Tech University's fraternities to begin the program. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Louisiana has since then connected with all the fraternities on Tech's campus.

Alpha Iota Iota Chapter 2010 Achievement Week Celebration

Dallas, TX—On November 20, 2010, the North Texas area “Metroplex Ques” held their annual Achievement Week Celebration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Dallas Market Center in Dallas, TX. The theme of the Achievement Week program was: *“Affective Political Action-Using Style And Substance.”* The “Metroplex Ques” organization allows chapters of the North Texas area to come together as a coalition for the purposes of engaging in a program that allows each chapter to appropriately and efficiently recognize its members for outstanding achievement during the fiscal year. Alpha Iota Iota (AII) Chapter is a long time participant in this coalition and pledges continued support of the spirit and intent of the Metroplex Ques organization.

A number of brothers in AII Chapter were recognized during the 2010 Achievement Week Celebration for their contributions to AII Chapter’s success in its unwavering devotion of service to the Plano, TX community. The following brothers and citizen of Plano, TX were recognized for their service: Citizen Of The Year: Mrs. Donna Hartman; Superior Service Award: Brother Eric Elliot, (AII Chapter Keeper of Peace) and Brother Ron Turner, (Keeper Of Finance); Lawrence Carriere Brotherhood Award: Brother Marvin Sorey, (1st Vice Basileus); Omega Man Of The Year: Brother Wayne Powe, (AII Chapter Immediate Past Basileus)

Alpha Iota Iota Chapter’s Omega Man Of The Year, Brother Wayne Powe, is originally from Natchitoches, LA and is a 1980 graduate of Grambling State University with a BS Degree in Information Systems/Accounting. He was initiated Fall 1978 by way of Gamma Gamma Chapter, Grambling State University. While attending Grambling State University, Brother Powe was a member of the legendary “Tiger Marching Band.” He is currently employed as a regional supervisor for the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Brother Powe is married to Dr. Regina Powe, DDS and has two daughters, Amanda and Morgan.



AII Chapter has enjoyed a rich history of community service and involvement in the Plano, TX area. This involvement comprises a number of community services projects that include the completion of the mandated Talent Hunt Program, scholarships to Plano, TX area high school students, support of the area elderly and service to the Douglas Community Center in Plano, TX. AII Chapter pledges to continue to diligently serve the Plano, TX community and to encourage all brothers to strive to “Make A Difference In The Lives Of Black People.”

Alpha Iota Iota Chapter Celebrates MLK Weekend

Plano, TX—On January 15, 2011, Alpha Iota Iota Chapter celebrated and hosted its annual MLK Weekend. The celebration featured a Unity Walk which is one of a number of activities held in the Plano, TX community during the weekend’s festivities to include: the Power Leadership Breakfast, City Hall Program, Health and Information Fair, and a Community Mass Choir.

The 2011 celebration began with the Power Breakfast which was held in the Great Hall of the Southfork Hotel and featured a well planned and executed formal reading from talented students enrolled in the area Collin County Community Colleges. This reading presentation featured a visual account of the Civil Rights era and the concerns of the minority community today. AII Chapter’s Brother Earnest Burke served as an award presenter during the Power Breakfast program that included Plano, TX -based State Senator Florence Shapiro. Also in attendance was the city’s Fire Chief Hugo R. Esparza, who indicated that the program’s compliment was a capacity crowd of over 400 individuals.



Alpha Iota Iota Chapter has enjoyed a rich MLK participatory history in the Plano, TX community. Immediately after its charter in 1989, the Chapter began collaborating with other community volunteers to develop a format to annually commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin L. King. Thus the MLK Weekend Celebration Committee was formed. This committee successfully forged a strong bond with local city and community leaders, the Plano Independent School District and local church leaders which exist to this day.

Each year the Brothers of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter fervently pursue their mission to inspire citizens to answer the call for service in the Plano, TX community perpetuating Dr. King’s vision to unify this Nation. AII Chapter has accepted the challenge to continue “Illuminating His Legacy.”

Ninth District Leads the Way with the General Electric Omega Leadership Internship Program

Ninth District —January 2011. During the Undergraduate Summit held in Charlotte, NC in January of 2011, Immediate Past Ninth District Representative, Brother Willie Hinchon, along with a number of key Undergraduate Advisors of the Ninth District played an influential role in undergraduate submissions to the General Electric (GE)/Omega Leadership Program Selection Committee's request for applicants from the Ninth District.

After having had the opportunity to meet with 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Andrew Ray, Ph.D. and the G.E./Omega Leadership Team, in-depth insight as to what General Electric expected from Omega and the Fraternity's undergraduate membership was provided to all districts. It was further indicated to those Ninth District Summit participants who were interested in the G.E. Program how important it would be to fully understand some key protocols. Those were proper business attire, appropriate grooming, professionalism and verbal communication skills. It was stressed that these protocols should be adhered to if any undergraduate had a reasonable expectation of being considered for participation internship program. Advisor efforts also played a key role in preparation efforts.

On March 02, 2011, The GE/Omega Leadership Program Committee, led by Brother Michael J. Foust, Ph.D., Aviation Section Manager in Combustion Aero Technology & Design at G.E., chose 37 out of 60 applicants to participate in the 2011 GE/Omega Leadership Program. One undergraduate continued

participation from the Class of 2010 making a total of 38 Omega Undergraduates for the year 2011. At least 15 of the 26 submissions from the Ninth District were chosen. The Ninth District presented the largest roster of undergraduate participants to this year's program. Although 38 were selected, the Fraternity was afforded 40 positions for the Spring/Summer 2011 Internship Program.

The GE/Omega effort is a one year program for collegiate men only whose focus majors are Mathematics, Science, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science and Business (Finance, Management & Marketing). Participants are required to have at least a 3.2 and higher grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), an active / financial Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and at least be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

The Ninth District has been fortunate to have had a wealth of undergraduate members to be selected for participation in the GE Internship Program for the past three years. This year, the District has representation from each of its four member states and has two schools/Chapters to have Members to participate for a second year. Those Chapters are Gamma Gamma Chapter of Grambling State University and Phi Beta Chapter of Jarvis Christian College.

Ninth District Representative, Brother Shawn Brewer and the Ninth District Leadership team extend congratulations to those Undergraduates selected for the GE/Omega Leadership Program class of 2011.



Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter Holds Annual University Banquet

San Antonio, TX - On February 26, 2011, the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter, located at the University of Texas - San Antonio (UTSA), hosted their 3rd Annual Chapter Banquet. It was held on the UTSA campus in the University Room located in the Business Building. It was a formal event opened to both students and faculty and the purpose was to recognize people who have helped or served the ADL Chapter or Fraternity in one way or another.

The Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter is a young growing chapter that received its Charter on February 1, 2008. Within the three years of existence, they have made a big impact not only on the campus of UTSA, but in the city of San Antonio as well.

With the help of the Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter located in San Antonio, the setup for the banquet was very formal. The food was catered by Mr. and Mrs. G Soul Food Restaurant. The ADL Chapter has always done business with the G family when they need food for either an on or off campus event.

The events of the banquet were very well scripted and the chapter members did a professional job. The chapter recognized important people who play or have played important roles helping the chapter achieve the popularity and recognition it deserves. The guests enjoyed the guest speaker, Brother Paul Booker. His presentation touched a lot of young men and let them know a few things about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



Brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda serving the guests of their annual university banquet.

Epsilon Iota Chapter Celebrates 2010 Achievement Week

Austin, TX - Epsilon Iota Chapter's 2010 Achievement Week was yet another opportunity to promote the Fraternity's cardinal principles. The week brought valuable opportunities to fellowship with undergraduate and graduate chapters, family and the community at large.

Two particular events highlighted the week. The first was a community forum entitled, "The Hole in their Soul." Epsilon Iota partnered with the Austin Council for Adoptable Children to provide a discussion by fathers about fathers, with an emphasis on fatherhood in the child welfare community. The second was the annual Achievement Week Banquet where Brother James Pattman, Director of Accounting, Finance and Operation for United Parcel Service (Atlanta, Georgia) keynote address captivated the audience. Embracing this year's theme, "Do Better, To Become Better, To Stay Better," Brother Pattman reminded Omega men of our commitment to service in all aspects of our lives.



*Brother Ramont Mitchell,
Omega Man of the Year*

Omega men were presented with the Colonel Charles Young Leadership, Frank A. Walker Omega Spirit, John O. Bell Superior Service and Omega Man of the Year awards. Members of the community were awarded the Omega Citizen of the Year and service awards. Guests ended the night with dancing, enjoying the time to socialize and learn more about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Iota was pleased to host Horace Chase, Grand Keeper of Finance along with Norris Bishop, 9th District Achievement Week Chairman at this year's event.

Annually, the Epsilon Iota Foundation has provided scholarships for Austin area high school seniors, college students, and established the Ronald McNair Scholarship Endowment Fund at Huston-Tillotson University. Other community service activities include the Bridge Builder Program, which provides male mentors for young men at Barbara Jordan Elementary School, volunteering at the East Austin Boys & Girls Club, a Back-to-School Drive which provides school supplies to students in need, the Annual Barbara Jordan Elementary School Spelling Bee, food and clothing drives during the Holiday Season.

Pi Omicron Omegas Teaching Kids to Make All the Right Moves

Little Rock, AR - Haze "Q" Miller of Pi Omicron Chapter is pictured with the first place Chess Team of LISA Academy. Bro. Miller is the volunteer Chess Coach at LISA Academy North in Sherwood, AR. On February 19th, 2011 the LISA Academy Elem Chess team won first place in the Little Rock School District chess tournament. Trevone H. Miller, Brother Miller's son went undefeated on his way to first place.



As youth mentors, the Omegas of Pi Omicron Chapter know the importance of teaching kids to make all the right moves to prepare for life. Brother Miller teaches chess rules in an easy to understand and fun way. Chess is not the kind of game a kid will

be interested in if it isn't fun. Children have very short attention spans, so to teaching a game as complicated as chess, requires you to have patience, incorporate fun and it's important to use tips that come from the kids. The brothers of Pi Omicron diligently work to turn Arkansas kids into future champions. Parent must see the unlimited potential in their children and start early in teaching children to make the right moves in chess, sports, academics and life.

Delta Xi Brothers Lend a Helping Hand for Habitat for Humanity

Greenville, TX - In an effort to continue practicing our fourth Cardinal Principle, Uplift, the Delta Xi Chapter recently initiated efforts to assist the Habitat for Humanity group based in Greenville, TX. Saturday, December 4, 2010 marked the first in what will become a signature community service project for the chapter.

While the day was cool and windy, the men were able to assist in the building of a shed as well as some roofing work. Also, the chapter assisted with efforts to make the house handicap-accessible. Upon completion, a family of six will move into the house. Delta Xi's goal is to use service as a vehicle to continue to bond as brothers and practice our motto of being "Rich in Friendship."



Partnering with Big Brother Big Sisters – "Magic While You Wait" The "Alamo City Ques" Assisting the Community

San Antonio, TX - Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter of San Antonio, Texas along with Alpha Delta Lambda Undergraduate Chapter at University of Texas at San Antonio have partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) in two special ways.

The brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda volunteered to become "Bigs" and are waiting to be matched. The brothers of Psi Alpha have been attending "Magic While you Wait Events." These events are focused on the youth who are waiting to be matched and allows them to participate in events with BBBS until they are matched.

Both Chapters joined forces and showed up with over 20 brothers for the January 22, 2011 "Magic" event which focused on African-American youth of San Antonio. The event was a success and the brothers had a great time. Psi Alpha will host their "Magic" event in June and hopes to surpass the 100 youth that BBBS tries to accommodate at each "Magic" event. Psi Alpha will host two events each year and participate in other

"Magic" events throughout the year. The brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda will bring their "Littles" to each Matching event and together, both chapters will aide BBBS in mentoring the youth of San Antonio.



Epsilon Alpha Alpha Organizes “Freedom Day” Celebration in Jonesboro

Jonesboro, AR - On June 19, 2010, the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha organized and participated in the Juneteenth celebration. This event was located in Jonesboro, Arkansas at Allen Park Recreation Center. Included in the events, Epsilon Alpha Alpha hosted a fun filled day that was for the young, old, and anyone that wanted to participate. Activities included face painting, dunking booth, water balloon toss, barbeque, and other fun activities for the family.

As the community celebrated with the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha, they were provided with a little knowledge of what “Juneteenth Celebrations” are about. Children were taught that this day is also known as the “Freedom Day” or the “Emancipation Day.” It commemorates the abolishment of slavery. The state of Texas is the first state to begin celebrating June 19 as a holiday. It is not recognized as a National holiday; however, it is a significant event for African Americans throughout the country.



Brother Dr. Lonnie Williams Co-Authors Book on Perspectives at Univ. of Arkansas



Brother Lonnie Williams

Fayetteville, AR - “*Remembrances in Black: Personal Perspectives of the African American Experience at the University of Arkansas, 1940s – 2000s*” is the title of a book recently published and co-edited by Charles F. Robinson II and Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams.

With the admittance in 1948 of Silas Hunt to the University of Arkansas Law School, the university became the first southern public institution of higher education to officially desegregate without being required to do so by court order. Other students would follow in Silas Hunt’s footsteps, and they along with the university would have to grapple with the situation. *Remembrances in Black* is an oral history that gathers the personal stories of African Americans who worked as faculty, staff, and of students who studied at the flagship institution.

These stories illustrate the anguish, struggle, and triumph of individuals who had their lives indelibly marked by their experiences at the school. The book illustrates how African Americans navigated both the evolving campus environment and that of the city of Fayetteville in their attempt to fulfill personal aspirations.

Brother Williams is a member of the Upsilon Chi Chapter of northwest Arkansas and serves as State Representative for Arkansas-North. He is also the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Brother Dr. Paul Adams Honored by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)



Fayetteville, AR - Brother Dr. Paul Adams, member of the Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter in Northwest Arkansas, was honored by The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) as the Featured Scientist for the month of January 2011.

The ASBMB Featured Scientist Profile is a mechanism of the society to inspire, among others, minority students and postdoctoral scientists, by highlighting the careers of distinguished scientists from diverse backgrounds. It is also the goal of the feature to help the ASBMB promote diversity within the society by honoring talented and successful scientists.

Brother Adams was selected because of his achievements and expertise in the area of protein biochemistry. The feature

article highlighted some of Brother Adams’ biographical information and accomplishments as a scientist at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Brother Adams was proud to have the chance to mention our beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during his interview with ASBMB when asked about some of his non-science related interests, as well as being able to mention a distinguished brother who was also a chemist, Brother Dr. Percy Julian (Omega Chapter) as one of his heroes in chemistry.

In addition, he was able to mention one of the recent books he had recently completed included “The Black Apollo of Science: The Life of Ernest Everett Just” by Kenneth R. Manning.

Brother Adams currently serves as Advisor to the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and as 9th District Advisor-Overseer for the State of Arkansas.

Omega Men Make History in the United States Army 1st Armored Division - Fort Bliss, TX

Fort Bliss, TX - Our great fraternity has long separated itself from the pack in the realm of leadership and excellence within the world and continues to blaze new trails each day. The 1st Armored Division was the first US Army Division to completely integrate its ranks following President Harry S. Truman's directive that the Armed Forces of the United States end its segregated unit policy. The Old Iron Sides division did so during the Korean War in 1950 marking it as the first Army Unit to completely integrate all of its ranks that included enlisted and commissioned officers.

Once the global war on terror began in 2001, Task Force 1st Armored Division became the longest deployed division in the Army since World War II when President Bush extended the Germany based unit for an additional 120 days following a twelve month deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Today, the 1st Armored Division marks history again—this time with Omega Men commanding at the battalion level within its ranks. Every logistics battalion within the division is commanded by a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Although brothers have long commanded at the battalion, brigade, division, and corps level, never has there been a case where all similar type units within one division have been commanded by African American officers, much less men of Omega Psi Phi.



Brother Lieutenant Colonel Derrin E. Williams commands the 501st Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Bliss, TX that is responsible for providing multifunctional logistics support and medical support to a modular heavy brigade combat team (1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division) comprised of 3800 soldiers. Brother Williams is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Brother Williams entered the fraternity in 1988 a part of Xi Psi Chapter at South Carolina State University. Brother Williams is currently preparing his unit for deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom this fall.



Brother Lieutenant Colonel Michel M. Russell commands the 47th Forward Support Battalion in Baumholder, Germany, is responsible for providing multifunctional logistics support and medical support to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division which just returned from Iraq and is scheduled to relocate to Fort Bliss, Texas. Brother Russell is native of North Carolina and a graduate of Fordham University. Brother Russell was mentored by Brother Major General (Ret.) James W. Monroe and entered the graduate chapter in Rock Island, Illinois in 1995.



Brother Lieutenant Colonel Leon Plummer commands the 125th Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Bliss, TX and is responsible for providing multifunctional logistics support and medical support to a modular light infantry brigade (3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division) comprised of 3500 soldiers. Brother Plummer is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, but spent his formative years in South Florida and is a graduate of Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida. Brother Plummer entered the Fraternity in 1992 by way of Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter at Fort Polk, LA. Brother Plummer is currently preparing his unit for future combat operations.



Brother Lieutenant Colonel David Wilson commands the 121st Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Bliss, TX and is responsible for providing multifunctional logistics support and medical to a modular heavy brigade combat team (4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division) comprised of 3800 soldiers. Brother Wilson is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina in Charleston. Brother Wilson entered the fraternity in 1988 by way of Beta Mu Chapter at The Citadel. Brother Wilson is currently deployed with his 1162 Soldier battalion to Iraq.

These brothers are the face of sustainment and logistics for the "Old Ironsides," the 1st Armored Division. They all have the added responsibility of coaching, teaching, and mentoring junior officers coming through the ranks in hope of excelling in the United States Army Logistics Corps. The United States Army selects only 14% of its Lieutenant Colonels to command at the battalion level and these brothers have made the cut and proved themselves worthy citizens of their country, that are given to truth, unselfish service, with a readiness to endure hardship that they may ascend to new heights through perseverance.

Pi Omicron Chapter Teams-Up with Miss Arkansas for Black History Program

Little Rock, AR - Brother Fred W. Smith a member of Pi Omicron Chapter and Ms. Alyse Eady, Miss Arkansas, were keynote speakers at Booker T. Washington Elementary Magnet School's African American History Month Program on February 16, 2011. Washington Elementary students Tatyana Hansberry, (5th grade), Miranda Douglas (3rd grade), and Treyvon Weathers (4th grade) assisted Brother Smith and Alyse.

Pi Omicron Chapter has participated in the Little Rock School District's "Volunteers In Public Schools" program for 16 years. The chapter has supported Washington Elementary in a number of ways including:

- Partnering with a teacher and their class;
- Serving as mentors and tutors;
- Participating in the Reading Day Program;
- Establishing and participating in the Guest Speaker Program;
- Purchasing books for the school library; and
- Thanks to the assistance of the Derek Lewis Foundation, the chapter has provided bicycles to pre-kindergarten students at Christmas.

Alyse was Miss Teen Arkansas in 2004. In January 2011, Alyse was first runner-up in the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada. Alyse Eady, Miss Arkansas 2010, is graduate cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University with degrees in Mass Communications and Speech Communication, she was a Presidential Scholar and named to the Dean's List.

Alyse's platform is "Developing Leaders through the Boys and Girls Club of America." She has been involved with Boys and Girls Clubs for over 17 years. On the national level, she was a Boys and Girls Club Ambassador and supported the start of clubs in Germany and Turkey.



Lone Star State Ques Select Wiley College as first Recipient of Scholarship Award

Killeen, TX - On November 19, 2009, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. introduced the Omega Texas specialty license plate to the Texas community. Through its partnership with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will provide funding for scholarships to colleges in the state.



At its 2011 annual meeting in Killeen, TX "Lone Star State Ques (LSSQ)" the Texas state organization for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. selected Wiley College as the recipient of its first scholarship award. This award in the amount of \$5,500 from the "College for All Texans Foundation" will be used for scholarships to assist in closing the gaps in college participation and success.

The Omega Texas Specialty license plate may be purchased by any member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the State of Texas for an annual fee of \$30.00. The specialty license plate fee is collected in addition to the regular registration fee and any other applicable fees. For every plate sold \$22 goes to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide funding for scholarships through the "College for All Texans Foundation" in the name of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Xi Rho Chapter provides Toys for Tots

West Memphis, AR - Xi Rho Chapter held its 2010 Toys for Tots program. Children from different counties benefited from the program that is done every Christmas. Xi Rho identifies families that are in need of clothing, shoes, and toys for the holidays in nine counties of Eastern Arkansas. This year 13 families were selected to receive support for Christmas.

The gifts were given out on Saturday, December 18, 2010. Committee Chairman Reginald Weeks, Willie Rogers, and Eddie West combined their talents to make sure that the selected families would know that the brothers of Xi Rho Chapter cared about the community. The brothers of Xi Rho also partnered with the Greater New Liberty Baptist Church in Memphis, TN and did the Angel Tree for four less fortunate children. The chapter donated educational games, under clothes, socks, and pajamas as gifts.



Psi Alpha Chapter celebrates 70 Years of Service to the Community



San Antonio, TX - On Saturday, October 30, 2010 the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter gathered to celebrate 70 years of service to the Alamo City. In 1940, eight young professional men who had become members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated during their college years, decided that the time was right to form a Graduate Chapter here in the City of San Antonio. After compiling all of the necessary information and paperwork and complying with the National Body's Guidelines the Local Chapter was chartered by the Supreme Council of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated on November 1, 1940 and given the name of Psi Alpha. Brother Dr. W. C. Hurd was the first Basileus. The charter members were: Brothers W. C. Hurd, S. D. Kane, Dr. M. L. Preacher, Paul Chretien, Ernest M. Foxx, Valmo Bellinger, Dr. Richard Kidd, and G. P. Inge.

The chapter was established as a lifetime membership chapter - a newly created tier of commitment within the Fraternity. A lifetime member demonstrated the pinnacle of commitment and dedication to the Fraternity; pledging his life to being an active member of Omega Psi Phi, exhibiting its ideals and principles in all aspects of his life. A lifetime membership chapter would radiate a degree of passion, experience and vision that would be unique in the fraternity.

Since its beginning in 1940, Psi Alpha's members and programs have steadily grown. Over the past 60+ years, it has awarded scholarships to many promising college-bound students, brought over 350 men of the highest ideals and strongest character into the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and has established itself as an instrumental organization in the community service of Bexar County and surrounding counties. In 1960, the Chapter hosted the 46th National Conclave which was a great accomplishment for the Chapter.

In the late 1970s, Psi Alpha Chapter brothers came together to buy their first piece of real estate, establishing a Fraternity House at 342 Vine Street, San Antonio, Texas. The

commitment to achievement on the part of the brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter in the new millennium has been evidenced by the development of a community outreach Public Access Television Show called the "Omega Forum".

On February 19, 2003, Psi Alpha Chapter purchased its second fraternity house. This time moving into a historic residence in San Antonio, a house once owned by one of the leading citizens of San Antonio (The Rigsby Family).

The momentum of Psi Alpha continued into 2004 as the chapter garnered its first 9th District Chapter of the Year Award at the District Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Brother Greg Thompson was recognized as 9th District Omega Man of the Year and he eventually became the first Psi Alpha Chapter brother to receive the coveted International Omega Man of the Year at the Grand Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri in July 2004. Psi Alpha repeated as the back to back 9th District Chapter of the Year in March 2005 at the District Meeting in Monroe, Louisiana.

At the 74th Grand Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas July 19 - 28, 2006 Psi Alpha Chapter was selected as the Fraternal Year 2004 Social Action Chapter of the Year, Psi Alpha's successes have been numerous and far-reaching. Its future represents continued opportunities to creatively address the needs of the African American community and positively impact the lives of those whom it serves.

Each decade from 1930 to the present, was represented at the celebration in addition to the Undergraduates of Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter which made the event special and showed why the chapter is a success. Having so many brothers in attendance to celebrate this milestone, along with the chapter's many accomplishments, showed that Psi Alpha Chapter will be around the Alamo City for decades to come.

Xi Rho Chapter serves the Community with Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

West Memphis, AR- On November 24, 2010 the Xi Rho Chapter gathered at the Wonder City Boys and Girls Club to give back to the community with their Annual Thanksgiving baskets to over 50 families in Crittenden County and surrounding areas in Arkansas. There were 20 Xi Rho brothers on hand to distribute the baskets.

The brothers spent countless hours filling the baskets which included turkey and all ingredients needed to make stuffing, green beans and a plethora of other can goods to fill the baskets. Brother Tandy Anthony (Basileus), says, "His goal is to reach out and feed as many families as possible."

Committee Chairman Ivory Jenkins has a goal within the next 2-3 years, to have the brothers within the chapter prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless.



Rho Xi Chapter Takes on Challenges to Uplift the Local Freeport Community

Freeport, TX – Star of Hope is a Christ-centered shelter dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. The shelter promotes positive life changes through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse. The brothers of Rho Xi Chapter support the mission of the shelter by volunteering their time serving meals, hosting clothes drives and ministering to the shelters residents.

Freeport, TX - When the call was made to take a stand against violence in families and in our communities the Brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter answered by developing a partnership with the Houston Area Women's Center. The goal of the program is to create a positive environment which emphasizes prevention through education, awareness, and intervention. The Houston Area Women's Center awarded the brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter the 2010 Volunteer Group of the Year.



(Front row left to right: Rho Xi Chapter: Bros. Nate Grace, Harrison Hodge, Jakarta Edwards. Rear: left to right: Bros. Omar Sesay, Ronald Clemons, Benjamin Dotson, Joe Washington, Frank Watson, Ross Cahee)



(Rear left to right: Rho Xi Chapter: Bros. Leroy White, Freddie Blanks, Courtney Linvel, Joseph Bonner, Omar Sesay, Harrison Hodge, Phil Thomas Frank Watson, Ross Cahee, Joel McMillan are pictured with Houston Area Women's Center Staff, and Yolanda Green of Channel 39 KLAH TV Houston, TX.)

4 Cardinal Principles to Live By: A Guide For Urban Males



Brother M. D. Tenner

written by Brother M. Donnell Tenner of Epsilon Rho Chapter.

Richfield, MN – On January 15, 2011, the first ever children's book on the Four Cardinal Principles of our beloved Fraternity was released to the public. The book, named after our Cardinal Principles, is a guide that helps our young men understand that they must live life in a different manner. "The 4 Cardinal Principles- Foundation for Living: A Guide for Urban Males" was

"As the Fraternity takes a stand with the Fatherhood Initiative, we must promote our support of President Barack Obama and his call to duty of ALL fathers across the nation to step up and do their part to be consistent role models, not just as a father-figure, but teaching manhood to their sons" states Brother Tenner.

The book is written to help fathers guide their sons and open more courageous conversations that help guide young men down a path of academic and social success. As we look across the nation in a variety of urban cities, we must be honest that our young men have not been successful maintaining a positive and consistent place in front society's lenses of life.

One of the reasons this book is special is because Brother Tenner, an educator, has taken the time to bring proven research that can help urban males be more successful. His book is geared around literacy and proper societal etiquette that will open doors for the young men who reads, engages the activities and lives the 4 Cardinal Principles outlined inside.

This book was dedicated to the memory of Brother Elmer Blackwell (Omega Chapter). Each book is individually numbered with a serial number and has an identical certificate of authenticity with a serial number as well. Each Certificate is placed within a see through rice paper folder to safe guard its perfection. To be handed down generation after generation.



Chicago-Area Omega Voter Registrars 2011

Chicago, IL - On Saturday, January 11, 2011, brothers of the Chicago-Area Omegas got together to exercise the benefit of being involved with the voting process. That process – become Voter Registrars. What are Voter Registrars? They are men/women who take an oath to register citizens in the County of Cook, State of Illinois.

This event took place at Hyde Park Academy High School (Chicago, IL), and there were over 30 brothers from five (5) of the seven (7) chapters that participate in the Chicago-Area Omega Coalition. The seven chapters are: Chi Lambda Lambda, Iota, Mu Xi, Nu Pi, Rho Gamma Gamma, Sigma Omega, and Theta Kappa Kappa. What was amazing was that there was such a great turn out even though it was snowing really hard outside.

Training went well and afterwards, several brothers remained at the high school to register parents of the high school students who were attending a Parent-Teachers meeting that evening. Brother Gregory Jackson, known by many as "Sarge," led the charge for the brothers to start off the Centennial Year with something as outstanding as getting brothers to register others to vote.



Nu Omega Chapter Honors 2010 Awardees at Founders Day Banquet

Southfield, MI – On the evening of November 20th, the Southfield Michigan Joint Omega Psi Phi Founder's Day Banquet was held at the Hilton Garden Inn by the hold Southfield Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter. The other chapters making up the Southfield Michigan area chapters include the Detroit Nu Omega Chapter, the Ann Arbor Sigma Rho Chapter, the Flint Omicron Rho Chapter and the Pontiac Omicron Alpha Alpha Chapter. This memorable occasion was the celebration of the fraternity 99th Anniversary as over 200 guest attended.

The keynote speaker for the evening was the 33rd Grand Basileus, Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr. of Atlanta, Georgia who brought greetings from the current 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray of Rochester, New York. His message to the brotherhood and guest was to continue to be of service to humanity as the Founders has designed through the Cardinal Principle of Uplift and "don't look at what you are doing with your service as a sacrifice, but as an investment that pays as a return on your investment." He spoke of his own experiences with the Founders and the plans for the upcoming Centennial in Washington, DC in July 2011.

Master of Ceremony Past Tenth District Representative Brother Kurmmell Know, Esq., asked those gathered to recognize both the oldest and youngest Omega men in attendance with a round of applause, and they were Brother John Williams at age 92, International Photographer Emeritus and Brother Danny Preston at age 26, current 2nd Vice District of the Tenth District, respectively. Also in attendance was the past Tenth District Representative of the Tenth District Brother Lawrence Moon, the Honorable

Brenda Lawrence, Mayor of Southfield, Michigan and guest were entertained live by Brother Lin Rountree and his band.

Brother Arnold Simmons, Basileus along with Brother Charles Brantley, Chaplain, and Brother Harold Tyler, Chapter, presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Brother Spearman B. Jones as a Centenarian, the Frank Morse Dent Service Award to Brother Michael B. Carrauthers, and Omega Man of the Year Award to Brother Medgar L. Clark (Brother Jones was not in attendance, but will receive his award at a later time). A special presentation of "The Clock of Time" was given by Past Grand Basileus Norman to Brother Ernest Haywood (who is a former Tuskegee Airman) for 70 Years of Service in Omega. What an honor it was to witness such an occasion.

The Nu Omega Chapter was chartered in 1921 in Detroit, Michigan by Dr. Dewitt T. Burton, Francis Morse Dent, Esq., Odie T. Davis, David Smith, Livingston Jefferies and Charles Washington. Nu Omega Chapter has the very distinct honor and pleasure to play host to the 2011 Southeast Michigan Joint Omega Founders Banquet in Detroit for the 100th Anniversary. "We have plans for an unforgettable lifetime memorable occasion for the brotherhood, our families and guest" said Brother Arnold Simmons, Basileus.



(Standing left to right) 33rd Grand Basileus Dr. Moses C. Norman with Brother John Williams, International Photographer Emeritus.



Alpha Chi Chapter celebrates their 2010 Annual Achievement Week Banquet

Gary, IN - On November 13, 2010 the Brothers of the Alpha Chi Chapter held their Annual Achievement Week Banquet at Lake Etta Pavilion located in Gary, Indiana. The Alpha Chi Chapter annually awards community leaders and deserving brothers for their outstanding commitments to the community always in manner of the cardinal principles.

Alpha Chi Chapter donated \$1,750 to the Gary Educational Development Foundation (GEDF) in the name of the chapter's Brother Arnold K. Williams and Brother Archie Williams Educational Fund.

The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Brother Ian McFadden for his stupendous work as CEO of Methodist Hospital of Gary and Merrillville, Indiana. He has improved the quality of service of the hospital. His work has helped to save many jobs of hospital employees and helped to retain many specialist physicians from leaving the community. His works have led the hospital to a record setting single year profit.

The Edgar A. Harrison Superior Service Award was presented to Brother Darrell James as outstanding neophyte that has tirelessly exhibited the Cardinal Principles by his participation and using his administrative talents to help the Chapter and the Fraternity.

The Founders Award was presented to Brother Thomas Newsome for his work with the chapter as Basileus, Keeper of Record and Seal; being a intrigue contributor to all of the social and nationally participated programs.

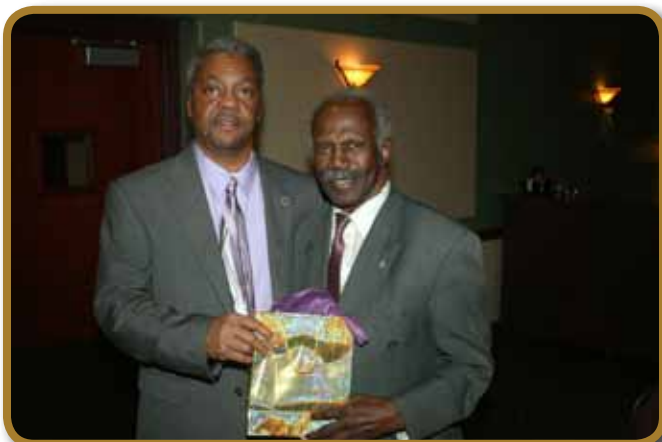
The Omega Man of the Year award was presented to Brother William Borders because of his excellent work

over many years with the Fraternity. The Chapter also recognized Brother Rayfield Fisher for 50 years service and Brother Foster Stephens and Brother Alex Carter for 40 years of service in the Fraternity.

The keynote speaker was Brother Dr. Darryl L. Fortson, M.D. a family physician and President/CEO of Fortson Family Care and Wellness Center in Munster, Indiana. Brother Fortson graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia where he was inducted into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. at Psi Chapter Fall of 1983; he is also a graduate of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Fortson spoke on the current State of the Black Community, speaking to the role of spiritual leaders effecting change. Brother Fortson explained that change within the urban community will lead to a positive and productive life. He encouraged our spiritual leaders to preach to the community to be responsible for their deeds and not accept greed, chaos, drugs and murder as normal; in order for things to change that all spiritual leaders must be on the same page. He also is the author of the widely acclaimed: *"Dear Cisco, Dear Keith: A Frat Brother's Letters on God, His Love, His People and their struggles."*

The night was filled joy and merriment to all those in attendance, the evening of fellowship was welcomed by Brothers and guest alike. The brothers of the Alpha Chi Chapter were pleased that a wonderful event helped to bring community leaders and members together to celebrate in the spirit that our Founders.



Brother Alex Carter (40 years) and Brother Rayfield Fisher (50 years).



Brother Foster Stephens (40 years).

Chicago-Area Omega Coalition holds 2010 Joint Founders Day Celebration



Omega Men of the Year 2010

Chi Lambda Lambda ~ Brother Girod Walker
 Iota ~ Brother Gregory Jackson
 Mu Xi ~ Brother Akhibi Bamidele
 Nu Pi ~ Brother Roderick Robinson
 Rho Gamma Gamma ~ Brother Keith Mayes
 Sigma Omega ~ Brother Dana O'Banion

Next year Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will celebrate 100 years. The Chicago-Area Omega Coalition has setup, One Omega, and plans to have joint events together and work together throughout the year and years to come.

On Saturday, November 20, 2010 the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Chicago-Area Omega Coalition, gathered to pay homage to the four founders of this beloved organization. Seven chapters participated this year: Chi Lambda Lambda (Matteson, IL), Iota (Chicago, IL), Mu Xi (Glen Ellyn, IL), Nu Pi (Joliet, IL), Rho Gamma Gamma (Chicago, IL), Sigma Omega (Chicago, IL), and Theta Kappa Kappa Chapter (Evanston, IL). This was a wonderful event and well attended – over 320 guests.

The Chicago-Area Omega Coalition brought forth their selections for Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year.

Citizens of the Year 2010

Chi Lambda Lambda ~ Rev. Brother Dr. Trunell D. Felder
 Iota ~ Brother Andrew Smith, Jr.
 Mu Xi ~ Senator Kimberly Lightford
 Nu Pi ~ Brother Albert Brass
 Rho Gamma Gamma ~ Brother Kenneth Fullman
 Sigma Omega ~ Senator Roland Burris



Chicago-Area Omegas Kick-off 2011

Chicago, IL - On Saturday, January 29, 2011, Brothers of the Chicago-Area Omegas got together for the Centennial Kick-Off at Operation PUSH Headquarters in Chicago, IL. This year begins the 100th Year for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Chicago-Area Omegas did not hold back on the fanfare. The Chicago-area Omegas consist of eight (8) chapters: Chi Lambda Lambda, Iota, Mu Xi, Nu Pi, Rho Tau, Rho Gamma Gamma, Theta Kappa Kappa, & Sigma Omega.

The morning began with Brother Reverend Jesse Jackson holding prayer as the Brothers joined in an unifying prayer-circle. The Brothers then all entered PUSH Headquarters and began taking seats together as a sign of solidarity. It was an awesome thing to see with well over 150 Brothers in attendance, all wearing dark suits. Brother Jackson was very enthused to see all the brothers in attendance and made mention of it several times during his remarks, which also was being recorded as an international broadcast.

On the broadcast, Brother Robert Steele (Cook County Commissioner) introduced Brother Art Norman (former News Anchor NBC Channel 5), who informed the world of the amazing activities the Chicago-Area Omegas are doing. Those activities include but are not limited to the following: Voter Registration, Auto Show Blood Drive, Rededication, Memorial Service, Prayer Breakfast, Health Fair, Picnic/Cookout, and Founders Banquet.



University of Minnesota Gopher Football Duo Pays It Forward on Spring Break

Minneapolis, MN - University of Minnesota arrived back on campus after Spring Break 2011. Many of those students came back with suntans and stories of sandy beaches, hot temperatures and hotter parties.

Golden Gopher football star players, and Xi Chapter members, Brother Brandon Kirksey and Brother D.L. Wilhite also took a trip for Spring Break. They also came back with great stories. In fact, both said that this Spring Break was their best ever. So, where did they go? Cozumel? South Padre? Miami? Palm Springs? Nope.

These two young men signed up for a *Pay It Forward Tour* through a local organization called Students Today Leaders Forever. Pay It Forward Tours are nine days-long, with service projects in six cities. Buses leave from one campus and travel to five different cities-a different city and service project each day.

Brother Kirksey and Brother Wilhite actually paid to travel around the country on a bus, sleep in community centers and church basements and perform community service projects. And they loved it.

"A lot of people we ran into couldn't fancy how we were spending our spring break helping them, helping re-build their communities when we could have been somewhere on a beach, laying around and doing the things that you do over Spring Break," Kirksey said. "We made a small, but large impact at every community site. Everybody was very thankful and they needed the help."

"A lot of students are paying a whole bunch of money to go and just do nothing," Wilhite said of other Spring Break destinations. "But this gave us the opportunity to see a whole bunch of different places and make an impact at the same time. So we came to the conclusion that would be a better use of our Spring Break time."

Wilhite and Kirksey boarded a bus in Minneapolis and started heading east with no idea where they were going or what they would be doing.

The bus made its way to Rockford, IL. where the group made tie blankets for terminally ill children. The next stop was a rehabilitation center for people with physical and mental disabilities in Fort Wayne, Ind. Then, it was on to Erie,

Pa. where they cleaned up a YMCA. Following the stop in Erie, the bus ended up in Niagara Falls before heading on to Syracuse, N.Y., where they volunteered at Habitat for Humanity. The group cleaned up an area of forest in New Jersey, before arriving in Washington, D.C., their destination city.

Washington served as a rendezvous for seven bus loads of Students Today Leaders Forever groups. There, all seven groups took part in a clean-up project on one of the dirtiest rivers in the nation, working at the Beavercreek Dam watershed on the Anacostia River. Among the numerous items the group pulled from the waterway, Kirksey said his group totaled 43 car tires and nearly 150 bags of trash.

"As I was down there, I thought this is absolutely crazy," Brother Kirksey said. "How could somebody throw this down here?"

In addition to the opportunity to make a positive impact on the communities they visited,

Brother Wilhite and Brother Kirksey had an opportunity to meet and form relationships with other students. If it weren't for the Pay It Forward Tour, the University of MN Gopher football duo may never have met any of the other students they spent their breaks with. But it was a great by-product of the trip, they said.

"It helped me grow as a person," Brother Kirksey said. "We went on a tour with 41 other people that we didn't even know. You're on a bus with people you don't know, people from all different races, all different backgrounds. You're staying overnight at community centers and churches. It takes an open-minded person to go into an experience like that."

Brother Wilhite said he would "highly recommend" this type of Spring Break to other college students. But Kirksey took it a step further. He thinks it should be a requirement.

"I wouldn't even make it a choice," Kirksey said. "Honestly, this is coming from the pits of my heart, this is the best Spring Break I've ever, ever had. I would encourage everybody to go do it."

Information provided by Andy Seeley.



“State of the Fraternity Luncheon 2011” Hosted by the Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter

Southfield, MI - On Saturday, February 25, 2011, Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter hosted the 11th Annual “State of the Fraternity Luncheon” featuring newly elected 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray as the keynote speaker.

Hundreds of Omega men packed the banquet hall for an opportunity to dialogue with Grand Basileus Ray in grandeur style, up-front and personal. This annual signature event is designed similar to the state of the union address, but for Fraternity members only to hear the vision and direction of the fraternity in all facets, directly from our national president in the presence of other district and national leaders.

Brother Dr. Andrew Ray spoke about transparency in communications with all members so we can be abreast of current activities without being surprised, misled and/or hearing something through the infamous “grapevine.” During his short period in office Dr. Ray has made some drastic transitions financially, cutting staff to nearly half, eliminating some verbal contracts, saving close to \$15,000 a month in unnecessary expenditures. Of course, he explained that some revisions/decisions made may stir up some brotherly controversy from those resistant to change, but assured the brotherhood that he would take full responsibility for his actions and deal with the issue head on. Just as Brother Ray did during his campaign at the National Conclave Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina, he assured the brothers that he has time, and his only concern is to use it for the betterment of the Fraternity with our future in mind.



Brothers packed the hall with dignitaries from all over the Talented Tenth District and beyond to partake in a great lunch, fellowship, get valuable updates from our leader and experience one the greatest rededication ceremonies ever imaginable, so eloquently delivered by our own Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray. Brothers were given an opportunity to ask any and all questions they felt important, even settling some myths and rumors that may have been circulating via the internet highway.

The “Rededication Ceremony” delivered brought a few brothers to tears as he so eloquently delivered verbatim and reminded us all of the sacred (personal) vows that we had taken to uphold our precious four cardinal principles as the Founders interpret, unmodified. He made final reference to our obligation for protection of one another and encourage the end of violence known to be a major concern with the brotherhood in this era.

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter of Southfield, Michigan would like to thank our Supreme Council members and all of the brothers who were able to partake in such a grand event.



“Liberty and Justice for All” and the George Washington Carver Exhibit

Detroit, MI – On December 18, 2010, Nu Omega Chapter, continued to make its presence known in the community through the Chapter's mentoring program. The Bigs and Littles, as members of Operation Lamp Light and invited guests, enjoyed a “treat” just before the holidays as they attended the “*Liberty and Justice for All Exhibit*” at the Henry Ford Museum-Greenfield Village. This event was an eye opener; as the group toured the exhibit, they were able to see authentic documents, photographs, clothing and watch videos of an era in America in which all people were not considered free citizens of the United States.

As part of the exhibit there were interactive stations that allowed the group to test their knowledge on history. The exhibit displayed documents such as the U.S. Constitution, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Suffragettes of the Women's Movement and even the bus that the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Rosa Parks, took her stand when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus on December 1, 1955.

The bonus for the group tour was the Dr. George Washington Carver Exhibit. The interactive exhibit allowed the members to see firsthand some of the many scientific discoveries that Dr. Carver either founded or improved upon. Many learned that he had discovered well over 300 ways to use the peanut and other agricultural wonders. Born into slavery, Dr. Carver went on to become an educator, chemist and inventor whose pioneering research reshaped the agricultural landscape of the nation.

Much of his research findings happened at the historical Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, founded by Booker T. Washington. It was the personal relationship that Dr. Carver had with automotive founder Henry Ford that allowed him to do research at the Ford Motor Company for many years. The field trip was well coordinated by Brothers Butler Benton and Keith Bowman and enjoyed by all members and guests of the Operation Lamp Light Program.



Nu Chi Chapter Provides Gifts for the Homeless in East St. Louis

East St. Louis, IL - Over the past year more than three million Americans were homeless. A scary thing is that a lot more people are at risk of becoming homeless. The Department of Housing and Urban Development conducted a study in 2009, which showed that nearly five million low-income American households were paying more than a half of their income on rent and thus were at great risk of becoming homeless. A great number of circumstances like a missed paycheck, health problems or unpaid bills can force these families into homelessness.

Another very important aspect for homeless people is civil rights. Many organizations do not leave this aspect aside. They fight against the laws that prohibit homeless people conducting life-sustaining activities in public places, even if there are no private spaces provided for homeless to conduct these activities. For instance, laws do not allow sleeping in public places even if a person does not have a home where to sleep. Some laws might not allow eating in public places.

Whatever the case may be the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Nu Chi Chapter in East St. Louis, Illinois have taken the responsibility to help those that are in need. Shown in the picture is Brother De Juan Lockhart, Basileus of Nu Chi Chapter, with gifts for an area homeless shelter. Try to give to those in need. One-day we/ you might benefit from the kindness of somebody that does likewise. The good we do always comes back to us.



Zeta Phi Chapter focuses on Uplift for the Local Community

Indianapolis, IN - Omega's cardinal principle of Uplift has never been so evident as it was at the 2010 Mozelle Sander's Foundation-We Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving volunteer event. From a record setting Radio-Thon effort on November 13th, where team Omega-Delta raised over \$1300 in 2 hours, to the Wednesday night preparation and the Thanksgiving morning dinner delivery, OMEGA was in the forefront serving Indianapolis' needy. The event provided meals for nearly 40,000 people.



On December 3, 2010 the brothers of Zeta Phi chapter donned chef hats and purple aprons to support the annual Alpha Kappa Alpha Breakfast & Books with Santa. Under the direction of head chef Brother Charles Johnson, the Omegas served breakfast for over 100 families that morning. The ladies of AKA were very appreciative of our efforts and shared that the event could not have happened with our support of Omega.

The following Saturday, December 11th, the Brothers of Zeta Phi & Upsilon Kappa Kappa chapters, teamed up with Delta Sigma Theta for a Day of Service at the Briarwood Health & Rehab Center. Twenty-five Omega men worked hard cleaning the facility from top to bottom, painting and doing small maintenance projects. We truly made a difference for seniors in need that day.

Inspired by the principle of Uplift, Zeta Phi showed in full force on Christmas Eve to support of the 1000 Children Toy-Give-A-Way, hosted by The Greater St. Mark Baptist Church. Omega's own, Pastor Joy Thornton's leadership team organized an incredible agenda for the day, and Omega enthusiastically supported with toy donations, a significant financial gift and a full day of service helping the kids obtain their toys.

Kappa Phi Chapter holds Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Milwaukee, WI - Kappa Phi Chapter held its annual Christmas toy drive on December 18, 2010 at the Parklawn Boys and Girls Club. For the past three years Milwaukee native and NBA New Jersey Nets point guard Devin Harris has donated all the toys given away through his charitable



foundation "34 Ways to Assist." The Foundation supplied over 400 toys to under-privileged youth in the inner city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Kappa Phi Chapter has formed a partnership with the Devin Harris Foundation and not only does he sponsors the annual toy drive, but his foundation is also a major contributor to the annual Thanksgiving Day's food basket drive, and giveaway.

This year's toy drive was also sponsored by Abri Health Plan; Abri supplied backpacks filled with school supplies to the youth who attended the toy drive, pictured here is Dr. Cleo and his lovely assist. Along with donating backpacks Dr. Cleo also gave everyone who attended a clean bill of health for the holidays.

The 10th District 1st Vice District Representative, and Kappa Phi Chapter's very own, Brother Walt Buchanan receives a clean bill of health for the holidays from Dr. Cleo.



Tau Tau Chapter & Omega Educational Foundation (12th District) Provide Laptop Computers to Youth Program Graduates

Compton, CA– “If they stay in the program for 2 years, graduate from high school, and attend a 4 year college or university, the men of Tau Tau Chapter and the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc will give them a brand new lap top computer,” said Brother Ricky Lewis, President of the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc and former 12th District Representative of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

On Saturday, June 25, 2011, five high school graduates received brand new lap top computers to take with them when they go off to college in the fall of 2011. The computers were purchased by the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc.



Pictured from left to right are: Andre Windom, who will attend Benedict College in South Carolina; Joshua Zander, Boise State University; Kamyon Gooden, Arizona State University; Dijon Epting, California State University-Humboldt; and Andrew Thomas, Arizona State University. These young men participated in a mentorship program headed by Brother Ronnie Walker also in the picture. The program is an off-shoot of the nationally recognized annual Youth Leadership Conference planned and operated by the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc.

The 18th annual conference of the Foundation will be held October 22, 2011 in Los Angeles on the campus of the University of Southern California (USC). This mentorship opportunity for Los Angeles area school children has been in existence for seven years. It is a one-to-one mentorship program where students are mentored by professionally trained members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

“We have given out 13 laptops in the last seven years to young men who have gone on to a university,” said Brother Ronnie Walker. There are about 50 young men in the program ranging in age from 8-18 years, many of whom are from single family homes headed by their mothers. Thirty Omega men are directly involved in the one-to-one mentoring program.

The computers were presented at the end-of-the-year BBQ held at the home of Brother Ray Gibson, Former Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc 12th District Representative, in Carson, CA. More than 65 people attended the BBQ sponsored by Tau Tau Chapter for mentors, mentees, and their families.

“We take time out to mentor, because we can not afford a 50% high school drop out rate nor a 7% college graduation rate,” said Walker. In 2009, the high school graduation rates for male students in the Los Angeles region by race were: African Americans 46%, Native Americans 67%, Asians 89%, Pacific Islanders 65%, Latinos 46%, and Whites 72%, as reported by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC).

In 1989, the high school graduation rates for males were: African Americans 55%, Native Americans 41%, Asians 91%, Pacific Islanders 60%, Latinos 44%, and Whites 63% (CPEC). The graduation rate is calculated by dividing the number of public high school graduates in a given year by the number of freshmen enrolled four years earlier as reported by the schools (CPEC). Article provided by Brother Dr. George Taylor.



Brothers of Tau Tau Chapter, Compton, CA.

Phi Omicron Chapter Focuses on Mentorship Program

San Diego, CA - Phi Omicron started the Dr. JAM (John Arrington Mentor) Program in 2007 as one of the Chapter's Social Action Programs, specifically designed to address community concerns about the welfare and development of our local youth. The program is the brain-child of Brother Robert Rush Jr. and is named after Brother John Arrington, an active member of the Phi Omicron Chapter who has been and continues to be a devoted leader in the community in education and religion.

The Dr. JAM Program's mission is to work with African-American males between the 6th and 12th grade in the core principle areas of Character Development, Academic Success, Cultural Awareness, and Social Service. That mission is achieved through two major program components that are used in conjunction with each other. The first is the monthly group, educational component which includes a session that deals with one of the above mentioned core principles of the program. The second component is the periodic group activity component used to build brotherhood and give the mentees a chance to fellowship with chapter members.

Past group activities have included such events as museum visits, local plays and more fun activities like bowling, basketball and paintball competitions. Following are some of the Chapter's events since November 2010 in which the Dr. JAM mentees have participated alongside Chapter members: the Founders' Day Celebration, November 20, 2010; Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Giveaway, November 23, 2010; 12th Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway Festival at the local Jackie Robinson YMCA, December 18, 2010; Chapter's Inaugural Poinsettia Bowl Tailgate, December 23, 2010; and the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade through downtown San Diego, January 15, 2011.

The Dr. JAM Program continues to be a rousing success as evidenced by feedback from both, the mentees and their parents. The Program is just one example of the Phi Omicron's commitment to the local community as well as execution of the Fraternity's Mandated Programs.



Phi Omicron Chapter Celebrates 2010 Achievement Week

San Diego, CA- Phi Omicron Chapter conducted the annual Founders Day celebration on Saturday November 20, 2010. Attendees included members and their families from Phi Omicron, San Diego, CA Graduate Chapter, Pi Mu, San Diego, CA, Undergraduate Chapter, and nearby Xi Gamma Gamma Chapter, Oceanside, CA, as well as mentees in this year's Dr. John Arrington Mentor Program and their families.

The Program's keynote speaker was our own Brother Joe Outlaw, a retired Army Colonel and present successful business entrepreneur. Brother Outlaw delivered an inspiring message that both encouraged and challenged all attendees, particularly the young mentees. Following the banquet meal and message, the 2010 Chapter award winners were announced.

Awards and the recipients were as follows:
Colonel Charles Young Military Award- MAJ Eric R. Watson,
Founders Award- Joe Outlaw,
Citizen of the Year Award- Harry Cooper Jr.,
Superior Service Award- Dan Falconer,
Graduate Omega Man of the Year- Robert Rush Jr.

The incoming officers for Phi Omicron were also presented at the celebration. For 2011, the Phi Omicron Graduate Chapter will be led by Brother Robert Rush Jr. and Brother Eric Watson, as Basileus and Vice Basileus, respectively. The celebration closed out with each brother present being given the opportunity to do a step/hop, sing a song or provide a quote representative of the chapter through which they were made an Omega Man. The performances were entertaining and brought back many good memories. A great time was had by all who attended.



Brother Joe Outlaw, 2010 Phi Omicron Founders Award Recipient

Zeta Tau Chapter Presents the 2010 Achievement Week Award Recipients

Pasadena, CA, November, 2010 – Zeta Tau Chapter's Achievement Week activity was held at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles. It honored three individuals for Outstanding Community Service, Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year.

Pasadena City Councilwoman Jackie Robinson was selected for Outstanding Community Service. When the councilwoman ran for office four years ago, she sought the help of the men of Omega in advancing her candidacy. In introducing the Councilwoman to the Los Angeles area, Zeta Tau Vice Basileus Larry Hammond said, "We have appreciated Jackie's work on behalf of the citizens of the Pasadena/Altadena communities."

Like another Pasadena native who bears the same name, Jackie Robinson has made a name for herself in Pasadena and Altadena, CA. Among her accomplishments, she implemented, and is leading the citywide anti-violence movement; she secured funding for the first ever Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan to bring streetscape, public safety improvements, and economic development opportunities to the corridor; she succeeded in keeping the City Council focused on a sustained effort to decrease gang-related and youth violence through creation of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Youth, Families, and Neighborhoods and adoption

of a community-based Institutional Home; she led the effort to eliminate the sunset date on the Commission on the Status of Women; she provided emergency preparedness training and equipment for over 300 youth and adults; and, she led the effort to create employment opportunities via the Apprentice Preparation Program for careers in the construction trades by demanding an increased level of local hiring and supporting plans for the Rose Bowl Renovation Project.

Zeta Tau named Rev. Brother James R. De Foe its Citizen of the Year. He is pastor at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Monrovia, California. Born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, Rev. Brother De Foe received his Bachelors degree in Business Management from the University of Michigan and a Masters degree in Business Finance from Central Michigan University. Prior to entering the ministry, Rev. Brother De Foe worked at General Motors in many different capacities and locations, including Michigan, California, Minnesota, and Montana before retiring in 2006 after twenty-eight years of service. While residing in Pontiac, Michigan, he met and fell in love with a young woman named Deborah and later married her on September 12, 1987. He thought this was his greatest moment. However, while working in Minneapolis, Minnesota, his

second greatest moment occurred on September 12, 1998, with the greatest gift God can give -- the birth of their one and only son Jeremy.

Zeta Tau's Omega Man of the Year is selected each year by a secret ballot vote of the Chapter. This year's recipient is Brother Harold Reese, Zeta Tau's Keeper of Records and Seal. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Brother Reese first matriculated at the University of Missouri, but later transferred and graduated from Fisk University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a cumulative GPA of 3.2. In introducing Brother Reese to the greater Los Angeles Brotherhood, Bee Thomas, Basileus of Zeta Tau told the group assembled, "Our Omega Man of the Year is a compassionate and energetic brother who is always ready to pick up the ball and run with it when the need arises. "He picked up the ball a year ago when it became necessary to fill the KRS position; he picked up the ball and ran with it when Zeta Tau was the host Chapter for the area picnic at the Rose Bowl Park two years ago; and, he has been a big help in keeping Zeta Tau's administrative matters afloat."

Article by Brother Dr. George Taylor.



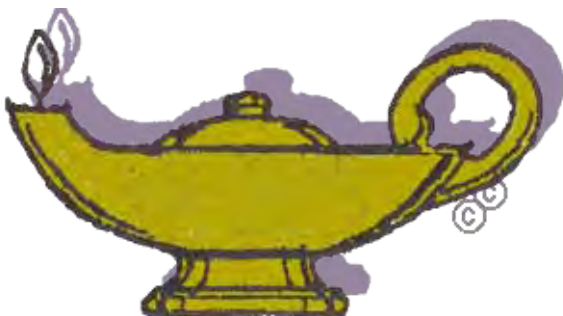
Brothers Thomas, De Foe, and Hammond

Phi Lambda Chapter Posts Highest GPA at California Polytechnic University

Pomona, CA - Phi Lambda Chapter achieved a great scholastic achievement on the campus of California Polytechnic University, Pomona for Fall 2010. Brothers Brandon Harris, Biology Major, Christopher Osuala, Electrical Engineering Major, and Joe Luckey, Urban and Regional Planning Major, received a combined Grade Point Average of 3.70, which resulted in their recognition as having the highest GPA of all Greek Life Organizations, and the highest average GPA, compared to the school campus.

Scholarly attainment is something Phi Lambda prides itself on. Since their chartering at California State University Fullerton, November 3, 1980, with the later additions of Cal Poly Pomona, UC Irvine, University of La Verne, and Chapman University, they have been doing an excellent job at staying true to their academic prowess. Exhibits of this can be seen through how the chapter has been able to uphold a 100% graduation rate, five-time 12th District Chapter of the Year, and in Brother Christopher Osuala's recognition as the 12th District Scholar of the Year during the 2010 12th District Conference. These brothers are on track in upholding traditions while setting the stage for new ones.

Phi Lambda has also been doing their best to serve and uplift the community. They recently took part in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in Los Angeles, CA. During the parade, they marched with fellow Omega men and performed for the crowd in honor of a great man. Phi Lambda also hosted numerous programs this past Fall which included, Women's Appreciation Night, where they provided the women of the nearby and campus community with entertainment, gifts and a delectable dinner, Voters Registration Bowl, where they informed students about the importance of voting, and registering to vote, while enjoying the bowling festivities.



Phi Iota Chapter- *Keeping Busy in the Community*

Phoenix, AZ - Phi Iota Chapter celebrated Achievement Week, November 2010. Founders Day was a part of this celebration. During Founders Day, Brother Perry Russell, Social Action Committee Chairman, presented Phi Iota's National Essay Contest Winner, Jeremy Anderson with a plaque.

In addition, Brother Basileus Lloyd Bryant presented Brother Dr. Bill Smith with the Omega Man of the Year Award for his administration, coordination, and management of Phi Iota's Omega Youth Leadership Academy.



(Left) Basileus Bryant and Brother Dr. Bill Smith

Brothers from Phi Iota Chapter celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King dream in Phoenix, AZ by marching in the local parade and providing safety and security at Margaret T. Hance Park. The event was covered by several local television and news stations including: KTVK (channel 3); KSAZ (channel 10); and KPOH (channel 5).



Brothers (from left-to-right) pose with news anchor woman Yetta Gibson – Ernest Pouncy, Basileus Lloyd Bryant, Past Basileus Andrew Davis, and Paul Hodson

Theta Rho Chapter Celebrates Achievement Week 2010

Stuttgart, Germany - Theta Rho International Chapter held its Annual Achievement Week Observance November 13 – 20, 2010. Aligned with this year's theme "Effective Political Action, Using Style, and Substance", the chapter conducted numerous events during its observance of Achievement Week. One of the highlighted Achievement Week events that Theta Rho conducted was the Empowering Males Building Opportunity Developing Independence (EMBODI) Male Mentorship Program.



The culminating Achievement Week event was the Annual Achievement Week Program and Founders Day Banquet held at the Patch Barracks Swabian Inn in Stuttgart, Germany on November 20, 2010. The keynote speaker for the evening was Brother General William E. (Kip) Ward, Commander of United States Africa Command. Theta Rho brothers, families, and friends enjoyed an evening of excellent dining, fellowship; and brothers

of Theta Rho International Chapter and community leaders were honored for their meritorious accomplishments.

Achievement Week award winners were: Omega Man of the Year Award, Brother Matthew Coleman; Founders Award, Brother Michael Griffin; Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award, Brother Ian Pharoah; Superior Service Award, Brother Alvin Mitchell; Citizen of the Year Award, Mr. John Sciancalepore. In customary fashion, the brothers in attendance rose to their feet and sang "Omega Dear" to end the evening.



Brother General William E. (Kip) Ward; Brother Basileus Matthew Coleman, and Brother Shane Gillings.

Coventry, England Added to the 13th District's Massive Territory

Coventry, England - Brother Shane Warren Gillings, a business finance major at Coventry University in Coventry, England was initiated into the folds of Omega on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Robinson Barracks, in Stuttgart, Germany. Brother Gillings crossed 6th on a line of 7 initiates (The Seven Disciples) through Theta Rho International Chapter. This history-bearing line was inherently unique as it challenged the process to account for trans-oceanic distance, for time differences and for anomalies in professional schedules. Despite these challenges, Bro. Gillings persevered and saw his process through.

"SugarShane," as he came to be known on his line, was born in Jamaica and migrated to the United Kingdom at the age of 9. He undertook his formal secondary education at the Cardinal Hinsley High School, London. Upon completion, he relocated to Birmingham, England to be with his family and to ultimately pursue his University studies. Truly committed to the idea of giving back to his community, Brother Gillings intends to pursue a Postgraduate Certificate in Education with the aim of entering the teaching profession. He believes that young students of color in the United Kingdom seldom see positive men of color in positions of influence. As a budding young professional, he is convinced that Omega's influence can transcend the negative perceptions held of black students in British schools.

This attitude of facing the impossible shaped the strategic vision of Theta Rho International Chapter (Europe) and the International 13th District as they pursued the proliferation of Omega in the United Kingdom (UK). This is critical as we stand at the threshold of our Centennial. With the flame of Omega entrusted to our care, it is incumbent upon us all to write the next chapter(s) of this rich history. We all have a compelling mandate to create opportunities to continue building on the enviable legacy of this Fraternity. Such an opportunity was created this Fall as Omega crossed its first initiate made on United Kingdom soil.



Basileus, Theta Rho - Brother Matthew Coleman; Brother Shane Gillings; and International 13th District Representative - Brother Torrance D. Chism

Lambda Xi Chapter Celebrates Long History in South Korean Communities

Seoul, South Korea, March 2011 - In South Korea, the US military has been entrenched in the fabric of the community since the Korean War. Omega men, as part of their Armed Forces tours abroad, have been active members of the community as well. In 1977, Lambda Xi Chapter chartered to provide uplift to the military communities and allow the Omega men stationed there an opportunity to gather officially and live their creeds by carrying out the mandates of the Fraternity. One of the charter brothers is the current Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Curtis Baylor, who was the keynote speaker at the 2009 Achievement Week Banquet. In addition to large number of servicemen, many civilian brothers find their career paths bringing them through Korea.

Each year the chapter works hard to implement the Fraternity's mandates. Lambda Xi Chapter began this Omega year in grand fashion with a weekend filled with events including the Talent Hunt, Achievement Week Banquet, and a fundraiser dubbed the Inaugural Ball recognizing the new administration for the chapter. The perennial success of fundraising activities such as the Inaugural Ball and Valentine's Day Ball in the first and second quarters help the chapter maintain its reputation as community supporters. The chapter's signature event, The Que Boat Ride, takes place every Memorial Day Weekend and has attained worldwide fame with patrons coming from over the entire globe. The chapter closes the Omega Year events with a Labor Day Jam. From these events, the chapter annually gives over \$12,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors from the Department of Defense Education Activity High Schools in Seoul, Osan, and Daegu.

Although the 13th District comprises a vast area with multiple countries, the district leadership takes time to visit the chapters and fraternize with the brotherhood. 1st Vice District Representative, Brother Darryl Gray, visited Lambda Xi during a recent business trip to bring salutation from the District Representative and answer questions from Chapter Basileus, Brother Aaron Braxton II.



(L to r): Brothers Gregory Davis, Aaron Braxton, II (Chapter Basileus), Darryl Gray (13th 1st Vice District Representative), Dewayne Patton.

Friendship Is Essential to the Soul - No Matter Where You Are in the World

South Korea and Okinawa, Japan, March 2011 - For many brothers, the idea of being away from the Fraternity because of overseas living can cause some apprehension, but many of the 13th District chapters are steep with long histories and traditions. In addition to the military brothers stationed throughout the globe, civilian brothers living abroad have a chance for fellowship, fraternization, and social action, too.

As an educator for the Department of Defense Education Activity, Brother Julian Gudger has lived in South Korea for three years and recalls a conversation with Brother Teddy Taylor (currently the US Ambassador to The Solomon Islands) when he served as Basileus of Gamma Pi Chapter in Prince Georges County, MD. Brother Taylor told Brother Gudger that brothers are everywhere and he was correct. When Brother Gudger arrived in South Korea, Lambda Xi Chapter brothers established quick contact and assisted him and his family in settling in to the community smoothly.

In Okinawa, Japan, Brother Willie E. Watt, Jr. explains that leaving Ft. Eustis in Virginia for Okinawa proved a seamless transition. Civilian brothers must also deal with some of the same hardships that affect military brothers. He offers, "Being separated from my family and my sons that are back in the states has been tough, but I have found that being around [my Omega brothers in Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter] and living vicariously through their children has filled part of that void."

Brother Carl Reed who has lived in South Korea for over 20 years has seen many young brothers grow as Omega Men because of their global experience in the fraternity. He holds the unofficial venerable position as the oldest Omega on the Korean peninsula. He is a respected retired veteran who is often honored during celebrations and remembrances of service members' sacrifices.



Eta Iota Iota Chapter (St. Croix, VI) Celebrates Achievement Week 2010

St. Croix, Virgin Islands - Eta Iota Iota Chapter, since its inception in 1990, has been a positive influence in the St. Croix Community. Through their principles of "Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift," these men of Omega center their focus on the "service and mentorship" they provide especially to the young men and women of our community.

On Saturday, February 5th, 2011 7:00pm at Teddy's Lounge, the Chapter honored five Citizens of the Year for their exemplary service to the St. Croix Community and two Omega Men of the Year, for their service to Eta Iota Iota Chapter and the community. The honorees were: Omega Man of the Year: Brother John J. Abramson, Jr. and Brother Patrick Moss; Citizen(s) of the Year: Delegate Donna M. Christiansen, Second Lady Cheryl Francis, Senator Nereida "Nellie" Rivera-O'Reilly, Mrs. Denise E.H. Lewis and Mr. Mordale Bryan. It was a fabulous ceremony and all in attendance were very satisfied with the occasion.

Though the Chapter has been a bit docile for the past four years, they are back, ready and able. "Keeping things going with a few involved proved to be a bit difficult, however we never gave up and move forward bigger than ever," President Ray Clarke said. President Clarke further stated, "We have every intention to serve and serve well, now and with God's help for the future.

The programs and or activities Eta Iota Iota Chapter will be holding in the near future are the second phase of their Annual Achievement Week Ceremony, where they will honor those high school males that have maintained a B+ average through their four years of high school; The Reginald Molloy Health Fair and Symposium slated for April 13th – 16th, 2011, where doctors and other health care professionals receive credits for instruction and lectures on various topics in the medical field, and the Big Brother and Little Brother Program in May 2011, where the men of Omega, mentor troubled young males or those who have little or no male representation in the home on the elementary school level.

"We would just like to thank the community for all the support they have given us in the past and in the future as we continue to provide the best service we can to our people of St. Croix," President Clarke said. He further stated, "There will also be a Membership Selection beginning in April 2011. We're asking all young or mature men in our community who are genuinely interested, to come forth and seek membership with our beloved organization."



Honorees from left to right are: Mr. Kareem Francis (received award for his mother Second Lady Cheryl Francis), Mr. Mordale Bryan, Mrs. Denise E.H. Lewis, Delegate Donna M. Christiansen, Senator Nereida "Nellie" Rivera-O'Reilly, Mr. Jason Abramson (received award for his father Bro. John Abramson, Jr.) and Brother Patrick Moss.

Giving More than the "Gift of Life" -

Brother Dr. Delon Brennen Successfully Donates a Kidney to Brother Curtis Newbold

Nassau, Bahamas- There are many barriers to African-Americans and other minorities' participation in organ donor programs. Because of the lack of participation hundreds and even thousands of African-Americans, as well as other minorities, die every year while waiting for transplants.

Due to high rates and prevalence of hypertension and diabetes, African-Americans require organ transplants in higher numbers than members of other ethnic groups in the United States. The shortage of organs donated by African-Americans contributes to the longer wait for transplants for African-Americans. The longer the wait, the greater the risk of death. Due to the genetic make-up of African-Americans, there is a lower chance of organ rejection if the organ is from another African-American.

Being fully aware of the crisis, brothers Pi Xi Chapter Nassau, Bahamas and Kappa Lambda Lambda Chapter, Freeport Grand Bahama, took up the challenge to extend the life of one of their own, Brother Curtis Newbold. Brother Newbold faced many problems while growing up in Nassau, Bahamas. He graduated from high school and went to America and graduated while playing Division 1 football and became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Upon returning home, Brother Newbold accepted a position as a member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force. He was going through his fourth year of kidney dialysis when his chapter brothers decided to conduct blood and marrow matching tests to determine if any of the brothers would be a candidate for a transplant.

Fortunately for Brother Newbold, there was a match! Brother Dr. Delon Brennen was a close enough match to donate a kidney to Curtis. The decision to have the surgery was not easy, but in the end The Cleveland, Ohio Clinic Hospital System was chosen because of the worldwide reputation in care and research with extensive experience in kidney transplants. The surgeon that would perform the operation was to be Dr. Charles Modlin, M.D.

The two Fraternity brothers traveled to Cleveland and checked into the clinic in early March 2011 under the watchful eye of Dr. Modlin.

There were final rejection tests to be done, but the "okay" was given for the surgery. The surgery was a success and Brother Newbold rehabbed for three weeks in Cleveland and was visited by many brothers from his home that resided in Cleveland. Brother Newbold took time from his rehab to visit with brothers of Zeta Omega at the chapter's fraternity house. Brother Newbold left Cleveland on April 1, 2011 and is now back home.

As of September 30, 2000 there are 71,930 patients waiting for an organ transplant of some type listed on the National Transplant Waiting List. Of that total number there are 46,521 patients waiting for kidneys alone. Of that 46,521 patients, 19,737 are African-Americans. Given the fact that African-Americans only comprise 12% of the total United States population, this becomes a national problem that must be addressed by African-American health professionals, health care providers and community groups. The most affected age group is between 18-49 years of age. This suggests that end stage renal disease has an earlier onset for African-Americans.

Gratitude was shown by an invitation to Dr. Modlin "Again many thanks, and who knows, one day you may grace our shores where we can then thank you in a more personal way here in Nassau," Peter L. Mitchell, Life Member #2308 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. (College of The Bahamas).





OMEGA CHAPTER

Revelation 7:15-17

And He said,

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

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

Brother Roger L. Abel: *Retired New York City Police Officer*

New York, NY. Brother Roger L. Abel was born December 20, 1939 and transitioned to Omega Chapter on May 01, 2010. He was a product of Harlem and the New York City Public School system. Upon completion of high school, he attended classes at New York University. Not long after he entered NYU, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict, served in Europe, and was honorably discharged.

Brother Abel became a member of the New York City Police Department in 1967, serving for 28 years in various patrol and administrative capacities. During his career, Brother Abel received three Commendations, five Meritorious and five Excellent Police Duties Awards, 85 letters of commendation and 75 plaques from various organizations and his community. He retired from the New York City Police Department in 1994.

After his promotion to Detective, Brother Abel continued his education, completing his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Psychology and a Masters in Public Administration at Long Island University. He later was promoted to Detective 2nd Grade. As part of Brother Abel's professional activities, he became involved with African-American fraternal groups. He served as President of the Guardians Association; Chairperson of the National Black Police Association, Northeast region; Vice-President of the Grand Council of Guardians; and, as Board Member of the Guardians Foundation. In 2008, Brother Abel received the prestigious "Renault Robinson" Award, from the National Black Police Association. He also received a Life Time Achievement Award from the Grand Council of Guardians.

He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Brother Abel was the Co-Founder and Vice President of the American Double-Dutch League, and a Board member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Mid-Manhattan Branch. One of his career highlights is his completion of a history book, *The Black Shields, a History of African-American Officers and Civilians in the NYPD*.

Brother Roberto Armenteros, Jr.: *Edward Waters College Student*



Jacksonville, FL – Born June 25, 1989 graduated from Miami Southridge Senior High School where he excelled as a student athlete. In 2007, Brother Armenteros graduated from high school and moved to Jacksonville to attend Edward Waters College on a full scholarship. While at Edward Waters College Brother Armenteros excelled in the classroom where he was

chosen by faculty to participate in a research program in Washington D.C., and was also awarded an NAACP scholarship

while maintaining the Presidents List with a 3.7 GPA. Brother Armenteros also excelled in athletics as a member of the schools' Cross Country Team where he served as co-captain for 2 years with his line brother, Najee Culmer.

Brother Armenteros was initiated into Chi Chapter (Edward Waters College) on November 7, 2009 where he served as Vice Basileus. On the morning of November 26, 2010, Brother Armenteros was involved in a tragic car accident in Miami, Florida while visiting family for Thanksgiving with his line brother Najee Culmer. Brother Roberto Armenteros, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on December 2, 2010. Brother Roberto Armenteros, Jr. will be truly missed by family, friends, and especially Chi Chapter.

Brother Judge David Barnes: *City of Birmingham Municipal Judge*



Birmingham, AL - Brother David Barnes was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 29, 1943. He was a proud life-long resident of the Collegeville Neighborhood community. Brother Barnes was educated in the Birmingham Alabama school system. After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Army for several years. He obtained his B.S. degree from

Miles College and his J.D. degree from Texas Southern University School of Law.

He was a lover of law and justice. He expressed his love of law to others as the first Dean of the Miles College School of Law where he also served as an instructor. He practiced law both in the public and private sectors and once served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama. He also had the honor of serving in the Alabama State House of representatives before being appointed as a Municipal Judge for the City of Birmingham,

Brother Barnes was an active and supportive Brother of the Fraternity. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Eta Epsilon Chapter at Miles College and was part of the legendary "Supreme 13." He continued his affiliation with Alpha Phi Graduate Chapter where he worked faithfully to achieve success in all Chapter activities. He took great pride in the fact that he was an Omega.

Brother Barnes entered Omega Chapter on March 25, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Erma J. Barnes (March 14, 2011). His memory will be cherished by his children, grandchildren, siblings, friends, and his Omega family.

Brother Dr. John L. Cashin, Jr.:

Retired Dentist and Political Activist



Brother Dr. John L. Cashin, Jr., a dentist and founder of the National Democratic Party of Alabama (NDPA), died on March 21, 2011 at SHW - Hadley Hospital in Washington, DC. He was 82. The cause was acute renal failure.

Dr. Cashin practiced dentistry in Huntsville, Alabama for decades but his avocation and passion was black political enfranchisement in his home state. He founded NDPA in 1967 at a time when the Alabama Democratic Party was dominated by George Wallace and still operated under its official slogan "White Supremacy for the Right."

Brother Cashin led NDPA until it closed in 1976 and financed much of its activity from his dental practice and personal savings. The party was most influential in the 17 counties of the Black Belt, where, after passage of the Voting Rights Act, registered black voters typically far outnumbered registered whites.

Brother Cashin entered the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1945, Eta Psi Chapter at Fisk University. He was the line brother of the 30th Grand Basileus, Dr. Edward J. Braynon, Jr. On May 30, 1948, John was one of five graduate men (Herchel B. Cashin, Alfred G. Adams, Charles Brandon, and Robert A. Carter) of Omega to organize Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

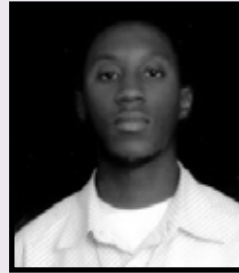
Brother Cashin was very active in the community as well as the nation. He was actively involved in Civil Rights demonstrations with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was an active partner with NAACP, SCLC, AND Operation PUSH. In Huntsville he served as the Program Director for Huntsville Based Operation PUSH and was instrumental in working with Charles Ray, Jr. and Reverend Isaiah Robinson, Jr.

John met Rev. Isaiah Robinson, Jr., former editor of Oracle, in 1961 through Professor Archie Stewart, President of the Jackson County Voters League, mentored him and involved him in many of the Civil Rights movements, including the March in Birmingham, the March on Washington, and the Selma-Montgomery Voter's Rights March, and introduced him to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In 1964, the John L. Cashin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established for graduating high school seniors. In 1970-71, John was National Omega Man of the Year. He pursued his dreams as he traveled through the various stages of his life. He was a friend to all, and he indeed made friendship an essential element of his life.

Brother Cashin is survived by his wife, Dr. Louise White Cashin, his daughter, Sheryll, two sons, John M. Cashin and Carroll L. Cashin, and five grandchildren. His first wife, Joan Carpenter Cashin predeceased him.

Brother Najee Culmer:

Edward Waters College Student



Jacksonville, FL – Born June 13, 1987 in West End, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, Najee Culmer graduated from Grand Bahama Catholic High School where he excelled in both Math and Science. He began his undergraduate studies at the College of the Bahamas pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering and later transferred in January 2008 to Edward

Waters College. While at Edward Waters College Brother Culmer excelled in both the classroom where received Academic All-American honors 2009-2010 and as a runner for the schools' Cross Country Team serving as co-captain. He received numerous awards in Cross Country including 2009 Best Overall Time for the Men's Team and he was most recently selected to the Top Ten All Conference Team by the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.

Brother Culmer was initiated into Chi Chapter (Edward Waters College) on November 7, 2009 where he served as Keeper of Records and Seal. On morning of November 26, 2010, Brother Culmer was involved in a tragic car accident in Miami, Florida while visiting his line brother's family for Thanksgiving. Brother Najee Culmer died instantly and his line brother Roberto Armenteros, who was also in the car, died a week later. Brother Najee Culmer will be truly missed by family, friends and especially Chi Chapter.

Brother Thomas H. DuVaul:

Retired Santa Clara Social Services Manager



San Jose, CA - Brother Thomas Hines DuVaul was born, September 23, 1934, Columbus, GA, to Charles and Ganell DuVaul. He received a bachelors degree from West Virginia State College. While in college Thomas met his wife, Joy Dean Smedley and joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 1954.

After college, Brother DuVaul joined the United States Air Force, where he served as a communications officer. When discharged from the Air Force, he and Joy moved to, Vallejo, California, and continued his education at Sacramento State College, receiving a Masters Degree in Social Services. Thomas and Joy then moved to San Jose, California and went to work for the Santa Clara County Social Service Department, where he worked for 30 years.

Brother DuVaul was active with Fraternity programs such as, Toys for Tots Drive, Talent Hunt Program and many others. After the passing of his wife Joy, Brother DuVaul left San Jose and relocated to Elk Grove, California. Brother DuVaul met and married his second wife, Aldren DuVaul. He is survived by his son Michael, daughter Denise, and wife Aldren.

Brother Phillip Ferguson:

Former Second District Director of Public Relations



Prince George County, MD - Brother Phillip Ferguson transitioned from Gamma Pi Chapter to Omega Chapter on October 1, 2010. Born on January 7, 1937 in Camp Denison, Ohio, Brother Ferguson was a devoted family man. He will be remembered for his keen insight, his thoughtfulness and his penchant for being "the voice of reason."

Brother Ferguson was a longtime member and a past officer of Gamma Pi Chapter. A life member, Brother Ferguson entered Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on December 14, 1956 at Eta Gamma Chapter at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he graduated majoring in music.

A retired Army officer, Brother Ferguson served the Fraternity at both the District and Chapter levels in both elected and appointed positions. At the District level, he served as Director of Public Relations for the Second District in the early 1990s and also served as Director of the Second District Chorale in the late 1980s. At the chapter level, Brother Ferguson was a past Basileus at Gamma Pi serving from 1991-93, Keeper of Records and Seal and was bestowed the title of Keeper of Records and Seal Emeritus.

Brother Ferguson will always be remembered for organizing and leading two signature events at Gamma Pi - the chapter's annual Seniors Banquet held at his church, Gethsemane United Methodist Church in District Heights, Maryland; and the annual Charles Drew Memorial Golf Tournament held at Andrews Air Force Base.

Brother Ferguson loved golf and desktop publishing in his spare time, and he was called on by many, including the Fraternity, to help develop and publish special documents, programs and booklets.

Brother Warren J. Green:

50 Year Omega Man



New Orleans, LA - Brother Warren Joseph Green was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 5, 1943. He entered Omega Chapter on January 23, 2011. He was joined in holy matrimony to Helen Smith Green. The union was blessed with two daughters. He was educated in the public schools of New Orleans

and was a graduate of Walter L. Cohen High School Class of 1960. Brother Green attended Grambling State University where he became an Omega man on 12/15/1961 through Gamma Gamma Chapter.

Brother Green graduated from Grambling State University in 1964. He also attended Loyola University for certifications in Mathematics and Vocational Education. He received a Masters in Vocational Education from Louisiana State University.

Brother Green served his undergraduate chapter in several capacities. He served as Vice Basileus, Dean of Pledges, and Chairman of the Talent Hunt Committee. In 1965, Brother Green joined Rho Phi chapter in New Orleans, LA. Brother Green had been a member of Rho Phi since that day and had been financial his entire 50 years in Omega. As a member of Rho Phi chapter, Brother Green served in several capacities. In 1978, he was elected Keeper of Finance and in 1981, Brother Green was elected as Basileus of Rho Phi and served a term and made major improvements.

Brother Green had attended 48 consecutive Ninth District Meetings in his Life in Omega. He has served as Ninth District Undergraduate Advisor for 12 consecutive years. He was named Ninth District Omega Man of the Year twice in 1988 and 2003. Brother Green served as the Ninth District's Achievement Week Chairman for many years. Brother Green had only missed one Ninth District meeting in the past 50 years.

Brother Joseph W. Harper, III

Former Sixth District Representative



Charlotte, NC - Brother Joseph W. Harper, III was born on January 10, 1931 in Charlotte, NC. Upon high school graduation, Brother Harper entered into Johnson C. Smith University. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952. Once he completed his military tour, he re-entered JCSU and graduated in 1955 with a B.S. degree in Biology and also earned a M.S. degree in Science Education at North Carolina A&T.

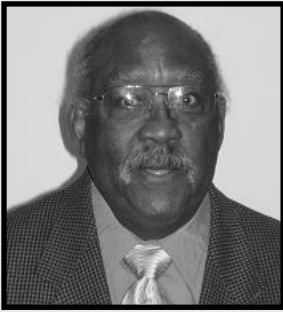
After teaching and coaching, Brother Harper retired as an Assistant Principal of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Additionally, he was Director of the Central Piedmont Community College Adult Education.

On March 3, 1963, Brother Harper entered the folds of Omega through the Pi Phi Chapter. During his 40 plus years of service to Omega, he served as Basileus of Pi Phi Chapter and was the Sixth District Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother Harper was elected the 23rd Sixth District Representative. He also had the honor of being selected the 1975 Sixth District's Omega Man of the Year. It was his efforts that led the way in establishing the Sixth District Boys Camp.

Brother Harper leaves to cherish his legacy, a devoted wife, Dr. Mary Turner Harper; three adoring daughters: Delcia Harper-Baxter, Sumter SC, Lisa Harper, Raleigh, NC, Jonette Harper, Huntersville, NC and five grandchildren.

Brother Clarence Henderson:

Retired Music Educator



Baltimore, MD - Brother Clarence Henderson entered Omega Chapter on March 6, 2011. He became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1948. Brother Henderson had over 63 years of dedicated service in Omega and nearly 40 of those years, in Baltimore, as a member in Pi Omega Chapter.

Brother Henderson, affectionately known as "Punchy" to some, was initiated through Upsilon Chapter at Central State University, Wilberforce Ohio in 1948. He matriculated and graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Music in 1949. Brother Henderson furthered his scholastic achievements with a Master's degree from Columbia University, in New York City.

He moved back to Baltimore in 1955, and soon took the position of Choir Director at Morgan State College, and served several years in this capacity. Brother Henderson also gave 35 years dedicated service to the Baltimore City Public Schools as a music teacher and as an Assistant Principal. He was the Founder and Director of the Choir, the Olton Singing Society.

With this esteemed experience, he was an ideal choice for Pi Omega Chapter's Talent Hunt Committee chair, where he served for 10 years in the 1970s and 1980s. Brother Clarence Henderson has been an ideal role model of an Omega Man and exemplified Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Every month at Pi Omega's monthly Chapter meeting we saluted our Brother Henderson during roll call with a standing ovation for his 60 years of service to Omega.

Brother Jamail E. Johnson:

Youngstown State University



Youngstown, OH - Brother Jamail E. Johnson departed this life on February 6, 2011, after a senseless act of violence during an off campus student gathering in Youngstown, Ohio. Brother Johnson's actions in which he attempted to protect others during the incident were described as being heroic.

Brother Jamail E. Johnson was born on April 19, 1985, in Stratford, NJ to Earl C. and Shirlene Pruden Johnson. He was a

2003 graduate of Liberty High School. After graduation, Jamail attended Ashland University before transferring to Youngstown State University majoring in Business Management.

Holding true to Omega's cardinal principles, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, Brother Johnson served our Fraternity and community with class and distinction. He tutored and mentored students at Woodrow Wilson middle school. He was also employed as a tutor at Youngstown State and a retail sales associate at Footlocker in the Southern Park Mall while working his way through college. Jamail was a member of Higher Praise Covenant Church, where he served as an usher and was on the Youth Ministry Team.

Brother Johnson was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was initiated on March 21, 2009, through the Zeta Gamma Chapter at Youngstown State University. This group of six individuals called themselves the Six Realms of Rebirth brought back the undergraduate chapter after a 48-year absence. Brother Johnson loved and supported his chapter brothers where he served the Fraternity as the chapter's Keeper of Records and Seal. Even after his death, Brother Johnson's work for Omega never stopped. In 2011, he was awarded the Fourth District Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award.

Funeral services for Brother Johnson were held on February 12, 2011, at the Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State University. A diploma cover was presented to the senior's family by Youngstown State's President, Cynthia Anderson. Brother Johnson's name will be called during the Spring 2011 commencement, earning his degree in business administration.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Shirlene and Sidney Hill of Liberty, Ohio; father and stepmother, Earl and Tammy Johnson; brothers and sisters, Bruce Alexander of Columbus, Ohio, Jawawn Traylor of Boston, Massachusetts, Sidney M. Hill, Tre'Sean Johnson, and Seraeah Johnson, all of Youngstown; his grandparents, Carolyn Fort of Girard, Ohio, Ira and Dorothy Hood, Althea Fort, Catherine Johnson and Anthony and Sylvia Traylor, all of Youngstown; and his great grandmothers, Aszlina Beedlies and Portia Hood, both of Youngstown, OH.

Brother Ralph W. McGhee, Sr.:

Retired Educator



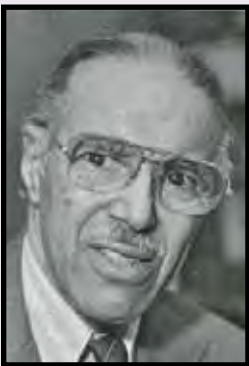
Hampton, VA - Brother Ralph Washington McGhee, Sr., 94, died Thursday, Jan 20, 2011. Brother McGhee was born on June 14, 1916 and pledged Omega Psi Phi in 1938 at Nu Psi Chapter, Virginia State College (now Virginia State University).

Brother McGhee received his Masters Degree from Hampton Institute (University) and taught Industrial Arts at Huntington High school in Newport News, VA. for over 25 years. He later taught at Menchville (VA.) High School until his retirement in 1980. After retirement, Brother McGhee traveled extensively to Europe, the Caribbean Asia, Canada and many of the cities in the United States. He was also active in his bowling league up until his 90th birthday. Brother McGhee attended Trinity Baptist Church and served as a church trustee.

He also enjoyed fishing, photography, listening to jazz, and spending time with his family. Brother McGhee is survived by his wife Gwen, four children; Miriam, Janet, Cynthia and Ralph Jr, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Brother McGhee held many leadership positions in Alpha Alpha Chapter.

Brother John H. Murphy, III:

Retired Newspaper Executive



Brother John H. Murphy, III attended Temple University in Philadelphia, earning a degree in business administration in 1937. He immediately joined the family business full-time, as a manager for the weekly Washington Afro-American. By this time, in addition to a semiweekly newspaper in Baltimore, the Afro-American published weekly newspapers in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, and special editions that were distributed in New England,

New York, and Virginia. With a circulation of 80,000, the Afro-American was the largest black newspaper operation in the eastern United States.

Brother Murphy was employed by the Afro-American Newspaper Company from 1937-86. He was its Washington Afro-American, manager from 1937-48; director, 1946-67, assistant business manager, 1948-61, president, 1961-74, board chairman and publisher, 1974-86; and Baltimore Times, photographer, 1987.

As business manager, president, and eventually chairman and publisher of one of the largest and most influential black newspaper chains in the United States, John H. Murphy, III was a major figure in black journalism and newspaper publishing for much of the twentieth century. Under Murphy's leadership the Afro-American Newspaper Company--a family-owned business based in Baltimore and publishing editions in cities throughout the east--remained profitable in even the hardest of times. During the 1970s and 1980s, Murphy's advertising innovations enabled the company to stay in business at a time when other black-owned newspapers were failing.

He was a board member of the following organizations: National Newspaper Publishers Association, National Aquarium at Baltimore, Amalgamated Publishers, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore School for the Arts, Council on Equal Business Opportunities, Provident Hospital, St. Augustine's College; advisory board, Morgan State University; Baltimore City Literacy Commission; Governor's Commission on Crime Prevention;; Sigma Pi Phi; standing committee of Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, vestry of St. James Episcopal Church. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. Pi Omega Chapter.

Brother Dr. Kelvin J. O'Neal:

Retired Music Educator



Brother Dr. Kelvin James O'Neal was initiated into Kappa Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1977, while attending St. Augustine College. Born January 29, 1956 he transitioned from Pi Omega Chapter to Omega Chapter on December 18, 2010.

Brother O'Neal completed his Bachelors Degree from St. Augustine College, a Masters Degree from Morgan State University in 1981 and an Honorary Doctorate of Sacred Music from Eastern Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA. A 27-year high school music teacher, Brother O'Neal taught in the Baltimore City Public Schools System until his illness. Brother O'Neal was not only an educator but a True Musician. His instrument of choice was the trumpet.

Brother O'Neal's service to Omega spanned over 33 years. For nearly 20 years, Brother O'Neal combined his love of music and education to lead and guide youth in Baltimore City and the surrounding areas to present their talents annually at the Pi Omega Chapter's Talent Hunt Program.

Brother O'Neal received Pi Omega's 2008 "Omega Man of the Year Award." Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter honored him posthumously by renaming the Talent Hunt as the Pi Omega Chapter Kelvin J. O'Neal Memorial Talent Hunt Program.

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