

OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity Inc.



"MIGHTY" MU NU CHAPTER Montgomery County, MD

P.O. Box 3330, Silver Spring, Maryland 20918-3330

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

January 2017

Fraternity Founders: *Dr. Ernest E. Just, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Dr. Oscar J. Cooper and Prof. Frank Coleman*

BASILEUS CORNER



Greetings,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

2017 is here! Happy Que Year to all of our friends, family members, and brothers of Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. God has blessed us to see another year and for that we are grateful and thankful. We are thankful that He allows us to walk with Him, talk with Him, and do things to glorify Him. We cannot, should not, and will not take it lightly for his Grace, Peace and Mercy endures forever, AMEN.

I'd like to thank the brothers for their support and participation as we assisted with saying our last goodbye to our brother and friend Dr. George B Thomas, Sr. who entered Omega chapter on Christmas Day. We will

continue to ensure his passion and dedication for educating young people continue with the Saturday School program.

As we move through the events for the month of January, let us ensure that we honor and celebrate one of the great civil rights leaders, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the annual MLK day of service. Please make sure that it is a day on and not a day off.

I would also ask that we prepare to sell out our Major Fundraiser in March during our Mardi Gras Celebration. Let's sell the place out and have a great time with family and friends.

I look forward to our continued accomplishments and I'm certain that together, we will do wonderful things. Happy New Year again and please visit www.munuques.org and secure your Mardi Gras 2017 tickets. Continued blessings to you and your families

Fraternally,

Bra. Kelvin Ampofo

Also, I'd like to wish the following Sororities and Fraternities of the NPHC a Happy Founders Day month:

January 5- **Kappa** Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
January 9- **Phi** Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
January 13- **Delta** Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
January 15- **Alpha Kappa** Alpha Sorority, Inc.
January 16- **Zeta** Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



NEXT MEETING...The next MU NU chapter Meeting is **Friday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at The Silver Spring Civic Center Building located at 1 Veterans Place Silver Spring, MD 20910-4481



**FROM THE DESK OF THE
KEEPER OF RECORDS AND
SEAL**

My brothers, the 2016 – 2017 Omega Year officially begun on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. This is a reminder to pay your dues for FY 17 prior to 31 DEC to avoid late fees. Dues are \$265 (non-life members you pay \$125 to IHQ, \$40 to 2nd District, and \$100 to Mu Nu Chapter) or \$140 (**life members** pay \$40 to the 2nd District and \$100 to Mu Nu Chapter). We have a lot of work to do this upcoming Omega year and it starts with us taking care of business by making sure we are FINANCIAL! Let's not make excuses, let's make it happen.

Brothers can send Dues payments to Mu Nu Chapter (P.O. Box 3330 Silver Spring, MD 20918).

Bro. Gabriel T. Brown, KRS



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to those Brothers blessed with another year in our midst. Happy Birthday to you, from your **MU NU** chapter Brothers.



**Mu Nu Chapter
2017 Mardi Gras Extravaganza**
Hosted by Bro. Donnell Boykin



Join Bro. Donnell Boykin and Mu Nu Chapter for its annual Mardi Gras Extravaganza. The event will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt MD. Contact Bro. The featured act is the Just Friends Band along with DJ Scientific. Tickets are \$80.00 each or \$800.00 for a table. Contact Bro. Donnell Boykin for further details: dboykin21@msn.com

Date: Friday, March 3, 2017

Location: 7400 Greenway Center
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770



**Purchase Tickets Using the Link
Below**

<http://www.munuques.org/>

**69th 2nd District Conference
May 04, 2017 – May 07, 2017**



**35th Second District Representative
Bro. Sherman Charles**

Graduate Registration Fees

Life Member Registration Rate

\$240.00 (Deadline: 12/31/16)

Early Bird Registration Rate

\$260.00 (Deadline: 12/31/16)

Regular Registration Rate

\$285.00 (Deadline: 04/15/17)

On-Site Registration Rate

\$330.00 (Deadline: After 04/15/17)



Register Using the Link Below

<http://seconddistrictconference.com/>



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Mu Nu Chapter
“Remembering A Legend”
 Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr.



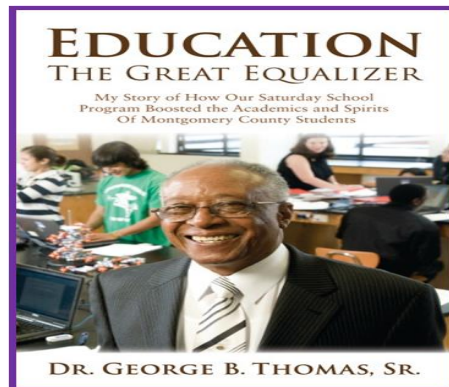
Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr., founder and former president of the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy and its signature Saturday School program, died on Sunday, December 25, 2016. Dr. Thomas, assisted by his fraternity brothers from the Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, held the first Saturday School session in 1986. There were a total of nineteen students who attended the first academic session in Olney, Maryland.



Over its thirty-year history, Saturday School has grown to be an important partner with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), providing instruction and mentoring to more than 3,000 students, in grades K – 12, at 12 locations across Montgomery County, Maryland on Saturday mornings.



When Dr. Thomas and members of Mu Nu Chapter held the first Saturday School session, he was acting on his belief that education provided a level playing field for all children. “I grew up in a family of sharecroppers in segregated South Carolina, but I took to heart the message my mother repeated—that education is the great equalizer,” Dr. Thomas said. “She was determined that I would have a good education. The full life that has provided me is there for all of us if we persevere and are encouraged by a caring community. That community of support and learning is what Saturday School delivers.”



Dr. Thomas took advantage of every opportunity to learn, leading him to a distinguished career marked by service to his country and community. He served in the U.S. Air Force for five years before joining MCPS, where he was a classroom teacher, school-based administrator, and administrator in central offices. Subsequent stints as an instructor and professor at Howard University and the University of the District of

Columbia were steppingstones to the presidency of a Historically Black College, Voorhees College in South Carolina.



As Dr. Thomas completed his tenure at Voorhees, he was appointed the first Presidential Scholar in Residence at the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), the professional organization of the nation’s public and private black college presidents. From 1984 to 1994, Dr. Thomas served as a senior level administrator at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where he received the Secretary of Transportation’s Silver Medal Award for Meritorious Achievement in recognition of exceptional service.

Dr. Thomas holds degrees from Voorhees College, South Carolina State University, The American University, The University of Maryland (College Park), and a doctorate in Curriculum and Educational Administration from The George Washington University. He has received numerous awards over his long career, including the Washingtonian of the Year Award in 2008, the Maryland State Department of Education’s Excellence in Minority Achievement Award (2007), the Unsung Leadership Award from Leadership Montgomery (2008), among many others.

Dr. Thomas will be greatly missed by members of his Mu Nu Chapter family and his colleagues and friends of Montgomery County Public Schools.

Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr.
Home-going Services



Visitation (the Wake)

Monday, January 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Snowden Funeral Home, 246 N. Washington Street, Rockville, MD 20850

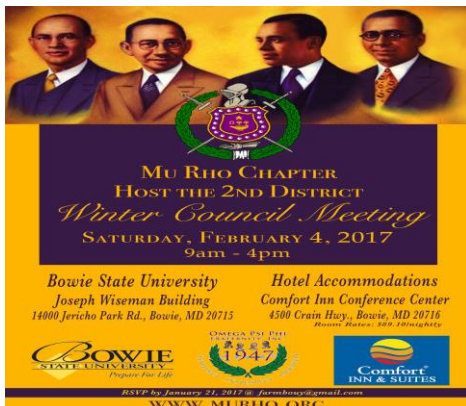
Visitation & Omega Service

Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 9:30 am to 10:20 am

Funeral at 11:00 am
 Zion Baptist Church, 4850 Blagden Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011

ALL BROTHERS, including Honor Guards, must wear Official Attire to participate in the Memorial Service
 Brothers are asked to arrive at the church no later than 9 AM

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
2nd District
Winter Council Meeting
Saturday, February 4, 2017



M.L.K. Annual Day of Service
Monday, January 16, 2017

Hosted by the
 Montgomery County Alumnae (MD)
 Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
 Sorority, Incorporated
 (MCAC) and Montgomery County
 Volunteer Center (MCVC)

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
 Location: 1 Veterans Place
 Silver Spring Civic Center
 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



2017 Talent Hunt Showcase
Saturday, March 18, 2017

Co-Hosted by Bro. Godfrey Maynor, Jr. and Bro. Jay Colbert



Join Bro. Godfrey Maynor, Jr., Bro. Jay Colbert and Mu Nu Chapter for its annual Talent Hunt Showcase. Contact Bro. Godfrey Maynor or Bro. Jay Colbert for further details:

gemaynor@gmail.com
jcjcolbert@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Mu Nu Chapter
Holiday Cruise with the Ques!!!

Hosted by Bro. Gabe Brown



The Mu Nu Chapter fourth annual Holiday Party and Boat Ride was held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The pre-boarding party for guest was held at the Sheraton from 8 – 11 and then guest cruised aboard the Spirit of Baltimore until the early morning. Bro. Gabe Brown and his committee put together another memorable holiday party experience for chapter brothers and their guests. RQQ to the Ques!

9th Annual
Father Daughter Dinner Dance
 Co-Hosted by Bro. Donald Williams and Bro. Stacey Herring



The Father Daughter Dinner Dance was held on Friday, December 2, 2016. Young ladies ranging in age 4-13 were escorted by their father, grandfather, godfather, uncle or special male family friend who has a positive impact on their life. Great Job Team!

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
2017 Undergraduate Summit
January 19 – 22, 2017



Host Hotel: The Westin Galleria
(Houston, Texas)

Registration Fee: \$300.00

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
2017 Leadership Conference
August 02 – August 06, 2017



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Summer Leadership Conference is held bi-annually for the purpose of holding trainings for chapter officers and recognizing scholarship award winners from each district. The 2017 Summer Leadership Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Registration is now open on oppf.org.

Bridge Builder Mentoring Program
for Young Males

Program Sponsors: Bro. Donald Williams and Bro. Omurhu Onokpise



Join Bro. Donald Williams and Bro. Omurhu Onokpise on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month for the Mu Nu Chapter Bridge Builder Mentor Program. The Bridge Builder Mentor Program is held on Saturday mornings in conjunction with GBTLA Saturday School, at Springbrook High School.



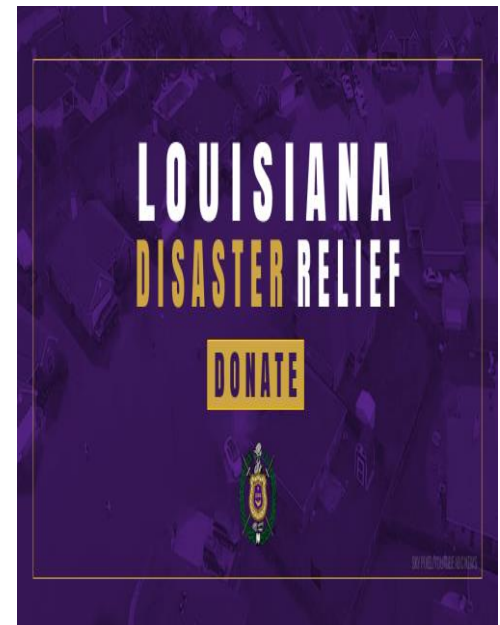
The next three Bridge Builder Mentor Program sessions will be held on Saturday, December 3 (Character Counts), December 17 (Police and Community Relationships) and January 7 (College Experience).



Contact Bro. Donald Williams for further details:
aimhighinlife@aol.com

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Omega Charities

Omega Charities (OC) is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempted corporation which was incorporated January 23, 2007 in the state of Georgia. Omega Charities came into fruition as a result of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. desire to have a charitable foundation which could provide uplift for the community and constituency that the fraternity serves globally. As a result, the initial OC event, under direction of Fraternity leadership was to establish a relief fund in support of Haiti which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Omega Charities, with the support the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Its membership raised \$30,000.



Omega Charities increases its reach and ability to serve the community by collaborating and partnering with other organizations:

- Jas Hennessy & Company
- KBK Foundation
- OPPF Foundation
- Purple Boot Initiative

Make a donation at the address below:

<http://omegacharities.org/donate/>

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

The George B Thomas Sr. Learning Academy Saturday School offers tutoring and mentoring in reading/language arts, mathematics, and test-taking skills for students in grades 1-12 on Saturday mornings.



As "one of the best small charities in the Greater Washington area," it is our mission to give students the skills and support they need to succeed.



Online Registration Coming Soon.

Register for the 2016/2017 Saturday School year here > Registration fee is \$40 for students eligible for FARMS* and \$70 for non-FARMS (* FARMS is the Free and Reduced-price Meal Services)

<http://www.saturdayschool.org/programs/enroll.shtm>



Bridge Builder Mentoring for Young Males

"We must teach and equip this generation of young males with effective communication tools, teach that "behavior matters" to avoid situations that put their lives at risk. We need this generation of potential leaders ALIVE to make needed changes where doing the right thing is not based on color of one's skin."

Join Bro. Donald Williams and Mu Nu Chapter Brothers on Saturday mornings, at Springbrook High School, for its bi-monthly Bridge Builder Mentoring Program. The mentoring program is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month in conjunction with the GBTLA Saturday School Program. Contact Bro. Donald Williams for further details: aimhighinlife@aol.com

Date: Saturday Mornings (October - April of each School Year)

Location: 201 Valley Brook Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Brother Donald Williams, II

In the words of my friend and Brother Al Woods, 3rd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair: "We are not defined as Omega men by what we wear, but what we do. If you believe "service is our watchword," don't meet me at Springbrook High School on Saturday morning, beat me to Springbrook High School!"



**OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Federal Credit Union

c/o CAMO

1505 Lakes Parkway, Suite 100
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
1-800-42-OMEGA (800-426-6342)
Alternate: (770) 580-6056

There are a number of advantages to joining the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union beginning with the fact that we are member owned and operated. We charge less for loans and pay for more savings than other types of financial institutions.

Anyone who is a member, family of a member, or employee of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is eligible to join the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union.



OFFICERS of MN CHAPTER

Kelvin Ampofo - Basileus

Troy Manigault - VB

Gabe Brown - KRS

Howard Atkinson - KF

Donnell Boykin - Chaplain

Lorenzo Prillman - AKRS

Adrian McDaniel - AKF

Duane Dickerson - Chapter Reporter

Percell Gregory - Keeper of Peace

Walter Neighbors Parliamentarian

Clarence Thomas - I.P. Basileus