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Message from the District Representative

Dear Brothers, Family Members, Friends, and Patrons of the Mighty Second District,

Welcome to the exciting 70th Annual Conference of the Mighty Second District! The District Marshals have worked tirelessly to put on an exceptional District Conference for you here at the Baltimore Hilton, in Baltimore, Maryland, “The Charm City.” We have prepared an aggressive agenda that includes familiar activities such as the Public Forum, Region 2 Life Membership Luncheon, March Down, Dr. Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Luncheon, District Talent Hunt Competition, Founders Banquet, Grown and Sexy All Black Party, Quette Curriculum, etc. We have with us several distinguished Grand Officers, Supreme Council members and visitors attending our conference for the weekend.



It has been my sincere honor and pleasure to serve you and Omega with humility, as your 35th District Representative, over the past two years. The Second District Conference, was founded in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1947. This year, we conclude our 70 year celebration as a District. We have continued to execute the 2nd District Strategic Plan since our last District Conference. As we prepare for the 81st Grand Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana, we cannot relax as we must prepare to host the 2019 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Leadership Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Our District has made significant progress and has overcome numerous obstacles. Our new and existing Committee Chairman have made significant contributions to the programs of our beloved 2nd District.

There is very little room for error with the cabinet leading our Nation! Omega Men must stand in the gap with our Divine 9 partners as we continue to make an exponential difference in the civil rights struggle we face. We must innovate solutions to address the social injustice issues we face at home and abroad. We must flood social media with the goodness we do to counter the hate we face. The 2nd District is broadcasting and touching lives with our fatherhood and mentoring programs on live podcasts in social media, in the vision President Obama had for us. We are finding innovative ways to make a difference.

Excellence is the standard in which we execute Omega's business. We continue to be Ambassadors of Omega in the second 100 years of our beloved fraternity, while leading in our Alumni Associations, our work place, and in our communities. Omega men are leaders of the world and must continue to be the shining light as men of character, always living our cardinal principles. As Omega looks for leadership, let the 2nd District's light radiate. Just remember, we serve an awesome God and we have the talent, knowledge and drive to move our community forward. It is all about the work of Omega and advancing our District.

Black Lives Matter!

**Long the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the 2nd District
Brother Sherman L. Charles
35th District Representative, Second District**

Message from the

Director of Public Relations

Brothers of the Second District,

Thank you for allowing me to continue serving as your Director of Public Relations. It is my joy chronicling the activities of Second District Chapters and Brothers having a great impact on our respective communities.

On the cover of this issue we honor the life of our 12th Second District Representative, Brother Milton Johnson, “The Visionary”.

As one of the architects of the Constitution of Omega and Credit Chairman of the Omega Psi Phi Federal Credit Union from its inception until his untimely death, Brother Johnson’s contribution to Omega is significant and deserving of plaudits and encomiums. The Second District has been blessed by his service and will honor him by conducting his Omega Memorial Service during the Ecumenical Service at the 70th District Conference.

The back cover announces the Second District’s support for its only endorsed candidate for First Vice Grand Basileus at the 81st Conclave in New Orleans, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Kenneth Rodgers. He has served this District and the Fraternity with dignity and integrity and is truly worthy of our unanimous and enthusiastic support.

This is a highly charged political season both fraternally and publicly. The 2018 Conference Edition of The Omegan highlights Brothers of the Second District candidacies for elected public service and those currently serving in public service. Please support our Brothers who answer the call to elected public service with your philanthropy and in-kind contributions for their candidacies in your respective states, cities and municipalities.

Omega is a clandestine organization; therefore we have the sole responsibility to chronicle our Chapters’ success stories and Brothers’ accomplishments. They must be recorded because you are creating history and it must be preserved for perpetuity. Each Chapter Director of Public Relations, Chapter Editor, Reporter, and Photographer are vital contributors to the Omega publications, chronicling the history of the Second District. I am honored to serve as your Director of Public Relations, it continues to be a labor of love. and I am very proud of the hard work and the commitment to our mantra of always putting the communities first and leaving them better than we found them.

Fraternally,

Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, Second District
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Ques in Annapolis



Ques in Annapolis surround the State Seal in the Rotunda at the State House

Annapolis MD. February 27, 2018. Omegas traveled to the Maryland State Capitol, Annapolis, on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 for “Ques in Annapolis” during the State’s annual 90-day legislative session. The day began with Omega Men meeting State Delegates and State Senators as the legislators began their daily sessions in the State House. During the State House sessions Omega Phi Psi Fraternity members in the State House Gallery and State Senate Gallery viewed both sessions from their respective Galleries and were recognized from the State House Floor and the State Senate Floor. House Speaker Mike Busch recognized Omega men seated in the House Gallery and Senate President Mike Miller recognized Omega Men seated in the Senate Galley. State Senator Joanne Benson provided a spirited thank you and congratulations to the “Men of Omega who have contributed so much to the social and community uplift for children, families and seniors in the community.”

Following the morning sessions some Omega men toured Historic rooms in the State House and Government House while other Omega men watched a legislative committee hearing at work debate amendments to Maryland’s Medical Cannabis legislation. Brothers were treated to a specular display of oratory and legislative skill as State Delegate Brother Nick Mosby lead an attempt to amend current legislation in order to provide financial assistance for African Americans pursuing participation in the lucrative Medical Cannabis industry.

Lunch was held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Annapolis, where Founder Bishop A. Love Pastored from 1925-1927. Following Lunch, Omega Men attended a Press Conference announcing a partnership between the Mu Rho Uplift Foundation, Mu Rho Chapter and Asbury Church to renovate and outfit three rooms at the Church to create World Class Conference and meeting space in Annapolis. The renovated space will be dedicated to Omega Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love. Annapolis

Mayor Gavin Buckley and City Alderwoman Shelia Finlayson provided remarks and participated in the ceremonial “ribbon-cutting.”

Ques in Annapolis closed out the day with an evening reception hosted by the Maryland Chapters of Omega Psi Phi. Maryland State Senator Ulysses Currie and Maryland State Delegate Frank Turner were honored for their service to Maryland Citizens. During the reception, Maryland Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford remarked on the proud tradition of “the Ques” he has witnessed since his days as an undergraduate student at Howard University where Omega Psi Phi was founded. District Representative Sherman L. Charles, a Maryland resident proudly reported that “These college trained men dedicate their lives to service for the communities where we live and work.”



MD. Delegate Brother Frank Turner with Brother Robert McGlotten

Ques in Annapolis



LGG Brother Nick Charles Candidate for Maryland State Delegate District 25



Brother Nick Charles

Prince Georges County, MD. State Legislative District 25 of Maryland's General Assembly is known for its grand stretch of leaders to rise through the ranks of Maryland's political elite.

To name a few, the 1st African American congressional member to represent Prince Georges County, Albert Wynn, Former Lt. Governor now District 4 Congressman Anthony Brown, and Dean of the Maryland State Senate Bro. Senator Ulysses Currie all hail from the influential district.

To say the least Bro. Nick Charles has a herculean task at hand to follow in the footsteps of the District's history makers and giants. However, he is truly up to the task as he has announced his candidacy to do so.

In 2014 Brother Charles ran for the same office and garnered over 3,400 votes losing only by a 6% margin making him a clear choice for the District 25 incumbents to add to their team

This time around Brother Charles has been selected by the incumbent State Delegates to join the District 25 Leadership Team. "Nick is a well respected member of our District who has put forth real sweat equity; we can't wait to have him in Annapolis with us" Delegate Darryl Barnes.

Bro. Charles is a proud lifelong Prince Georgian who has consistently contributed to his community. After graduating from Largo Senior High School one of District 25's three high schools, under the leadership of then, Principal Bro. Gordon Sampson, charter member of Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Bowie State University, he enlisted into the United States Air Force where he received an Honorable Discharge after five years of honorable military service.

He received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science (AAS) in Aviation Management from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Procurement and Public Contracting from the University of the District of Columbia.

Bro. Charles, who was initiated into the Omicron Gamma Chapter at The University of DC in 2008, was elected to serve 6 years on the Forest Spring Community Association Board of Directors in Forestville, Maryland, representing 125 homes and over 300 residents. There he served as Board President for 5 years and 1 year as Treasurer.

Because of his Air Force service and work representing the Forestville community, he was then appointed by Prince George's County Council Chairman, 6th District Councilmember Derrick Leon Davis to the Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Implementation Committee. The JLUS Implementation Committee oversaw the implementation of the Military Installation Overlay Zone (MIOZMA) which contains land use regula-

tions and development review procedures for properties in the vicinity of Joint Base Andrews with the Prince George's County Planning Department.

In Brother Charles' professional life, he has over 18 years in the defense industry working as a civil service employee, an active duty and National Guard military member, and a consultant. On active duty his meritorious service with the 60th Fighter Squadron during Operation Noble Eagle for Air Patrol Missions over the Washington Metropolitan Area and Air Force One escorts, following 9/11 garnered him recognition with the presentation of the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Bro. Charles' interest in public service sparked as a young kid watching his father Bro. Nick Charles 1-88-Omicron Pi current the Basileus of Sigma Tau Chapter in the 9th District and former 13th District Deputy District Representative for Japan serve selflessly in the U.S. Army and work alongside brothers in our illustrious fraternity serving the community. Through action his father and the brothers taught him the importance of service and protection of others and to understand the power of politics and the vital role it plays in the upkeep of our community.

Brother Charles follows the motto of our beloved fraternity "Lifting as We Climb". This holds true through his active involvement in community outreach. His community involvement/outreach includes serving on the Board as a founding member of Karaoke 4 A Cause, an annual charity event now going into its 8th years that helps to provide underprivileged children with toys for Christmas.

He also sits as an Advisory Board Member for the Children's Rights Fund of Maryland, an organization that fights for the protection of children and family's rights through the legislative process. He is also the 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi's Legislative Advocacy Sub-Committee Chairman for the District's Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee.

District 25 consists of Forestville, District Heights, Morningside, Largo, Upper Marlboro, parts of Kettering, Mitchellville, Temple Hills, Clinton, Capitol Heights, and Andrews Air Force Base.

Bro. Nick Charles is driven by his commitment to bring about positive change to the community that raised him. He will need all of our support. Please tell a friend to tell a friend, and spread the word of the works of our dear brother and make a campaign contribution. For more information on his campaigns please visit his website.

Bro. Nick Charles for Maryland State Delegate District 25
www.friends4nickcharles.com

Nu Nu Brother Nathaniel Anderson Mayor of Willingboro Township, NJ

Willingboro Township, NJ. Brother Nathaniel Anderson is the current Mayor of Willingboro Township, NJ. He has been a member of the Willingboro Township Governing body since January 2010 and he also serves as the Willingboro Democratic Municipal Chairman. Brother Anderson is a humble servant who zealously advances the best interest of the Willingboro community. Bro Anderson was just elected to his 3rd term on the Willingboro City Council, a position he has held since 2010.

The proud father of three wonderful children: Dominique 29 of Glassboro, NJ, Maurice 28 of Mount Laurel, NJ (Iraq Vet), and Brandon 19 of Willingboro, NJ., Brother Anderson began his political journey in 2006 by winning the seat of Vice President of the Willingboro Democratic Club. In 2009, he pursued a seat for the Township Council and was elected. In 2012 he was elected as President of the Willingboro Democratic Club. Upon successful completion of his first term he was re-elected in 2013 by the people to serve a second term. In 2013, he pursued the seat for Municipal Chairman of the Willingboro Democratic Committee and won. In addition to the aforementioned on January 1, 2015 Brother Anderson won the trust and support of his colleagues on the Willingboro Township Council and was unanimously voted to serve in the capacity as Deputy Mayor and on January 1, 2016 he was elevated to the status of Mayor.

A proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Nu Nu Chapter, Brother Anderson was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Camden County. He holds memberships in the following organizations: The Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #67 Willingboro & Vicinity NAACP, Burlington County Economic Development River Route Committee, and New Leaders Council Advisory Board. Mayor Anderson also served as a past member of the YMCA Advisory Board and past Co-Chair of Obama Leadership for Burlington County, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity. Brother Anderson is also the recipient of the following awards: 2016 Impacting Villages Community Service Award, 2016 NAACP Humanitarian Award, 2016 1 of 25 Most Influential African Americans in the State of New Jersey, 2016 Honorary Commander for JB MDL, 2016 Distinguished National Peace Medal, 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Outstanding Civic Engagement, 2015 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Community Service Award, 2015 South Jersey Man of the Year, 2015 De Hugo Consistory #2 Citizen Award, 2014 NAACP Community Service



Brother Nathaniel Anderson

Award, 2014 NJ Business Incubator Award, 2014 South Jersey Biz Green Award, 2014 South Jersey Biz Most Trustworthy and 2014 Mid Jersey Green Giant Award.

We wish Nate nothing but the best in his future endeavors and to always "See it Through."

Maryland State Delegate Brother Nick Mosby



Brother Nick Mosby

Baltimore, MD. Brother Nick Mosby is a Member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing District 40 Baltimore City, since January 30, 2017. He is a Member, Ways and Means Committee, 2017- (election law subcommittee, 2017-; finance resources subcommittee, 2017-. Member, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, 2017-. Brother Mosby is a former Member, City Council of Baltimore City, representing District 7, December 8, 2011 to December 8, 2016; Member, Education Committee, 2011-14; Vice-Chair, Labor Committee, 2011-16; Member, Executive Appointments Committee, 2011-16; Public Safety Committee, 2011-16. He was the Vice-Chair, Housing and Community Development Committee; Member, Budget and Appropriation Committee, 2014-16; and Land Use and Transportation Committee, 2015-16. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, 1978, Brother Mosby attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; Tuskegee University, B.S. (electrical engineering), 2001; Stevens Institute of Technology, Masters of Science. Former video network engineering manager, Verizon Communications, Inc.; senior project manager, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. Member, Baltimore City Democratic Central Committee, 2008-10. Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. VIP List, Daily Record, 2012. Lifelong member, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Baltimore, Maryland. Married; two children. Brother Nick J. Mosby was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter in 2003.

Grand Counselor Brother Mike Lyles for State's Attorney Prince George's County, Maryland

Prince George's County, MD. Everything in Brother Grand Counselor Mike Lyles' life has prepared him to become the next State's Attorney for Prince George's County (Md.).

His experience as Deputy General Counsel for the D.C. Child and Family Service Agency. The two terms as a Bowie (Md.) City Councilman. His stints as Associate County Attorney for Prince George's County Office of Law, and as Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Defense.

His current roles display another level of preparation:

He serves as Executive Director of the Prince George's County Human Rights Commission, which investigates discrimination complaints in education, employment, lending, housing, public accommodations and real estate transactions. Since taking the helm in 2011, Lyles rebranded the agency and created great access to resources for the county's growing Latino population.

Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles received an additional assignment in 2013.

County Executive Brother Rushern Baker III appointed Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles to head the county's newly formed Human Trafficking Task Force. That body has since become a national model; in October, Prince George's was one of just two counties in the U.S. to win a special \$1.3 million grant from the Department of Justice.

"Receiving this grant is a testament to the efforts of county employees and volunteers on the Task Force who have worked long and hard since 2013 to restore victims, educate the public and to show traffickers that we are dead serious about combating human trafficking in all its forms," Bro. Lyles said in a statement.

Initiated into Mu Theta Chapter at Iowa State, Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles has been dead serious about fighting all forms of injustice for a long time.

It began not long after his birth to a teen mother and a sidelined father. He

was raised in the warm and loving home of elderly godparents in Southeast Washington D.C., but the seniors and young child were vulnerable and victimized constantly.

Bro. Lyles stood out in his uniform – and drew unwelcome attention – during his long walk to and from Catholic school.

"Growing up like that gave me a deep understanding of violence's impact in our community and the need for residents to feel safe at home, at work and on the street," he says. "It made me committed to ensuring that our wonderful county is a safe place to live and raise a family."

Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles has done that in his professional career as well as his personal life. Bro. Lyles married his college sweetheart and together the couple have two daughters and one granddaughter. The makeup of his household has given him an acute sense of troublesome issues affecting women, like harassment, discrimination, abuse and sexual assault.

Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles' combination of legal experience, political experience and executive experience makes him stand out in the State's Attorney race. His long track record is unmatched.

"I have dedicated my life to public service and protecting those who cannot protect themselves," he says. "Compassion and justice are the driving forces behind my campaign."

Perhaps Brother Benjamin Crump put it best during a November fundraiser: "We really need people like Mike for due process of the law and fair administration of justice."

Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles is prepared and ready to do the job. Brothers it's now our time to take action, spread the word, and support Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles for State Attorney Prince George's County (Md.) Due thy duty that is best, leave unto the Lord the rest.

To learn more about the campaign and make a donation, please visit www.votemikelyles.com, or send an email to info@votemikelyles.com.

Support Our Candidates

Brother Tim Adams Candidacy for Maryland State Senate - District 23

Upper Marlboro, MD. Some may have seen it as a matter of time before Bro. Tim Adams, '79 decided to run for a leadership position. Leadership other than the multi-million dollar business that he founded and runs that employs over 500 people.

That time has come as Bro. Adams, founder, President and CEO of Systems Application & Technologies, Inc. (SA-TECH), a program management company offering operations and maintenance, logistics, and engineering support services to the Department of Defense, and husband to Judge Sheila R. Adams, throws his hat into the 2018 political race for Maryland State Senate. <http://votetimadamsnow.com/>

"I have been blessed to be here," said Bro. Adams, the 22 year resident of Prince George's at the announcement Oct. 14. "I have been blessed to have family and friends who support me. It's a blessing to have a company that I can be proud to say every day hundreds of men and women put on my SA-TECH badge. But the blessing doesn't stop with me. It's about what we can do for each other and our community. It's about how much we believe in who we are and what we can accomplish. We have often settled but we don't have settle. I want the Prince George's County and that District 23 that I was told about 20 years ago. I want us to be the dream that we talk about. We have the opportunity to do that."

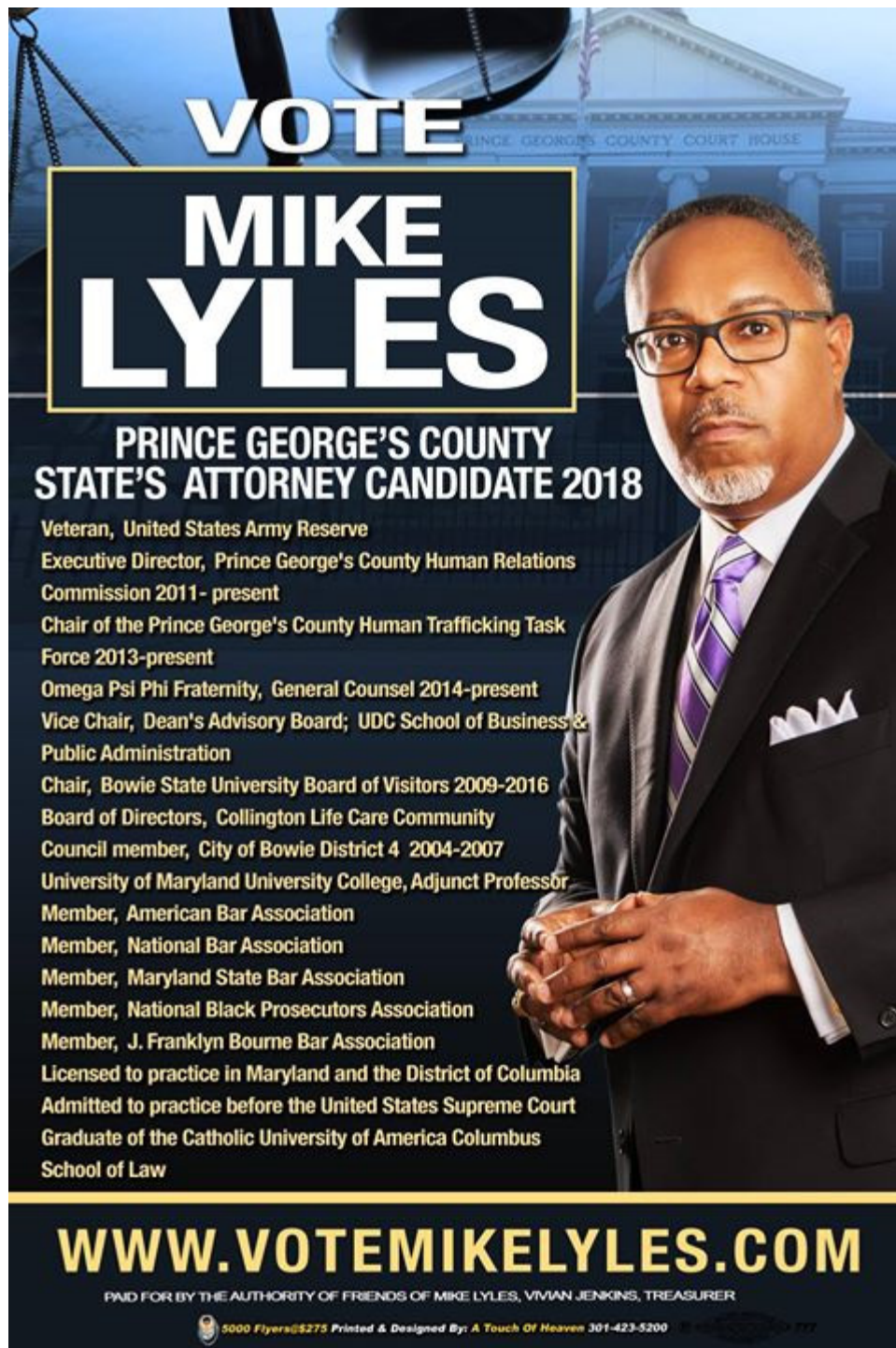
Bro. Adams has long been an active leader in the region. He sits on several boards including the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, Doctors Community Hospital, Prince George's Community College Founda-

tion, The Maryland Chamber of Commerce and Bowie State University. He has a solid track record in supporting Prince George's and the region. <https://www.sa-techinc.com/sa-tech-about/executive-management/timothy-j-adams.html>

Bro. Adams and his wife Judge Sheila R. Tillerson-Adams was honored this year at the annual 2017 Civic Leadership Awards on Nov 16. The campaign announcement, held that the Broadwater Estate in Upper Marlboro, was attended by well over 400 county residents, community activists, elected officials and business leaders – a solid turnout for a first-time candidate seeking to unseat Doug Peters, a popular and longstanding senator with a strong track record in Maryland politics.

"I have never been out hustled or out worked at anything in my life and I'm not about to start now," Bro. Tim Adams said of the work required to champion the county's interests if elected.

Maryland senior statesman and respected county elder Mr. Tommie Broadwater has thrown his support toward the Bro. Adams bid: "It's one thing to talk about fighting and another to know how to fight. It's one thing to fight and another to know when to fight. Tim knows both. I put my faith and trust in him because I know he can do good job. He knows people and he cares for people. He will fight for the issues that concern us." Brothers let's take action, spread the word, and support Bro. Tim Adams for Maryland State Senate. <http://votetimadamsnow.com> Due thy duty that is best, leave unto the Lord the rest.



VOTE

MIKE LYLES

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY CANDIDATE 2018

Veteran, United States Army Reserve
 Executive Director, Prince George's County Human Relations Commission 2011- present
 Chair of the Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force 2013-present
 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, General Counsel 2014-present
 Vice Chair, Dean's Advisory Board; UDC School of Business & Public Administration
 Chair, Bowie State University Board of Visitors 2009-2016
 Board of Directors, Collington Life Care Community
 Council member, City of Bowie District 4 2004-2007
 University of Maryland University College, Adjunct Professor
 Member, American Bar Association
 Member, National Bar Association
 Member, Maryland State Bar Association
 Member, National Black Prosecutors Association
 Member, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association
 Licensed to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia
 Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court
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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The City of Frederick, MD Elect Brother Dr. Derek Shackelford to the Board of Aldermen



Brother Dr. Derek Shackelford

Frederick, MD. December 14, 2017. The City of Frederick saw new faces in its 62nd administration following the Election Day results in November. Frederick County residents voted for Mayor and five Board of Aldermen positions. Not only did the Democrats sweep the ticket, but in the process, residents elected two African Americans to a diverse Board of Aldermen, one of which was Brother (Dr.) Derek Shackelford (Pi Omega 2001).

Aldermen are elected members of the city council, whom, along with the mayor, act as the legislative body of the city by voting on items such as proposed loans, grants, land acquisitions and sales, zoning changes and traffic control issues. Following his election Brother (Dr.) Shackelford commented that "[We hope] to keep the door open a little wider and make the bridge a little longer, so others may be able to cross and have the opportunity to serve as well." According to reports, the last African American to be elected to the Board of Aldermen for the City of Frederick was in 1998.

Brother (Dr.) Shackelford received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science from George Mason University, a Masters of Divinity Degree and an earned Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. He has been inducted into the Alvin G. Quinn and Frederick Community College Sports Hall of Fame and currently serves on the ministerial staff at Shiloh Christian Community Church, and the Director of Children's Services for a Non-Profit Agency. His service to the Frederick Community also includes that of mentoring young men via Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapters' Omega Men Mentoring Men program. Brother (Dr.) Shackelford is married to the Rev. Charlotte Janell Shackelford and is the proud father of two children Shamara and Derin.

The Omega Type "Oracle May 1947"

"The Omega Type . . . "

By CHARLES E. KING

The use of the expression "the Omega type" is widely known wherever Omega is known. A prospective "lamp" is either referred to as being the Omega type or not the Omega type. There is great probability that the expression of "the Omega type" is often used without very much meaning. It is most important that "type" be given consideration for it is the "type" that makes Omega Omega, but we should be clear in our minds about what the type should manifest.

The "type" should exhibit the qualities of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. In exhibiting manhood he should be a gentleman, but none-the-less a man. He should be reliable, self-confident, able to have convictions of his own, fair in his dealings with others, have respect for authority, but not the type to cringe before or court favor with authority. In exhibiting scholarship grades alone cannot be used as the criterion of measurement. The type should exhibit this quality further by showing the ability to master facts and interpret them into application for practical situations. Perseverance should be exhibited by the tendency of plugging ahead in face of obstacles. The tendency to keep pushing forward despite difficulties until the aims have been accomplished. The type should show the quality of

uplift by having interest in any activity that tends to make for the improvement of the well being of individuals and society.

The fraternity does not make men. Men make Omega. Therefore it is imperative that careful observation be undertaken before a prospect be taken "across the burning sands to the mystic shrine of Omega". The fraternity can never be better than its constituents. If the fraternity is to promote manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, the type of men taken into it must possess these qualities and it is up to the Omega men to see to it that these men are the possessors of these qualities before they are made into the fraternity for once he is made there is no "turning out."

If brotherhood is to be made realistic in the realm of Omega it must recruit men who have the trait of open-fair-mindedness and a desire and appreciation of fellowship.

The Omega type is not something to be loosely considered, but rather something that must gain our most serious attention. We must keep the standards of Omega high; we must keep Omega meaning something. Therefore it is essential that we determine if the prospect is the type that will build Omega to be what we want it to be.

Brother Gary Tuggle Named Deputy Commissioner Baltimore City Police Department



Brother Gary Tuggle

Baltimore, MD. March 2, 2018. Baltimore Police Commissioner Darryl De Sousa announced the appointment of retired Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Brother Gary Tuggle as the Deputy Commissioner of the Strategic Investigations & Support Services Bureau.

With over 30 years of law enforcement experience, Brother Gary Tuggle, a Baltimore native, began his law enforcement career as a Baltimore City Police Officer. In 1992, he joined the DEA and was assigned to the Baltimore District Office after graduating 1st in his Basic Agent class. He later transferred to the Miami Field Division, where he worked on a number of complex international drug investigations. In 1995, he was transferred to the Bridgetown, Barbados Country Office where he served as the As-

sistant Country Attaché for an eight-country area of responsibility. He served in this capacity until 2001. Gary was transferred to the Chicago Field Division where he was promoted to the position of Group Supervisor, supervising a highly productive enforcement group from 2001-2004. From 2004 – 2007, he served as the DEA Country Attaché at the US Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad. His duties required extensive coordination with USG entities, including the Intelligence Community, DOD, and the U.S. State Department. Under his direction, the Port of Spain CO (POSCO) initiated Operation Port of Call, an anti-money laundering initiative under AGEO Operation Sovereignty, as well as other Enforcement and Intel programs that significantly increased the drug law enforcement capacity of the Caribbean region.

In 2010, Gary was selected to serve as Executive Officer to the DEA Administrator. Prior to this assignment, he served as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Fusion Center (OFC) where he directed a number of operational, intelligence, and administrative programs; all focused on identifying, investigating, and prosecuting members of high-level drug trafficking and organized criminal enterprises. Before joining the OFC, Gary was a Staff Coordinator and Acting ASAC in the Latin America and Caribbean Section of DEA's Special Operations Division (SOD). During this time, Gary was one of two Staff Coordinators chosen to handle high profile Colombian cocaine enforcement operations. In 2012, Gary was assigned as an Assistant Special in Charge of DEA's Washington Field Division where he subsequently led the Baltimore District Office until his promotion to the DEA's Senior Executive Service and appointment as the Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Field Division.

Initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Tau Pi Chapter in 2012, Brother Gary Tuggle holds a Master Degree in Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Arts Degree (MA) in Government with a concentration in National Security Studies from Johns Hopkins University. He completed his undergraduate studies with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Management Science at Coppin State University. During his career, he has received numerous service awards and accolades.

Brother Henry J. Raymond, Chief Financial Officer City of Baltimore, Maryland

Baltimore, MD. Brother Henry J. Raymond serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Baltimore. He is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the City.

Brother Raymond previously served as the City's Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Accounting Director, and Bureau Chief for Revenue Collections within the Finance Department.

Brother Raymond has also served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Baltimore City Public Schools, and has State of Maryland experience having served as the Director of the Maryland Central Collection Unit, and as Finance Director for the Office of the Governor.

As a public service professional with over 34 years of government finance experience, he combines financial expertise with operational management skills to successfully lead organizations. His expertise includes budget administration and analysis, fiscal forecasting, management research and analysis, policy formulation, performance measurement, procurement, accounting, and revenue analysis.

Educationally, Brother Raymond earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in Public Administration from North Carolina A & T State University and the University of Baltimore, respectively. Additionally, he has a graduate degree in Business Administration from Bowie State University. Brother Raymond became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the Fall of 1976 in the Mu Psi Chapter at North Carolina A & T, and has been married for 35 years and has two adult children.

City of Baltimore.



Brother Henry J. Raymond

Honor Guard Committee: The Founders Memorial Project

Suitland, MD. March 28, 2018. The Second District Honor Guard Committee is committed to carrying out its charge to manage the Founders Memorial Project, and to providing guidance associated with the preparation and conduct of the Memorial Services for Funerals.

The Committee secured funding commitments from International Headquarters (IHQ) to finance the completion and installation of the memorials for each of the Founders, and additional funding options are also identified from the Second District and other districts to help support memorial dedication programs. Each memorial plaque is made using a bronze plate (24"x30") with an inscription about the history of the Fraternity and a personal quote from the Founder on their respective memorial plaque. The bronze plate is affixed to a granite slab (28"x34") that is then placed in the ground at the gravesite to honor the contributions of the Founders. To date, memorial plaques have been completed and installed for Founder Cooper (October 2017) at Whitmarsh Memorial Park in Ambler, PA, and Founder Love (November 2017) at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Baltimore, MD. The burial sites for both Founders Coleman and Just are located at Lincoln Cemetery in Suitland, MD (Prince George's County). The memorial paperwork for Founder Coleman is pending IHQ review and approval to begin completion and a projected installation for summer 2018. However, clearances and approvals are still pending before the Fraternity can initiate paperwork for Founder Just's memorial plaque. Additional plans include eventually hosting memorial dedications for each of the Founders, with dates, times and locations to be determined and announced in coordination with IHQ. The Second District has identified select chapters to serve as leads/hosts in coordination with the Honor Guard Committee to plan the dedications hosted by the Second District. The chapters include Mu Omega Chapter in Philadelphia for Founder Cooper, Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore for Founder Love, and Gamma Pi Chapter in Prince George's County, MD, for Founder Just. The Third District has volunteered to lead/host the dedication for Founder Coleman.

In addition to the Founders Memorial Project, the Honor Guard Committee also provides memorial service guidance to chapters through direct contacts via email and also via its dedicated webpage found on the Second District website at www.opp2d.org. The page features a number of references and resources to assist Brothers interested and involved in conducting a Memorial Service for Funeral, such as checklists, the poem "When



Honor Guard Chair, Brother Troy Manigault at Founder Love's Gravesite

We Wear the Gloves", a guide, and a chaplains training manual. Undergraduate and Graduate Brothers of the Second District are invited to join the Honor Guard Committee to offer their time and talents. To volunteer or seek guidance, Brothers may contact the Honor Guard Committee via honorguard@opp2d.org



Dr. Ernest E. Just



Oscar J. Cooper



Frank Coleman



Edgar A. Love

Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee “Ques on the Move” - WBGR Radio Podcast



l-r Brothers Jeffery Diggs, Frank Miles, District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman, Donald Williams II, Thaddious L Goodman, Shaun Ratliff, Bleu Colquitt participating on the WBGR Podcast

Montgomery County, MD. February 22, 2018. Brothers from the 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee were featured on the Podcast WBGR Internet Talk Show. Our Fraternity has engaged communities for a very long time with meaningful parenting and mentoring programs across the Nation.

Our mission is clear, intentional, and strategic driven to have approximately 80 Chapters actively engage their communities across New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland by mentoring Dads and young males.

The new initiative first three sessions focused on Chapters that continue to mentor Dads. We are intentional about helping men become better Dads so that they can help their children grow and grow into healthy young adults – resulting in stronger families.

The excitement surrounding this podcast session shifted the conversation to featured five Chapters that are doing some incredible work with mentoring young males in five difference communities.

We are excited to connect the Fatherhood and Mentoring message to a new generation of listeners. The podcast connects approximately 400,000 listeners using internet social media outlets to engage the community in conversations about the importance of Dads role in their children's lives. In the absence of Dads the important role of mentors are invaluable to help children reach their full potential in all areas in their lives.

The key message to the community across the five states there is a local Chapter in your community that will team with parents to mentor children. Also, Omega seeks “teaming partners” with local organizations such as Social Services, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Human Health Services, Housing Commission and like-minded organizations to make a greater impact. Also, we are excited to launch “Ques on the Move” Podcast Talk Show as a result of the great experience with connecting our message to a new generation of listeners. The three months trial Podcast will feature four Chapters sharing exciting activities in their respective community. On March 6, Lambda Gamma Gamma from Prince Georges County will broadcast community activities, on March 13, Tau Pi from Howard County will

broadcast, on March 20, mighty Mu Nu from Montgomery County will take to the internet and on March 27, Mu Rho from Anne Arundel County will share community activities. We are stronger working together for a greater impact in the community. We can't wait to expand this initiative to other Chapters across the 2nd District.

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Pi Omega Talent Hunt Competition



Pi Omega Talent Hunt Contestants

Baltimore, MD. March 18, 2018. Pi Omega Chapter, hosted its 62nd Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O'Neal Talent Hunt Competition on Sunday March 19, 2018 at Patterson High School, 100 Kane Street, Baltimore, MD.

The Talent Hunt demonstration was created in 1945 out of the Fraternity's Sixth District (North Carolina and South Carolina), and is one of the international projects of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega has participated in this activity for over 60 years, and many of our talented high school youths have benefited from this project through all-expenses paid trips, U.S. Savings Bonds, trophies, certificates, print and televised media exposure.

Students from public and private schools in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and the surrounding area were involved in this year's competition. The winners were as follows:

Vocal Semi-Classical: (1) India Boone (George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology), (2) Arielle Dickerson (New Town High School)
Instrumental Classical: (1) Harrison Adams (Long Reach High School),

(2) Kayla Sweeting (Harve de Grace High School)

Dance: (1) Alexis Eley (Maryvale Preparatory School)

Visual Arts: (1) Sianna Wesley (Old Mill High School)

Ms. India Boone and Ms. Sianna Wesley will represent Pi Omega Chapter at the Second District Talent Hunt Competition to be held at the 2018 70th Second District Conference. This year the conference will be held at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel in Baltimore, MD the weekend of April 26-29, 2018. The Second District Talent Hunt Competition will be held on Saturday May 28, 2018 at the Frances-Merrick Hippodrome Theater. The Talent Hunt competition was renamed in 2011 following the death of Bro. O'Neal who was the Talent Hunt Chairman for over 20 years. The Pi Omega Foundation was the main sponsor for this year's program.

Bro. John Berkley served as the chairperson for the 61st Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O'Neal Talent Hunt. Bro. Allen Taylor once again did an outstanding job as MC for this event. Special thanks were extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for providing the funding for this year's competition.

Pi Omega Memorial Service



Pi Omega Senior Members' Admiration of Mentor

Baltimore, MD. October 2018. Athletic greatness is one of the historical pillars of Morgan State University's worldwide reputation for excellence. The University's new Legends Plaza honors two head football coaches, Brother Edward P. Hurt and Earl Banks, who were largely responsible for leading Morgan scholar-athletes to those stellar achievements on the field of play.

Beginning in 1929, Brother Edward P. "Eddie" Hurt, Alpha Chapter Fall 1920, compiled an incredible record of success as Morgan State University (then College) football, basketball and track and field coach, leading his teams to 33 CIAA championships and producing two Pro Football Hall of Famers and an Olympic gold medalist.

Initiated through Pi Chapter in 1947, Brother Thomas E. Kelson played high school football at Frederick Douglass High in Baltimore and was recruited to play for Morgan by Coach Brother Eddie Hurt. He played center for Morgan's football teams from 1945-1948 and his number was 32. Coach Hurt was his role model and he admired his will to win on the field and in life. The Morgan Bears Football teams were undefeated during the years Brother Kelson played for Morgan.

Brother Thomas E. Kelson, Jr. was honored at Pi Omega February Chapter meeting for his status as Senior Member of Pi Omega Chapter with a special purple chair, where he will sit with honor and distinction during regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

Legends Plaza is located in the Morgan Commons area, between the front of Hughes Stadium and the University Student Center. It features six foot bronze statues of Coaches Hurt and Banks resting on four foot pedestals. The photo taken during Morgan's 2017 Homecoming exhibits Brother Thomas Kelson's admiration for his coach and mentor, at the bronze statue of Brother Eddie P. Hurt in Morgan's Legends Plaza.

Brother Thomas E. Kelson admires Brother Eddie P. Hurt Statue in Morgan's Legends Plaza



Pi Omega Honors of its Senior Member



Baltimore, MD. February 2018. In recognition of the oldest member of its chapter, Pi Omega Chapter ('The Charm City Ques') Basileus Ron Williams, presented Brother Thomas E. Kelson, Jr. an elaborate purple padded lounge chair. The honorary chair is a tribute from the chapter to be presented to and only used for chapter meetings for the oldest member of the chapter. Brother Kelson was moved to tears, along with up to 75 or so brothers present, by the gesture. Brother Kelson, who will soon be turning 92 this month, was initiated into the beloved fraternity at Morgan State University's Pi Chapter in 1947 (10Pi47). Friendship is Essential to the Soul!

Brother Thomas E. Kelson presented his Honorary Chair



Pi Omega Vietnam Veterans Donation

Oxon Hill, MD. January 8, 2018. On December 29, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega collected over 300 items to donate to the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Brothers picked the items up from the Gaylord National Resort located at 201 Waterfront St, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (National Harbor). Inventory includes 19 shampoos, 3 packs sanitary napkins, 2 combs, 1 pack socks, 2 packs baby wipes, 3 boxes tissues, 5 hand sanitizers, 10 packs soap, 1 coconut oil body cream, 2 hand soaps, 20 body wash, 13 lotions, 11 shaving creams, 19 deodorants, 5 jars of Vaseline, 9 shaving creams, 9 packs of razors, 1 dental floss, 6 mouthwash, 19 toothbrushes, 20 toothpaste, 5 hand sanitizers, 12 packs soap, 3 shower caps, 1 body spray, 1 pack Q-Tips, 15 conditioners, 1 nail polish removal, 1 pack of 4 nail polish, 3 body shine, 1 pack of dark chocolate, and 24 kid books.



Brother Lamonte Tyler with donated items for Vietnam Veterans

Pi Omega International Homeless Feeding



Auckland, New Zealand. February 23, 2018. On February 22, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega fed a family of four on the streets of Auckland, New Zealand. The brother purchased two large pizzas, French fries, and bottle water. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Auckland is a city in New Zealand's North Island. Auckland is the largest urban area in the country, with an urban population of around 1,534,700. It is in the Auckland Region—the area governed by Auckland Council—which includes outlying rural areas and the islands of the Hauraki Gulf, resulting in a total population of 1,657,200. A diverse and multicultural city, Auckland is home to the largest Polynesian population in the world. The Māori-language name for Auckland is Tāmaki or Tāmaki-makau-rau, meaning “Tāmaki with a hundred lovers”, about the desirability of its fertile land at the hub of waterways in all directions. It has also been called Ākarana, a transliteration of the English name.

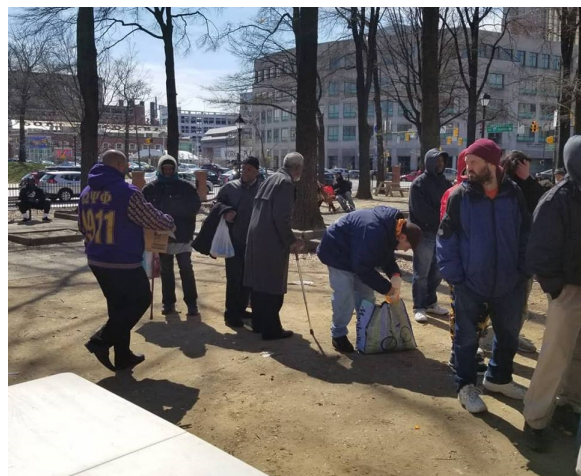
Brother Lamonte Tyler feeding homeless woman in New Zealand

Pi Omega Homeless Hygiene Packs & Lunch Bags Donation

Baltimore, MD. March 11, 2018. On March 11, 2018, the Brothers of Pi Omega partnered with Sunday Dinner, prepared and donated hygiene packs, water, pizza, animal crackers, and bagged lunches to the homeless. The brothers also donated 342 gallons of clothes and shoes. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Sunday Dinner is a Nonprofit Organization. They provide good Sunday meals for the homeless and needy. They give food for the soul and spirit to help them persevere in the most challenging of times.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish is administrated by the Congregation of the Mission – Western Province, also known as the Vincentian priests and brothers. The Vincentians were founded by Saint Vincent de Paul in 1625 and have served in the Lincoln Park neighborhood since 1875.



Brother Lamonte Tyler giving hygiene packs and lunches to homeless

Pi Omega Male Mentoring Program



Brother Joe McNeil observes Mentees tie tying skills



Mentors and Mentees inside the Escape This venue



Mentors and Mentees outside of the Escape This venue



Brother Ryan Robinson teaches the art of tying a bow tie

Baltimore, MD. March. 2018. Pi Omega Chapter is proud to display its Male Mentoring Program. The program runs from October to June and seeks to impact the male youth of Baltimore. City and surrounding areas. The program meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for a session with the African American high school seniors. 16 session. Have been held thus far during the FY17-18 school year. The program has 13 participants and each session focus is on a topic that will help these young men become culturally diverse, well rounded, socially responsible productive members of society.

The program which is directly influenced from the Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative teaches the young men various things such as professional development, community responsibility, the importance of mental/physical health, conflict resolution and exposes them to arts and culture.

The young men attended and participated at many Pi Omega events such as the Pi Omega Achievement Week Program, Memorial Service and a variety of Pi Omega Social Action Programs.

The program culminates with the Quetillion Scholarship Ball. At this event to be held June 23, 2018, the young men display their progress through the program. In preparation for Quetillion Ball event, the young men learn proper etiquette and fundraising for a major formal event. They are also awarded scholarships. The program has been able to provide access to over \$10,000 in scholarships. The Quetillion Scholarship Ball provides a venue for the young men to be presenting to the Baltimore community.

Mu Nu Achievement Week



Mu Nu Man of the Year Brother Donnell Boykin



Male high school students honored at Mu Nu Achievement Week Program

Silver Spring, MD. November 8, 2017. Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) hosted its annual Achievement Week Observance Program at the Silver Spring Civic Building where it honored the scholastic achievements of more than a dozen African American male, high school seniors from several area schools, as well as local community and chapter leaders. Basileus and Corridor I Representative, Bro. Kelvin Ampofo (Omicron Epsilon, 1998, Bethune-Cookman Univ.) presided over the program organized by chairman and master of ceremonies, Bro. Walter Neighbors (Mu Nu, 2002). The evening included a buffet dinner with more than a hundred in attendance, including 13 student honorees, the community honorees, family and friends, and the Brotherhood. The program featured keynote speaker, Basileus-elect, Bro. Donald Williams (Beta Chi, 1989, Fayetteville, NC), as well as featured award recipient speeches from the Omega Man of the Year, Chapter Chaplain, Bro. Donnell Boykin (Xi Alpha, 2000, Charleston, WV), and from the Citizen of the Year, the three-term and first African American County Executive for Montgomery County, the Hon. Isiah Leggett. Other community and leadership awardees included the Founders Award to Chapter Keeper of Finance, Bro. Howard Atkinson (Beta, 1969, Lincoln Univ.), the Superior Service Award to Bro. Ampofo, and the Col. Charles Young Military Leadership Award to Bro. CAPT Gabriel Brown, USN (Mu Nu, 2008).

some special awards and recognition. Four exceptional students were selected as chapter scholarship recipients for their academic achievement, and the young man who will represent the chapter at the Fraternity's International Essay Contest received a cash award as the chapter essay contest winner. Bro. Ampofo also recognized several Mu Nu Chapter Brothers with Basileus awards for commitment and dedication to the chapter and the community during the year. Among those recognized were Brothers with 50-plus years in the Fraternity: Bros. William Brown (Pi, 1948, Morgan State Univ.); Richard Patterson (Omicron Gamma, 1966, Univ. of D.C.); Reginald Felton (Alpha, 1967, Howard Univ.); and, B. Eugene Neal (Pi, 1967). The program also featured a presentation from the Mu Nu Foundation, Inc. (MNF), which is an IRS-approved 501(c)(3), non-profit, tax-exempt, publicly-supported organization founded in 2004 to help fund community uplift projects and programs, including the annual Achievement Week Observance Program, the annual Talent Hunt program, and the chapter-established Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF) and the 31-year strong "Saturday School" program known as the George B. Thomas, Sr., Learning Academy, Inc. (GBTLA). MNF presented awards of \$3,900 to RWSMSF and \$5,000 to GBTLA. For more information about Mu Nu Chapter, MNF, RWSMSF and GBTLA, visit the Mu Nu Chapter website at www.munuques.org.

Mu Nu Supports Inaugural D.C. Metro HBCUAA Gala

Washington, D.C. September 8, 2017. The D.C. Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance, Inc. (HBCUAA) hosted its inaugural "Soirée" black-tie gala at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Bro. Samuel L. Washington, Jr. (Mu Nu, 1994, Montgomery County, MD), Alcorn State alum and D.C. Metro HBCUAA co-founder, was the visionary for the event and served as chairperson. The Soirée fundraiser and awards ceremony kicked off with a VIP reception and a local band that included Bros. Paul Scott (Mu Nu, 2011) and P.J. Gregory (Mu Nu, 2015). The evening's venue was filled with hundreds of HBCU alumni, guests and sponsors, including Mu Nu Chapter Brothers and other Omega Men. The featured entertainment was the Midnight Star band that originated on the HBCU campus of Kentucky State. The event's honorees included Bro. Hula Edmunds (Mu Nu, 1989), Howard alum, "Community Involvement Person of the Year", Dr. Jeanita S. Pritchett, Tennessee State alum, "Education Person of the Year", Allison Seymour (Delta Sigma Theta), Hampton alum, "Media Person of the Year", U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson, Jackson State and Tougaloo alum, "Public Policy Person of the Year", Kimberly F. Monroe, Grambling State alum, "Young Alumnus of the Year", Dwight T. Franklin Jr., Howard alum, "Business Person of the Year", and U.S. Capitol Police Officer David J. Bailey, N.C. Central alum, for "Bravery in the Line of Duty".

The event sponsors included Comcast, Xfinity, Brown-Forman Corporation, Advanced Systems Development, Inc., BreakThru Beverage Group, Sandy Spring Bank, the Alumni Association of Lincoln University (PA) D.C. Metro Chapter, MGM National Harbor represented by Vice President of Human Resources, Bro. Logan Gaskill (Psi, 1999, Morehouse), and Jordan Intellectual Property Law, LLC, owned by Mu Nu's Bro. B. Delano Jordan, Esq. (Zeta Iota, 1995, Portsmouth, VA). The master of ceremony was Harold T. Fischer, Morgan State alum, and host of "The Daily Drum" at the Howard University radio station, WHUR-FM (96.3). Also featured was HBCUAA spokesperson, Joe Clair, Morgan State alum, comedian and morning host of the "Joe Clair Show" at WPGC-FM (95.5). Other prominent attendees included Jamie Tettey, Hampton alum and President of the D.C. Metro HBCUAA, Daniel Ford, N.C. A&T alum and President of the Atlanta HBCUAA, and Stacey Burnette, Howard alum and Senior Director for Government and Regulatory Affairs at Comcast Cable. Honorary hosts included Mu Nu's Bro. Reginald Felton (Alpha, 1967, Howard), the first African-American and 3-consecutive term President of the Montgomery County Maryland School Board, and Dr. Leonard L. Haynes III (Lambda Alpha),

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Mu Nu Brother William “Bill” Brown: Ever a Man of Service



Brother Bill Brown



Brother Bill Brown Running at the Olympics

Silver Spring, MD. February 28, 2018. The Fraternity is approaching 107 years, and Bro. William “Bill” Brown (Pi, 1948, Morgan State), Life Member #940, is among a very few looking to achieve 70 years in Omega in 2018. Bro. Brown was born in Bel-Air, MD, in 1925, and graduated from Bel-Air Colored High School in 1943. He was drafted for World War II and completed training at Camp Clyburn, LA, in the “Jim Crow” South where he recalls Negroes were unwelcome in town on certain Whites only days. Bro. Brown rose from Private to Corporal and deployed to Scotland with the 1310th Combat Engineers, an all-Black unit, where he guarded military airfields. He also spent time in England before shipping to France shortly after D-Day (June 6, 1944). As a Sergeant in France, he led his 13-man squad to build Bailey bridges and clear mine fields before returning to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, to join the Military Police Corp. He was honorably discharged in March 1946. Bro. Brown attended Morgan State (1946-1950), majoring in health and physical education, where he met his beloved wife, Gloria (AKA), with whom he shared three children and 66 years of marriage before she passed in 2017. He was initiated into Omega in December 1948 by such Brothers as Joe Black, famed Negro League and Major League Baseball player. Bro. Brown was a member of Morgan’s track team that was the first HBCU to win the Penn Relays’ Mile Relay Championship of America (1950). He

also participated in civil rights marches to integrate Baltimore’s Reads Drug Store, Woolsworth, The Hecht Co., and the Loch Raven United Methodist Church. Following graduation, he spent five years as a physical education and math teacher, and a track and field coach at the segregated Central Consolidated School in Harford County, MD, where he also coached the basketball team to a state championship. Bro. Brown was selected to the 1952 U.S. Olympic team, which included famed boxer Floyd Patterson, and he ran the 880 and 4x400 (yards) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Despite his war service and Olympics, the University of Maryland denied him admission, so he commuted 180 miles roundtrip each week to Temple to earn a Master’s in physical education, recreation and safety (1960). Bro. Brown taught at Bel-Air High School (1965-1983) and coached their track team to two state championships (1967 & 1968), and later served as their athletic director (1980-1983) for what was then the fourth largest school in the state. His accolades include the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union All College Track and Field Team (1950), the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame (1976), and the Harford County, MD, Educator Hall of Fame (2001). Bro. Brown says his passion has been, “To be able to help pull up the youth by giving them a little extra time in the classroom and attention through his coaching to help them succeed in life.” Bro. Brown remains active with Mu Nu Chapter: Ever a Man of Service.

Mu Nu Supports Inaugural D.C. Metro HBCUAA Gala (cont.)

1970, Baton Rouge, LA), Southern alum, and Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Education for the U.S. Department of Education, and former Executive Director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs. The D.C. Metro HBCUAA continues to advocate for HBCUs and scholarship fundraising, and supporting and participating in programs that promote higher education, encourage healthy living, and fight hunger. To date, they have raised more than \$325,000 to help underserved students attending HBCUs. Visit <http://www.dchbcu.org/> for information, video and photos of the Soirée and other events.

Party goes at the HBCUAA Gala



Alpha Lambda Lambda Celebrates Achievement Week 2017



Alpha Lambda Lambda Brothers at the Achievement Week program with Corridor 1 Representative Kelvin Ampofo

Frederick, MD. November 17-18, 2017. The Brothers of the Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter, celebrated the Fraternity's annual observance of Achievement week rededicating themselves to the Cardinal Principles and continued service to the community. The Achievement week activities began with the Omega Men Mentoring Men session at the West Frederick Middle School. Here the brothers met with young men to instill a sense of pride in oneself through appearance, attitude and academic excellence. This monthly event also supports the Fraternity's Fatherhood Initiative, raising community awareness on the importance of responsible fatherhood and mentoring. On November 17th, chapter members gathered on the campus of Howard University, the birthplace of our great Fraternity in order to rededicate themselves to being the great men, fathers, son, husbands and brothers as the Founders intended. Brother David Marion, 1st Vice Grand Basileus, provided the key note address which was then followed by a procession pass the Sun Dial and through the "Valley" wherein the brothers gathered to sing "Omega Dear". Once the celebratory activities concluded, brothers

gripped old and new friends, and posed for pictures in front of Thirkield Hall. On November 18th, the brother's along with spouses and guests joined together to celebrate the chapter's contributions to the Fraternity and the Frederick community through an awards banquet. The brothers were honored by the presence and keynote speaker being Brother Kelvin Ampofo, current Corridor 1 Representative, and candidate for the office of District Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother Ampofo previously served as Alpha Lambda Lambda's Basileus, therefore the brothers were humbled in knowing that his early beginnings in Omega, in particular with this chapter, established a strong foundation leading him to greater responsibilities in the Fraternity. The Achievement Banquet serves as the chapters' capstone event closing out the old fraternity year. During the banquet the following brothers were honored for their exceptional service and uplift to the community: Omega Man of the Year—Brother Thaddious Goodman (Pi Gamma 68) Citizen of the Year—Brother Derek Shackelford (Pi Omega 01) Superior Service Award—Brother Meredith Hudson (Xi Psi 68)

Alpha Lambda Lambda Keith Harley Promoted Colonel Army Acquisitions Corps

Fort Belovir, VA, November 21, 2017. The legacy of COL Charles Young was continued as Brother Keith Harley (Nu Omega) was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Army Acquisition Corps. Brother Harley, a former 2nd District COL Charles Young awardee, continues the proud tradition of the awards namesake through his military and academic leadership, and devotion to duty in service to our Nation.

COL Harley has served this nation in numerous assignments to include deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His honors include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Parachutist Badge.

COL Harley earned a B.S. in Psychology from South Carolina State University and a M.S. in Acquisition Contract Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Brother COL Keith Harley congratulated by COL Torrence Beck, FY14 2nd District COL Charles Young Awardee



Alpha Lambda Lambda Supports the Frederick Community



Brother Steve Coles participates in Read Across America

Frederick, MD. There aren't enough words in the dictionary to describe the significance of giving back. Even the simplest acts of benevolence, the ones we think of as "random acts of kindness" or "no big deal" are actually incredibly important. Volunteering in all shapes and forms strengthens our communities, brings people together and provides us with valuable experience and insight. The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda (ALL) chapter believe in giving back to the community in which they live. Service through the chapters' social action endeavors remains its' primary focus. On October 8th, 2017, the brothers volunteered to participate in the American Diabetes Association Walk to Stop Diabetes in order to provide, knowledge and financial support for research on a disease which the debilitating effects can lead to blindness, kidney malfunction and amputations and when compared to the general population, African Americans are more disproportionately affected. The chapters' male mentoring program "Omega Men Mentoring Men" (QM3) supports academic excellence and achievement throughout the school year. The program has been instituted at both West Frederick Middle School and Monocacy Elementary School with the basic theme being 'don't let bad thinking, small thinking, or negative thinking ruin your destiny in life, think your way to success.' The chapters' QM3 program along with other 2nd District mentoring and fatherhood initiatives was featured on WBGR Talk Show Podcast, hosted Stacey Jordan.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons finds the brothers delivering turkeys to the residents of the Lincoln Housing Community as well as providing gifts for the children. The provision of gift cards prior to the beginning of the school year assists the local families in the purchase of much needed school supplies. The uplift to this low income community has been on – going for over 17 years. March 2nd of each year marks the observance of National Read Across America Day. Many of the brother's take time from their busy schedules to support this endeavor at the Monocacy Elementary School which encourages reading among our youth. ALL over the Frederick community you can find the greek letters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., boldly displayed on a backdrop of royal purple and old gold. From teaching a young man to tie a tie, to coaching football and soccer, to instilling respect in oneself; ALL of which ripples into healthy communities; the brothers of ALL know there is something so different, so unique that comes with giving back to one's community. Maybe it is the satisfaction of helping those less fortunate, or maybe it is seeing people from all different races, and backgrounds join in a cause that elicits a smile of appreciation and gratitude. The Founders of our great Fraternity would be proud of ALL knowing that service can make a difference in uplifting the community.



Frederick County American Diabetes Association Exec. Director David McShea, volunteer Darryl Mcquire. Brothers Demayne Collins, James Green, Larnell Simpson, Tony Story, and Keith Jones

Beta Alpha Alpha School Daze

New Rochelle, NY. February 6, 2018. Member representatives from the Chapters of the Westchester County National Pan Hellenic Council addressed students from the New Rochelle High School located at 265 Clove Road, New Rochelle, New York 10811. Brothers Steven Schmidt and Mathias Moorehead were present on behalf of the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

New Rochelle High School Principal Ms. Camille Edwards Thomas was notified and parameters regarding the event were outlined and met mutual satisfaction. The following topics were discussed: Fraternities, Sororities, HBCU's, College Access, Scholarship Opportunities and Collegiate Life. The students were very engaged in the question and answer portion of the program. They appreciated the opportunity to get answers to questions that pose some concern to them. Many in attendance stated that this program was very beneficial and should be made available more frequently



*Members of Westchester County Pan Hellenic Council
Omega represented by Brothers Steve Schmidt and Mathias Moorehead*

Beta Chapter Miss Omega 2018 Pageant



Beta Chapter Brother with Miss Omega Pageant Contestants

Oxford, PA. March 22, 2018. The Brothers of Beta Chapter Lincoln University hosted their annual spring Miss Omega pageant to crown the 2018-19 Miss Omega Beta Chapter at Lincoln University. The pageant was held in the auditorium of the new International Culture Center's 1,000 seat auditorium on Lincoln University's beautifully renovated campus. With several hundred guests in attendance you immediately got the sense of the breath and depth of this pageant and what it means to Lincoln University.

Beta Chapter Basileus, Brother Michael Brim II (Beta '16), and Miss Omega 2017, Miss Tiffany Davis, hosted the event. Miss Davis while wearing her crown and Miss Omega sash with glamor and grace in an elegant sequenced gown introduced the six contestants. The competitive categories for the pageant were; Talent, Inspiration, Swimsuit and Question/Answer. Brother Brim in a nostalgic 70's Afro wig, sunglasses, vest and bell-bottoms entertained the crowd between curtain calls. During intermission the Brothers of Beta chapter in suits and ties fitting the occasion performed a brief step show to the raucous pleasure of the audience. This year's categories saw four deserving beautiful contestants awarded

to represent Beta Chapter for the following titled crowns in 2018-19: Miss Omega, Miss Purple, Miss Gold and the new category of Miss 1914 recognizing the year Beta chapter was founded. After intermission the business of the competition got serious with the final category of Question and Answer. Pageant winner, Peyton Adams, sealed the deal with her question, "What are the four Cardinal Principles of Omega Psi Phi and which one do you live by?" To which Miss Adams replied, "The Four Cardinal Principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated are..." She then stated Perseverance was her most exemplified Omega Cardinal principle. Upon being announced the winner; her fellow contestants with hugs, kisses and sisterly affection swarmed the New Miss Omega. Peyton tearfully accepted the crown as the previous year's winner placed it on her head. The crowd enveloped the stage as they welcomed and saluted Lincoln University's newly crowned Miss Omega 2018!

Beta Chapter Salutes all the Miss Omega 2018 Pageant winners: Miss Omega – Peyton Adams, Miss Purple – Omolara Saundo, Miss Gold – Marcia James and Miss 1914 – Kaylah Stringfield

Beta Iota Iota Memorial Service



Beta Iota Iota Brothers at the gravesite of 4th Grand Basileus George E. Hall

Bridgeton, NJ. March 2018. The Brothers of Beta Iota Iota Chapter, Bridgeton NJ, hosted their annual Memorial Service Program at the Gouldtown Memorial Park in Bridgeton, NJ., the final resting place of our 4th Grand Basileus, Brother George E. Hall.

Among the brothers in attendance were Bro. M. Scott, 1949 Upsilon Chapter and Beta Iota Iota founder. Bro. H. Hill, Basileus, Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter (Sicklerville, NJ) and Bro. Eric Mayo, Basileus Upsilon Alpha Chapter (Atlantic City, NJ).

Delta Upsilon HBCU College Fair



Students at the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fair

West Windsor, NJ. November 12, 2017. Brothers of the Dynamic Delta Upsilon Chapter hosted the annual HBCU College Fair at Mercer Community College. At the event, hundred of students and parents were able to attend educational workshops regarding financial aid, college prep, and more. Students and parents, most importantly, had the opportunity to speak with HBCU college recruiters on-site, and apply for scholarships. The event was a huge success.

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lege Fair is a non-profit, volunteer organization that partners with community and state agencies to introduce a multitude of students, eager to learn about higher education opportunities, to college admissions representatives from the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Throughout New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia, The Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair is recognized by students, parents, legislatures, community leaders and educators as one of the premier events of its nature.

Chi Upsilon Honors the Life of Brother Arthur Hilton



Chi

Somerdale, NJ. February 8, 2018 The Brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter held an Omega Service for senior member, ninety-four year old Arthur J. Hilton on Friday February 16th. Born and raised in Glen Mills, Pa., Arthur was drafted into the army in 1944 and served until 1946 ending his service at the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded three battle stars. Upon leaving the army he enrolled at Cheyney State College in 1946, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts. While a student, he was also a 4-year letterman in football. Brother Hilton was a charter member of the 1950 Beta Gamma Chapter line known as "The Original 19". Arthur held jobs as a truck driver, stone mason and carpenter and at one point he worked with his uncle building homes in and around the Glen Mills and Cheyney, Pennsylvania area. He began his teaching career in 1950, and excelled up to the position of supervisor in the Camden City Public School System. In 1972 he went on to further his education getting his master's degree and soon after became the supervisor for the district in Industrial Arts. Brother Hilton retired in 1988, but continued to be very active in his community, with his family and his fraternity. Within the neighborhood and family, Arthur was always helping someone with a

project. When it came to woodworking and electrical work, there wasn't anybody better to do the job. During the 1970's, 80's and 90's he played a major role in the restoration of the Chi Upsilon Chapter fraternity house at 743 Chestnut Street in Camden, working on projects inside and out. Arthur leave to cherish his memories, his wife of over sixty years Dolores, one son Brother Gregory Hilton and five grandchildren.

Back in May of 2017 Immediate Past Basileus, Brother Oscar R. Spencer arranged one of the most historical events in chapter history. Fittingly on Memorial Day Weekend 2017, nine Chi Upsilon members, 23rd DR David B. Wharton, Oscar Spencer, Aaron Yelverton, Eugene Shoultz, Leonard Higgins, Paul McNair, Ron Stephens, Walt Young and Jeff Spratley, went to his home for an interview and finished up with a group photograph. During Chi Upsilon's 65th anniversary, this was a priceless moment to be forever embedded within our chapter and fraternity's history. As we recorded this event, each brother had the opportunity to ask Brother Hilton several questions as he reflected on his days growing up, as a student, as an athlete and as an Omega Man at Cheyney State College during the late 1940's.

Delta Upsilon Trenton, NJ Soup Kitchen Social Action

Trenton, NJ. November, 1st, 2017. Brothers of the Dynamic Delta Upsilon Chapter partnered with the local Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) to serve meals and provide food preparation for local patrons.

This initiative is part of a continuous effort to work with our local community to combat hunger and homelessness.

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, with the support of volunteers, helps provide over 3,000 meals a week to the local Trenton community, and there, you will find services ranging from social, hygiene, health and educational services



Delta Upsilon Brothers serving meals at the Soup Kitchen

Delta Upsilon Achievement Week Dinner

Morrisville, PA. November 11, 2018. The Dynamic Delta Upsilon hosted its Achievement Week dinner at Michael's Restaurant in Morrisville, PA. The event was well attended by Brothers and community members alike. The event consisted of honoring two individuals, Brother Dr. Gary Keel of Delta Upsilon Chapter, and Dionne Hallback.

Brother Keel was honored as Omega Man of the Year for his many years of dedicated service to Omega. Brother Keel, while always serving in any position or role, has hosted numerous social events such as the retirees breakfast, family movie nights, and more. In addition to his social savvy, Brother Keel has served as chair of the Health Committee, Co-Chair of the Reclamation and Retention Committee, and he has always been willing to lend a hand in matters of service through Omega to his fellow chapter brothers.

Ms. Dionne Hallback, who received the award for Community Leader of the Year, received her recognition for her constant mark on the local community. One of the many service-oriented accomplishments she had been recognized for her, was work in assisting the Delta Upsilon with the annual HBCU College Fair.



Delta Upsilon Brothers with Achievement Week Honorees

Delta Upsilon Social Action Committee Facilitates Implementation of New Jersey's "Amistad Act" by Trenton Board of Education 12-K

Trenton, NJ. January 15, 2018. The Social Action Committee of Delta Upsilon Chapter has been quietly working with the body charged with assisting school districts, "The Amistad Commission", in implementing "The Amistad Act." The Social Action Committee gladly reports that the "Amistad Act" will begin to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year, permanently, by the Trenton Board of Education. This Act requires that African/African-American History be fully implemented and integrated into the K-12 curriculum to assist with student development. Committee Chairman, Aula Maarufu Sumbry wished thanks Brothers Jeff Summers, Alex Bethea, Larry Graves and Community Partners, A Better Way and Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition.

Unfortunately, since being signed into law, less than five school districts out of 319 have implemented this Act since 2003, when it was signed into law. The Social Action Committee contacted the Commission and they in turn sent Commissioner Ms. Iman Abduq to assist us in following upon the local level.

Ms. Abduq developed a community based presentation for us which we held at "A Better Way", Mr. Perry Shaw III CEO. She also brought several

bags of African/African-American history books to distribute as we desired to the community. Brother Jeff Summers, Delta Upsilon's Education Committee chair, has been recognizing "Students of the Month" for more than five years now. We now give age appropriate books along with the chapter's certificates of recognition.

We next facilitated dialogue between the president of the Trenton School Board of Education, Mr. Gene Bouie. In collaboration with community partner Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition (TAVC) Mr. Divine Allah chairman, we invited Dr. Stephanie James Harris (Commission President) to the TAVC 2016 City Hall Kwanzaa. She did attend and was the keynote speaker. She also brought a very large supply of history books appropriate for ages K-12, which we now distribute to the community via Chapter Brothers.

The implementation of Amistad can now be found on the Trenton School Board web site. It reads, "Curriculum is in compliance with the New Jersey Amistad Act (A1301) for the 2018-2019 school year for K-12 Social Studies," as its third objective.

Delta Upsilon Youth Lecture Series

Mercer County, NJ. November 18, 2017. There were over eighty students and adults in attendance for the Dynamic Delta Upsilon, Social Action Committee's "What to do if Stopped by Law Enforcement" education lecture series at Mercer County Community College. During the lecture series, attendees had the opportunity to listen to personal stories, and best practices for dealing with law enforcement, and more.

Brother Kenneth Moore (FBI retired) came to the program, not expecting to do anything, but shared his unwarranted stops as a college student and even while serving as an FBI Officer.

The Dynamic Delta Upsilon's Social Action Committee adopted MCCC and Youth College eight years ago. Shortly there after we began these "National Achievement Week: Educational Lecture Series" presentations. These presentations have been given to Mercer County Community College and Youth College Students for the last seven years.

This program will be repeated several times in the City of Trenton for adults and other youth throughout 2018. We will also continue to provide "cultural enrichment" to the Youth College and Greater College of Mercer County Community College as we have for the last eight years.

We want to thank Ms Monica L. Weaver, Kearny Campus Provost and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for her support and that of her sorority sisters



*Delta Upsilon Brothers facilitate Youth Lecture Series
"What to do if stopped by the Police?"*

Gamma Pi Talent Hunt



Contestants performing at Gamma Pi Talent Hunt

Springdale, MD. March 17, 2018. It was hard to drive past Charles Flowers High School in Springdale on Saturday, March 17, and not feel compelled to stop in. The bopping sounds of jazz saxophones, concert pianos, high-pitched and guttural low vocals along with the whoosh of dance routines transformed the school into a mini-version of Amateur Night at the Apollo. That was the best way to describe Gamma Pi's successful Talent Hunt '18.

It was a good turnout at the school auditorium as the crowd got into it from being presented a really good show. A total of 18 contestants fought it out for category prizes as well as the top overall prize that would send them to the District Talent Hunt competition in Baltimore in late April. The top overall winner was Nia Harris Burnley, a senior at Bishop McNamara High School who performed a classical selection on piano, "Moonlight Sonata Movement 3," by Beethoven. Several other students placed in individual categories such as Dance, Contemporary Piano, Classical Vocals and Contemporary Instrumental among others.

The show opened in a bold way with a bellowing opera-like booming bass

solo by 10th grader Solomon Ouyukwu, of Flowers, who sang a classical piece, O Cessated di Piagrami by Scarlatti. It ended with raucous drum solo by Immanuel Cooper, an 11th grader who is also a student at Flowers. Both performers brought down the house.

People know good talent when they see it, or hear it, which is why they clapped and cheered for jazzy saxophone solos and piano concertos, all with the same fervor. It is why they were awed by both rhythmic dance moves to a spiritual classic and the the sounds of thunderous drum solos. Special thanks to Talent Hunt chairman Bro. Leroy Barton, Jr., Ph., and his committee consisting of Brothers Andrew Clarke, Alphonso Liggins, Sr., Lucid Toney, Mark A. Roscoe, Dexter Rountree. Joseph Williams, Jr., Aaron Ajani, Tony Boyd, Richard Allison II (emcee), Derrick Frayer, Terry Satterfield, Sr., PhD., Don D Myles, Donald Herring, Sr., Bruce Edwards, Don Norwood, Tony Williams, Rev. Brian King, Sr., Marcus Davis, Gordon Sampson, Gavin Milligan, Terence Hare, James Pegues and Lawrence Dukes.



Epsilon Chapter Women of the Month Series

New York, NY. February 2018. The Brothers of Epsilon Chapter want to combat the disappointing narrative that Black men don't respect, protect, or even love their women. In fact, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity feel like we could never do enough to praise and honor them for all that they do for us and for the world. As such, we introduced our Woman of the Month Series!

Every month since March of 2017, we have recognized the accomplishments of a woman serving the New York City community in a different professional field. We presented them with a certificate and did a short interview with them.

We know that this is just a small token of our endless gratitude, but we hope to be an example for all men everywhere, constantly searching for and acknowledging the women around us.

March 2017 - Tamika Mallory, co-chair Women's March on Washington

- Social Activism Epsilon Chapter 2017 Woman of the Year

June 2017 - Chloe McKenzie, Founder of BlackFem - Financial Literacy

July 2017 - Sonya Tennell, ADA for Bronx County - Legal Profession

August 2017 - Dr. Nicole Grimes, Principal of Dominican Academy - STEM

September 2017 - Jasmine Ray, Founder and CEO of the US Wall Ball Association! - Sports

October 2017- Paulette Cleghorn, Creative Director - Fashion

November 2017- Assemblyperson Rodneyse Bichotte – Epsilon Chapter 2017 Citizen of the Year

December 2017 - Anne-Marie Malcolm, Principal of Madiba Prep Middle School - Educational Leadership

January 2018 - Lauren Holland, Head of Basic Industrials Investment Grade Strategy at Credit Sights - Business and Finance

Gamma Pi Celebrates 45 Years in True Omega Fashion



Gamma Pi Founders

MEN WITH A Vision of Nobler Things

Capitol Heights, MD. March 5, 2018. The very core reason for why Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has survived and thrived for more than a century was epitomized at Gamma Pi Chapter on Monday, March 5, when Brothers from The Super Chapter got together across generations, initiation lines, geographic backgrounds and experience in the Fraternity to celebrate 45 years in Omega for Gamma Pi.

On the exact date of the chapter's founding, 45 years after the charter was granted, more than 100 Brothers gathered for an exciting and insightful program and Omega fellowship at The Super Chapter Fraternity Center. What resulted was an Omega style celebration of 45 years, 21 lines and hundreds of Omega men made at The Super Chapter in almost half a century. Several of the Founders were present and spoke at the program. All are still active in the chapter today. In attendance and at the podium were these esteemed Brothers: Timothy McIntosh (the first Basileus), George Edwards, Don Herring, Sr., Joseph Williams, and John Robinson. Seeing and hearing from these Brothers was inspiring and a real testament to why the Founders organized Omega Psi Phi as a Fraternity for life.

Through the years, Gamma Pi has left an indelible mark on Omega Psi Phi. The chapter has won numerous awards at the District level and has had numerous members serve the Fraternity at the International and District level, including Bro Kenneth Rodgers, the current two-term Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who was in attendance. Gamma Pi has won the Large Chapter of the Year award for the Second District four times, including in 2015.

Brothers took the opportunity of the event to recall the earliest beginnings of the chapter, including when it was meeting in Brother Tim McIntosh's basement and later at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park. Some of the earliest Mardi Gras events were even held at the old church in the basement. The idea to conceive the chapter was triggered by several graduate Brothers in 1972 and from the germination of that idea, a total of 21

Brothers applied to the Supreme Council of the Fraternity on January 31, 1973 through then-Second District Representative Bro. Milton Johnson. At the time Gamma Pi Chapter was just an idea, many graduate Brothers in Prince George's County -- mostly in education and business careers -- were driving north to Montgomery County or into Washington, D.C. to remain active in the Fraternity.

The 45th Anniversary celebration afforded newer initiates into Gamma Pi the occasion to swap stories with some of the earlier Sons of Gamma Pi. It was a tie to see how many Past Basilei you could recall. Or how many lines have crossed over (the answer is 21). In addition, for many, the challenge was to see if they come up with the right number of Founders and how many could you name?

It was an exciting and symbolic moment for the Brothers who bridged the very beginning with the current -- from first Basileus McIntosh to current Basileus Tony Lee, and from the first line in the Spring of 1979 to the most recent line to enter the Fraternity through Gamma Pi: the two-man Que-cified II, on April 29, 2017, of Bros. Ben Greene and Andrew Clarke. Congratulations to Bro. Maurice Calhoun (Gamma Pi '90) for leading the planning and execution of an outstanding program, along with committee members Bros. Sheku Aliou, Steve Coles, Kevin Ford, Jr., Marlin Godfrey, Damien Goins (who serve as emcee), Eddie High, Keith Keemer, Brian King, Charles Mays, Michael Mitchell, Thad Turner, Darryl Ward and Milton Ware, Jr.



Gamma Pi Social Action Events



Brother Rod Garner teaching basketball fundamentals

Prince George's County, MD. March 26, 2018. Gamma Pi's Social Action team is continuing to chart new territory for service and Uplift in the local community. In just the past month, Social Action, under the leadership of Brother Kevin Greenwood, has met with local domestic violence advocates, re-introduced its reformatted Que Kidz initiative in two local communities and sponsored a birthday party for seniors in Suitland and sponsored a basketball skills event in conjunction with March Madness for local youths in the underserved Columbia Road community.

On Saturday, March 17, Social Action members attended "Momentum: Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence Promoting Domestic Peace", a Men's Conference sponsored by the Prince George's County Department of Family Services. The conference was held at the Camelot by Martin's in Upper Marlboro and was designed to create a gender specific community dialogue to educate men and youth on healthy relationships, non-violence, and to give them an opportunity to partner with other males in discussion to address domestic violence in Prince George's County. It was the third conference Gamma Pi has participated in since 2017. The chapter is looking to make inroads at these conferences to lay the groundwork for collaborative social action in that space.

On Saturday, March 24, the day of the largest event of the year for Gamma Pi -- the day of the annual Mardi Gras -- The Super Chapter put on two big events for youth under its Que Kidz moniker. In the morning, the Brothers joined local Fraternity member and high school basketball coach Bro. Rod Garner in holding a March Madness session on on-court fundamentals with lessons on life sprinkled in. The skills sessions dove-tailed with the televised NCAA college basketball tournament. It proved to be a fun and exciting way for kids to learn the importance of teamwork, developing life skills and understanding and practicing sportsmanship. The event was held at the Columbia Park Recreation Center in an underserved area of Prince George's County.

That evening, just hours before the Mardi Gras at National Harbor, the Social Action Committee went into another hard-hit community, Seat Pleasant, to host a Que Teenz event that was designed to help kids learn about good character. The purpose of this session was to introduce the Que Teenz to the concept of Character Education through dialogue.

Gamma Pi Chapter finished up the latest Social Action run by hosting the Quarterly Birthday Bash for the seniors at the Windsor Crossing Apartments in Suitland, Md., bringing cake and ice cream, party favors, gifts, singing and a whole lot of love and respect to the seniors who always look forward to a visit from "The Ques" and those exciting birthday parties!

Gamma Pi Brothers Takes Kids to See "Black Panther"



Gamma Pi Brothers with Kids at Black Panther movie event

Marlow Heights, MD. February 7, 2018. "Black Panther" is now one of the highest-grossing movies of all time. During the opening weekend in March, it came upon the scene like a typhoon engulfing all other movies in its huge wave. Now some young black kids from an underserved community in Prince George's County, Md. will be able to look back and say they were there for that opening weekend, too, thanks to the Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter, several of whom escorted a group of youths to see the movie.

Members of the Social Action committee led the way. The powerful positive messages of inspiration and respect displayed in the movie could not have resonated to a more impressionable and deserving group. For young people, "Black Panther" telegraphed some important messages that may very well be the difference in their own lives, helping them overcome

disadvantages and seeing their own potential.

The youth who went on the field trip come from the Columbia Park area, one of the toughest in the county. They are also part of Gamma Pi's Que Kidz cultural and character enrichment program for preteens which meets Saturday mornings once a month. The group included 15 youths and five Gamma Pi chaperones. Field trips are a part of the program with the focus on exposing the youths to cultural activities they otherwise would not be able to experience.

The youth enjoyed the movie immensely. But they are probably too young to realize the magnitude of the movie right now. As they get older, it will dawn on them just how historic this opening weekend was and they will always remember the Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter giving them this historic experience.

Gamma Pi Ques in Annapolis



Omega Brothers at Ques in Annapolis with Omega Men Maryland Legislators Frank Turner and Nick Mosby

Annapolis, MD. February 27, 2018. Omega men are known for taking charge and going where the action is. The Brothers of Gamma Pi did just that recently by hosting other Second District chapters for an issues-focused visit to the State Legislature. The Annual “Ques in Annapolis” meeting brings together chapter members and lawmakers, giving concerned Omega men an opportunity to come face-to-face with state leaders to talk about progress in initiatives that impact citizens in the communities where Gamma Pi and other chapters serve.

More than 90 Omega men participated in the daylong program including 35th Second District Representative Bro. Sherman Charles. About one third of those in attendance were from Gamma Pi, said Legislative Co-Chair Brother Richard W. Allison II, who organized the event along with Chair Brother Richard Moore. During the day, the contingent of Omegas visited both the House and Senate chambers and they got in a tour of the historic State House building.

“This event planted the seeds of a vision throughout the District. A vi-

sion where we can begin to personalize our relationships as Chapters with State Legislators in an effort to facilitate social action change,” said Bro. Allison. “A vision that will allow us to leverage our size and reach to impact positive change in our communities.”

The day’s activities also included sitting in on a live committee meeting, touring the Governor’s Mansion, and for Brothers, two especially meaningful activities: lunching at the Asbury United Methodist Church, the oldest African American church in Annapolis and one the pastorate of Brother Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love; and visiting Gamma Pi Chapter member and State Senator Bro. Ulysess Currie.

Speaking of Bro Currie, it was announced that he and another Omega man in the legislature, Bro. Frank S. Turner, will be the namesakes for two new awards to be presented annually. They were both inaugural recipients of these new awards during the Ques in Annapolis activities. It was a great day to be an Omega man. The Founders would have been extremely proud.

Iota Nu Manhood Discussion at McDaniel College

Westminster, MD. March 28, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter traveled to McDaniel College to participate and support our young chapter brothers during a one of the events they are establishing on campus. The young brothers of Iota Nu at McDaniel College led a discussion called “Manhood.” The brothers from Iota Nu facilitated a discussions regarding being an African American man in today’s society. Approximately, 20 students from McDaniel were present and engaged the Brothers and the brothers provided life experiences, talked about career and mentorship opportunities. This is one of many events the brothers of McDaniel plan to include and maintain on an annual basis.

The Brothers of Iota Nu at McDaniel are set to transition into a newly chartered chapter in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Brothers of Iota Nu in Harford County will remain close to the newly formed chapter to ensure that they grow and maintain the organizations mandated programs.

Iota Nu Brother facilitating Manhood Discussion



Iota Nu Social Action Events

Belair Rehab Donation

Bel Air, MD. March 17, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter donated stuffed Easter Bunnies the Bel Air Rehab Center. Brother Michael Bennett and his family routinely visit the rehabilitation center to spend time with the patients. During the holidays some of the patients do not have families and having someone to visit with them always brightens their day. The stuffed Easter Bunnies will be provided to patients and also as game prizes during the centers weekly Bingo night. Brother Eric Story and Norbit Reed assisted Brother Michael Bennett. With a quick turnaround time, the brothers of the chapter were able to buy and donate over 60 stuffed Easter Bunnies

Iota Nu Brothers Norbit Reed, Eric Story, and Michael Bennett with Ashley Harris of the Bel Air Rehab Center



Highway Clean-up

Aberdeen, MD. March 24, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter conducted its annual highway clean up initiative in partnership with the State Highway Administrations Adopt-A-Highway under the Maryland Department of Transportation. In 2018, as part of Iota Nu's fatherhood and mentoring initiative the brothers brought local middle and high school young men to participate. Doing this allowed the chapter to fellowship and speak with the young men on an individual basis while showing them the importance of keeping our environment safe and clean.

The Iota Nu chapter has adopted two highways in Harford County along route 40 in Aberdeen, Maryland. Together, the brothers walked up and down our adopted highways collecting litter. Keeping the roadways litter free improves the health of our environment and keeps our roads safe to drive. This is one of several events that Iota Nu plans to conduct as part of the chapters Social Action initiatives. Iota Nu participates in the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up effort on a quarterly basis as part of the State Highway Administrations requirements and this program is led by Brother Anthony Dorsey.

Iota Nu Brothers Moore, Story and Pettiford walking along the highway with bags filled with litter



Havre de Grace Colored School

Havre de Grace, MD. March 8, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter donated funding to support the acquisition of the Havre de Grace Colored School. The goal and plan of the initiative is to convert the building into a cultural center and museum that provides the rich history and legacy of the Havre de Grace Colored School.

The Havre de Grace Colored School was a segregated school for local black children from elementary through high school from 1910 until 1953. African American students in the Havre de Grace then attended Havre de Grace Consolidated School in the Oakington, MD. Today, Havre de Grace Consolidated School is now Royce-Williams Elementary School.

Iota Nu's own Brother Emil Cromwell is a lifetime resident of Havre de Grace and has lived through all of the transitions these past decades. He is a member of the committee that is fund raising for this effort and when he approached the chapter for support it was an easy decision. Iota Nu is proud to be part of this historic occasion in Harford County History.



Iota Nu Brother Reese, Cromwell, and Adams provide check in the form \$500 to Havre de Grace Colored School representative.

Iota Nu Prepares Future Leaders of the Fraternity



Young Brothers of McDaniel and Stevenson shadow the Officers of the Iota Nu chapter.

Havre de Grace, MD. February 1, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter participated in their scheduled mentoring and leadership training with their youngest chapter brothers at McDaniel College and Stevenson University during our monthly fraternity meeting. The young brothers traveled from Westminster to Harford County, Maryland to discuss planning and budgeting for Iota Nu's current events as well as events that are forthcoming at McDaniel College and Stevenson University.

The Chapter is in a unique situation in which they are grooming the younger brothers of McDaniel and Stevenson while they are chartering a new chapter into our beloved organization. The young brothers of McDaniel

College and Stevenson University are taking the initiative to engage the officers of the executive council in Iota Nu and continue to seek guidance and wisdom from the chapter. These young brothers have been thoroughly immersed in chapter and district activities throughout the fraternity.

The charter of McDaniel College and Stevenson University's newly formed chapter is expected to be approved and presented by mid-year 2018. The young brothers have expressed interest in remaining close to the Iota Nu Chapter for guidance and assistance and our plan is to provide quarterly training as part of the chapter's fatherhood and mentoring initiatives for the fraternal year 2018.

Iota Nu Memorial Service

Edgewood, MD. March 11, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter recently observed the fraternities annual Memorial Service. March 12 is the day each year that the fraternity sets aside to recall the memories of the members that have transitioned from labor to glory.

The Brothers of Iota Nu worshipped together and followed Sunday service with fellowship and reflection about brothers that have passed away. Tears were shed and stories were told as Brothers bonded and concluded the day remembering our fallen brothers.

Brothers of Iota Nu fellowship after conducting Annual Memorial Service to reflect on Brothers that have gone to Omega Chapter.



Iota Nu Supports Black History Month



Aberdeen, MD. February 28, 2017. Iota Nu Chapter supported Aberdeen Middle School's monthly Good News Assembly. Each month Aberdeen Middle School celebrates their students character education traits there were learned during the month. The month of February focus on Black History Month and one of the schools principals requested assistance from the Brothers of the Iota Nu Chapter.

Brothers Mark Thomas and Michael Bennett represented the chapter and welcomed students as they entered the school at 7:45am. Once the school day started, the brothers attended the schools assembly and observed as grades 6, 7, and 8 performed Black History Month themed programs. The performances included Harriett Tubman, Thurgood Marshall, and Langston Hughes. Aberdeen Middle School also had a step team perform. The brothers noted that it was a great spending time with the younger generation as they learned about African American history.

Brother Mark Thomas and Brother Mike Bennett speaking to the students after they performed their Black History Program

Iota Nu Talent Hunt Competition



Iota Nu Brothers with Talent Hunt contestants

Edgewood, MD. March 8, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter held its 10th Annual Talent Hunt on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Eight youths from area high schools competed in the categories of instrumental contemporary, dance, vocal, and visual arts. In an effort to recruit more participants, the event was held at The EPICENTER, a community center in Edgewood Maryland affiliated with the Mountain Christian Church. Partnering with The EPICENTER provided the appropriate venue with a stage, audio/visual support and access to youth in their outreach program.

The program was opened by Brother Charles Gibson (84-E Sigma) who welcomed the community to the program and set expectations for the event. Brother Emil Cromwell (62 Pi E) gave the opening prayer and Bro. Gibson read a brief history of the Talent Hunt. Then the competition began.

Two artists presented their works. Miss Veda Wilson, a 9th grader from Edgewood High School and Henri Rosser presented 5 works of their sketches and paintings. The six performers were Bryson Foye, a Senior

at Bel Air High School who played piano, Brad Lembach, a 10th grader at Stone Harbor Academy who played drums to the Gospel song You're Good by Israel Houghton, Ashanti Horne, a 10th grader who sang Blue Bird by Nina Simone, Mark Rosser, a 10th grader at Aberdeen High School who sang Hallelujah, Daequan Mittons, a 9th grader from Havre de Grace High School who performed a liturgical dance, and Aniya Horne, an 11th grader who performed a liturgical dance.

The judges for the event were Felicia Thomas, Courtney White-Gilbert, Jaron Darden, and Victoria Stanley. After completion of their task, the winners were Aniya Horne, 1st Place, Henri Rosser, 2nd Place, and Brad Lembach, 3rd Place. Iota Nu will send two performers to the District competition, Aniya Horne for dance and Henri Rosser, visual arts.

Brothers Russell Reese (10-IN), Basileus of Iota Nu, and Mark Thomas (08-IN), Talent Hunt Chair, presented the awards. The event closed with prayer from Bro. Emil Cromwell.

Iota Nu Mardi Gras



Iota Nu Patrons enjoying the festivities of the Mardi Gras

Middle River, MD. February 17, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter hosted their annual Mardi-Gras Scholarship Gala on February 17, 2018. It was unfortunate that the only day of the winter season that decided to snow fell on Iota Nu's Mardi-Gras. The day started out very warm and as the Brothers of Iota Nu were setting up for the event, snow began to fall. There was concern among the chapter to cancel the event, however it was decided to continue on.

After a slow start due to snowy roads and accidents on both major highways, patrons started filling Martins East and before the Brothers of Iota Nu knew it, three quarters of the room was filled with supporters. The event sold over 250 tickets and it seemed that patrons wanted to enjoy the festivities with the Brothers of Iota Nu regardless of the weather. Altogether, Iota Nu chapter profited over ten thousand dollars to provide to scholarships to high school students between Harford and Cecil Counties

Iota Nu Brother Dr. John Sampson Travels to Africa

Sierra Leone, Africa. November, 2017. Brother John Sampson of the Iota Nu Chapter recently returned from a trip in West Africa to provide medical care and treatment. Brother Sampson leveraged his eight years of working with the Sierra Leone health sector and traveled to Freetown to meet with the Ministry of Health and other health sector leaders to secure valuable training and education partnerships with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for the primary purpose of improving the health and survival of the mothers of this beautiful and historic country. The recent Ebola epidemic has left women in Sierra Leone with a 1 in 10 life-time risk of death during childbirth as a result of having limited obstetric services and only three obstetric specialists in the entire country. Sierra Leone is a West African country whose name derives from the lion-like appearance of its mountainous coastline. Although it is well known that Sierra Leone was a source for the extraction and transport of slaves with rice cultivating skills to the Carolinas, most are not aware of its connection to America in general and African Americans in particular dating back to the American Revolutionary War. In-fact the Krio ethnic group of Sierra Leone are partially the descendants of Black Americans who have returned shortly after the American Revolutionary War and often have American last names.



Dr. John Sampson and other Doctors viewing the conditions in Africa



Brother Dr. John Sampson lecturing on Critical Care medicine in Africa

Abuja, Nigeria. November, 2017, Brother John Sampson spent did not spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his family and chapter instead he was leading a historic medical education team on a project of his design in Nigeria.

Once every four years anesthesia and critical care physicians from all of Africa's 54 countries assemble in an African city for a week-long conference to improve medical care across Africa. This year's conference was hosted by Nigeria and held in Nigeria's capital city of Abuja.

By leveraging his years of experience, close Nigerian friends and partnership with the Christian non-profit, ProHealth International, Brother Sampson was able to coordinate a 24 member team of volunteers from across the United States as part of a partnership with the Society of Critical Care Medicine, based in Chicago. The physician team joining Dr. Sampson came from such diverse places as Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Seattle, Cleveland and many other localities. In a highly coordinated and synchronized fashion the team taught six distinct critical care related educational courses as part of the All Africa Congress at the National Hospital of Abuja Trauma Center with over 200 doctors and nurses

from across Africa attending these courses.

The six courses taught included the following:

Fundamental Disaster Management Course

Fundamental Critical Care Support Course

Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course

Tropical Medicine Fundamental Critical Care Support Course

Obstetric Critical Care Support Course

Case Studies in Critical Care Medicine using High Fidelity Simulation

This combination of high-level and intense courses had never been taught in combination in the United States and yet was successfully executed with excellent results in West Africa.

The Pro-Health International (<http://prohealthimpact.com>) organization hosted the visiting medical team for a traditional American style Thanksgiving dinner (with an African flare) at the conclusion of the program. At Thanksgiving Dinner our African brothers had an opportunity to learn more about the brothers of Omega Psi Phi during an invigorating discussion about our beloved fraternity.

Kappa Chapter 96 Year Anniversary and Achievement Week Program



Kappa Chapter Brothers in attendance at the Achievement Week Program

Syracuse, NY. February 10, 2018. Brothers of Kappa Chapter celebrated 96 Years of life on the Syracuse University campus. The Achievement Week Program acted as a way for the campus and brothers to appreciate the longevity and the sustained excellence that Kappa chapter has provided while also acknowledging other philanthropic organizations that help build up the Syracuse community. These organizations were D.E.A.L.; a mentoring organization that focuses on making in-school visits to mentor children as well as spending time with them outside of an academic setting. Lambda Theta Alpha a Latina sorority, as well as Eva Williams. Mrs. Williams was named the Omega Citizen of the year, she is the Principal of Van Duyn elementary school and is extremely active within the Syracuse community doing projects such as leaving scarves around the city for anyone who may have been cold during the frigid winter months. Brother David (DJ) Fitzpatrick-Woodson, Basileus and 2nd District Un-

dergraduate Representative, was named the Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year and Brother Alton Hicks was named the Graduate Omega Man of the Year.

The Kappa Chapter Achievement Week Banquet was held at the Sheraton Hotel and we were blessed to have Bro. David L Jackson (Fall 14 Kappa Chapter) as the keynote speaker for the event. Jackson focused his speech on remaining strong as black people and supporting each other. His address to the Syracuse community was well received by all and was truly appreciated especially due to the political climate that we currently live in. Jackson also focused on "Protecting the Legacy." The legacy he spoke of was greatness as black people as well as to members of the chapter as a whole. The brothers are thankful for Brother Jackson's involvement in the celebration of his home chapter and look forward to continuing the work that the chapter has done for the campus

Kappa Chapter Read Out Loud Social Action Program

Syracuse, NY. February 16, 2018 Kappa Chapter Brothers participated in a Read-Aloud at Van Duyn elementary school. This Read-Aloud was specific as volunteers read books written by black authors in observance of Black History Month. Brother David (DJ) Fitzpatrick-Woodson read to a class of kindergarteners about the power of music while Brother David Gilstrap read about black power to a group of 2nd Graders. The children enjoyed this experience and also got to ask question to both volunteers about their lives and why they loved to wear the color purple. Finally, these students also were able to see the value and power of education from people who look like them.

Kappa Chapter Brothers with kindergarden youth at the Read out Loud Event



Kappa Chapter Activities

Canned Food Drive

Syracuse, NY. November 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter held its annual canned food drive in November 2017. From November 6th to the 13th, brothers alongside student volunteers went to every dorm and nearly every apartment on Syracuse University's campus as well as surrounding communities to canvass for non-perishable items. Through the cold, rain, and wind we all were able to set aside our time and give back to the community. Later that week, to celebrate our Fraternity's Founder's Day, brothers packed and donated all of the canned foods and non-perishable items on Friday, November 17th to Hendricks Chapel as well as the Dunbar Community Center. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, the brothers were very enthusiastic to help feed the hungry and continue to uplift our community.



Kappa Chapter Brothers at the Canned Food Drive

MLK Day of Service

Syracuse, NY. January 15, 2018. Brothers of Kappa chapter partnered with many different organizations for the annual MLK Day of Service. Brothers helped with packing clothes as well as sorting clothes that would be given out to many families throughout the Syracuse community. Brothers also packed and made lunches that would go to this homeless within the Syracuse community. The day of service acted as a quick reminder for brothers to reflect on not only our current societal climate, but also the positive impacts that Dr. King was able to accomplish throughout his life. The service done also provided brothers a chance to fellowship with members of the Syracuse community and support the message of unity that Dr. King shared.



Kappa Chapter Brothers and Mentors at the MLK Day of Service

Protect the Body

Syracuse, NY. February 5, 2018. Kappa Chapter Brothers led a discussion on the campus of Syracuse University, entitled "Protect the Body." This forum was a way for brothers to engage the university community on the conversation of sexual assault on college campuses. This discussion not only focused on sexual assault from men towards women but also focused on sexual assault from women towards men. The impact of this conversation was to talk about solutions to get men and women to stop these interactions from taking place and how to hold ourselves and peers accountable.

Protect the Culture

Syracuse, NY. February 8, 2018. Kappa Chapter Brothers focused its efforts on the community as a whole, by addressing the relationship between the local community and the university community. This conversation focused on killing negative thoughts that both sides had of each other. Focusing on the overall impact and understanding that this is a shared space. The final impact of this great conversation was to kill the negative terminology that becomes associated with the local community from university students.



Kappa Chapter Brothers at the Protect the Culture Session

Iota Nu Celebrates 48th Chapter Anniversary

Edgewood, MD. January 28, 2018. The Brothers of the Iota Nu Chapter recently celebrated their 48th Chapter Anniversary. January 28, 1970 marks the day that 18 men chartered a chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in Harford County, Maryland. We are blessed to still receive the wisdom and guidance from charter members Charles Alston, James Monroe, and Russell Stansbury. The Brothers of Iota Nu celebrated the day with morning church service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Havre de Grace, Maryland and transitioned to a luncheon for fellowship in Edgewood, Maryland.

Time was spent reflecting on the past, present, and future as younger and older brothers of Iota Nu came together for this joyous occasion

Brothers of Iota Nu fellowshiping and reflecting on the chapters 48th Anniversary



Lambda Upsilon Read Across America Program



Paterson, NJ. Friday March 3, 2018. The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in Read Across America at the Young Men's Leadership Academy (YMLA). Principle Brother Vernon Maynor coordinated the event along with members of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Read Across America is an annual reading event that provides awareness about reading and also celebrates children author Dr. Seuss birthday. The goal of the event is to increase the amount of books children read.

The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Lambda Upsilon Chapter value working with children. The children enjoyed the visit from Lambda Upsilon Chapter and listened intently as books were read to them.

Lambda Upsilon goals is to uplift the less fortunate within our community and to make a long lasting, positive impact on the great city of Paterson, New Jersey.

Lambda Upsilon Brother reading to students from Young Mens Leadership Academy

Psi Iota Brother Damien Seals Promoted to Master Sargent

Dover, DE. January 7, 2018. Brother Damien Seals, initiated Spring 15, Sigma Gamma Gamma, Okinawa Japan and now active in Psi Iota, Dover Delaware, was promoted to the position of Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force at Dover Airforce Base. Brother Seals has been in the Air Force for 23 years. The Air Force was not his immediate first choice but it allowed him to refocus after having a rocky start in college. Brother Seals, initially attended San Jose State University and while there his life went into a downward spiral. The Air Force was his stepping stone to regroup while maturing and establishing structure in his life.

Brother Seals military career has taken him to places such as California, South Korea, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Guam, Texas, Japan and Delaware. He is truly grateful and excited about his promotion because it will open more networking and resources to provide uplift and mitigate personnel issues across a wider spectrum. Brother Seals goal is to ultimately become Command Chief.

When asked about those who doubt the military, Brother Seals responds by saying "Have an open mind, research as much information as possible and talk to a member in the operational military. If possible go for a visit to your nearest installation." His inspiration comes from men who came before him such as Lance Davis, Leroy Ainsworth and current Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth Wright.

Lastly, his favorite quote is, "Have a vision. Be demanding."—Colin Powell, the first African American appointed as the U.S. Secretary of State.



Brother Damien Seals receiving the promotion to Master Sargent

Mu Rho Converting Space at Historic Church into Edgar A. Love Conference Center in Annapolis, MD



Brother John Love stands next to rendering of the Edgar A. Love Conference Room

Annapolis, MD. February 27, 2018. The Brothers of Mu Rho Chapter in conjunction with The Mu Rho Uplift Foundation, Inc. held a press conference to introduce a project that they are working on in partnership with Asbury United Methodist Church in Annapolis, MD.

The project entails the conversion of three (3) existing spaces in the church into a world class conference center. This would be a much-needed uplift for the historically Black community to compete against pressure to remain relevant in the area. With an aging congregation its becoming a challenge to stave off the pressure to sell this cornerstone of our community. Once completed the church could convert some of this space into income which would maintain the property.

The conference center will be named the Bishop Edgar Amos Love Conference Center. In addition to being one of the founders of our illustrious Fraternity, Bishop Love was also a former pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 87 West St. Annapolis, MD. Present at the press conference was the Mayor of Annapolis, Mr. Gavin Buckley and Alderwoman Ms. Sheila Finlayson. Mr. Buckley and Ms. Finlayson both offered their support to Mu Rho Chapter and The Mu Rho Uplift Foundation, Inc. on the project. In addition to the Mayor and the Alderwoman, Brother John Love, the son of Bishop Love, was in attendance. Brother Love expressed his appreciation and support for the project. Visiting brothers from several chapters in the Second District were also in attendance. Brother Charles Hall, Secretary of The Mu Rho Uplift Foundation, Inc. and a former Basileus of Mu Rho Chapter, is serving as Chairman of the Bishop Edgar Amos Love Conference Center Committee. Brother Hall and Brother Jeff Diggs (Basileus of Mu Rho Chapter) presented details of the project at the press conference also artist renditions of the project were on display.

The Conference Center will provide needed, low-cost, conference and meeting space within the heart of the City of Annapolis. Anticipated activities will include community, civic and educational meetings and conferences. The Conference Center will be available to citizens of, and visitors to Annapolis. An added attraction at the church for visiting Brothers is an existing museum that includes artifacts used by Bishop Love during his tenure at Asbury.

The intent is to finance the project through grants, donations (individuals and organizations), and fundraisers. Donations may be made via PayPal @ basileus@murho.org or checks made to The Mu Rho Uplift Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 4094 Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Nu Nu Takes Omega Teens to Black Panther Movie



Nu Nu Chapter Brothers with Omega Teens at Black Panther Movie

Burlington, NJ. February 27, 2018. The Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity Inc Nu Nu Chapter, in coordination with their Omegas Teens Social Action Program, hosted a private screening of the blockbuster film "The Black Panther" on February 27, 2018 at Regal Cinemas in Burlington, NJ. The Omega Teens Program is chaired by Brothers Kevin Waters, and Wayne Shareef, Jr. It is geared to provide the youth of the Willingboro community an alternative to the "street live" by teaching them skills and providing them with the tools needed to be successful in tomorrow's every

changing world. Heartfelt thanks to Brother Mark Colston who brought 35 tickets, Brother John Piercy III for accounting set-up, Brother Darrell McMillon for reserving the theater and Brother Basileus Ed Tyson, Sr for guidance and clarity. The screening in the theater was completely sold out, as the Brothers and the youth, witnessed history in the making of a Black superhero movie dominating the entertainment headlines worldwide. A "Quetastic" time was held by all in attendance.

Nu Nu Brother Terry Lewis Educational Professional of the Year



Nu Nu Brother Terry Lewis receives Educational Service Professional of the Year Award with other recipients

Willingboro, NJ. Brother Terry Lucas, Mu Upsilon '71, received the 2017/18 Educational Service Professional of the Year Award for Twin Hill Elementary School, Willingboro, NJ for his outstanding work with the young minds of tomorrow. Brother Lucas proctors over the 5th Grade Male Mentoring Program at the school, where he teaches the young men not only skills to excel in education, but also the skillset needed to establish a firm foundation in school work, friendship, home and abroad. Brother Lucas attributes his success to God the Father, for allowing him to be used in such a way that he can influence and help guide the minds

of tomorrow. He also attributes his success to the many Brothers of the Nu Nu Chapter who have contributed some of their time to his mentoring program by serving as guest speakers and guest teachers to help spread some the knowledge attained by the Brothers over the years to help steer these young men along the path toward future success. Brother Lucas says "without the support of those Brother who volunteered their time, this recognition would not be possible. Thank you." Thank you Brother Lucas and we the Brothers of the Nu Nu Chapter wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.

Nu Nu Law Enforcement Night with Omega Teens



Brother Mitchell Sharp leads session for Omega Teens on "How to interact with Law Enforcement Officers"

Willingboro, NJ. February 26, 2018. The Omega Teens Social Action Program of the Nu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, hosted its' annual Law Enforcement and Education event on Monday, February 26, 2018 in Willingboro, NJ. The guest speakers were Brothers Officer Mitchell Sharp, Summer Nu Nu 03 and Vice Basileus Officer Jarrod Flowers, Spring Nu Nu 08. The Brothers gave the attending youth blocks

of instruction on how to conduct themselves properly, and an education into laws and policy. They were assisted by Brothers Kelvin Hayes Iota Gamma 72, Kevin McDougall, Phi Kappa 96 and Kevin Waters, Nu Nu 00. Education is the best way to combat the social issues embedded within the world today. An educated mind is our most valuable tool if we are to succeed.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Brotherhood Luncheon

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling AFB, MD. November 16, 2017. Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter and Omega Men from around the District of Columbia/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) drew nigh on Thursday afternoon, November 16, 2017 for LGG's Brotherhood Luncheon at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Club. The Brotherhood Luncheon is one of several events offered by LGG during Achievement Week.

102 Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. assembled at this annual event to fellowship and receive powerful words of encouragement and advice from the luncheon's keynote speaker, Bro. Brigadier General Alfred F. Abramson III, Deputy Program Executive Officer Ammunition and Senior Commander Picatinny Arsenal. BG Abramson III eloquently explained the life of Bro. COL Charles Young and associated Bro. COL Young's perseverance to that of many Omega Men of today. BG Abramson III reflected on how Bro. COL Young's success was directly attributed to exhibiting perseverance throughout his life and career. Many of us can attest that life is no Crystal Stair(s) and BG Abramson III, challenged the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to keep their eyes on the prize, continue to persevere, and not let success escape our reach. Bro. Keith Parker headed up the logistical and administrative efforts on the day of the luncheon and his team did not fall short of ensuring that all brothers in attendance had a memorable time eating and collaborating amongst each other. As always, the unyielding support of the LGG brothers makes this a highlight event during every Achievement Week



LGG Basileus Michael Coward with Brother BG Alfred Abramson III

Lambda Gamma Gamma Reclamation Night

Suitland, MD. November 10, 2017. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their reclamation night at Parkland Bowl in Suitland Maryland on November 10, 2017. Approximately 20 brothers divided up into teams and set out in a friendly bowling competition filled with fun, joy, and much laughter. LGG's Reclamation Night is a fellowship event where LGG makes an asserted effort to garner brothers back into the fold who were, for whatever reason, not previously financial with any chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. during the previous fiscal year, at the least. The memories of such enjoyable fellowship is what makes events like this one priceless. On this night, LGG was successful in reclaiming two (2) brothers in joining LGG Chapter. Planning for the next Bowling event are already underway. This event was Chaired by Bro. Erick Tyrone and Co-Chaired by Bro. Ivan Hardnett.

LGG Brothers Bowling on Reclamation Night



Lambda Gamma Gamma COL Charles Young Raffle

Anne Arundel County, MD. July 15, 2017. Lambda Gamma Gamma of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., awarded its Colonel Charles Young Scholarship raffle awardee on July 15, 2017. LGG's Colonel Charles Young Scholarship Raffle is conducted every year to help fund scholarships for high school graduating seniors and continuing college students. Raffle ticket sales begin in February of each year and the ticket drawing and award ceremony is usually held in conjunction with LGG's Annual Patron Appreciation Barbeque Cookout which is widely known as the "QBQ". The support for the Colonel Charles Young Scholarship raffle goes far beyond the District of Columbia/Maryland/Virginia, DMV. It receives support from individuals and participants outside of the US and around the world. Local contributions were secured at several major events such

as the CIAA, LGG Spring Fundraiser, Capital Jazz Festival, and the DC Bar-B-Que Battle. This year approximately \$11,300.00 dollars was raised through our Colonel Charles Young Scholarship raffle. This was a 33% increase from 2016. The winning tickets were drawn by children at the Fraternity's International Que Reunion/QBQ cookout at the Anne Arundel County Maryland Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 15, 2017. LGG intends to continue to utilize the Colonel Charles Young Scholarship raffle as a vehicle to raise scholarship funds to help our students with-in our communities attain their educational aspirations. For more information on how you can support LGG's Colonel Charles Young Scholarship raffle, please visit LGG's website at www.ques-lgg.org.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Easter Egg Hunt

Fort Meade, MD. March 31, 2018. Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. sponsored their 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Youth Services Center located in Fort Meade MD. This event is held annually and is open to the military community as well as the public. The event, chaired by Bro. Tommie Bennett, continues to grow each year. This year's Easter Egg Hunt had a whopping total of 457 participants not including the parents that accompanied their children. The ages of the participants ranged from infants to 13 years old. The children were divided into four age groups, which were infants to 2 years old, ages 3 – 5 years old, ages 6 - 9 years old and ages 10 – 13 years old. The LGG Easter Egg Hunt provides fun activities for the children to participate in such as a coloring contest, raffles, searching for Easter eggs filled with a piece of candy and the opportunity to take pictures with our special guests appearance from the Easter Bunny, Brother Marc Pina in costume.

This year's number of participants in our Easter Egg Hunt far exceeded our prior year's total requiring many families and participants to stand in line for up to 30 minutes to register and enter the building. LGG rose to

the occasion and was able to award lots and lots of prizes. This year, for the coloring contest, there was a total of 12 Easter baskets awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age group. There were 16 prizes given to the raffle winners and a bicycle was awarded to a kid in each age group for finding the Easter "Golden" Egg. Our good friend Brother Bernard and Constance McPherson awarded a McDonald's gift card to the Jelly Bean contest winner and provided special McDonald toys to many kids in the 3 – 5 year old, and 6 - 9 year old age groups.

LGG sends a special thanks to McDonald Franchisee Brother Bernard and Constance McPherson, Brother Marc Pina, Easter Bunny, Brother Mario Cross who served as the guest DJ for the event, the Brothers of LGG that came out to support the event and last, but not least, we'd like to give a very big Thank You to Ms. Talissa McMullen, Ms. Tamara Johnson and their wonderful staff who once again allowed us the use of their facility and assisted LGG in meeting the various demands that made our Annual Easter Egg Hunt event dedicated to military families a great success.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Birthday Bash

Ft. Meade, MD. November 17, 2017. As part of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Achievement Week, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter held their annual Birthday Bash in celebration of the great works and history of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This year's "Birthday Bash 2017" took place on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City Virginia. The event featured celebrity DJ "The Diabolical Biz Markie". There is no doubt that this year's Birthday Bash was consistent with previous years - attendance remained at an all high and DJ Biz Markie kept the dance floor bumping for the 1,400 brothers and patrons in attendance. The "Birthday Bash 2017" was chaired by Bro. Phillip "Big

Phil" Edmonds and Co-Chaired by Bro. Corey "CJ" Jennings. This event garnered people from all around the United States and the brothers of LGG were very pleased to, once again, deliver an event that was enjoyed by all and the brothers of LGG appreciate the continued support from our old and new patrons. This event helps to provide over \$25,000 in college scholarships each year to deserving youth from our communities. Thank You, to our patrons. Please be sure to mark your calendars for next year's Birthday Bash 2018 as planning is underway and it will be an event that you don't want to miss. To stay abreast of LGG activities, please visit us at www.ques-lgg.org

Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt Competition

Springdale, MD. March 24, 2018. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted its Annual Talent Hunt event. The event was held at the Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland and was themed, "Stars, Reaching for the Stars!" Brother Antonio Ferguson served as the Talent Hunt Committee Chair and executed another stellar event. The program opened with a saxophone solo performance led by Langston Hughes, II the Talent Hunt 2017 returning winning contestant and the 2017 2nd District Instrumental 1st place winner. The Talent Hunt showcased sixteen (16) performing art and six (6) visual arts contestants varying from grades 9th thru 12th from local DC/VA/MD high schools.

The winners of the event were as follows:

Instrumental

1st Place - Jafre Chase, Viola

2nd Place - Langston Hughes, II, Sax

3rd Place - Joshua Adewumi, Sax

Vocal

1st Place - Kayla Adams

2nd Place - Kirsten Sloan

3rd Place - Shakara Sapp

Drama

1st Place - Constance Francois

2nd Place - Oladunni Adeapo-Aisida

Dance

1st Place - Skye Cosby

Visual Arts

1st Place - Marisa Guy

2nd Place - Callie Ingwersen

3rd Place - Favor Umeobi

Talent Hunt Overall Winner

Jafre Chase, Viola (Instrumental),

The following contestants will be representing the chapter in the 2nd District Talent Hunt which will held at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore,

MD on Saturday April 28th, 2018 during the 70th Second District Conference in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hippodrome Theatre):

Jafre Chase, Viola – Instrumental (Classical: Bach Suite No. 2 Prelude, Bach Suite No. 1 Courante, Composer - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750)

Marisa Guy – Visual Arts.

"The talent and energy given by all of the performing & visual arts contestants this year was tremendous! All the contestants are WINNERS and STARS!", indicated Bro. Antonio Ferguson, chairman of the Talent Hunt program for Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter.

The program closed on a high-energy saxophone performance given by contestant Joshua Adewumi of the Charles H. Flowers High School.



Lambda Gamma Gamma

LGG “We Feed Our People/Clothing Drive”



Lambda Gamma Gamma Brothers at the “We Feed Our People” Event

Washington, D.C. January 15, 2018. Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma convened at the Children of Mine, (COM) Youth Center in Southeast Washington, DC on Monday, January 15, 2018 - widely honored across the United States as Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday, to put in work. This year made 18 consecutive years that Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has graciously been a vital organization involved in the “We Feed Our People” program in Washington, D.C. This program assist with providing hot food, warm clothes, and a form of Uplift to homeless and less fortunate citizens in the Washington D.C. area. When “We Feed Our People” first commenced in 1988, the program that provides food for the homeless and less fortunate did not provide meals on Sundays nor Federal holidays. Unfortunately, as a result, this caused Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s. Federal holiday to become damaging to many citizens that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated years of his life attempting to help. This is no longer the case. On Monday, January 15, 2018, Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter came out to the Children of Mine Youth Center in Southeast Washington DC and extended their services from 8:00am to 4:00pm distributing warm clothes and hot meals to over 600 citizens of the Southeast, Washington D.C.

area. In the days leading up to the frigid cold Monday, January 15, 2018, the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, “We Feed Our People” Committee Chairman, Bro. Erick Tyrone hosted an event to collect garments for the “We Feed Our People/Clothing Drive Committee. As a result, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, “We Feed Our People” Committee assisted with providing well over 600 meals and clothing garments to hundreds of people throughout the Washington DC communities. It was very rewarding to see smiles generate on the many faces of individuals and families that received nice warm garments. Homeless veterans found it very rewarding to be reassured that they have not been forgotten but yet appreciated for their years of military service. To receive a warm home cooked meal, speak with recently retired veterans of Lambda Gamma Gamma, and share stories of places they have toured, and world events that they have experienced/survived, brought hope and encouragement to many that attended the We Feed Our People in Southeast Washington, D.C. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. plans to continue to actively support the annual “We Feed Our People and Clothing Drive” in Washington, D.C.

Omicron Chi Welcomes “Seven Sons of Ezekiel”

Plainfield, NJ. December 2017. On December 17th, the 2nd District Representative, Brother Sherman L. Charles welcomed the “Seven Sons of Ezekiel: OXimus” of The Mighty Omicron Chi Chapter into the fold. In attendance was 4th Corridor Representative, Brother Delrecole Gales, OX Chapter Basileus, Brother Leon Smith, OX MSP Chairman and Vice Basileus, Brother Mike Smith and more than 30 Brothers were on hand to witness the induction ceremony. The brothers of Omicron Chi Chapter planned and executed an outstanding Membership Selection Process. The entire chapter owes an debt of gratitude to Brother M. Smith and the entire MSP committee (Brother Horace Baldwin, Brother Richard Wyatt, Brother Ali Salaam, Brother Terrence Onyike, Brother Marcell Pickens, and Brother Matthew Brookens to name a few). Furthermore, brothers from all demographics of the chapter took time and unselfishly and genuinely poured into these new brothers’ journey to Omega Land! OX Fall 2017 Brothers include: Brother Lamont Harris, Brother Kenny Howard Sr., Brother Doug Mitchell, Brother Mike Gordon, Brother David Jefferson Jr., Brother Edward Drew, and Brother Aaron Allen. On December 19th, our new Brothers presented their neophyte presentation at Plainfield High School to a capacity crowd of family, friends and over 100 brothers from chapters in the Central New Jersey area.



Brothers welcome Seven Sons of Ezekiel

Omicron Chi Memorial Service



Omicron Chi at the Memorial Service

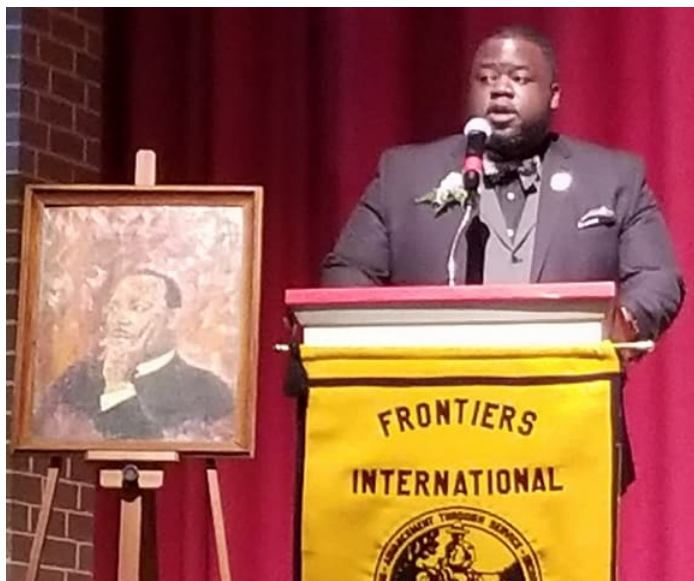
Newark, NJ. March 11, 2018. Omicron Chi Chapter conducted its formal Memorial Service observance at Metropolitan Baptist Church located at 149 Springfield, Avenue. Even though this is a mandated program, it is more of an honor to remember our fallen brothers who are now listed on the role of Omega Chapter. As part of the service, the obituary of Brother Jeffrey Olive was read to those in attendance. Brother Olive went home to be with the Lord in December of 2017. The brothers also remember other

ber other Omega Men that entered into Omega Chapter over the past year as well as other brotherly remembrances. For example, Brother Melvyn Lewis, Sr. spoke lovingly of his son Brother Melvyn Lewis, Jr. (Omega Chapter) and several other brothers gave expressions of adoration and friendship about the 28th Grand Basileus, Brother James S. Avery, Sr. (Omega Chapter). Brother Avery was affectionately known as "Brother Grand" by the Brothers of The Mighty OX.

Frontiers International Honors Omicron Chi Brother Richard Wyatt

Plainfield, NJ. January 15, 2018. Frontiers International held its 42nd annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast. The event is the oldest King Day celebration in New Jersey. The theme for this year's celebration was "Where Do We Go From Here," based on the title of King's final book and his 1967 speech to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During this year's celebration, youth advocate and school board member Brother Richard Wyatt Jr. was honored with the Community Service Award. Renowned New York radio personality Imhotep Gary Byrd served as the keynote speaker. Frontiers International, Inc. is an African-American service organization with a focus on community involvement and mentoring youth.

Brother Richard Wyatt addresses audience



Omicron Chi Brothers with Talent Hunt Performing and Visual Arts Winners Jasmine Metz and Jamie Suarez, respectively at the MLK Celebration



Omicron Chi Toy Giveaway

Plainfield, NJ. December 23, 2017. “It’s the most wonderful time of the year”! During the Christmas season, the Brothers of the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. annually provide gifts for families who otherwise cannot afford them through our Kids Deserve Toys program. This year we adopted 8 families consisting of more than 25 children. Each child was given at least 2 outfits in addition to a host of toys. When the families are contacted, most of the time they only inform us of the necessities. However, we insist that the guardian and/or children express their wants, because kids deserve toys, which will enable them to have a magical Christmas experience.

The Brothers held this year’s event at Plainfield High School (Plainfield, NJ). In the spirit of giving, we provide far more than just gifts, but to give an experience as well. Santa arrived to greet each family and take pictures, the gifts were distributed, and we listened to holiday music and ate dinner together like one big happy family. The brothers sat at the tables with the families to get to know them, laughed and played games which made the experience more personable and memorable for not only the families and the children, but for all of us.

“It is such a rewarding experience, and every year we realize that we are gaining so much more than anything we could give to these families” says program coordinator, Bro. Richard Wyatt.



Toys Collected for Toy Giveaway

Omicron Chi MLK Celebration



Omicron Chi Basileus Leon Smith honors Civil Rights Hero Brother Charles Booker with Brother Chris Dickerson

Plainfield, NJ. January 13, 2018. “Lift every voice and sing”! The Men of Omicron Chi Chapter in conjunction with its community partners Hubbard Middle School and The Four Pillars Foundation held its annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. This year’s theme was “MLK 50 Forward: Together We Win With Love For Humanity”. This momentous event included special tributes about Dr. King, our 2018 Omega Talent Hunt, a “book giveaway” for kids, and much, much more!

The audience of nearly 200 patrons was treated with performances and presentations by InSpira Performing Arts Center, Emerson Theater Group, The Omicron Chi Essay Contest Winner, Talent Hunt Finalists, and The New Jersey Orators. The Talent Hunt competition included dance, drama and visual arts. Competition winners were awarded trophies as well as monetary honorariums. “The talent exemplified by the students was simply amazing!” said OX Talent Hunt chairman, Bro. Terrence Onyike. Students from five Plainfield public elementary and middle schools were

honored with “Delivering the Dream” awards for their exemplary academic performance and community service. Members of Omicron Chi informed the audience about its youth mentoring program, Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) as well as distributed information about its Scholarship Program. Teen volunteers from the Greater Union County and Central New Jersey Chapters of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. served as moderators, backstage staff and ushers.

The highlight of the day was the recognition of local civil rights giant Brother Charles Booker for his leadership in the landmark case *Booker v. Board of Ed.* that led to the permanent desegregation of New Jersey public schools. We were also honored to have Mayor Adrian Mapp, Mr. Charles McCray (President of Plainfield City Council), Councilman Barry Goode, Brother Cameron Cox (Plainfield School Board Member) and The Mighty OX’s own Brother Richard Wyatt (President of Plainfield School Board) among our dignitaries on hand.

Omicron Chi Host International Candidates Forum



1st Vice Grand Basileus David Marion answers questions during International Candidates Forum

Newark, NJ. March 10, 2018. Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted the Second District International Candidates Forum to discuss pertinent issues directly affecting the fraternity and the community. This event was held Saturday March 10, 2018 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) in the Medical Sciences Building, 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ. 150 Brothers attended, representing all 5 states in the Second District. Second District Representative Brother Sherman Charles, The Chief Operating Officer (COO) of NJMS and Omega brother, Walter Douglas, Basileus of the chapter, Brother Leon Smith and Second District Political Action Chairman, Brother Luther Clark greeted the audience and candidates in attendance.

Brother James Edmonds, Omicron Chi Political Action Chair, said that one of the main goals of today is voter education. He said the best way to

educate voters in the fraternity, as we do in the community, is to put all the candidates in front of them and let them choose for themselves.

Brother Clark agreed, "We really like putting them all in the same room, and we think everyone can really benefit from hearing all of the voices on a particular issue, or policy concern, and really make the choice for themselves."

Each candidate had three minutes to talk about themselves, their campaign and their goals for office. They responded to pre-determined questions from committee members, as well as those from the audience. At the end the forum, Brother Clark presented Brother Smith a certificate of appreciate for The Mighty OX's efforts in hosting the candidate forum. A meet-and-greet followed the speeches, and the event served as an opportunity for Omega brothers from across the district to share ideas and fellowship, Smith said.

Omicron Chi Worship Service



Omicron Chi Brothers after the Worship Service with Brother Rev. David Jefferson, Jr. (center)

Newark, NJ. March 11, 2018. The Brothers of the Omicron Chi Chapter worshipped together at Metropolitan Baptist Church located at 149 Springfield Avenue, Newark, NJ (hosted by one of the OX's own neophytes, Brother Rev. David Jefferson, Jr (5-OX-17)). The brothers were truly blessed by the warmth that was given by the members of Metropolitan. The youth praise team brought the spirit to all as did the youth praise

dancers. The brothers were fed spiritually with the word from Brother Jefferson's sermon entitled "Times Up". After the service, OX Chaplain Brother Matthew Brookens stated "Brother Jefferson is truly anointed by God!". The day ended with the brothers partaking in a delicious meal prepared by the church and time for fellowship. To show our appreciation The Mighty OX donated to Metropolitan's Scholarship Ministry

Tau Lambda Lambda Read Across America



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers with Christine Warren (l) and Tanya Barnett (center) at Read Across America event

Charles County, MD. March 9, 2018. The Men of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in conjunction with Forever Free Books showed up in a huge way with free books for the students at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School in support of Read Across America Day. Founder, Tanya Barnett, is determined to ensure all of the children in Charles County and the surrounding area have access to books to build their personal home libraries.

To provide free books to the students for Read Across America, Tanya reached out to the TLL for support. With their generous donation, Forever Free Books was able to give all of the Kindergarten students at Dr. Brown free books to take home.

Six brothers, lead by the Assault on Illiteracy chair, Bro. Donald Barnett, showed up ready to read. Driven by the desire to cultivate scholarship, they read to students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The surprise on the students' faces was priceless as they saw the men of TLL enter their rooms to read to them. Several students recognized the fraternity letters and proclaimed their dad or uncle was in the fraternity. Bro. Barnett, stated he supported this event because "as a child he struggled with reading and understands the importance of early literacy in children".

Commissioner President Candidate, Reuben Collins as well as other candidates for office, volunteered their time to read to the various classes. Charles County Democratic Central Committee Chair, Abena Affum-McAllister, wowed the little ones with her magnetic energy as she read "I Got The Rhythm". The students were up on their feet, dancing along to the poetic story that encouraged them to make music sounds with their bodies. "Kids are so magical! They give so much love and energy. We need more of this in our world." stated Affum-McAllister. School board candidate, Tajala Battle-Lockhart, made a huge impression on the students as she acted out various aspects of the books she read. District 4 commissioner candidate, Dyotha Sweat, had the students fully engaged in her story as well.

Ms. Christienne Warren, principal of Dr. Brown Elementary, was impressed by the Forever Free Books volunteer reader turnout at her school. In all, Forever Free Books provided twelve readers in support of Read Across America. This was their largest turn out of readers at Read Across America.

In addition to providing readers, Forever Free Books gave all of the third through fifth grade students new, free books. Each student was given a book to take home for ownership and several classroom teachers were

given a few books for their classroom library. Tanya hopes that by giving students at least one book, this will spark their desire to have more at home.

She founded Forever Free Books in 2014 after realizing there are some children in this county who do not own books. Tanya did not realize how many students did not own books until she was substitute teaching at a local elementary school. With her husband's support, she requested 25 books from friends and family; she received over 300 books instead. After receiving the books, Forever Free Books was born and the name stems from Frederick Douglass' quote, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Forever Free Books' mission is to increase the reading and comprehension skills of disadvantaged children by conducting literacy events and distributing free books in their communities. The vision is to provide literacy support by hosting literacy events, donating new-free books, conducting story time and doing fun crafts through partnerships with other community organizations as well as parents, churches, homeschoolers and schools.

To learn more about Tanya Barnett and Forever Free Books, to donate or to have them visit your school, visit ForeverFreeBooks.org or email Tanya at Tanya@foreverfreebooks.org



Tau Pi “Blessing in a Backpack” Social Action



Tau Pi Brothers with AARC Members

Columbia, MD. February 27, 2018. The Brothers of Tau Pi find yet another way to give back to its community in Howard County. The Tau Pi chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in conjunction with the African American Community Roundtable (AACR) of Howard County provided 20 deserving families with “Blessing in a Backpack”. Blessings are a Backpack is a community effort to provide 20 deserving families with good, nutritionally balanced meals with meals for the weekend.

Statistics show that many families who receiving Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) in schools have trouble feeding their families over the weekends. Therefore, the member organizations that make up the AACR of Howard County have dedicated time and resources to helping these families make

it through the weekend.

Tau Pi chapter Brothers Shawn Lamb, Clarence Jeffers (not pictured) and David Charon pooled chapters resources and time from its Community Service Initiative (CSI) budget to bring some relief to these families. The “bags” provided enough food for, three meals a day for a family of four and included: cereal, spaghetti, rice, beans, fruits and vegetables as well as snacks to bridge the weekend. The bags were delivered to the elementary school on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, where school counselors have identified the families and make sure the blessings get home for the weekend.

Tau Pi Black History Expo

Columbia, MD. February 17, 2018. The sixth annual Expo was held at Long Reach High School. The theme this year was “African Americans in Times of War”. The Expo provided educational experiences that foster increased awareness, expanded knowledge and appreciation of African Americans who have made significant contributions to our history, society and culture. The free event included entertainment and All Divine Nine sororities par with other non-American or Howard County students performances. Tau Pi Chapter of its Brother only in the military prominent of as Lieutenant Colonels in Bro. Charles R.



ty. High School formed singing and rapping performance.

has a rich history serving not only, but holding officer positions to Lieutenant all branches. Mitchell coordinated our outstanding display for the exhibits. Tau Pi Chapter received 1st Place for “Display Award”.

The Expo is sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Howard County and the Howard County Public School System – Office of Community Outreach and Engagement.

Tau Pi Loves The Spinners



The Spinners

Columbia, MD. February 16, 2018, Tau Pi Chapter Brothers and their significant others made the trek to the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club to see the world renowned “Spinners”.

The Spinners dominated the 1970’s with songs like, “Rubberband Man”, “Mighty Love”, “Then Came You”, and their timeless ballad “Sadie”. It didn’t take long for brothers to get up out of their seats, as the music and performance was infectious.

An even better treat was seeing one of the original Spinners, Henry Farmbrough, who has been a member since 1954. He’s still got those “pipes”. This Reclamation and Retention Committee event was very well attended and is still talked about at chapter meetings and events. There’s no better combination than love, fellowship and good “old school” music.

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Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative “Team Building Celebration”



Tau Pi Brothers with Mentees and Parents at the Team Building Celebration

Columbia, MD. March 17, 2018. Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative conducted a team building celebration with mentees, mentee parents and mentors. One of the fundamental requirements of Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative is parent participation which is based on the concept that “It takes a village to raise a child”.

The purpose of the team building celebration was to strengthen the connection between mentee parents and mentors. This was done by conducting team building exercises and having discussions between mentees, mentee parents and mentors. Teams were formulated based upon mentee grades and consisted of mentees, their mentor and mentee parents. Challenges were given out for teams to compete for a prize. The challenges served as an ice breaker among participants as well as a competi-

tion to develop and promote team spirit. The most important goal of the celebration was to make sure parents understood the roles of mentors and that parent constant support was needed throughout the educational experience of the child. To ask their child if he had homework without checking was not enough. Parents were encouraged to discuss their child’s day at school and mentoring in detail. It was also emphasized that attending and participating in school activities such as PTA was of paramount importance. But of equal importance was the need of communication between parent and mentor.

Tau Pi’s Mentoring Initiative was not only to help mentees to achieve academic success but also to be strong role models in their communities with a concern for uplift.

Tau Pi Reginald F. Lewis Museum Trip

Columbia, MD. February 17, 2018. Tau Pi Mentees were treated to a field trip to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore, MD. The purpose of the field trip was to educate and expose mentees to their African American culture.

Tau Pi’s mentoring goals are to assist its mentees in the achievement of academic success, cultural enrichment and the promotion of self-esteem heritage, history, and culture. It was hoped that the mentees understood the sacrifices that were made by their forbears for them to enjoy the education and civil liberties that they take for granted.

With this knowledge, it was hoped that mentees would gain a sense of pride in themselves and strive for excellence in their future endeavors. The exhibits and documents told the story of African Americans and our struggles from days of slavery to the present. It painted a clear picture of strength and sense of perseverance that is the DNA of all African Americans. The mentees and mentors learned new and different facts about their history and why we should always strive for excellence and walk with pride. The most important lesson learned is that African Americans are equal to all other Americans and deserve the right to pursue and participate in the American Dream.



Tau Pi Mentees at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum

Tau Pi Talent Hunt Competition



Brother Mark Sykes, Talent Hunt Winner Khapesh Imhotep and Brother Kelly Williamson

Columbia, MD. March 31, 2018. Tau Pi Chapter held its Talent Hunt Event at Hammond High School in Columbia, MD.

Co-Chairman Bro. Kelly Williamson and Bro. Mark Sykes welcomed guests, community residents, school administrators and featured contestants with extraordinary talent in all areas of vocal, drama, instrumental, dance and visual arts.

The judges were Mrs. Dawn Francis from Howard County Public Schools; Mrs. Kelli Hebron; Bro. James Kerr Sr.; and Bro. Clinton Harris. Committee Members were Bro. Richard Flanagan, Bro. Eric Astrop, Bro. Eric Hebron, Bro. Alonzo Muir, Bro. Joseph Brown, Bro. Courtney Whitehead, Bro. Richard McClendon, Bro. Vernon Curry and Bro. Michael Tucker.

The winners were 1st Place, Khapesh Imhotep; 2nd Place, Joshua Adewumi; and 3rd place, Chekera Barret. Visual Artist winner was Kaleb Samuel.

Other extraordinary acts included the following contestants: Allison Alston - Dramatic Interpretation; Kyra Britt - Instrumental Solo; Jeffery Cottmon, Dance; Katelyn Powell, Vocal; Jeremy Guy, Vocal; Jericka Guy, Vocal; Taylor Jackson, Vocal; Simi Liadi, vocal; Chideraa McCullough, Vocal; Kyra Stewart, Vocal; and Kendall Willis, Dance.

Refreshments were served at the closed of contest. This allowed Tau Pi Brothers, guests and contestants to engage in conversation.

Tau Pi Pioneering Howard County Delegate Retiring



Brother Frank S. Turner receives plaque from Tau Pi Basileus Marty Harlee at Ques in Annapolis Event

Columbia, MD. January 5, 2018. Delegate Frank S. Turner announced his plans to end his services as Representative from District 13 at the conclusion of his current term in December 2018. He was first elected in 1994, serving on the Judiciary, Appropriations, Ways and Means and various oversight committees. Bro. Turner was initiated into Tau Pi chapter in 1985. Outside of Annapolis, he spent 41 years as a professor of business law at Morgan State University.

In his 24 years of service to District 13, he championed many local issues and community needs. Legislatively, he supported an expansion of education and transportation funds, and achieved a prohibition of texting while driving. Bills that supported Minority Business Enterprises also received Bro. Turner's attention in Annapolis. His leadership in the General Assembly includes successful sponsorship of clean energy incentives, election laws and increased access for individuals with disabilities.

Major accomplishments by Del Bro. Turner were obtaining funds for many Howard County facilities and parks. They included Blandair Park, Troy Park, the North Laurel Community Center, the Head Start Center in Owen Brown and the Howard County Library System. He was able to secure millions of dollars for capital projects to expand Howard Community College.

He will always be known to Howard County African American Community for his decade long battle to turn the former Harriet Tubman High School into a cultural and educational center. This was the first and only African American High School in Howard County during segregation.

During his retirement, Bro. Turner will work as a consultant to elect Democratic Prince Georges County Executive Bro. Rushern Baker to Governor of Maryland.

Kappa Omicron and the Borough of Manhattan Office donate \$4500 to Xi Phi 2018 Omega Black College Tour



Kappa Omicron Brothers donating \$4500 to Xi Phi Omega Black College Tour

Harlem, NY. February 18, 2018. The Brothers of Kappa Omicron Chapter generously donated \$1000 and Borough of Manhattan President Gale Brewer's office donated \$3500 to Xi Phi Chapter's nonprofit (CUP) Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc., to support the Omega Black College Tour. This donation follows Kappa Omicron's years of back-to-back support of the tour.

Xi Phi Chapter is closing in on 30 years of success providing HBCU tours for high school students, 2017/2018 marks a new direction donation development for CUP. Now engaging federal, state, and local governments for program support, CUP raises money each year to help students of color attend college and become leaders in their communities.

The Borough of Manhattan recognizes its role to support important programs like Xi Phi Chapters Omega Black College Tour and Omega Psi Phi's ongoing support of the Harlem community. We are honored to do our part to help make a difference in the lives of our young people, said Gale Brewer, President Borough of Manhattan.

To date over 1600 students of color have visited 25 different Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) through the Omega Black College Tour. Xi Phi Chapter welcomes the support from brothers and chapters throughout the 2nd District. Your donations help ensure that more students have the opportunity to visit historically Black colleges.



Zeta Iota Iota Sports Coats & Boots Affair

Valley Forge, PA, February 2018. In partnership with the Zeta Iota Iota Foundation, the Zeta Iota Iota chapter hosted the inaugural Sports Coats & Boots Affair. The chapter's Ways & Means committee was looking for ideas for an innovative scholarship fundraiser affair that differed from traditional winter cabarets. The committee brought the concept of "Sports Coats & Boots" to the chapter and the brothers were motivated by the new concept of a fashion-themed fundraising event in the winter. The Valley Forge Casino and Resort was selected for the venue; offering guests an opportunity to make a weekend out of the affair.

The committee projected a modest margin in the event's first year. However, the event raised three times the committee's projections that will go toward scholarships for high school seniors. This performance was driven by attendance across generations ranging from Millennials Gen Xers to Baby Boomers. Going forward, the Sports Coats & Boots Affair will be an annual winter fundraiser and the chapter and the Zeta Iota Iota Foundation anticipates increased fundraising performance from the event in 2019.

Learn more about this event franchise and view the recap video and full breadth of photos at www.ziiques.com/sportcoatsandboots. To learn more about our youth programs, go to www.ziiques.com/programs.



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers at the Sport Coats and Boots Affair

Zeta Iota Iota Blanket Drive



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers prior to giving blankets and warm clothing to the homeless

Philadelphia, PA. November 2017. In observance of Achievement Week, the men of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter conducted their annual Blanket Drive with the purpose of providing blankets along with hats, gloves, socks, toiletries and gently used coats to the homeless in Center City Philadelphia.

The Men of Zeta Iota Iota are committed to community service and took great pride and pleasure in assisting the less fortunate members of their community. To learn more about our social action programs, go to www.ziiques.com/programs.

Zeta Iota Iota Memorial Service



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers at the Memorial Service

Chester, PA. March 2018. Zeta Iota Iota's Memorial Service was held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Murphy AME Church located in Chester, Pennsylvania. Typically orchestrated between Zeta Iota Iota Chapter of Philadelphia, PA and Epsilon Pi Chapter of Chester, PA, this year the invitation to join us was extended to Omicron Mu Nu Chapter of West Chester, PA, which was chartered in 2017. Brother William Ashford III,

who originates from Pi Omega Chapter, was our guest speaker. Brother Ashford delivered a powerful message entitled "Do You Really Want This?" Brothers of all three respective chapters attended our service, as well as guests, which included family members of our brothers whom have entered Omega Chapter.

Zeta Iota Iota MLK Day of Service

Philadelphia, PA. January 2018. The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota chapter had a busy 2-part day serving the Philadelphia community during the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. The morning was spent at the E. Washington Rhodes School where the brothers, family and friends worked together to beautify the school by re-painting its cafeteria and cleaning.

Zeta Iota Iota Brothers spent the afternoon in partnership with the Christian Street YMCA and the brothers of the Mu Omega chapter conducting enrichment activities for kids from the region. Brothers first facilitated team-building exercises on conflict resolution. Five groups of kids each discussed a scenario involving some form of conflict and discussed how to best resolve the conflict. The scenarios involved bullying in the gym, approaching someone the wrong way, talking to police, bullying in school, and cyber bullying. After the group discussions, each group nominated a kid who then presented their scenario to the entire audience and how they addressed it. Brothers then organized a 5-on-5 basketball tournament where 4 teams of kids engaged in friendly competition. The winning team received brand new basketballs. To learn more about our youth and social action programs, go to www.ziiques.com/programs.



Zeta Iota Iota Brother Sean Morley and son Ian Morley painting the cafeteria of the E. Washing Rhodes School

Zeta Iota Iota MLK Day of Service



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers with 2018 Talent Hunt overall winner Nila Anthony

Philadelphia, PA. March 2018. The 2018 Zeta Iota Iota Chapter held its Talent Hunt Competition at Universal Audenried Charter High School on March 31. This year, the chapter hosted a total of 8 students competing across the categories. Prizes of \$150 were awarded to the winner of each category, and an overall prize of \$250 was awarded to the student who will represent our chapter at the 2nd District Conference. Our overall winner, 15 year old Nila Anthony, who is a sophomore honors student at Cheltenham High School, performed a vocal solo entitled "I'd Rather Go Blind" from the soundtrack of Cadillac Records. The show opened with a tribute to 1990's R&B groups by host Bro. Dwight Bazemore, accompanied by David Bazemore and Jerrald Bennett. Bro. Bazemore created a house band of talented musicians from around the Philadelphia region to accompany the students. Bro. Bazemore, Bro. Walt Wilkie, Bro. Chris

Thompson, and Bro. Jerome Smith were all instrumental in pulling all of the students together and logistically making the event a successful evening. Funding for the program was provided by charitable donations and the Talent Hunt Souvenir Ad Journal led by Bro. Noah Cherry.

Zeta Iota Iota Chapter has now partnered with Universal Audenried Charter School for four years and appreciates their support. The South Philadelphia school is managed by the Universal Companies whose founder is Mr. Kenny Gamble of The Sound of Philadelphia fame. Mr. Gamble was the 79th Grand Conclave Honorary Talent Hunt Chair. The brothers of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter look forward to Nila Anthony sharing her talents at the 70th District Conference Talent Hunt. For more information on our Talent Hunt, please visit ziiques.com/talenthunt. For more information on our programs in general, please visit ziiques.com/programs.

Historical Perspective: XI Phi Chapter Profile 1920-1930's Researching Our Past to Guide Our Future

Harlem, NY. February 14, 2018. To celebrate Black History Month, the brotherhood decided to profile Omega Men from the inception of Xi Phi chapter. This idea gave birth to the establishment of the Artifacts & Memorabilia Committee. It has also unearthed some amazing facts about our indisputable and unique history – a history we believe most chapters within the fraternity would be hard-pressed to match.

Entrusted with capturing Xi Phi's history is our new Artifacts & Memorabilia Committee chairman Brother L. Ryan Schaffer (Xi Phi 2017). Most important, he is a Howard Law graduate with unfettered access to the university's historical archives. Regardless of how you think about your chapter and or your district, the throwback bit of history offered won't allow you to pretend to be a detached Omega observer. We have uncovered new slices of our Omega chapter history, dare I say Xi Phi's Wakanda. We welcome the brotherhood to learn, as we do, more and more about Xi Phi's established, rich and powerful history within the fraternity as the first graduate, and professional chapter in New York City chartered November 11, 1926.

Founded during the birth of the Harlem Renaissance, Xi Phi was the beneficiary of an intellectual, social, and artistic Omega brotherhood explosion taking place in Harlem spanning the 1920s. Xi Phi's charter membership ranks included a brain-trust of Omega's finest such as Eugene Garvin Brandon, Sr., DDS (Epsilon 1921), Nathaniel Augustus Burrell, Jr. (Epsilon 1920), Richard Edmond Carey, Esq. (Alpha 1915), Conrad A. Edwards, MD (Epsilon 1922), James Theophilus Wilcox Granady, MD (Alpha 1914), George Edgar Hall, Esq. (Alpha 1914), Albert Sidney Beasley, Jr., MD (Beta 1914), Frederick Douglas Johnson, Esq. (Zeta 1919), Ira De Augustine Reid, Ph.D. (Eta 1921) Rudolph Ulysses Lanclos, DMD (Gamma 1924), Sydney Theophilus Christian, Esq., (Epsilon 1925) and José Negrón Cesteros, MD (Epsilon) to name a few. We would be remiss not to mention that James Mercer Langston Hughes (Beta) and Roy Otway Wilkins (Xi) also called Xi Phi chapter their home in the late 1920s. The immediate impact of the Omega brain-trust was profound. During the 1920's, the Harlem Black community was not well served by area hospitals. In 1925 physicians from Xi Phi, Brothers Conrad Edwards, José Cesteros, James Granady, Edward Best, Theo Reid, and Peter Murray opened their own private hospital called Edgecombe Sanitarium to address this concern. At the time, Harlem Hospital was the only public hospital and it was dominated by whites. Edgecombe Sanitarium filled a desperate medical void of in the Black community.

During the 1930s and 1940's Xi Phi chapter was the only Black fraternal organization to host its Dinner Dance fundraiser events at Waldorf Astoria's renowned Starlight Roof. Hosted by chapter Brother William "Count" Basie, the supper club-style events gained a quick following among Harlem's Sugar Hill society and frequently attended by Black culture elites Duke Ellington, Zora Neale Hurston, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, Thurgood Marshall, and of course Brother Langston Hughes.

Without question, the chapter benefited greatly from the African-American Great Migration affording it an abundance of accomplished like-minded men fully capable of impacting Black culture. It's a lineage of not only Black Excellence but of Black Greatness.

Omega men from all over the country throughout the 1920s – 1930s made Harlem's Xi Phi chapter their home – all taking part in the enhancement of the chapters evolving fraternal footprint. Xi Phi chapter was also no stranger to national leadership as charter member Brother George E. Hall (4th) and Brother Julius S. McClain (12th) both served as the fraternity's Grand Basileus respectively. Most notably, Brother Hall was the first non-founder to be named Grand Basileus and he authorized the foundation of

the Oracle. The chapter also hosted the 16th (1927), 27th (1939) and 45th (1959) Grand Conclaves in New York with Brother Ira Reid serving as the Grand Marshall of the Conclave in 1927.

The accomplishments of the men of Xi Phi were just awe-inspiring. From Brother Dr. Lewis Hyman Fairclough a pioneer in dental surgery being named the chief of the Dental Department of Harlem Hospital in 1932; to Brother Phillip James Jones appointment as Special Deputy Attorney General in New York State in 1932 to investigate election voter fraud breaking that office's color barrier. And Brother Ellis Brown Weatherless, who served as the president of the Regular Colored Democratic Association that actively registered black voters across NYC. He was also instrumental in the early success of Omega's Achievement Week and the development of The Oracle. To Brother Richard Edmund Carey who provided pro-bono services for the people of Harlem while serving as president of the Negro Foreign Born Citizens' Alliance, Inc. - a legal group that taught immigrants the US citizenship test at no charge. He was also named Assistant District Attorney of the State of New York in 1935.

Brother Dr. James Theophilus Wilcox Granady was an accomplished hematologist and leader in early sickle cell anemia research at Harlem Hospital. Bro. Granady helped charter Xi Phi and served as the chapters first Basileus in 1926.

And then there's Brother Dr. Eugene Garvin Brandon, Sr. who was a prominent dentist and leader in the healthcare of Harlem's youth. Bro. Brandon helped charter XI PHI in 1926 and served as the chapters 2nd Basileus. Though a British citizen, Bro. Brandon enlisted in the US Army in 1918 and identified his race as "white" or "English" in his US naturalization and war draft registrations. This was indicative of possible racial passing, something not considered unusual for the times. Passing, both in the literal and figurative sense of the word, highlights the fluidity and complexity of racial classification, especially in early 20th century New York City. Bro. Brandon was initiated into Epsilon in 1921 and spent his life building Omega in New York City. His offices were used as a meeting place for Epsilon as late as 1926 and very well may have been where the idea of Xi Phi chapter was originated.

The above highlights an overwhelming blessing of Omega exceptionalism all in one chapter and that's only the Xi Phi's cultural impact of the 1920s & 1930s. The next profile will cover the 1940s & 1950s, but more importantly, it emphasizes Xi Phi chapter's unquestionably fraternal pedigree.

After about a decade of inactivity during the 1970s, Xi Phi chapter was reactivated in 1982 by Brothers Butler B. Dowery, Wade H. Isreal, John L. Staton, Ray Johnson, Henry D. Biggart and Charles C. Thomas. With the sole intent of reclaiming its mantle as the trusted home for men of Omega Psi Phi throughout New York City.

Since its reactivation, the men of Xi Phi continue to work diligently to advance, revitalize and support the Harlem community. Through neighborhood park clean-ups, voter registration drives, school backpack giveaways, and clothing drives. Feeding the homeless, mentoring programs, scholarship awards, business partnerships, mandated fraternity programs and its annual Omega Black College Tour. The chapter maintains a Life Membership in the NAACP and is an effective member of the Pan Hellenic Council.

Xi Phi chapter's legacy was built through brotherly reclamation. It's a legacy of excellence, greatness, and community engagement the brotherhood still endeavors to achieve over 90 years later. Today we reclaim it in our deeds, service, programs, fellowship and brotherly hospitality. We are Xi Phi... men thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit.



**Dr. L. N. Fairclough protests naming
Dr. Russell Dixon as Acting Dean
Howard University Dental College**

In a letter addressed to the president and trustees of Howard University, Washington, D. C., Dr. Russell A. Dixon, 2526 Second Avenue, chief of the Dental Department of Harlem Hospital, this city, writes that the announcement of the appointment of Dr. Russell A. Dixon as acting dean of Howard College "threatens to add considerably to the already unfortunate position which the affairs of Howard University in general and the Dental School in particular, have been slowly but surely drifting."

Dr. Fairclough's letter reads in part:

"Recent newspapers carry the insistent newspaper to the effect that Dr. Russell A. Dixon, D.D.S., Northwestern University,

has, in the recent past, been desirous to man his faculty with puppets who must be willing to be subservient to his every whim and caprice. Was this appointment made in furtherance of this atrocious policy?"

"Actions such as these, coming after many previous disturbances of the peace from within the university in my opinion to be a gratuitous insult to the profession at large, and make me tremble as to the outcome of the experiment which is being made in regard to Negro leadership in Negro education."

"The eyes of others, hostile to our advancement, are upon us, the eyes also of our friends and sympathizers are being rigidly fixed in our direction.

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Recently appointed Dist. Representative



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Board Votes To Continue Wadleigh High

The New York Age

Speakers Continue Attack On Powell's Record; Calls Him Irresponsible Publicity Seeker

200 Negroes Amon Calif. Explosion

A man who has been called "the most successful actor in America" by *Time* magazine, he is now the most successful actor in Hollywood. He is also the most successful actor in the world.

Wadleigh, Benjamin Franklin High Schools To Continue Operations; Full Supervisory Staffs Retained

2,358 Cases Pending in Files Of F.E.P.C. Agency Head Reports

TWO HUNDRED NEGRO SAILORS MISSING AND INJURED IN C

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As the industry continues to grow, it is likely that there will be a need for more people with the skills to design and develop new products. This is why it is important for students to gain as much hands-on experience as possible while in school. The program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte provides a strong foundation in design and development, and students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities for internships and co-ops available in the field.

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Race And Color Declared World Problems At Ten-Day Institute For An Ending Peace

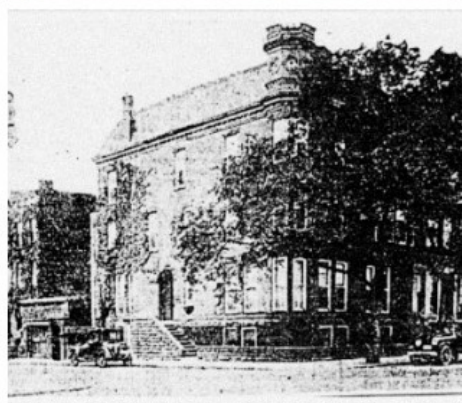
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GIVEN NEW PUBLIC POST IN BROOKLYN, N. Y.



Phillip J. Jones, shown being congratulated by Atty. General Bennett, after having been appointed and sworn in as the new assistant attorney general of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Jones, left, smiles her approval and happiness.—Photo by Billy Rowe.



Igecombe Sanitarium (NY Amsterdam News)
September 30, 1925)



Xi Phi Buys Out Theater for Omega Black College Tour Scholars to See Black Panther Movie



Xi Phi Scholars at Black Panther Movie

Harlem, NY. February 16, 2018. February as known as Black History Month has turned out to be an amazing moment for Black films, and to celebrate the release of the Marvel's superhero film Black Panther. The brothers of Xi Phi chapter bought out Regal Theatre in SoHo for the 2018 Omega Black College Tour students – bringing the experience of Wakanda to them for free.

"We felt it was important for us as leaders in the Harlem community to ensure that our Omega BCT scholars received the opportunity to see themselves as superheroes." Said Carl Bell, Xi Phi Chapter Basileus. During the star-studded premiere weekend, the buzz was overwhelming for the Marvel movie starring Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa, the superhero-powered king of a technologically advanced African nation,

Wakanda. Black Panther has already outsold other superhero movies on Fandango and Variety, continuing to break records both domestically and internationally. It was wonderful to see the students enjoy the African energy and cultural pride presented in the film.

The Omega Black College Tour scholars also premiered the film "Tell Them We Are Rising" a month prior to its release on PBS. Coupled with the Omega BCT workshops which provided the students the rich history of HBCUs guaranteed an exciting send-off before leaving for the tour.

About Xi Phi Chapter:

To learn more about Xi Phi Chapter and its diverse activities please visit our website at www.xiphichapter.org or contact Brother Jesse L. Askew, Communications Director at jesse_askew@hotmail.com.

Xi Phi Presence Felt at New York State Black and Hispanic Caucus

Harlem, NY. February 18, 2018. Answering the call of increased presence in state governance, the brothers of Xi Phi recognized as the professional chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity attended the Black and Hispanic Caucus events at the New York State capital in Albany, New York. The brothers of Xi Phi Chapter descended upon the state capital to advocate for the advancement of educational programming, civil rights, social justice and community development.

The overall goal is to strengthen and unify the voice of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity via a uniformed framework with NY state legislators. The caucus events included solidarity walks, legislative updates, luncheons, panel discussions and visits with public officer holders. Xi Phi Chapter Basileus, Brother Call Bell and Keeper of Records & Seals, Brother Edward Murray met with Assembly Member Carl E. Hastie.

"I am committed to advancing the interests of our state to help families thrive. By working together to create jobs through a strong education system, we can build a stronger, healthier and more vibrant New York, said Assemblymen Hastie.

Taking place February 16th thru February 18, 2018 the events provided a platform for the brotherhood to advocate, communicate, influenced and network.



Bros. Ed Murray and Call Bell with Assemblyman Carl E. Hastie



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“A Baltimore Redevelopment Journey”

The journey faced by our community since our arrival on the shores of Jamestown, Virginia in the mid- 1600's has been a story of great complexity. One end of the story is dominated by this country's constant mission to deny the humanity of the Africans who became Americans in order to do her bidding to build a new reality on this portion of the North American Continent, while the other end is heavily weighted by the rich stories of resistance to America's mission of dehumanization.

In the 1800's, great African American men and women devised strategies of resistance for our community. WEB Dubois was one who proposed many pathways. A familiar approach attributed to him is embodied in the notion of “The Talented Tenth”. This 20th century idea encouraged the notion that 10% of our community must dedicate themselves to leading our community in the struggle for our humanity in this country. This 10 percent, to whom much was given, including a college education had the mantle of great expectation

In 1911, our four founders made their ideological contribution to the resistance story. They set forth a group of principles which would guide college educated men in the ways of “lifting while they climbed”. They advocated that four guiding values, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, if followed by men of like attainment would provide an effective resistance strategy also.

In 2017 there is another chapter being written to the resistance story. This contribution is being written by the leaders in a West Baltimore community that once was a glorious example of how Blacks could rise to pursue the American dream of thriving middle class communities but most recently associated with decades of underinvestment and the resulting Freddie Gray Uprising. The Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation works in this community and is currently headed up by its Executive Director, Brother Dr. Gary Rodwell of the Pi Omega Chapter (7/76/A). The Community Development Corporation he is leading is undertaking over 40 million dollars' worth of development initiatives in the underserved Coppin Heights neighborhood which surrounds the Chapter's fraternity center and is in the footprint of the HBCU Coppin State University. The CDC is composed of 30 churches and neighborhood organizations in the community. Dr. Rodwell works to redevelop this community on their behalf. They recently purchased two buildings in the neighborhood. The first is a 30,000 square foot former hospital known as the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. This building has sat vacant and abandoned in the community for the last 30 years. Of this development Rodwell states, “Our goal was to acquire and redevelop the Hebrew Orphan Asylum building into a facility for the delivery of healthcare and community services. The site is located in a Health Enterprise Zone that has some of the highest rates of poverty and health disparities in the State of Maryland. The 19th century building is the oldest standing Jewish Orphanage building in the country and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of our work, this building that was once a part of the city's Lutheran Hospital Complex will be repurposed into a 15 million dollar, community owned, health care asset.”

The second building recently purchased by the CDC in the neighborhood is a former hard ware store and lumberyard. Many in Baltimore remember when it was a thriving business, frequented by many in the city long before there was a Home Depot or Lowes.

According to Rodwell “The Walbrook Lumber Mill project is a

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Brother Dr. Gary Rodwell

multi-phase development project that will serve as the catalyst to revitalize the West North Avenue Corridor, one of the major corridors in the Greater Coppin Heights Rosemont neighborhood.” Rodwell goes on to detail the project phases, “The first phase involves the restoration of the former lumber yard's large industrial lot and 5 row houses. This first new construction effort is designed to restore blight into productive use by building on the strength of existing neighborhood anchors, such as Coppin State University, and over \$150 million of recent and proposed streetscape investments in the area.” “The redevelopment of the Walbrook Mill site will begin with the construction of a new 65 unit, mixed-income apartment building,” Rodwell continues. “This mixed use building will also offer approximately 9,000 square feet of commercial space along North Avenue. Because the site is approximately 5 acres and this initial phase will only program one third of the area, there will be opportunity for additional development.” Demolition has begun and the completion date of this phase is 1st quarter of 2019. Rodwell discusses how he is looking forward to additional phases of development of the project. “While the CDC and the community are excited about the development taking place on the former Walbrook Lumber Yard site, the CHCDC is also excited about the work on the next phase of its urban revitalization effort. The next phase will be the renovation and new construction of residential row houses in the 2600, 2700 and 2800 blocks of West North Avenue. These blighted and now vacant buildings were once the homes of vibrant and healthy middle-class families who lived and thrived along the corridor. Our vision is to put these 64 units back in to service as rental and homeownership opportunities.” Property acquisition has begun. If 2017 is to mark the beginning of a true urban revitalization on West North Avenue and in the Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont neighborhood in Baltimore, it will only be successful due to the continued dedication and commitment of people who are actively resisting the denial of their humanity. Like the resistance strategies which have come before and those that are underway in similar urban communities across America it will be but one example in a legacy of struggle.

The Struggle Continues.

Dr. Gary Rodwell

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“Confessions of a Second District Candidate for District Office”



The year is 2016, and I'm running for the office of First Vice District Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Mighty Second District (in 2018, I would run for the office of District Representative). 2016 would be my first attempt at running for District Office; I'd like to share some of my insight regard-

ing running for political office on a District Level.

I would find that this journey would be filled with many, interesting characters; the most prominent would be the “Kingmaker”. This character fancied himself as a “gatekeeper” who truly felt that the candidate's FIRST rule of order was to “kiss his ring”, so to speak, in order to gain his approval and his support within his state's Chapter base. There are a few of these characters that exist and they've mostly held ranking offices within the District or International Offices in their pasts. Now understand; their approval would NOT be based on my personal “experience” or skill sets earned within the ranks of our District offices and leadership. On the contrary, their approval was solely predicated on whether I'd fall into line of THEIR perception(s) of how THEY felt the District SHOULD be run. As well, if you didn't come up through the “traditional” ranks (for example, running for First Vice District Representative without FIRST serving as District Keeper of Records and Seal (DKRS)) within the District Executive Council (“EC”) BEFORE you decided to run, they would be averse to supporting you (whether you wanted their support or not). The true leader, in my opinion, doesn't HAVE to serve in a certain position before they petition to run for another; most leaders “lead” and are competent enough, if they've previously led, to do the jobs on the Executive Council. The point is that the “Kingmakers”, based on whatever beliefs or experiences they've had, are generally and vehemently against those not in their “circle” who choose to “skip” the traditional “pecking order” or “protocol”; normally leading to their idea that the candidate (in this case, myself) could not be “controlled” and would eradicate their grand scheme of keeping some sort of control that they perceivably enjoy. Without their “approval”, I could be deemed “unfit” for the position on the EC that I was running for (in THEIR eyes, of course). It wouldn't matter that my history included all of the attributes a person would want in a leader; commitment to the Fraternity via Life Membership, former duties as a District Committee Chair, Corridor 4 Representative for eight years and the pedigree of a Son of the Second District. I was forced to create two very distinct categories: the “So Much For Brotherhood” and, fortunately, “Great Brotherhood” categories; based on the incredible behaviors of members (yes, “members”) dur-

ing my journey as a candidate for Second District office. To begin, the “So Much For Brotherhood” distinctions were awarded to the Kingmakers who weren't man enough inclined to do so themselves, but would gladly send their messengers to try and dissuade me from pursuing my immediate goals and spread mistruths about me around the Corridor and beyond. As well, awards went to those who would attack my character in my absence but never face-to-face. I reserved this award for the District Basilei who refused to return calls to ask for allowances to campaign at their Chapter meeting and then would make up unbelievable excuses when they saw me in person. This award would also be presented to the members who absent of the fact that I've never smoked a day in my life, would mandate an appearance at a “cigar party” in order to curry favor in order to campaign in front of their Brothers (AND, lest we forget, the members who “demanded” that I should attend their dinner dances and other “big ticket” events and purchase journal ads as an immediate “show of support” for THEIR Chapters). Believe it or not, there are members that are currently asking for my support of THEIR current candidate for office; the SAME members who shunned my attempts to greet THEIR Chapters when I was a candidate. THOSE members get the “So Much For Brotherhood” award, as well.

Fortunately, there were not always bad characters and bad times. I spent time at Chapters that actually made me feel like a Chapter Brother; many times my very FIRST visit to their Chapter. These Brothers receive the “Great Brotherhood” award. I spoke and met Brothers with 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years of Omega service who told me how they felt about things happening on the local, District and National level; a Great Brotherhood award goes out to those Fraternity Men. I hope that our elected officials can reach out to those Brothers and listen to their concerns. I also found out that the Brother who attends the conferences can sometimes be out of touch and does not agree with the same agenda as his local Chapter Brothers; there are levels and layers to politics that are not recognized. I became closer with many of the other candidates and opponents on all various road trips and the various political forums. This is a moment where the “Great Brotherhood” award cannot be overlooked. I think everyone should run for a local or District office. The experience will give you a bigger, better picture of the complexity of people, Brothers, the management of personalities and events. As with all political endeavors, you MAY be asked to sell your WHOLE soul, beliefs or convictions. Each person has to answer that question and THEN live with the results. I was asked but, I refused! These are my experiences; Other Brothers may not have to kiss the ring or sell their souls.

Before I decided to write this article I spoke to a few Brothers who I trust to get feedback from. Some of the Brothers liked the idea of the writing of this article. One suggested I leave it alone; that “Brothers will be Brothers”. One even suggested that I submit this article anonymously because he felt some Brothers might say that I'm writ-



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“Confessions of a Second District Candidate for District Office” (cont.)

ing this article because I'm a “sore loser”. Interesting, but I believe I should always stand by my convictions and stand behind what I have said or written and not be the person who just whispers things behind a person's back or says things because it sounds cool just to gain a phoney advantage. I actually WANTED to say these things. Some Brothers did not want to write or say these things because they did not want to make waves.

We don't became better Brothers, people or human beings by not facing our fears, concerns and attitudes. Let us strive to have a Great Brotherhood.

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“You Have Won! Now, What?”

Are you going to keep those promises made during your campaign to lead the District and Fraternity into a new era of progressive thoughts and programs? Are you going to employ the leadership skills you stated you possessed in your campaign material to make the voters (your Brothers) happy, satisfied and proud that they elected you? Or will you rest on your newfound laurels as MANY of our former “leaders” have; satisfied and happy with your title, position and recognition as you attend various Chapter and District events on your Brothers' and District's “dime”, posing and pretending during your photo opportunities? Yes, I will stand, applaud, recognize and commend you and your position as you walk into the room because I have Faith. However, my NEXT thoughts are “What will YOU be doing for the members of this Fraternity and where are YOU leading us? As a member of this great Fraternity, all I ask is that you, the victor of your campaign, give us the opportunity to say:

1. “Wow! That is a progressive idea and I can see where you are trying to lead the District or Fraternity”,
2. Make me feel like I am a client worthy of receiving the value (your campaign promises) for the currency (my vote) I spend at the polls, conferences and events AND
3. YOUR promise NOT to “check out” months before the end of your term; using the well-worn excuse of “It's a hard position to perform in and the Brothers make it difficult to work”. We know this, but you KNEW this would be the case when you decided to run for the position.

Now that you are in the leadership seat and make decisions at the leadership table, I care about what YOU ARE and WILL be doing; NOT what the small percentage of non-financial Brothers (and others) who are bringing down the Fraternity are doing. What are YOU doing for the members who are doing the right thing?

I am tired of spending money on the myriad conferences and meetings of this District and Fraternity ; getting less while watching these events increasingly cost more! I am also tired of the dismissive excuse “It costs to be a member of the Fraternity”. It may “cost more”, but why do our leaders feel that Brothers MUST pay any price to attend these conferences and meetings while officers like yourselves sit on your hands and not devise plans to create revenue

streams that will defray these costs for our District brethren? Simply stated it's NOT “O.K.” to continue to financially gouge our District's Brothers. I am still waiting for some revenue generating policy or plan to be created as we continue to sit in meetings such as the annual Shirtsleeve Conference, our four annual Council Meetings, the Leadership Conference and the District Conference. If we are having these meetings to fellowship then let it be fellowship; NOT a scheme to bilk the Brothers of their finances under the guise of conducting business. Every year I hear the same thing but EVERY year, little or no action from the “results” of these meetings.

I'd like to thank the past and present District and National Officers who have stepped up to the plate to make a positive change in our District and the Fraternity. I would also like to commend all the Brothers who do the work of the Fraternity but do not wish to deal with the distasteful politics of the Fraternity. I am promising to stay active financially and participate in the Fraternity's meetings and events as long as I can. You do NOT have to have a title to LEAD.

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Brother Milton Johnson, Jr. - Omega Chapter 12th Second District Representative “The Visionary”



Brother Milton Johnson, Jr.

Brother Milton Douglas Johnson Jr. was born on September 2, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York and passed away on March 15, 2018 in Columbia, South Carolina. The only son of hard-working parents, Milton Sr. and Cynthia Johnson, Milton grew up in a strict but proud household, filled with many West Indian traditions and values. During his formative years, while in the constant presence of his successful parents, he grabbed hold of every “coming of age” strategy and approach that would feed his vision of personal and professional success.

The product of New York City public schools, Milton graduated from the infamous Brooklyn Boys High School. As an avid track athlete, his track performance was significantly notable, resulting in him receiving a full track scholarship at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia. Brother Johnson was initiated into Omega during his junior year at Virginia State University. And thus, his growing and continued love and commitment for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and its social justice engagement began a tenure close to sixty years in the fraternity.

In 1962, he married his now deceased college sweetheart, Frances Smith. To that union was born Brother Milton D. Johnson III.

After graduating from Virginia State, he began his professional career as a social worker in New York City during the Civil Rights Movement. Later, he was hired as a merchandise buyer for J.C. Penney at its Corporate Headquarters. He rose through the ranks as a Senior Buyer and Merchandise Manager with J.C. Penney. During that time, he was the Co-Founder of Black Retail Action Group (BRAG), an organization designed to recruit, develop and promote more African Americans in the retail industry. After leaving J.C. Penney, he continued to pursue other merchandising global endeavors with several corporate accounts to include Walmart and many others. In addition, he started Johnson Companies, Inc., a venture capitalist company.

During a career that spanned more than five decades, his work with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and the Guardsmen affected the lives of many. Milton Johnson Jr. was a life-long learner and mentor, who enjoyed traversing through many fields and industry pursuits, career successes, and projecting his voice, political positions and beliefs.

Brother Johnson was initiated into Nu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Spring of 1960. After graduating, his career in Omega was filled with success and most importantly visions. He, along with several young and progressive brothers of Omega, was the architects of the current Constitution of Omega. In 1971, he became the 12th District Representative of the Second District, after serving three terms as First Vice District Representative. His primary goal was to grow the Second District in numbers and financially. The Second District went from the fourth largest district to now the second largest district. This was accomplished during his two years as Second District Representative. As District Representative, he was determined to eradicate and eliminate any form of hazing that may have existed in the District. Milton visited every chapter in the District, in his well-recognized right steering wheel Mercedes (English specifications), with its zinc Omega shield. He mentored or counseled every District Representative after him and continued to do so until his death. His establishment of the Business and Industry Committee helped so many young brothers obtain jobs and advance in their careers. Milton’s greatest love was the Fraternity and especially the Second District. Three of his most significant visions were to have a bank for Omega, an investment arm of Brothers, and a Chapter of business minded brothers.

Forty-five years ago, Milton’s vision of an investment partnership exclusively of Omegas resulted in the establishment of Progressive Omega. This partnerships’ original members were: Milton Johnson, Richard Taylor, Ike Kelly, Norman Johnson, Lloyd Bell, Darryl Frances, J.B. Pinkney, Ted Greer, Lance Wilson, Fred Scott, Arnold Eagle and Carver Portlock. Milton served several years as president followed by Charlie Maker, Ted Greer and Joe Wiggs. Progressive Omega is one of the oldest investment partnerships in Omega. The primary objective of the organization was to grow financially and have ultimate Omega fellowship. The organization has met in more than sixty-five locations across the country and globally. PO is still very active and over the years has honored three brothers with the Exemplar Award. The brothers were Al Browne, Joe Wiggs and Norman Johnson.

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Brother Milton Johnson, Jr. - Omega Chapter (cont.)

In 1986, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union was chartered by NCUA as the first international Fraternity Federal Credit Union. The Credit Union was started with a \$5,000 donation from Jim Elam and another \$5,000 from the Second District when Brother Andrew Ray was DR. Its original members were primarily Second District Brothers such as Milton Johnson, Arnold Eagle, Walter Wrenn, Adam McKee, Walter Amprey and Ken Taylor. The OPPFFCU presidents from the Second District were Ken Taylor, Ted Greer, Arnold Eagle, Walt Wrenn and Derrick Hostler. Milton served as Credit Chairman from the inception of the Credit Union until his untimely death. He performed this duty at no cost to the Credit Union or the brotherhood. Because of the establishment of the OPPFFCU, many members were able to obtain personal, debt consolidation, life membership and chapter loans. Milton, in many instances, counseled brothers on how to improve their credit rating rather than just denying them.

Another vision of Brother Johnson was to charter a chapter of brothers who were conscientious about "taking care of business". Iota XI Chapter was chartered in the late 1970's. Its original members were Milton Johnson, Arnold Eagle, Lance Wilson, Ted Greer, Al Brown, Proctor Houston and Don Williams. In an article in the Oracle, the Chapter was referred to as the Million Dollar Chapter. This was because its members were managing and controlling millions of dollars at major corporations, such as JCPenney, IBM, DuPont, Bristol Myers, CBS, and Mudge Rose. The Chapter was known for fund raisers at world famous places like Regines, Studio 54, Gaslight Club, 21 Club and Tiger Racket Club. The Chapter marquee program is its Elder Honors Award. Brothers who were recip-

ients of this award were: Eddie Taylor, Adam McKee, Louis Roache, Rudy Powell, Jim Elam, Jim Avery, Ralph Anderson, Nate Thomas, J.P. Pinkney, Ronald Jones, Andrew Ray, Grant Reynolds, Ermon Jones, and Milt Johnson. Again, one of Brother Johnson's visions was to recognize brothers who made significant contributions to Omega, no matter where they lived. Iota Xi remains vibrant, with one of the chapters founders Lance Wilson as the current Basileus. The current Chapter members are Derrick Hostler, Al Granger, Walter Oden, Victor Banks, James Jordan, James Phillips and Neal Phillips.

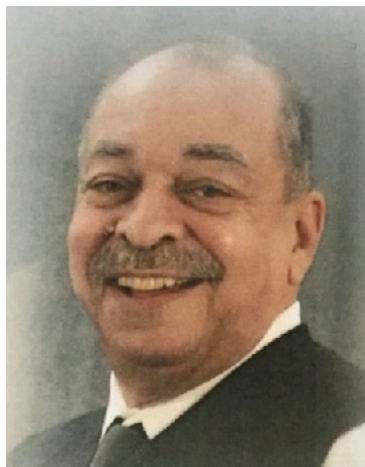
Milton always enjoyed the finest things in life, including traveling, music and sporting events. He could always be counted on to give Brothers the best recommendations about autos, dining, hotels and resorts globally. If you were traveling to Paris, Rio or Hong Kong, he always recommended the top restaurants in those cities.

Milton is survived by his loving companion Jennifer Green; one son, Brother Milton D. Johnson III; his daughter-in-law Angelique Johnson; two cousins, Carolyn Phillips and Adrienne Ghyll; God-daughter Dr. Florencia Greer-Polite and a host of extended family, friends, fraternity brothers and their children who affectionately called him Uncle Milt.

Brother Johnson lived every day of his life truly demonstrated the four cardinal principles, manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift. His love for and commitment to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Second District will never be forgotten and always appreciated. Milton was a true friend, mentor, visionary and brother. He had an ability to organize brothers to make things happen. His only desire was to be a significant contributor to the organization he loved dearly, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



Brother Fred Jackson - Omega Chapter



Brother Fred Jackson

Brother Frederick Chatman Jackson Sr. entered Omega chapter on July 20, 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Phi Psi chapter in 1969, while attending Langston College (i.e. now University). He graduated from Langston College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical education.

Bro. Jackson worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 30 years, at the Cornwall Heights Juvenile Center as counselor, retiring as a Training Supervisor. After retirement he worked part-time for the Burlington County Institute of Technology.

Bro. Jackson a Christian has been a member of Christ the King church in Willingboro, NJ since 1977. He also has been an active member of Nu Nu chapter in Willingboro, NJ for many years.

Bro. Jackson leaves to cherish is memories his wife, Judy, sons Rodney Jackson, Frederick Jackson Jr.; daughters Jada Jackson, Jenee Murry; grandchildren Rodney F., Rodney M., Rodre, Ronisha, Ryan, David, Jackson, Jaden, Jeremiah, Judiana, and Raylyn; his sister Rochelle Queenye James, and a host of relatives and friends.

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Brother Timothy A. Crawford - Omega Chapter



Brother Timothy A. Crawford

Bro. S. Timothy A. Crawford, Jr., Esquire, entered OMEGA Chapter on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. He was born in Lancaster, S.C. in 1941 and later accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Mt. Tabor AME Zion Church in his hometown.

Bro. Crawford was a loving son and big brother to four sisters, and one who displayed a generous spirit and zest for life that inspired confidence and warmth in others. He graduated from Barr Street H.S. and matriculated to Johnson C. Smith University where he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi through Rho Chapter in 1960, competed on the tennis team, and participated in social justice projects. In 1961, he helped organize a local sit-in at a Woolworth store, which is memorialized at the Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte, N.C.

Bro. Crawford served in the U.S. Army assigned to the National Labor Relations Board in D.C. prior to his Honorable discharge. He then entered the Howard University School of Law to pursue his dream of becoming an attorney and later transferred to the North Carolina Central School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctorate, and where he also met his wife, Dorsena, with whom he shared more than 49 years of loving marriage and the blessings of parenthood.

During his professional career, Bro. Crawford clerked for esteemed Judge Juanita Kidd Stout – the first African-American woman to serve as a Justice on a State Supreme Court – and he became a Barrister in the State of Pennsylvania. He also worked for a renowned Philadelphia law practice before establishing his own practice handling personal injury, entertainment, sports, civil, and criminal law. Bro. Crawford's success over 40 years drew such accolades as being recognized among the top entertainment and sports lawyers in the nation. He was a founding member of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association (BESLA), and highlighted as a trailblazer in the Pennsylvania Judicial Review and "Philadelphia" magazine". He was also honored for service and participation on the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, along with being appointed as a duly-qualified and -certified Mediator for the Court of Common Pleas to serve as Judge Pro-Tempore, an having served as a Regional Director and long-time member of the National Bar Association.

Bro. Crawford and his wife were dedicated members of Bethel AME Moorestown Church where he was very active, served on the Trustee Board, participated in the Sons of Allen Ministry, sang on the choir, and, served as legal adviser. He was honored for with the title of Trustee Emeritus. Bro. Crawford leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of nearly 50 years, his two loving daughters and son, son-in-law, several grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends, as well as his countless Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He will be dearly missed.



Brother Lone L. Hodges - Omega Chapter

Bro. Lone L. Hodges, Jr., 68, of Trenton, departed this life on October 8, 2017 at home. Born and raised in the Trenton area, Lone graduated from Hamilton High School West. He earned his BA from Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA and a MA in Counseling from Trenton State College. Lone was employed by the City of Trenton for many years before his retirement in 2010. He was the founder and CEO of LLH Global Enterprises. Bro. Hodges was co-founder of the West End Neighborhood Association and served for many years as a member Trenton Democratic Committee. He joined, and was very active with, Cadwalader Asbury United Methodist Church. Lone was a lifetime member of Omega Psi

Phi Fraternity Inc., and Delta Upsilon Chapter. Lone was predeceased by his parents, Lone L. Hodges, Sr. and Grace Backus-Hodges; his aunts, Dorethea Hodges, Ellease Bullock, Martha L. Ponton, Mary L. Davis, and Amanda Gibbons; and his uncles, Herbert Hodges and James Hodges. He is survived by his stepmother, Doris P. Hodges of Hamilton, NJ; one brother, Raymond L. Hodges (Myrna) of Edgewater Park, NJ; one sister, Gwendolyn J. Hodges of Atlanta, GA; an aunt, Kimberly Lynne Hodges Allen of Trenton, NJ; an uncle, Joseph Hodges (Victoria) of Lithonia, GA; and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls

When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



Brother Byron Womack - Omega Chapter



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Brother Byron "BMACK" Womack was born April 2, 1969 in South Windsor, CT and entered Omega Chapter on Tuesday February 20, 2018. He was initiated into Omicron Iota Chapter at Iona College in Fall 1993. Byron graduated from Iona College with a degree in Social Work and later earned two Master Degree's.

He dedicated his career to uplifting children and arming them with confidence and self-worth. After graduating from Iona College, Byron was employed with the Guidance Center's START program that was housed at Port Chester High School. During his tenure with the START program he had the opportunity to counsel students and coach numerous sports teams. Byron was hired as a college advisor at All Hallows High School, and then the Young Women's Leadership Network, while working as an Assistant Athletic Director at the College of New Rochelle. During this time, he also returned to graduate school, earning a Master's Degree in School Guidance and Counseling, which brought him back to the Port Chester-Rye UFSD.

While employed in the Port Chester-Rye UFSD as a School Counselor at Port Chester High School, he completed his second Master's Degree in School Administration and Supervision. He was the Executive Director of the STEER for Student Athletes, Inc. where he helped young athletes realize and maximize their potential in the classroom and on the field. Byron received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee's Humanitarian Award, for his dedication to the Port Chester community. Byron was Assistant Principal at Port Chester Middle School for the last 8 years.

Byron served Omega for 25 years and received the coveted Man of the Year Award from Omicron Iota for his exceptional work as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and the Scholarship Breakfast Committee.

Byron is survived by his parents Shirley and Willie Womack, his sisters Nita Womack-Henderson and Adrena Womack-Cummings, brothers-in-law Robert Henderson and Simon Cummings, and his greatest source of pride, his daughter Carson.

Brother Julius Campbell - Omega Chapter

Brother Julius Campbell, Jr., 73, transitioned to Omega Chapter on December 11, 2017. Born in Trenton, NJ on February 10, 1944, he was a graduate of Trenton Central High School and received a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Delaware State College in 1967. After college graduation, he was drafted in the U.S. Army and served in the Turkish Embassy as a military advisor. Following his military experience, he returned to the United States and enrolled in the Graduate School of Social Work at Rutgers University where he obtained a Master's degree in Social Work in 1972.

Professionally, he started as a Planner Coordinator for the Central New Jersey Health Planning Council. He became an Urban Health Coordinator for the New Jersey Regional Medical Program and then as an Urban Health Coordinator at the Urban Health Institute for the City of Plainfield, NJ. Julius also served as the Chief Executive Officer at Ewing Residential Center. He retired as a Program Analyst for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division



of Youth and Family Services in 2010. His love in working with youth led him to serve as an adjunct professor at Mercer County Community College for the past 14 years. Julius was actively and continually involved in community service for the past 45 years. He served as the president of the board of trustees for years at the Henry J. Austin Health Center in Trenton. He continued to serve as a faithful member for 20 years. He also served as a member of various boards in Trenton which includes the Mercer Street Friends Center, Cadwalader Asbury United Methodist Church and the Union Industrial Homes (now known as the Family Partners). Julius became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Delta Upsilon chapter in 1972. He served Delta Upsilon with a great deal of pride and dignity and became a lifetime member. Julius held various leadership positions with the fraternity including the chapter's Basileus (President), Vice Basileus, Keeper of Record and Seals, Chairperson of the Reclamation & Retention Committee. He was also an active Board member of the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation. He was recognized as the chapter's Omega Man of The Year which is the chapter's highest individual award in both 2003 and 2013.

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The True Gentleman

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

John Walter Wayland

Suspension List

The Brothers listed below are currently **SUSPENDED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation.

2	10	Kappa	Cash	Byran
2	12	Kappa	Bethea	Canaan
2	16	Pi	Jones	Brandon T.
2	16	Pi	Egiefameh	Andrew
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	707	Chi Rho	Brown	Bilal
2	707	Chi Rho	Obijuru	Charles
2	707	Chi Rho	Cox	Marques
2	707	Chi Rho	Joyner	Dallas T.
2	707	Chi Rho	Irving	Julian
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Turner	Roosevelt
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Daniels	Jamar
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Mayo	Claude
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl

Expulsion List

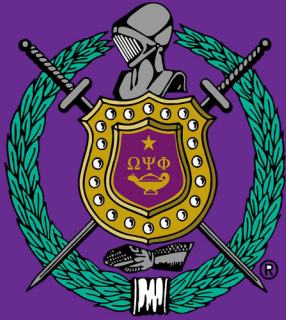
These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. Failure to adhere to these directives of the District Representative will result in the **SUSPENSION** of the Brother or Chapter who is in violation of the same.

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2	16	Pi	Taylor	Timothy
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	187	Chi Delta	Smith	Andre L.
2	187	Chi Delta	Thompson	Kenneth E.
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Dobson	Alfred
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Howard	Lance

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