

THE SOURCE

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 9TH DISTRICT OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC.

VOLUME X SPRING 2012

MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT



ANNIVERSARY

ΩΨΦ

MESSAGE FROM THE 9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to our 75th Diamond Ninth District Meeting. It is my honor to serve you through this meeting marking 75 years of District Meetings in the Mighty Ninth providing service and support through all of our four great states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The hosting Brothers of the each chapter surrounding Little Rock have worked hard to plan for you a great district meeting. Please enjoy yourselves responsibly and also remember our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we celebrate his resurrection on this Easter Sunday.

Speaking of Easter, this District Meeting marks the second consecutive year that we have modified our agenda to bring you the Founders Banquet on Thursday night rather than Saturday. This was a great success last year and we're looking forward to another success here at our 75th. As you know, this modification was so you can get back to spend our most important holiday with your families. Therefore, please take advantage of this time and I wish you a very wonderful Resurrection Sunday.

Lastly, with your help, we (your district Council and administration) have been working hard over the past two years to make the Mighty Ninth District the best organization in the world. There have been tremendous improvements and we won't stop. Your satisfaction is very important to me as I understand that our excellence can't grow without all of our collaboration. God Bless you all and I look forward to our fellowship at our 75th Diamond District Meeting.

“Brotherhood and Community Support: Spiritual Uplift for Mankind”

Fraternally,
Bro. Shawn “Iron-Face” Brewer
22nd Ninth District Representative

MESSAGE FROM THE 9TH DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



Brothers! Thank you for providing quality and timely articles for this newsletter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or concerns.

9thdistrictpr@oppf.org or van@vannewborn.com

In Friendship,

Van Newborn - Spr. 95 $\Delta\Delta^2$

Join the Yahoo Group: NinthDistrictBrothers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com (e-mail)

Brother Inducted into National Honor Society for Pharmacy on Our Centennial Founders Day



If Bro. Elvin T. Price, Pharm.D., Ph.D., Keeper of Records and Seal of the Pi Omicron Chapter in Little Rock, missed a little of our Centennial Founders Day this past November 17, he had a great reason for doing so. On November 17, 2011, Bro. Dr. Price was initiated into the Beta Iota Chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Society at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy. Originated in 1922, the Rho Chi society, the National Academic Honor Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences, encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical thinking in all aspects of the pharmaceutical sciences. The Society further encourages high standards of conduct and character, as well as fosters fellowship among its members. In addition, the Society seeks universal recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy, and as a community of scholars, to instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.¹ Bro. Dr. Price was recognized with this honor for his outstanding work as an Assistant

Professor in the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UAMS. As high standards of intellectual and scholarly attainment are required for induction to membership; each member is awarded the unique Rho Chi Key upon induction.

Bro. Dr. Price ("The Nutty Professor" Que) was initiated into Omega in the summer of 2004 into the Pi Iota Chapter in Tampa, FL, and has resided in Little Rock since 2009. In addition to serving Omega as Keeper of Records and Seal for the Pi Omicron chapter, Bro. Price also serves as Corresponding Secretary for the State of Arkansas Chapters of Omega Psi Phi for 2011-2012. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor Bro. Price.

Bro. Gerald Brooks Inducted onto Texarkana Texas's ISD's Wall of Fame

Brother Gerald Brooks, a member of the Theta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was recently inducted onto the Texarkana Texas's ISD's Wall of Fame. Brother Brooks was a teacher and administrator with the district for 40 years. Brother Brooks is married to Ms Ruthie Brooks and is the proud father of three children. Several brothers from the chapter attended the ceremony in support of our brother who truly exemplifies the four Cardinal Principles.



Epsilon Alpha Alpha (Making A Significant Impact in NE Arkansas)



ARKANSAS

Talent Hunt

Jonesboro, AR - On February 10, 2012 The brothers of The "Distinguished" Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. held it 1st Annual Talent Hunt Program. The event was held at the Malco Theater in Helena Ar. The event was a huge success. The brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha and the community of Helena came out in great numbers to support our youth. The event consisted of a wide range of talent such as, Song and Dance, Poetry, and Jazz. The first place winner of the Epsilon Alpha Alpha Talent Hunt was Princess Bailey of Helena Ar. The second place winner was Keifran Melvin of Forrest City Ar. And third place winner was Destiny Green also of Forrest City Ar. Two hundred dollars was awarded to the first place winner, One hundred was awarded to the second place winner and Fifth dollars to the third place winner. Epsilon Alpha Alpha would like to give a special thanks to all of the contestants who came out to share their talent with the Helena community.



We are especially proud of Princess Bailey who won first place and also qualified to perform at the district level. She will be representing Epsilon Alpha Alpha and the state to Arkansas.

I would like to give a special thanks to Antwan "Rage Dog" Sanders for spearheading and organizing our chapters first Talent Hunt Program and to all the brothers who came out to support the event.

Founders Day

Jonesboro, AR - The brothers of the "Distinguished" Epsilon Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. held its 3rd annual Founders Day banquet on November 17, 2011. The event was held at Collegiate Park on the campus of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro Arkansas. The chapter recognized several brothers with awards for their outstanding service,



hard work, dedication and comment to Omega Psi Phi. Brother Lonnie Williams received the Citizen of the Year Award. He currently serves as the 9th District State Representative for Omega Psi Phi. Brother Denishio Blanchett received the Omega Man of The Year Award. He currently serves as the president of the Arkansas Chapters of Omega Psi Phi and Immediate Past Basileus for Epsilon Alpha Alpha. Brother Antwan Sanders received the Superior Service Award. He currently serves as Keeper of Peace of the Arkansas Chapters of Omega Psi Phi. Brother Kevin Mosley received the Unsung Hero Award. He serves as committee chairmen for the Ernest E. Just mentor Program. Brother Williams Haskins received the chapters 1st Vise Basileus Award. He serves as Keeper of Peace and Brother Joseph Anderson received the chapters Founder Day Award. He serves as the chapter Reporter.

The brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha worked hard to make sure that our Centennial Founder Day banquet was a huge success. Many brothers from different chapters came out to support Epsilon Alpha Alpha and to honor our founding fathers.

I would like to congratulate Epsilon Alpha Alpha's newly elected officers: Brother Vandell Bland Basileus, Brother Micheal Scott, Keeper of Record and Seals, Brother C.C. Smith, Chaplin and Brother William Haskins, Keeper of Peace.

I also would like to give a special thanks to Brother Rosey Gillium, III, M.D. for delivering a heartfelt and powerful message and to Brother Willie Williams for doing such a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies.

MLK Parade

Jonesboro, AR - The brothers of the "Distinguished" Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. The parade was held on January 16, 2012 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The event started at the Fullness of Joy Church and crossed over the newly established Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. overpass. The brothers were enthused and showed up in great numbers to honor and support one of our greatest civil rights leaders. The Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter takes great pride in honoring a man who has touched the lives of all mankind regardless for race, color, religious believe, or social economic status. The teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have been passed on from generation to generation. Although Dr. King was not a member Omega Phi Psi he believed in the same principles that govern all members of our fraternity. Dr. King teachings taught us that if a man doesn't stand for something then he will fall for anything and without struggle there is no progress.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta GA and was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis Tennessee. He was a clergyman, activist and a prominent leader in the African American civil rights movement. Dr. King has a long list of accomplishments in the African





OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLA



The night was topped off with the installation of Officers. Basileus, Bro James Williams, Vice Basileus, Bro Ray Sturgis, Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro James Ward, Keeper of Finance, Bro Fred Knox, Keeper of Peace, Bro Karl Sanders, Chaplain, Bro Darris Grant, Asst Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro Ryan Burgess. Awards were also passed out to Brothers with 5-10-15-25-30 years in the Fraternity.



ARKANSAS

COMMUNITY SERVICE! 2011

OLL Brothers participated in Mentor programs at Little Rock Central High School, Arkansas Job Corps, and our adopted school, Meadow Cliff Elementary, where we worked during Hotdogs for Dads Day and a fundraiser walk to raise money for WiFi installation at the School.

Brothers Pippins, Grant, Batch, Banks Jr, Banks III, and Sturgis all had a great time working with the teachers and staff of Meadow Cliff Elementary School.

With the year coming to an end, OLL was still in the spirit of service. Ten families were selected to receive food basket for Christmas. Brothers Fletcher, Pippins, and Sturgis picked the food basket up at Kroger in Jacksonville, Ar and delivered to families throughout the Metro area.



Pi Omicron Chapter and Bro Jeremiah Wright support Philander Smith College's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Campaign

Little Rock, AR - Brothers of Pi Omicron chapter welcomed the "infamous" Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright to Philander Smith College (PSC). Brother Jeremiah A. Wright delivered the men's day sermon at Wesley United Methodist Church on the campus of Philander in Little Rock, Arkansas. Brother Wright's appearance was part of Philander's awareness series on hunger and homelessness. PSC is home to the undergraduate chapter Pi Sigma.

Brother Wright is Pastor Emeritus of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago (TUCC) with more than 6,000 members and was President Barak Obama's former pastor. In early 2008, Bro. Wright retired after 36 years as the Senior Pastor of his TUCC congregation.

Bro. Wright was brought into the fold of Omega Psi Phi through, Zeta chapter at Virginia Union University, in Richmond. In 1961 he joined the United States Marine Corps and was later a member of the medical team that cared for President L.

B. Johnson as he recovered from heart surgery. Bro. Wright has written and co-authored many books on the African American experience and religion. He has been a recognized as a Rockefeller Fellow and received several honorary doctorate degrees, and was named as one of Ebony magazine's top 15 preachers.



Picture attached: Left to right are Bro Major Banks, Jr, Bro Dr. Joseph Jones, Bro Cleveland James, Bro Odies Wilson, Bro Jeremiah Wright, Bro Fred W. Smith and Bro Dr. Jesse Hargrove





Lambda Alpha and Beta Sigma Team Up with Delta Sigma Theta to Educate Students on the Importance of Voting and Having a Vision for their Future

Capitol Senior High School Alumni rank in the bottom percentage of Baton Rouge natives who sign up to vote. “Capitol Senior High School as a whole has gone through some trying times over the years with high murder rates, drop-out rates and teen pregnancies so it was great for college graduates and members of Greek organizations to speak to the students about making a difference and bettering their lives,” said a faculty member.

Baton Rouge, LA - On Tuesday November 22nd Lambda Alpha Chapter proudly presented multiple underprivileged families with Thanksgiving Food Baskets. It was a two day event that included purchasing the food, putting the baskets together and delivering them. This is an annual event that Lambda Alpha has a deep passion for and will always be a top priority for the chapter. The families greeted the brothers with huge smiles and were very appreciative for the great selection of items that were given to them. This single gesture definitely made the brothers of Lambda Alpha's Thanksgiving that much sweeter.

Lambda Alpha Shows Support for a Fallen Comrade

On November 19th brothers from the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated came out to support the Southern University Naval ROTC Program as they hosted the Fifth Annual Dronet Challenge. The Dronet Challenge began in 2007 as a physical fitness military field meet held in honor of United States Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant Brandon Dronet who was killed in a helicopter crash during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006. 1stLt Dronet graduated from Louisiana State University in 2002 and was a member of the Southern University Naval ROTC program.



This year's Dronet Challenge brought together over 200 Cadets, Marines and Midshipmen from four ROTC units including Southern University's Army and Naval ROTC Units, Louisiana State University's Army ROTC Unit, and Prairie View A&M University's Naval ROTC Unit. The Midshipmen, Cadets and Marines competed in multiple military strength, agility and endurance tests. Some of the events included fireman's carry, push-ups, pull ups and sit-ups. Culminating the physical challenge was a grueling 3-mile woodland endurance course which left competitors exhausted after pushing their hardest to win the event.

Lambda Alpha Works Hard to Provide a Scholarship to Local College Bound Teen

On June 18th the brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated held a BBQ Plate Scholarship Fundraiser to support a graduating senior from the local Baton Rouge area. The brothers worked tirelessly to make this event a success contacting friends, family, co-workers, local businesses and people who wanted to support the cause. The event was an outstanding success raising over double the amount as last year's \$2,300. During the event we were also able to Reclaim 2 brothers who were impressed with the efforts of the chapter and commend the young brothers for providing a spark to Lambda Alpha.



Lambda Alpha and BRCHP Provides Health Care to Students of Delmont Elementary

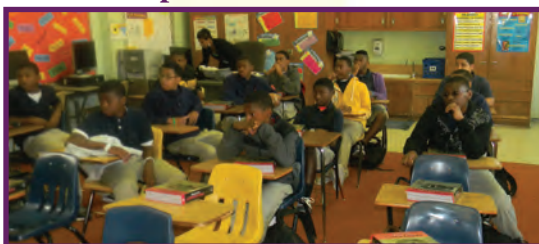
On November 15, 2011 brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and the Baton Rouge Children's Health Project (BRCHP) provided health services to the students of Delmont Elementary, a school where many underprivileged students attend. The BRCHP was initially created as a response to the urgent pediatric health care needs in the aftermath of Hurricanes' Katrina and Rita. The BRCHP now provides critically needed medical and mental health services to underserved children and families in the Baton Rouge area. All levels of the fraternity are expected to facilitate, participate and/or coordinate activities that will uplift their



communities by promoting good health practices. It would have been great if these same services were rendered to me as a child, said Brother Dominique Jackson. I missed many days of school causing me to fall behind my classmates, due to medical appointments. It is good to know the students of Delmont Elementary don't have that concern.



Lambda Alpha Educates Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy on Domestic Violence



On November 17th, 2011, Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated had the unprecedented opportunity to speak to students at Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy in Baton Rouge Louisiana. The Omega Men discussed their professional achievements and the path followed to acquiring success. They also talked about processes that allowed you to not get involved with violent acts. It is the national goal of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated



LOUISIANA





LOUISIANA

in cooperation with the kNOwMORE Campaign to take leadership to prevent violence against women and children in the African-American community. In July 2007, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. made a pledge to prevent all forms of violence affecting the African-American community. To address domestic, sexual, and community violence, Omega men are taking a critically important step by saying that all forms of violence are wrong, and that we need to mentor and teach each other the importance of healthy, non-violent relationships.

“The brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter love to come out and educate the youth,” said Brother Kenneth Terry. It was a pleasure to look in the faces of our community’s youth and know that we are assisting in deterring them from violence.

Lambda Alpha Brothers Sponsor 2011 Charles Drew Blood Drive and Provide Free Diabetes and Cholesterol Health Screenings

On Saturday June 18th, brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated sponsored the 2011 Charles Drew Blood Drive at the Purple Oaks Fraternity House. This event allowed many citizens in the Baton Rouge community to help save a life by donating blood. Donors not only gave blood, but received free Diabetes and Cholesterol health evaluations and screenings, while receiving useful health and wellness materials to educate themselves. The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) was a major multicenter clinical research study aimed at discovering whether modest weight loss through dietary changes and increased physical activity or treatment with the oral diabetes drug metformin (Glucophage) could prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes in study participants (<http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/dm/pubs/preventionprogram/>). Brothers: Dr. Claude Tellis, M.D., Dr. Raynando Banks, M.D. and Dr. Willie Williams, M.D. provided services with great distinction. Ms. Velma Henderson (Baton Rouge native) stated, “I really appreciate Omega Psi Phi and their wiliness to go above and beyond to help the community. The Charles Drew Blood Drive is a mandated program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and is held annually. This year’s event was held in conjunction with United Blood Services of Louisiana.



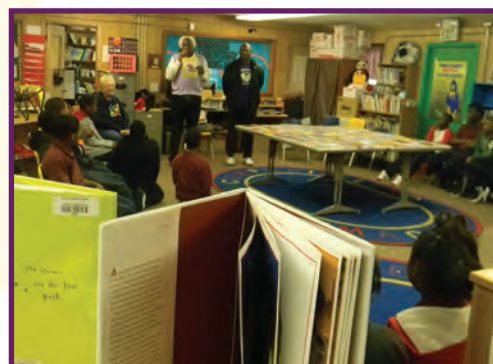
Literacy is the Key to Success

On November 14th and 18th 2011, the Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter went to Progress and Crestworth Elementary Schools and presented books to each and every student in the school. This partnership with Reading is Fundamental inspires children to be lifelong readers through the power of choice. The objective is to inspire children to choose their



own books and become avid readers.

The Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated in partnership with Reading is Fundamental routinely focus on



literacy of African-American youth and highlight the fraternity’s “Literacy is Key to Success” program. Reading is Fundamental annually provides approximately 15 million books to children across the nation who need them the most.

The Reading is Fundamental program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, as well as a variety of corporations, foundations and community organizations and thousands of individuals.

Lambda Alpha Celebrates 75 Years in Conjunction with Reclaiming Inactive Brothers



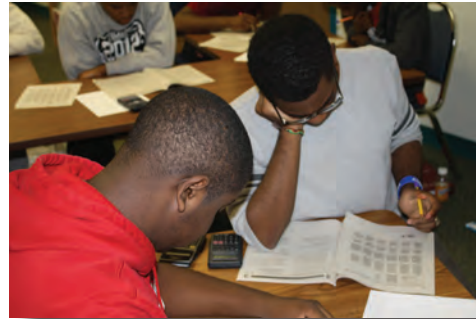
On Saturday May 10th the brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated their 75th Anniversary. This was a concerted effort to retain active brothers and return inactive brothers to full active status at the international, district and local levels so that they may enjoy the full benefits of Omega. Many brothers were in attendance and pleased to see the great changes and the direction that the chapter was going in. Lambda Alpha was able to reclaim 3 brothers at this event, but has continued to reclaim brothers year round.



"Project Manhood"

Shreveport, LA - Rho Omega and Friends, Inc. a corporation created by the Rho Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in Shreveport, Louisiana has instituted a new venture. Rho Omega and Friends continues to devote its time, effort and resources to the creation, planning, and implementation of activities and operations specifically designed to enhance the motto of: uplifting the community; and thus, improve the quality of life for its residents by providing scholarships for African American males pursuing higher levels of education.

In an effort to encourage post secondary education among African American males attending high school in Caddo Parish, our organization has implemented PROJECT MANHOOD (PM). This project is designed to serve as both a mentoring program and educational outreach program to better prepare select young men of high school age to perform well on the ACT and to offer guidance to become better citizens and leaders. An educational partnership has been formed with Sylvan Learning Center and a grant of money donated by AEP Foundation made this program viable and available. Now is the first call for applicants for the 2012-2013 academic school year in session.



Rho Omega "Paints" Again

The Brothers of the Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in this year's "Paint Your Heart Out." The Omega's painted the home of a local resident. "Paint Your Heart Out" is a project of Shreveport's Community Development Department. Rho Omega Chapter has volunteered and participated in the program since its inception. The "Paint Your Heart Out" Spirit Award was renamed several years ago in memory of Brother Willie J.C. Critton. Bro. Lawrence Anderson is "Paint Your Heart Out" Chairman; Dr. Marlon Henderson is Rho Omega Chapter Basileus.



Fans For The Elderly

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently held their 2011 "Fans For The Elderly" Drive. Approximately 50 fans were collected/donated by the chapter. The fans were taken to KSLA News 12 where the Rho Omega Chapter was interviewed during a live broadcast by Meteorologist "Stormtracker" Steve Parr. Rudolph S. White is the Fan Drive Chairman; Troy Jackson and James Rhodes are Vice-Chairmen. And, Dr. Marlon Henderson is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.



Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently held their annual Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program at Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. Over 200 African-American, male, high school students were recognized and presented with various Good Citizenship Awards. Additionally, scholarships were awarded to ten graduating, college-bound, male students. Rho Omega Chapter's 2011



Talent Hunt Winner, Jasmine Wesley, a senior at Booker T. Washington High School, was a featured performer during the program. The Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program, which started at Booker T. Washington High School in the 1950's, was the brainchild of Rho Omega Chapter member Frank R. Rayson. The aptly renamed, Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program, continues to be one of Rho Omega Chapter's most meaningful and historic traditions. Michael Hicks and Mark Cooper are the Good Citizenship Awards and Scholarship Awards chairmen, respectively. Dr. Marlon Henderson is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.



A photograph of four men standing side-by-side indoors. They are all wearing dark suits, white shirts, and patterned ties. The man on the far left has a beard and is looking directly at the camera. The man next to him is also looking at the camera. The man in the center is looking slightly to the right. The man on the far right is looking directly at the camera. In the background, there are other people and a large painting on the wall.

Terry Benjamin Bobby Woodard Paul Sameuls George Tucker Elverez Allen	George Chastang Dr. Nate Goodman Anthony Ingram Lee Young Rob Wilson	Fred Latimore Jamal Dyer Dwayne Thomas Aubrey Thomas Darryl Thornton	Calvin Monroe Sam Mingo Steve Goodrich Bennie Ross
	Non-Ques:		
Walter Evans Phyllis Cole (Delta) Dr. Brenda Henderson	Tasha Steward (AKA) Barbara Beiree Paige E Taylor	Hewlett Packard co-workers Willie Givens Susan Sherril (Delta)	
OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS •			



Theta Alpha Chapter Has New Leadership

Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, recently elected Charles E. Johnson, 3rd as its Chapter Basileus. This marks the first time in Theta Alpha's 75 year history that a father and son have been elected Chapter Basileus. Charles Johnson, Jr. (Charles III's father) served as Chapter Basileus from 1986 to 1988.



Brother Charles, 3rd (or Chuck – as he is known by his family) is a 1998 Economics and Finance Graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. In his brief career he has worked for Fidelity Investments, Enterprise Rentals, and is currently a Claims Representative with the Social Security Administration. He entered Omega Psi Phi fraternity via Theta Alpha Chapter in 1999. When he campaigned for this position, Charles 3rd shared his Vision for the Chapter:

Simply stated – To be the men others seek to be. Physically fit, mentally alert, spiritually engaged; truly caring about each other and looking for ways to make things easier for others. In addition to his life partner, Teasha; Charles

3rd has one son (Gabriel, one step-son (William), and one mentee (Phillip).

Brother Charles Johnson, Jr. (Charles III's father), has had very extensive involvement with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity since he was initiated at Eta Chapter (Alcorn State University) in 1963. He has chaired or served on committees at the chapter, District and National levels; and as an officer in Eta, Psi Alpha and Theta Alpha Chapters. Most notably, however, he served as Omega's Moderator (2005 -2010) and Communications Director for the fraternity. Brother Johnson is rightfully proud of his tenure in the organization; however, he says his proudest moment was when his son took the oath of office as Chapter Basileus for Theta Alpha. Charles says he has had some good times and some not so good times in the Frat, but all of his good times were shared with Nettie, (his wife of 45 years), Sharlotte, (his daughter) and Makayla (his granddaughter). He also believes it is in our best interest to train our youth and honor our elderly.

Happy Holidays in the Alamo City

San Antonio, Texas – The Holiday Season is a time to reflect on your blessings and if fortunate share these blessings with others The Brothers of Psi Alpha are fortunate and very blessed and shared these blessings throughout the City.

Brother James L. Blair Memorial Christmas Gift Giving – For over 15 years the Brothers donated toys to the Child Care Center that Brother James L. Blair was Executive Director. The Brothers looked forward to the bringing toys to the Miller Child Development Center. In July of 2011, Brother Blair entered Omega Chapter but the Brothers kept this tradition alive. The Chapter donated over \$1200 in toys to the children. The center gave the Brothers a beautiful Christmas card signed by all the children and employees. The centers used to be located in two separate buildings but through the efforts of Brother Blair the center moved into a new facility that combined both centers. The staff gave the Brothers a tour of the new center and showcased a room dedicated to the memory of our departed Brother. Basileus Brother Billy Fair pledged that the Chapter will return next year to keep the dream of Brother Blair alive.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Holiday Party – The Brothers of Psi Alpha spent time with their "Little Brothers" at Davis Middle School and presented each of their "Little's" with gifts of clothing, athletic shoes and McDonald gift cards. The Brothers were surprised when parents and faculty prepared lunch and made the event more festive.

Que-Father's Program- During the year the Chapter regularly visits our most senior members to ensure they know that they are not forgotten. Brother Warren Eusan – Theta '39 resides in a Senior Assisted Living facility and for the past few years we have sung Christmas carols to the residents of the facility. Brother Eusan leads the Brothers in several songs which the residents and staff enjoy. Following the visit the Brothers visited Brother Colonel (retired) Alan Gray – Iota Alpha '72 who has recently taken ill and spent the afternoon fellowshiping with him and his family. Brother's Gift Exchange; Warmth and Cheer



San Antonio, Texas – Every year, the brothers of Psi Alpha come together a few days before Christmas at the fraternity house for gift exchange that is spearheaded by Brother Mateen Diop. While December is the biggest gift giving month, we find it in our hearts to come together and share a little love and a token of appreciation for each other. There are endless reasons to give gifts throughout the year, but there is only one reason we continue this tradition and that is genuine love.

All of these events were a great success and allowed us to spread Holiday cheer throughout the Alamo City.



TEXAS





TEXAS

Achievement Week - Psi Alpha Style

On November 16, 2011, Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. concluded the Achievement Week celebration and the fraternity 100 year in existence with the Founder's Banquet. The Guest Speaker for the event was Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore 34th Grand Basileus. The celebration started on the 13th of November and was filled with socializing, fellowship, community activity and brotherly love.

On Sunday, the brothers' of Psi Alpha chapter attended Worship services at Antioch Baptist Church. There were a total of



37 brothers in attendance; in addition to 10 family members. The event was followed by Monday Night Football.

On Monday night, the Retention and Reclamation Committee sponsored a steak and potato dinner. Brothers ate their meal while socializing and fellowshiping at the fraternity house while watching the Monday night Football.

Tuesday night event was the Backyard caucus. The backyard caucus is unique to Psi Alpha chapter in which brothers partakes in libation, smoke cigars and discuss various topics of interest involving the fraternity. The Co-chairman, Bro. John Lester coordinated the event with the assistance of Psi Alpha's millennium brothers.

On Thursday Night, the chapter had a roundtable discussion to reflect on the fraternity's 100th year celebration. There were over 60 brothers in attendance. There were question and answer session with the 34th Grand Basileus Dr. Curtis T Gilmore. Afterwards, we had a panel discussion (facilitated by Bro. Richard Williams) with each decade being represented from 1940s to 2000s. The panel discussion focused on the history and transformation of Omega Psi Phi through the decades.

Friday night was the capstone of the Achievement Week celebration. The Founder's Banquet was held at Double Tree Hotel with over 128 people in attendance to hear the 34th GB speak on the Fraternity's Centennial Celebration. Awards were presented to Psi Alpha brothers rewarding their accomplishments and hard work during the year. The night concluded with the brothers of Psi Alpha chapter recognizing Bro. James Blair accomplishments as Basileus posthumously, the chapter presented a plaque to his wife for Bro. Blair dedication to Psi Alpha chapter as Basileus from 2008-2011.

Overall, the brothers of Psi Alpha celebrated the fraternity 100 year celebration with fellowship and brother love. Achievement week success was a direct reflection of the support and dedication from numerous brothers who spent countless hours working hard for Omega ensuring its success.

100 Years of Service

San Antonio, Texas – November 17, 2011 meant so many things to so many Omega Men and throughout the country, members of our fine fraternity found many ways to celebrate. 100 Turkeys for 100 years – This event gave 100 turkeys to families within the San Antonio Independent School District and blessed an additional 45 families in the City. In the past the Chapter had given as many as 35 complete baskets during Thanksgiving but this year partnered with Wal-Mart and was able to collect \$1500 and purchased 100 Turkeys and received 45 more turkeys through the efforts of Chapter members. The additional turkeys were given to the families of our "Little Brothers" who we mentor, a local school where we mentor, a local school where a Brother is Principal, families selected by the Quettes and the rest were distributed to families in the neighborhood of the Fraternity House.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Luncheon – The Brothers of Psi Alpha attended the Annual luncheon sponsored by the San Antonio Chapter of Big Brother Big Sister and donated \$500.00 towards the training and recruiting of mentors for the organization.

Mentoring at Davis MS - Psi Alpha mentors 6 young men each week at Davis Middle School and in addition to the six boys we are matched with we spent Founders Day spending time with all male students by spending time in the gym and counselors office mentoring and playing basketball

All of these events were a great success and allowed us to share our special day with the residents of the Alamo City.

OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLAHOMA



Theta Chi chapter honors Brother Andre "DC" Morrison

Houston, TX - Brother Morrison is a Life Member (#1424) and was initiated in Rho Theta chapter in 1970 on the "Innumerable Caravan" line. He is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University where he received a B.A. in Business Administration in 1972. He is the proud father of 5 daughters and proud grandfather of 4 grandchildren.



In addition to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Brother Morrison is also a member of several organizations including: National Society of Pershing Rifles, PHF&AM (32nd degree), American Legion, Association of the United States Army, National Society of Scabbard & Blade and a Life Member of PVAMU Alumni Association.

Brother Morrison had a lengthy military career beginning with him being commissioned 2nd Lieutenant at PVAMU ROTC Program. He began active duty in 1974 and achieved the rank of Major and served at several military installations around the world, including an assignment with the Military Science Department at Alcorn State University in Mississippi. During his military service, he has been an active member of nine different chapters of Omega throughout the world including Lambda Xi (Korea) and Theta Rho (Germany).

Brother "Major" Morrison retired from the military in 1994 and continued to share his military knowledge and experience as an instructor in High School ROTC programs. He served as Senior Army Instructor at E.E. Worthing High School in Houston, TX and at Galveston Ball High School in Galveston, TX.

On February 18, 2012 Theta Chi chapter got together to celebrate and honor Brother Andre "DC" Morrison for his contributions as an educator, his service to our country (U.S. Army), and service to the Fraternity. The Brothers of Theta Chi chapter had the pleasure of having Brother Morrison's mother, Pauline Morrison (a 1952 initiate into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) and family members Alyta Hilliard (sister) and Dwight Bennett (cousin) join us in honoring him. There were several of his 32 Line Brothers in attendance as well.

We all know that he is a diehard Redskins fan, and he has just as much Redskins paraphernalia as Fraternity paraphernalia. So we presented him with a signed autographed Doug Williams Redskins jersey. We had it framed and presented it to him as a surprise at the celebration. We knew that this was something that he would cherish. Happy retirement Bro. Andre "DC" Morrison!

Theta Chi Chapter Celebrates 57 Years

Houston, TX - As Theta Chi chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. prepared to celebrate 57 years of service, the Brothers in the Houston area chapter decided to take the celebration "home". Theta Chi chapter was founded in Prairie View, TX on February 1, 1955 and moved to Houston, TX in the late 80's. Since moving to Houston, the chapter has only had a few official visits back to Prairie View to mentor and meet with the younger Brothers in the Rho Theta chapter at Prairie View A&M University which it oversees and provides guidance.

Theta Chi's leadership team decided that they wanted to go back and reach out to some of the more seasoned Brothers or "Bridge Builders" that still resided in the Prairie View community. These are the Omegas who helped to pave the way for the Brothers that are associated with the chapter today. The Brothers planned to conduct their monthly chapter meeting in Prairie View with a celebration luncheon planned immediately after. The meeting and luncheon was held on Saturday February 4th, 2012.

The Brothers reached out to Brother Brucy Gray, who was initiated in 1957 into Theta Chi and is currently a member of Theta Alpha chapter in Dallas, TX. Brother Gray agreed to serve as the guest speaker at the chapter luncheon and was elated about the possibility of returning to Prairie View, where his journey in Omega began. Brother Gray and several other Brothers reminisced about their early days in the fraternity and shared some stories with the Brothers present. Brother Gray was presented with an award of appreciation for his continued service and the dedication to Omega that he has demonstrated for the last 55 years.

During the luncheon several Brothers shared the stories and history of their Omega experience from the 50's, 60's and 70's. This was truly an eye-opening experience for some of the younger Brothers in Theta Chi chapter. Bro. Gray gave an emotional address about the importance of staying connected and involved with Omega. He talked about the many chapters that he has been involved with as he relocated to different cities throughout the United States. He shared a story of when he had just move to a city and he waited outside a grocery store to meet a Brother because he had noticed an Omega license plate frame on his car. There was recognition of past Basilei (Bro. Kenneth Broughton and Bro. Rodney Louis) that were present and the current Basileus Bro. Cliff Hodrick shared his vision for the direction future of Theta Chi chapter.



TEXAS





Special music performances were done by Karis Cooks, pianist, Boys Scout Troop 120 (presentation of the American Flag), K 5 Range (singing the national anthem), and Dynasty (Step Team, Shepton High School).

Other Chapter awards recipients included: Citizen of the Year, Brother Earnest Burke; Superior Service Award, Brother William Lister and Lawrence Carriere Brotherhood Award, Brother Ron Turner. The Brothers of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter extend their congratulations to all the Brothers who were honored during the Achievement Ceremony.

education and achieving their goals/dreams through the discipline of consistently attending school. Bro. Mc Dowell has committed monthly to support the students of Clifford L. Davis Elementary by distributing school supplies, attendance, and academic achievements. It is the vision of the brothers of Epsilon Alpha that we continue to motivate the community with mentoring, volunteering, and supporting our children's education as we exemplify the highest standards of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.



Theta Theta - STOP THE VIOLENCE: "Don't Doubt.....SPEAK OWT!!!!!!"

Commerce, TX - On January 31, 2012 the Theta Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. presented its first, but will not be the last "STOP THE VIOLENCE" program. The title of our program was called "Don't Doubt...Speak Owt!!." Our chairman for this program was Bro. Asonye Ordu. The purpose of this program was to educate the women and men on the campus of Texas A&M University Commerce about the problems of domestic abuse, and sexual attacks that occur, especially on college campuses nationwide. We also educated them about how low reports are, because unfortunately a lot of cases of domestic abuse, and sexual attacks go unreported, and the variety of reasons why victims try to remain silent about it. And we weren't just talking about women being victims, but men as well. The turnout of the program was wonderful we not only had female supporters, but males as well, and a lot of new knowledge and information was transferred and soaked up.



Our guest speakers who took the time out of their schedules to help make this program a success were UPD Officer Chad Ballard, and Director of PROJECT RESPECT here at TAMU Commerce Dianna Jones. When we asked them if they would help us put on this program, no was not even an option to consider. Officer Jones provided us with statistics, and the concept and idea of domestic abuse. While Dianna Jones provided us with domestic abuse and sexual assaults via power point presentation she prepared. At the end of the program both Officer Ballard and Dianna Jones were presented with certificates of appreciation. I told Mrs. Jones hopefully for the next "SPEAK OWT"

program we work on together that hopefully she'll be able to report that abuse/attacks on campus will have changed for the better. She replied, "As long as you brothers keep working for things to change, it will."

REBΘΘT: Celebrating 42 Years of Chapter History

Commerce, TX - The spring semesters on the campus of Texas A&M University Commerce are probably the most exciting times for the Greek lettered organizations. During the spring semesters all the NPHC Greek Organizations are given an opportunity to claim a whole week for themselves. When I use the term, "claim," I mean for what ever week decided upon, each organization is permitted to hold a list of programs, functions, and other types of events and activities during that week. It provides the organization for the opportunity to really show the students and faculty on campus what the organization is about, what they do to make things better not just for the campus but community, and also encourage interest to want to pursue to be a part of the organization.

The Theta Theta Chapter decided to claim the week of February 1st, 2011. The reason this week was chosen is because our chapter was founded February 1st, 1970, and we would be celebrating our 42nd anniversary. But what would make this anniversary so special is that it would be the first time in five years where there were actual undergraduate brothers on the campus of Texas A&M University Commerce. Our claimed week was noted as the Theta Theta Chapters Founders Week, and we decided to title it, "The REBΘΘT." We chose this for the title because as I mentioned before we would be rebuilding a legacy that had been absent for so long, and relighting a flame that was once distinguished.

Another thing that made our claimed week so special was that it would be held the third week of school. Every other organization typically holds their week later down in the middle of the semester, around March or April. However we chose not to be like everybody else. We knew that we would be the first organization to carry out their week on the campus, but also we would set a high bar for all the other organizations to try to reach. Especially with the line of events and programs we had scheduled.

During that week we held a lot of educational programs and activities planned, not just for the students of Texas A&M University Commerce, but faculty and members of the community were encouraged to come out and support as well. We also went out to serve our community in different ways as well and encouraged individuals to come out with and do the same. The schedule of that week was as follows; Sunday Jan/29/2012 – Church with the Bruhz, Monday Jan/30/2012 – QUEtie Drawing and Mixer in the Club, Tuesday Jan/31/2012 – STOP THE VIOLENCE; "Don't Doubt.....Speak OWT!!!!!!" Wednesday Feb/1/2012 – Retracing the Steps, Chapter Founders Day Celebration, Thursday Feb/2/2012 – Voters Awareness; Your Vote is Your Voice, Friday Feb/3/2012 – Golf Tournament and Community Service at the Day Care center, Saturday Feb/4/2012 – Founders Week Luncheon, Guest Speaker State Senator Royce West.

Our 42nd Founders Week Celebration was indeed a success. The positive feedback we received from various students and faculty members on campus was uplifting to our spirits, and only intensified the fuel we have within ourselves to not just keep going, but to be bigger and better than before. Our mind set right now is to go nowhere but "up" from here on out. As I mentioned earlier this was our first week back on the yard in five years. Others probably would've tried to wait to do their week in the spring with all the other organizations, or they might've not even have tried to have a week altogether. However, we are not like anybody else, we are Theta Theta, "THE MIGHTY BΘΘT" Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and we are here to claim this campus.



TEXAS





TEXAS



Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

Arlington, TX - The Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter donated 15 Thanksgiving Dinner baskets to families in need at David Daniels Elementary School in Grand Prairie, Texas. The chapter adopted the school in 2010 and the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway is one of the social action programs that Omicron Gamma Gamma has partnered with the school to provide to students and their families. With this school being in an underserved area of Grand Prairie, the chapter hopes to partner with them in other activities to help serve them. The school's Counselor Velma Woods was appreciative of the chapter's contribution and services and is looking for the next opportunity to work with us.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

For many years Fort Worth, Texas has celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and hosted a parade every year. The march is held on the federal holiday of Dr. King's birth and this year more than 300 people marched January 16.

Omicron Gamma Gamma and Epsilon Alpha chapters of Omega Psi Phi partnered and participated in this well-attended march to celebrate what Dr. King has done for this great nation.

The parade in Downtown Fort Worth extended more than 3 miles where several businesses and companies flooded the streets to show support of the parade. After the parade ended several high school bands participated in a tribute to Dr. King and had a Battle-of-the-Bands competition.



Working to Serve the Community

Omicron Gamma Gamma (OGG) Chapter was founded March 10, 1986 in the Mid-Cities area of Dallas/Fort Worth. OGG has served the Dallas Cowboys Stadium for the past 13 years with a commitment second to none.

"Service is a vital part of our fraternity," says Bro. Booker T. Washington, a member of OGG and liaison to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium.

OGG has been recognized as the 2005 Ninth District Social Action Chapter of the Year and the 2006, 2007, and 2009 Ninth District Chapter of the Year. In 2007-08, the chapter was recognized with its highest honor to date when OGG was awarded the 2008 International Chapter of the Year for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

"Although we are extremely proud of those accomplishments," Bro. Washington added, "we are as equally proud of our service to the Dallas Cowboys over the past 13 years."

The money earned from the Dallas Cowboys Stadium is used to promote social programs and award graduating seniors scholarships to college.



Achievement Week 2011 - Omicron Gamma Gamma and Mu Beta

On November 13, 2011, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma and Mu Beta chapters held their Achievement Week Awards Ceremony on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington. Eight brothers were recipients of various awards for to their contribution and service to their chapter and the community.

Recipients and their awards are:

- Brother Rudy Scales, Basileus Award;
- Brother Morris Grundy, Superior Service Award;
- Brother Darryl Walker, Brotherhood Award;
- Brother Dante' Williams, Omega Man of the Year Award;
- Brother Sean Smith, Brotherhood Award;
- Brother Bobby Jones, Founder's Award;
- Brother Douglas Greene, Citizen of the Year Award;
- Not Pictured Brother Olie Brown, Colonel Charles Young Award.



RHO BETA BETA: SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

Houston, TX. -The brothers of 2009 International Social Action Chapter of the Year, Rho Beta Beta, continue to strive to make a noticeable difference in its community by its very intense Social Action programs. Under the leadership of Social Action chairmen Brother Clenon Mitchell and Brother Scott Harrell, the chapter has continued its legendary social programs.

Adopted Family Program - Each year the brothers select needy families to bless during the holiday period. In 2011 five (5) families were the recipients of two (2) weeks' worth of food items during Thanks giving and Christmas. The Christmas baskets included toys for the children of the homes. These gifts of love were personally delivered by the chapter brothers to the homes of these deserving families.



American Diabetes Association Walk-a-thon - For the past twelve years Brother Albert Benifield has coordinated the chapter's effort in this Houston Coalition of Chapters event. In 2011 Omega Psi Phi's Houston Coalition was recognized at the VIP Dinner as the Top Organization/Club participating in the event. The Houston Chapters raised \$13,573 of which Rho Beta Beta contributed \$5623.



Annual Breakfast with Santa - This annual event is sponsored by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee in a collaborative effort with the local Pan-Hellenic organization. Breakfast and toys are given out to hundreds of children annually at Christmas.

Back To School Program - In 2011 over 100 students in the North Forest School District were given backpacks and school supplies. While picking up their supplies they able to get refreshments, socialize, and play various games with the chapter brothers.



Teen Summit - Co-sponsored with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; we provide food and drink for all attendees.

ADA Donation

Houston, TX: Thursday November 17, 2011 marked the 100 year anniversary of the founding of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In celebration of this historic event over 100 Omega men representing the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc gathered on the steps of City Hall to receive the Proclamation from the City of Houston marking November 17, 2011 "Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day" in Houston. On hand to present the proclamation from the City of Houston to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was Councilman Jarvis Johnson standing in for Mayor Parker. Immediately following the presentation of the proclamation the Fraternity recognized the American Diabetes Association for their work toward the cure of diabetes and presented a ceremonial check in the amount of \$12,000.00 reflecting the amount that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity had raised to date toward the STEPOUT Walk to Stop Diabetes. Representing the American Diabetes Association was Ms. Jennifer Williams.



Rho Xi Chapter - Chapter Activities

Martin Luther King Day Voter Registration Drive

Rho Xi Chapter- January 16, 2012 Rho Xi Chapter partnered with the Brazosport Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. to do a voter registration drive during the Martin Luther King Celebration at Freeport Municipal Park in Freeport, Texas. Our efforts produced 18 newly registered voters and spread awareness on the importance of exercising the right to vote.



Martin Luther King Celebration Banquet

Rho Xi Chapter-January 15, 2012 The brothers of Rho Xi over the years have regularly attended M.L.K events in the Brazoria County Area. At the banquet brothers assist as greeters taking tickets at the door and putting a smile on the faces of banquet participants. In addition we assist as ushers showing guests to their seats and handing out programs.



Shelia Jackson Lee : Toys for Tots Program

Rho Xi Chapter-December 17, 2011 Toys for Tots is a not profit organization that collects, shoes, clothes, toys, and supplies and gives them to children and families during the holiday season. This event was held at the George R. Brown Center in Houston Tx, and several brothers volunteered. Rho Xi is proud for the opportunity to let our light shine while giving back to the community.



TEXAS





TEXAS

Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

December 10, 2011 Brothers came out to our Charles R. Drew blood drive to encourage others to donate blood as well as become donors themselves. The event was held at Wal-Mart in Lake Jackson, Texas from 9am-3pm. 1000 donations are needed everyday to help save the lives of individual in the Texas Gulf Coast Region. Rho Xi is proud to assist the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in this cause by making donation opportunities as convenient as possible for citizens in the Brazoria County



Area and hosting quarterly drives throughout the calendar year.

ADA Step out: Walk to Stop Diabetes

Rho Xi Chapter- November 19, 2011 The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Rho Xi Chapter walked and raised funds for the American Diabetes Association Step out: Walk to Stop Diabetes effort. This is a movement to end the devastating toll that diabetes takes on millions of individuals and families across our nation. It inspires and mobilizes the general public, volunteers, donors, corporations and the scientific and medical communities to rally around our cause and our call to "share, act, learn and give."

"We Thank You" by Bro. Joseph Washington

Rho Xi Chapter- November 15, 2011 Singer and songwriter Joseph Washington has created a video tribute, in partnership with Rosetography Films, to go along with his song "We Thank You" from the R&B CD "When God Made A Woman" for the soldiers serving and returning from abroad. The video which includes appearances from Houston Mayor Annise Parker, the Houston Texans, Rockets, and Astros, boxer Juan Diaz, U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Houston's Fire & Police Departments, NASA astronauts and many others.

Here is the Youtube link to view the video: <http://youtu.be/yLawFZqdZuQ>

Breakfast with Santa

Rho Xi Chapter- December 3, 2011 The Breakfast with Santa program was held at the Blue Triangle Center in Houston, Texas. Brothers were responsible for cooking breakfast for the guest and dressing up as Santa Clause for the kids in attendance. Children received gifts and had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa. We are glad to be a part of this event to spread holiday cheer and bring joy to children in the community.



Thanksgiving Day Meals on Wheels

Rho Xi Chapter-November 26, 2011 The meals on wheels program delivers traditional Thanksgiving meals to seniors who may lack the strength to cook or have few home visits and family to share thanksgiving with. Volunteers drove to assigned homes and spent time with seniors as they delivered the meals in an effort to bring the Thanksgiving spirit to homebound seniors in the community.



Adopt-A-Highway Project

Rho Xi Chapter- October 29, 2011 The Adopt-a-Highway program gives citizens an opportunity to support litter prevention by adopting a two mile section of highway. Rho Xi Chapter's section is located on highway 521 between loop 610 and Reed Rd in Houston, TX and several brothers came out to support the cause. The program currently has more than 4,500 groups across the state, which is a testament to our volunteers and their passion to keep Texas beautiful.



Houston Area Women's Center Awards Presentation

Rho Xi Chapter-October 6, 2011 Rho Xi Chapter has accentuated the national initiative to stop violence in America by partnering with the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC). In 2009, Rho Xi Chapter and HAWC established programs that offered positive male mentors for the young victims of family violence and positive male support and manpower for various HAWC projects that nurture self-confidence and creates safe environments for victims of intimate partner violence. Rho Xi Chapter was selected as HAWC 2010 Volunteer Group of the Year. During the 2011 Volunteer Celebration Event, Brother Ross Cahee delivered the key note address pledging future Rho Xi Chapter commitments to HAWC for the reduction of violence in the area. With more than 4.8 million women and 2.9 million men reporting intimate partner related physical assaults and rape annually, it has been impossible for Rho Xi Chapter to ignore their responsibility for providing successful intervention tactics and their capabilities of disseminating information that will positively address means of decreasing violence. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and HAWC acknowledge that victims of intimate partner violence are not strangers; they are friends, family members, colleagues and neighbors. Therefore, Rho Xi Chapter invites all who have not joined the cause to extend talents, time and funds to HAWC and other women centers so that violence can be positively decrease around Houston and America.



Bro. Barrye L. "Big Six" Price Speaks a Black History Month Program

Killeen, Texas – On February 3, 2012 the brothers of Omicron Pi welcomed a former member of the "Hood Ques" back to Killeen during its annual Black History Month Program. The program was sponsored by the local NAACP and supported by our Chapter. It was held at Greater Peace Baptist Church, Killeen, Texas.

Bro. Price is a 1985 Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Houston's College of Business Administration. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in History in 1994 from Texas A&M University and in 1997 he became the first African-American to obtain a doctoral degree from the Department of History in the 136-year history of Texas A&M University. He also earned a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University in 2004. He is currently a Brigadier General serving as the Director of Human Resources Policy Directorate, Army G1 in the Pentagon.

Bro. Price was introduced by Bro. Anthony Burks who is currently a young and energetic member of Omicron Pi Chapter. Bro. Price's presentation asked and answered the question of why there should be a Black History Month.

It is always a pleasure to have a brother visit the chapter in which he so faithfully served over the years. Pictured from left to right are: Bro. Barrye L. Price, Ms Taneika Driver (President NAACP, Killeen Branch), Bro. Melvin Brown, Jr. (Basileus, Omicron Pi Chapter), and Bro. Anthony Burks.



Bro. Willie J. "Juggie" Locke, III Relinquishes Command - By: Bro. Joe Holston

Killeen, Texas – On January 20, 2012 the brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter came out to support LTC Willie J. Locke, III as he relinquished command of the 62nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, after twenty-nine months at this position. The Signal Battalion was re-activated on October 16, 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas where Bro. Locke became its first commander. In April 2011, his unit deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

While admirably serving his nation as a battalion commander, Bro. Locke gave service to Omega by performing the chal-



lenging duties of chapter Vice-Basileus. His leadership, mentorship, dedication, and service will be truly missed by the "Hood Ques" as his next assignment takes him to Army Cyber Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Attending the ceremony was Bro. R. Ray Gatewood, former Ninth District Chaplain. Pictured with Bro. Gatewood is Bro. Anthony Burks, one of the younger hopping brothers. The brothers of Omicron Pi applaud Bro. Locke for successfully reaching this milestone in his military career. "Roll Tide."

Martin Luther King, Jr. March - By: Bro. Joe Holston

Killeen, Texas – On January 16, 2012 the brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter took to the streets of Killeen to participate in the annual MLK march. The event was hosted by the Youth Council of Killeen Branch NAACP. Following the march, a program was held which honored the life and works of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Twenty-five brothers of this Chapter came out to the events which gave tribute to the man who had such a powerful and positive impact on so many lives.

Getting prepared to march are from left to right: Bro. William Bowser, Bro. Stan Small, and Bro. Jerome Blackman.



Bro. Arthur L. Bryan, Band Director - By: Bro. Joe Holston

Killeen, Texas – Bro. Arthur L. Bryan became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the spring of 1978 at Delta Xi Chapter. He has been a faithful and very active member of the Omicron Pi Chapter since 1982. Through the years he has held the position of Basileus three times and has served as KRS ten times.

Bro. Bryan is a military retiree having served twenty-five years in the United States Army. He transitioned from the army to become the first black band director in the Killeen Independent School District. He is currently the band director at Charles E. Patterson Middle School where he is in charge of the school's musical programs. His classroom techniques enable his students to excel in their craft



TEXAS





OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLAHOMA • ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS • OKLAHOMA



Graduate Chapter Spotlight - Rho Omega

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in Shreveport, Louisiana traces its roots back to 1923. As the oldest graduate chapter in the Ninth District, Rho Omega Chapter boasts a distinctive, trail-blazing, and rich history. From its inception, Rho Omega Chapter has grown considerably and has made a tremendous impact on the social, economic, civic, and political life of the community, state, and nation. By making it a point to fulfill all mandated programs each fiscal year, Rho Omega has been able to positively and effectively promote Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Aside from hosting several past Ninth District Meetings, Rho Omega has had some of their “best and brightest” serve as Ninth District Officers and Special Function Appointees.



Currently, Rho Omega has a sterling roster filled with those of the highest intellect, greatest educational achievements, and most esteemed vocations and political positions.

However, the richness of Rho Omega lies in the many capable, insightful, and diligent men who have graciously given and shared their talents throughout the years. For example, the Rho Omega Chapter holds an annual Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program at Booker T. Washington High School (Shreveport, Louisiana). The aptly renamed Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program, which started at Booker T. Washington High School in the 1950's, was the brainchild of Rho Omega Chapter Member, Brother Frank R. Rayson. Each year, Rho Omega Chapter recognizes and presents over 200 African-American, male, high school students with various Good Citizenship Awards. In addition to Good Citizenship Awards, at least ten scholarships are awarded to graduating, college-bound, male students.

Aside from the promotion of Scholarship, Rho Omega Chapters strives to Uplift the Shreveport-Bossier City community. Through their 501c3 organization, Rho Omega and Friends, Incorporated, the Rho Omega Chapter sponsors the “Let The Good Times Roll Festival” each June in Shreveport's Festival Plaza. The “Let The Good Times Roll Festival,” which Rho Omega Chapter started in 1987 as a celebration of Juneteenth, is a showcase of national recording artists, arts and crafts, and local cuisine. Each year, thousands of area residents come out and celebrate in the only minority sponsored festival of its kind. Through these fundraising efforts, Rho Omega Chapter is able to provide scholarships, donate air conditioning fans each summer, and promote voter registration efforts.

Although times have changed since 1923, Rho Omega Chapter has been careful to not abandon the principles that have made Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated great since 1911—Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, Uplift. The members of Rho Omega have always tried to live up to the motto “Friendship Is Essential To The Soul” in all of their endeavors. By no accident, many of Shreveport's great African-American men are/were Omega men. There a very few residents of Shreveport whose lives have not been touched by a member of Rho Omega Chapter. Rho Omega Chapter has a rich heritage to be protected, celebrated, and enhanced.

Undergraduate Chapter Spotlight - The Birth of Phi Beta

The very first undergraduate to become an Omega at Jarvis Christian College was Brother Melvin Jefferson, Jr. He was initiated on November 6, 1970, through the Sigma Sigma Chapter at Texas College. Brother Jefferson soon encouraged two other young men from Jarvis Christian College to make the pledge journey through the Sigma Sigma Chapter. On March 19, 1971, Brother's Terry Gordon and Roosevelt Woodard crossed the “Burning Sands of Omega.” These three young men made a daily 40-mile trip in order to complete their pledge period. Brother Terry Borens, who was an undergraduate of the Sigma Sigma Chapter, which would immediately be known as the “Sister” chapter to Phi Beta, served as a guiding light in establishing Phi Beta “Death” Chapter. Graduate Omega men on campus during this period that also played a vital role in establishing the chapter was Charles Hodge, Simon Edwards (Omega Chapter), Dr. Marshall Lanier, T. L. McGill (Omega Chapter), and D. L. “Danny” Brooks. Dr. Martin Edwards and Dr. Robert Harper were off-campus physicians. A community leader in Hawkins Brother Thomas “T.H.” Burton (Omega Chapter) also aided with the chapter's arrival. All of these men were part of founding the prestigious Phi Beta “Death” Chapter. With the help of above named Omega men and the three undergraduate Omegas began the “Charter Line” of the Phi Beta “Death” Chapter.

The 70's would be considered the “See it through” era of the chapter's history on November 18, 1971, the following eight young men “Crossed the burning Sands of Omega” and Jarvis Christian College birthed Phi Beta “Death” Chapter. Charter line members are Brother's Larry D. Conner, Woodrow Coleman, Arthur Morris, James Wilkerson, Ronald Howard, Joseph Bonner, Phillip Ferguson and Ray Brown. The official charter was granted on October 18, 1971.

The 80's will be forever remembered for introducing the chapter “nickname” that became legendary “Death” chapter. The 80's era produced 12 different pledge lines, including 4 different solos. This decade left Phi Beta “Death” Chapter with an overwhelming amount of history and will also be remembered as the only era to produce 5 pledge classes in 5 consecutive semesters. Prior to that point in history, the chapter had only succeeded at a feat of two consecutive lines three different times in Fall 1970 & Spring 1971 to start the Phi Beta legacy, Spring 1972 & Fall 1972 and again in the Spring of 1976 and Fall of 1976. Three years later the chapter was resurrected hinting to the name “Death” chapter, due to its four semester sab-



75 MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT

faith, assisting the less fortunate just to name a few of the more common ones. Of course, each also had several others that they alone placed a greater emphasis on.

At the close of each Pledge Period, a final phase was the highlight and the most anticipated segment of the entrance into the organization. This is when I began to understand “what I was actually “PLEDGING” I had endured all of the various levels of entrance to now come to the realization that I had PLEDGED MY WORD and my life to support, uphold, abide by the rules, policies, procedures, by laws, and constitution of a noble and great organization. Each time I renew my oath [vow] of service and respect, my Pledge Period comes to my mind. While the day to day Pledge Period still has a place in my memory, the initial PLEDGE that I made forty years ago stands out far greater than any PLEDGE activity ever will. I am so grateful that I PLEDGED my word versus pledging for a “Pledge Period.”

I am sure that this article has reminded many of you of your Membership Entry Process into our organization. I hope that the seasoned members remember those days with warm smiles and fond thoughts of “the good ole days”; I hope that the younger members will remember their “Pledge” and look forward to the future of having a past worth remembering.

Now, when people ask me, “what did you pledge?” My answer is my WORD! When people ask me why did I pledge Omega, my reply is that Omega displayed ideas that exemplified my word.

No matter what term or title is given to the “ENTRY PERIOD” perhaps one should be provided the true concept of “PLEDGING YOUR WORD” to their choice of wanting to “PLEDGE”!! For in the final analysis, it is not when you pledge, where you pledge, how you pledge, which you pledge, the true charge is: what did you pledge, your word to do? Commitment: Service is only the beginning.

We are all familiar with the often quoted “Men versus Men” theory. Even so many years later, we are still plagued with members who simply enter/join to wear/display our symbols, colors and emblems.

Is there an answer to this? What can we, as an organization do? Perhaps we all can play a better role with the next generation of men entering our RANKS. It saddens me to know that thousands of men never associate after becoming members and that the trend continues year after year. What makes it worse, it is the same chapters families and same members who request for these “Three and Out” members to enter. Yes, I said it, like it or not, it is the TRUTH oops, poor choice of words. My badd, I forgot myself, I guess I got lost in time.....I was thinking of time and years gone by.

In closing, I would like to give thanks to those four esteemed founders who conceived the idea of our organization along with all of the other stalwart men of Omega who are now resting beside them in Omega Chapter. Brothers, they served Omega, us and the world with pride. It is my sincere prayer that they are resting in peace with devoted eyes gazing down upon us extending to us their right hand of fellowship, friendship and fraternal love. If only we knew what they are seeing was pleasing to their view and if we are holding true to our pledged word. After all, they pledged and then left us to carry our pledges onward.

*****Please send your personal comments to the author’s personal e-mail address. The statements are the personal comments, opinions and expressions of this author and are not those of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Lone Star State Ques (LSSQ) 22nd Annual Meeting

Dallas, TX – The 22nd Annual Meeting was held February 11, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. The meeting was hosted by Theta Alpha & Nu Kappa chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. On Friday night the Ladies of Alpha Omicron Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., hosted the President’s Reception. Greek Cerrita Love and the hosting committee did an outstanding job. The brothers were treated to a Mardi Gras theme with king cake, jambalaya to name a few. In attendance were several past LSSQ Presidents, President of Alpha Omicron Sigma Chapter and the Dallas Pan President.

Bro Benjamin Green called the meeting to order on Saturday morning. Bro Charles Johnson, III and Bro Bennie Simmons welcomed the brothers to Dallas for the annual meeting. Highlights of the meeting included the State of Texas Address by the President of LSSQ, Bro Benjamin Green. Bro Green’s speech was highlighted by letting the Brothers of the Great State of Texas know that “There is still work to do”. Bro Green addressed the following: Undergraduates, Membership, Scholarship, and the LSSQ Endorsement

Past LSSQ Presidents in attendance addressed the brotherhood. Bro Green was followed by our 9th District DR, Bro Shawn Brewer. Bro Shawn Brewer addressed the brotherhood concerning the state of the 9th District. He informed the brotherhood of key dates. Immediate Past Grand Basileus, Bro Warren G Lee address the brotherhood, “Omega’s Progress over Omega’s Politics”. Bro Michael Stewart addressed the brotherhood about the Texas Omega Plates, highlighted by: Plates purchased to date, Monies received to date, Sponsor – Texas Board of Higher Education, and how funds will be distributed.



LSSQ 2012 officers:

President – Bro Benjamin Green - Theta Alpha Chapter
Vice President – Bro Michael Stewart - Rho Beta Beta Chapter
Secretary – Bro Albert Black, III - Theta Alpha Chapter
Treasury – Bro Van Newborn – Delta Xi Chapter
Chaplin – Bro Darrin Davis - Rho Beta Beta Chapter
Parliamentarian – Bro Robert Morgan – Rho Xi Chapter

OMEGA CHAPTER

Brothers who have passed since the 74th District Meeting

- 1) Bro. John B Williams, M.Ed- Rho Phi
- 2) Bro. Dr James Chestnutt
- 3) Bro. Henry Fontenette, M.Ed- Rho Phi
- 4) Bro. James Blair- Psi Alpha
- 5) Bro. Joseph Moffett Sr- Rho Chi
- 6) Bro. Lonzo Bryant Jr- Rho Beta Beta
- 7) Bro. Melvin B Tolson Jr- Eta Iota
- 8) Bro. Michael Chuck "Sweets" Haynes- Lambda Alpha
- 9) Bro. Josey M Johnson Jr-
- 10) Bro. Glenn Epperson- Iota Gamma Gamma
- 11) Bro. George Clinkscale- Xi Omega
- 12) Bro John Thomas- Rho Omega
- 13) Bro. James Bailey- Theta Alpha
- 14) Bro. Eugene Cunningham Sr
- 15) Bro. Jean "Kojack" Lyons
- 16) Bro. Walter E Day- Epsilon Alpha
- 17) Bro. John Fleming
- 18) Bro. Nathan Walker
- 19) Bro. Al Price- Delta Omicron
- 20) Bro. William Walker- Delta Tau
- 21) Bro. Berkes Charles Tabb Plummer Sr
- 22) Bro. Lewis "1st 48" Barnette- Tau Epsilon
- 23) Bro. Cornell "Cerebral Assassin" Goudeau- Theta Mu
- 24) Bro. Kelsey T Knight
- 25) Bro. Philomon Edwards- Gamma Rho
- 26) Bro. Edward Ambrose
- 27) Bro. Royal Hammond Jr

.....
Brother John Thomas, Jr. -Retired Educator Rho Omega



Bro. John Thomas, Jr. passed away November 5, 2011 his service was held Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Lane Chapel C.M.E. church Shreveport, Louisiana. He was a member of Lane Chapel for 63 years. He served as a Steward, Financial Secretary, Class Leader, Usher, Trustee Board Member, Male Chorus, Dorcus Circle and drove the church van for various functions. Bro. Thomas was also voted "Father of the Year" in 1988 at Lane Chapel C.M.E. church.

He was a mathematics teacher 31½-year as he taught at Union Street, Booker T. Washington High School 13yrs., and Fair Park. He received a Master's Degree from Prairie View A & M and +30 at Southern University. He attended Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio, Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas, Long Beach State in Long Beach, California, and Northwestern University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. In Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Bro. Thomas was a life member and very active with local chapter Rho Omega. He held membership in Southern University Alumni Federation, LAE and NEA. He leaves to morn a host of relatives and friends who will forever cherish his memories.



SHWEIKI MEDIA
MAKING PUBLICATION PRINTING... AND MORE

HASSLE FREE PRINTING... TO THE RESCUE

www.SHWEIKI.com

SUPER SHWEIKI SPECIAL!

50 FREE POSTCARDS

www.SHWEIKI.com
4700 FULTON ST. 2ND FL.
DALLAS, TX 75243

Scan Here To Get Our Crystal Clear Guarantees



Scan this code with your smartphone

FREE QUOTE & SAMPLES www.SHWEIKI.com

5,000 POSTCARDS

\$149 **FULL COLOR**

4" x 6" • 10pt Gloss Card Stock • 11V one side

10,000 FLYERS

\$349 **FULL COLOR**

8.5" x 11" • 60# Gloss Paper

1,000 MAGAZINES

\$995 **FULL COLOR**

8.5" x 11" • 16 pages • 60# Gloss Paper

