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MESSAGE FROM OUR 9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



Greetings, Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of The Source. This is a great time to be a member of our great Fraternity. The Source serves as a written account of just some of the accomplishments of our Brothers and Chapters throughout the District, and provides the recognition due to so many of you working to advance the Cardinal Principles of Omega. I feel great pride, as your District Representative, to see you show up and fight for your communities and to see it documented in this publication. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside you and have been honored to be able to attend many significant happenings and milestones this year across the District.

We are “A District U9ted” - our voice and influence resonate throughout our communities and the Fraternity. As we enter the spring season, the earth’s physical manifestation of renewal and rebirth, I want to encourage you to stay the course and see it through, even as we face new and continuing challenges. Because Omega men occupy every space in our society, from education to the arts, in tech and innovation, on the frontlines of physical and mental health practice, and in every industry in between, we know we must remain diligent. And the following pages confirm that we are well-equipped for the work ahead. Enjoy the Summer 2023 edition of The Source.

Fraternally,

Bro. Harold L. Bailey





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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Greetings, Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

I hope this message finds you well. As we transition into the summer of 2023, I am thrilled to present the latest edition of "The Source." Your support has been instrumental in bringing this publication to life, and I sincerely thank each of you. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the Fall 2023 Public Relations Retreat, which will be held in Monroe, LA, on November 18th. This event promises to be a fantastic opportunity for networking, learning, and growth. I want to commend the diligence of the 9th District PR Committee. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and it's what propels us forward. As we continue to strengthen our brand and strive for excellence, remember the importance of capturing moments with our brothers on social media. Sharing these stories and experiences is critical to building connections and fostering engagement. Lastly, I want to express how privileged and honored I am to serve the Brotherhood as the 9th District Director of Public Relations. Together, let's keep leading the way in branding and excellence.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Faternally,



Bro. Na'Shon Z. Edwards, Sr.
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ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER CELEBRATES PURPLE AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY

BRO. DR. MIRON P. BILLINGSLEY / ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER / JONESBORO, AR

Over the days of April 14th - 16th, 2023 the Brothers of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated fifty years of the chapter's existence. Founded on the campus of Arkansas State University on April 11, 1973, Alpha Zeta was the first African-American Greek letter organization to be chartered on the campus. Alpha Zeta was the vision of the Xi Rho graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated located in Forrest City, Arkansas at that time. In the spring of 1973, Thomas Baskin, Joseph Black, Jerry Cheatom, Maurice Hopkins (Omega Chapter), Ronnie Johnson, Herschel Jones, Willie Jones, Woodrow Kewon, Gernard Medley, Ernest Monts, Freddie Patrick, Malchom Reese, Freddie Walker, Larry Ward, and Jerry Williams formed the first line, the "Genesis Line". These young men were initiated under the direction of Brother Quranner Cotledge, Spring 1969 Tau Sigma chapter, who is the first Dean of Pledges for the chapter. Also, through this process came the chapter's first advisor, Dr. C. Calvin Smith.

Gathering in the theme of "Continuing the Legacy of Fifty Years of Brotherhood", more than two hundred alumni and current members hosted various activities in honor of the founding, starting with a welcome reception and ending with church service and a soul food picnic. This an amazing weekend of friendship had the support of the entire A-State family, including Chancellor, Dr. Todd Shields, and Mayor Harold Copenhaver of the City of Jonesboro. The weekend included a blood drive where over seventy-five units of blood were donated, a fish fry, and many expressions of gratitude to the "Genesis Line". A culminating banquet was held with the 41st Grand Basileus, Dr. David E. Marion as the theme speaker, and the celebration was also blessed with the attendance of our current Grand Basileus, Brother Ricky Lewis.

Over the past fifty years, the brothers of Alpha Zeta have continued to endure and possess the highest quality of manhood. And the legacy continues with Brother James Lowery, Jr, Spr'22, recipient of the Ivory Lee Jenkins Undergraduate Award and the 9th District's W.L.D. Scholarship, who recently graduated having maintained a 3.92 overall GPA throughout his studies at our beloved school. We have excelled in our respective professional industries including medicine, education, business, military, and entrepreneurship. And while we are proud of this legacy, what we hold most dear to our hearts is Alpha Zeta's philosophy, "Nuthin Better, Nuthin Greater!"

STEM

HOSTED BY COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY

BY BRO. LEROY MARTIN – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR

Bro. Leroy Martin 5 Sp. 96 ΔH/KX participated in the (STEM) program at the Columbia County Library in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Bro. Martin is the Chairman of the Kappa Chi Chapter Omega STEM initiative, a nationally mandated program of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The program is designed to get students excited about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We aspire to inspire young minds of all ages, even college students, to pursue technical careers. A STEM career focus will help students assemble the skills that are needed to prepare for jobs in coding, robotics, electronics, technology, energy, and engineering. Bro. Martin also serves as the Vice Basileus for Kappa Chi, The Natural State Ques of Arkansas State Chaplain, and Sheriff of Columbia County in Magnolia, Arkansas.





SCHOLARSHIP AND UPLIFT

OLL SUPPORTS THE HBCU COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

BY BRO. DERRICK YOUNG – OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA – LITTLE ROCK, AR

On February 27, 2023, the brothers from Omicron Lambda Lambda (OLL) partnered with ESTEM High School to host the HBCU College and Career Fair held at the historic Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock, AR. It was an epic success! OLL was in full support by preparing and serving the food, hosting various exhibit booths, providing live music, and assisting with the overall needs of the event. Barbers were available to provide free haircuts and door prizes were given throughout the day. Prominent leaders of the community spent time with those in attendance to provide inspiration, information, and resources. Over 250 high school students attended the event. Many students applied to colleges/schools on the spot. Jackson State University: 50+ students applied. University of Pine Bluff: 40+ students applied. Various Beauty Colleges: 50+ students applied. Shorter College: 10+ students applied. Arkansas Baptist College: 10+ students applied. Students networked with all the businesses in attendance and gained knowledge in their fields of interest. This event was extremely successful. OLL continues to serve the communities through scholarship and uplift.



UPLIFT

OLL PERFORMS COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

BY BRO. DERRICK YOUNG – OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA – LITTLE ROCK, AR

On April 2, 2023, in support of the community during the recent tornadoes that ripped through central Arkansas, the chapter of Omicron Lambda Lambda (OLL) performed community service and social action efforts by hosting “The Community Feeding and Donations Drive” event. There were three event locations and over 1,000 firemen, first responders, and tornado victims were fed during community restoration efforts in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Jacksonville, Arkansas.



OLL SUPPORTS BOONE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BRO. DERRICK YOUNG / OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER / LITTLE ROCK, AR

On February 27, 2023, brothers of Omicron Lambda Lambda (OLL) participated in the Black History Month celebration at Boone Park Elementary School. Greek Fraternities and Sororities were in attendance to support. All Fraternities and Sororities were introduced and spoke with the students and teachers about their great organizations and how they have helped to shape African American History. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity to serve our community.



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Dillard University

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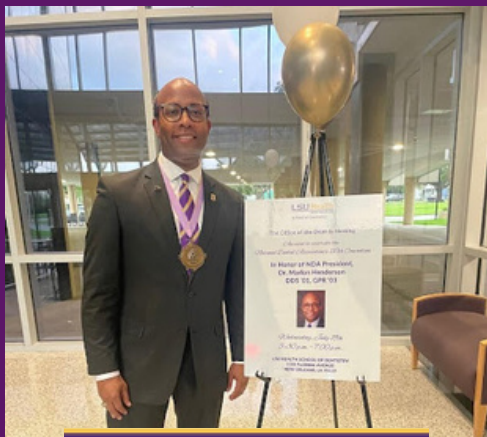
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LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RECOGNIZES BROTHER DR. MARLON D. HENDERSON

RHO OMEGA / SHREVEPORT, LA




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**In Honor of NDA President,
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DDS '01, GPR '03**



*Wednesday, July 17th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

LSU HEALTH SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
1100 FLORIDA AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70119

The Louisiana State University School of Dentistry recently hosted a reception for Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, the 99th President of the National Dental Association, during the 110th Annual NDA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Henderson is an alumnus of LSUSD (2001) and served as chief resident of the General Practice Residency Program (2003). In 2023, the NDA is “Bridging the Generational Gap: Back to the Future of Advancing Oral Health Equity, Student Mentorship, and Raising Our Profile.” Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, an IHQ & Ninth District Life Member and a Past Rho Omega Chapter Basileus, currently serves as Ninth District Medical-Health Initiatives Chairman.

ROUX SCHOLARSHIP

BETA SIGMA / BANTON ROGUE, LA
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to Jakari Brown, our distinguished 2023 Beta Sigma Roux Scholarship winner! Ms. Brown's outstanding academic achievements and her commitment to campus involvement at Southern have truly set her apart. We are thrilled to have such a remarkable individual as part of our community, and we look forward to witnessing her continued success and contributions to our institution. Once again, congratulations, Jakari, and best wishes for your bright future at Southern!



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BETA SIGMA CHAPTER OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

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1. Applicants must have completed high school with a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
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27TH ANNUAL EASTER BASKET/STORY BOOK BIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF RHO PHI CHAPTER

RHO PHI / NEW ORLEANS, LA


On Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April 7, 2023, the Easter Basket/Story Book Bible Committee of Rho Phi Chapter hosted their 27th annual distribution of Easter Baskets and storybook Bibles. The committee members and other brothers met at the Crescent City Ques Clubhouse on both days, loaded their vehicles with the baskets and bibles, and embarked on a day of distribution to the following recipient sites:

- New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter - 27 Baskets & 27 Story Book Bibles
- New Orleans Salvation Army - 20 Baskets & 20 Story Book Bibles
- Ochsner Foundation Hospital - 22 Baskets & 22 Story Book Bibles
- Bethel Colony House Battered Women's Shelter - 29 Baskets & 29 Story Book Bibles
- Hagar's House Transitional Shelter - 2 Baskets & 2 Story Book Bibles
- Baptist Friendship House for Women & Children - 7 Baskets & 7 Story Book Bibles
- Metropolitan Transitional Housing Shelter - 23 Baskets & 23 Story Boob Bibles

Rho Phi Chapter also donated 5 Easter Baskets to Israelite Baptist Church where Bro. Emmanuel Smith, Jr. serves as the Senior Pastor. A total of 135 Easter Baskets and Story Book Bibles were distributed to the above recipients. The distribution of baskets and bibles has evolved over the years. Initially, the chapter donated baskets and bibles to all of the children's wards in the greater New Orleans area on the Saturday afternoon before Easter. This was done to bring a little cheer to children who would spend their Easter Sunday in a local hospital ward instead of their homes. In subsequent years Rho Phi chapter expanded the distribution of the items to include children who were living in women's shelters and transitional housing shelters.

LAMBDA KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER “EMBODI (BOYS II MEN) PROGRAM”

BRO. LEE DIXON III / LAMBDA KAPPA KAPPA / BATON ROUGE, LA



On March 26, 2023, the brothers of Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter partnered with the ladies of Deltas Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. (Ascension Alumnae Chapter) to put on the EMBODI program centered around “BOYS II MEN”. During this program, young men were exposed to interactive topics such as Physical Fitness, Nutrition, Technology, and Voters Education. The young men were able to interact with brothers of our fraternity to share about challenges in their teenage lives and ask questions receiving Uplift as well as positive solutions to overcome their challenges. Brothers also taught the young men variations of how to tie neckties as they were given their own tie. Overall this program appeared to be very impactful to the young men who are our future. We will continue to do our Duty in Service to our community here in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.



ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

BRO. ERIC OUTLEY / PI TAU / GRAMBLING, LA



The Pi Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Incorporated presented its annual Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, March 24, 2023, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Zion Traveler Baptist Church. This was a great event that allowed area communities to see how positive father-daughter relationships can have a huge impact on a young girl's life. This event was not only a good look in the community, but it showed how a father's influence in his daughter's life shapes her self-esteem, self-image, confidence, and opinions of men. This event fosters how a father's love for his daughter serve as an example for young girls to build off of in their own life. In conclusion, our main goal was to show a positive light on how fathers value and respect their daughters along with getting area communities involved.

All proceeds collected were in support of the chapter's scholarship and community action programs.



OMEGA BROTHERS WHO HAVE REIGNED AS ZULU KINGS

BRO. KEITH TAYLOR / RHO PHI / NEW ORLEANS, LA

On February 17, 2023, history was made when Rho Phi Chapter brother Nicholls “Nick” Spears, was crowned King Zulu becoming the 3rd chapter brother to become king. He was crowned king by Rho Phi Chapter brother, Rudy Davis, who reigned as King Zulu in 2022. Bro. Jay H. Banks was the first Rho Phi chapter brother to be elected as King of Zulu in 2016. Bro. Banks had the honor of crowning Phi Iota Iota chapter brother, Adonis Expose’ as King of Zulu in 2017. Two other Omega Men have worn the crown. Alfred Gordon, King Zulu 1994, Rho Psi, 1969 and Larry Hammond, (deceased), King Zulu 2007, Gamma Rho 1977. All five living Zulu kings proudly hail from the Mighty 9th District and are active in their local chapters. Bros. Spears, Banks, and Davis are all currently members of the Rho Phi chapter. Bro. Gordon is a member of the Alpha Iota Iota chapter and Bro. Expose’ is a member of the Phi Iota Iota chapter.

The Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club, Inc. is world-renowned not only for its fun and revelry but also for its service to the New Orleans community. It is a major cultural and civic force that has approximately 1,000 members, 70 of whom are Omega Men. The Coronation of King Zulu is the largest “Black Tie” event on the planet, with over 22,000 guests dressed in formal attire. The Zulu Parade is the first to roll on Mardi Gras Day and is one of the largest in size and by all measurements, the most popular parade during the Carnival season. The club’s year-round social and community activities are led by the Zulu King. Make no mistake, to be elected king is the honor of a lifetime that does not come easy, there is fierce competition.

Photo one

Expose’, Spears, Banks & Davis

Photo two

Hammond, Gordon, Banks & Expose



BRO. SHAN WILLIAMS IS ELECTED ZULU'S MR. BIG SHOT

BY BRO. SHAN WILLIAMS / GAMMA RHO / GRETNA, LA

Unlike any of the other New Orleans-based carnival krewes, the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club's active members elect its "characters" to be a part of the Krewe of Zulu parade on Mardi Gras day. The process of being elected as a Zulu Character is based upon members campaigning to secure votes from the voting body of the membership.

There is a distinct hierarchy of Zulu Characters and they are ranked as follows: Zulu King, Zulu Big Shot of Africa, Zulu Witch Doctor, Zulu Ambassador, Zulu Mayor, Zulu Province Prince, Zulu Governor, and Zulu Mr. Big Stuff.

On May 28, 2023, Brother Shan P. Williams, Jr. (Initiated through the Gamma Rho Chapter, Fall 2009) was elected in a landslide victory to represent the organization as the Zulu Big Shot of Africa for the 2024 Mardi Gras carnival season.

The "Big Shot" of Africa was created in the early 1930's. The "Big Shot's" role is to outshine the King of Mardi Gras, the Zulu King. (The term outshine was used in the earlier days which meant to look better than someone else in the competition.) The "Big Shot" is the man behind the throne. No one can see the King without seeing the "Big Shot" first. In true Omega spirit, Brother Williams will work to outshine the King and represent Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. grandly.

DAWSYN FAULKNER'S 4.0

GAMMA DELTA / LAFAYETTE, LA
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

Throughout my academic career, I've always had high aspirations, but I knew this semester had to be different. In my curriculum, this semester is said to be one of the hardest. Having this in mind I took all the proper precautions to endure hardness as a good soldier. I made sure I had all my programs downloaded for studio and I found resources for help in classes I knew would be more difficult. Architecture differs from most other majors in the fact that it is a form of art. Unlike studying for a test creating art requires you to fight through the trial and error of critiques from professors and peers to maximize the potential of your project.

This causes the design process to be much longer than you might expect. I recognized that the combination of studio mixed with the civil engineering course was what made this semester so rough, but I knew if I could see it through, I'd come out a much better architect. To stay focused and maintain progress I make a daily agenda for myself that keeps me ahead of schedule and reward myself for the small wins. I put forth the effort and emerged from this semester victorious with a 4.0 GPA. My name is Dawsyn Faulkner, I was initiated into the Gamma Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the fall of 2021. I am currently the Vice Basileus of my chapter and a member of the fundraising committee.



EPSILON CHI TALENT HUNT CONTEST

BY BRO. RODNEY G. MCNEAL / EPSILON CHI / ALEXANDRIA, LA

Epsilon Chi held its Talent Hunt Contest on April 15th, 2023 in Alexandria, Louisiana. This year's talent hunt featured three contestants along with a performance by last year's winner. The contestants that participated this year were Kayden Shelmire a Junior at Alexandria Senior High School, Keziah Loyd a senior at Peabody Magnet High School, and Lailah Bilven a Sophomore at Peabody Magnet High School. All participants in this year's Talent Hunt contest showcased their talent by using their amazing talent in the art of singing.

Brother Sean Pickens (Basileus) expressed thanks to the parents, community, and fraternity for their support for the event.

The first-place winner was Kayden Shelmire, the second-place winner was Keziah Loyd, and the third-place winner was Lailah Bilven.

Left to Right

3rd Place Lailah Bilven

2nd Place Keziah Loyd

1st Place Kayden Shelmire



OKLAHOMA

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Gamma Mu Mu

Stillwater, OK

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Lawton, OK

Upsilon Iota

Langston, OK

Xi Omega

Tulsa, OK

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Kappa Zeta

Durant, OK

Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Omicron Lambda

Stillwater, OK

Oklahoma State University

Phi Psi

Langston, OK

Langston University

Pi Delta

Norman, OK

University of Oklahoma

Sigma Kappa

Edmond, OK

University of Central Oklahoma

PSI UPSILON CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

BROTHER JOHN D. VEAL, JR. / PSI UPSILON /LAWTON, OK

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter hosted a Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Fort Sill Golf Course. Over seventy golfers turned out in support of this worthwhile cause. The funds raised from the tournament will provide scholarships to students graduating from high schools in the Lawton/Fort Sill area.

The weather caused some delays in play, but the participants had a very enjoyable time on this par 72 course. Team Ole Junior came in first with the low score, followed by IUPA Local #24, and third place to Lawton/Fort Sill Golf Association.

Scholarship awardees are selected by the Brothers of the Psi Upsilon Chapter based on various criteria each awardee must meet to be considered. The scholarship awards are funded by the Psi Upsilon Foundation.



OMEGA DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

UPSILON IOTA / LANGSTON, OK

On May 9th, an extraordinary event called Omega Day at the State Capitol took place, leaving an indelible mark on the Oklahoma legislative landscape. Hosted by the Upsilon Iota Chapter in collaboration with the Oklahoma State Que's Association, this gathering brought together around 50 dedicated brothers from various Omega Psi Phi chapters across the state.

The purpose of this remarkable initiative was to foster meaningful dialogue and engagement between the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, lawmakers, and state representatives of Oklahoma. The event provided a platform for brothers Morris Wynn, Dominic Carter, and Michael Walker to actively participate and contribute to the legislative process.

Amidst the grandeur of the State Capitol, the Omega brothers had the distinct privilege of sitting down with lawmakers and state representatives from across Oklahoma. This unique opportunity allowed them to discuss Senate Bill 103 and House Bill 2435, important matters about critical race theory, and the Civil Rights Trail, two vital issues that deeply resonate with the fraternity and its commitment to equality, justice, and social progress.

Brothers Morris Wynn and Dominic Carter presented their expert insights on the floor of the State Capitol. They eloquently shared their perspectives, highlighting the significance of these bills and the impact they could have on the pursuit of racial equity and the preservation of our nation's history.

The presence of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity in this legislative gathering was a testament to the organization's commitment to fostering positive change within the communities it serves. Through their active participation and informed advocacy, these brothers demonstrated their dedication to promoting critical dialogue and advancing legislative measures that address the complex issues of racial equality and civil rights.

The camaraderie and unity displayed by the Omega brothers throughout the event were inspiring. With representatives from multiple chapters across the state, their collective strength and solidarity were unmistakable, underscoring the fraternity's shared vision and common purpose.

Omega Day at the State Capitol was not only a remarkable occasion for the Omega Psi Phi fraternity but also a testament to the power of collaboration and engagement between organizations and lawmakers. It served as a reminder that progress can be achieved when diverse voices come together to champion important causes and shape the future of our society.

As the echoes of Omega Day at the State Capitol continue to resonate, the impact of this event will be felt beyond the confines of the legislative chamber. It will catalyze further discussions, advocacy efforts, and meaningful collaborations that aim to create a more inclusive and just society for all.

The Upsilon Iota Chapter, the Oklahoma State Que's Association, and the participating brothers of Omega Psi Phi have set a commendable example of civic engagement, reminding us all of the transformative power of collective action and the importance of advocating for the rights and well-being of our communities.



PSI UPSILON CHAPTER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

BROTHER JOHN D. VEAL, JR. / PSI UPSILON / LAWTON, OK

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter continue to promote scholarship in the Lawton/Fort Sill Community by awarding scholarships to deserving students in the area. Applications were solicited from graduates from the local schools and reviewed by the Chapter's Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are evaluated based on academic excellence and communication skills as reflected in an essay submitted by the applicant.

The recipients of the scholarships are Jaden Pierce who graduated from Eisenhower High School. Jaden will continue his education at the University of Oklahoma and Jaylon Birchfield who graduated from Mac Arthur High School. Jaylon will also attend the University of Oklahoma. Each recipient received a scholarship of \$1,000.

The scholarships are funded through donations made to the Psi Upsilon Foundation which is the Chapter's 501(C)3 nonprofit organization. Scholarship awards are granted from our foundation.



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BLOOD IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE

BRO. TERRANCE KINARD / SIGMA TAU CHAPTER / EL PASO, TX

Sigma Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its Annual Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive on June 3, 2023. The event was held at Bassett Place Mall in Central El Paso, and it was sponsored by Vitalant Health. The Brothers of Sigma Tau Chapter and Vitalant Health collaborated to provide educational materials, snacks, and refreshments to the donors and community. Statistics show that a blood transfusion is required every two seconds in the United States and blood transfusions are one of the most critical treatments for patients with chronic illnesses, such as sickle cell disease. One in three African Americans is a match for people with sickle cell, making them especially important blood donors for patients with the disease. Brother Vice Basileus Robert Majette, Blood Drive Chairman, has coordinated with Vitalant Health to host Blood Drives quarterly.

The Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive is part of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. health initiative, and this year's event was held on Dr. Drew's birthday. Dr. Charles R. Drew was born on June 3, 1904, in Washington, DC. He was a distinguished pioneer in the medical field. His work on the banking of blood products and the logistics of collecting and distributing blood saved countless lives in the trenches of World War II and the wards of military and civilian hospitals, and many of the processes he developed are still in use today. In 1941, he was appointed the medical director of the first Red Cross blood bank, and among his many innovations was the mobile blood donation station, later called "bloodmobiles." In March of 1950, Brother Drew tragically died in a car accident en route to attend a conference of African-American physicians.



OMEGA MEN: DON'T BE AFRAID... GET YOUR PROSTATE CHECKED

BY JEFFREY L. BONEY, MU MU NU CHAPTER EDITOR

Mu Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosts Prostate Awareness Seminar to highlight the importance of Black men being proactive about getting annual prostate exams.

Prostate cancer has been a major health issue for men in this country, but it has been extremely problematic amongst Black men, so to help bring awareness to this very important issue, the Mu Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a Prostate Awareness Seminar at The Word of God Christian Fellowship on April 22, 2023, to bring awareness to the issue of prostate cancer and to highlight the importance of Black men being proactive about getting annual prostate exams.

Dr. Lisly Chery, MD, who is a board-certified urologist specialist and an assistant professor in the Department of Urology, Division of Surgery at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, served as the presenter and gave a seminar to attendees of all ages about this topic that is hard for many men to come to grips with when it comes to getting their annual physical and having their prostate checked. Dr. Chery shared critical information with the attendees regarding prostate cancer, stating that it is more likely to develop in older men and non-Hispanic Black men. It was stated that roughly 6 in 10 cases are diagnosed in men who are 65 or older and that it is rare to be found in men under 40. Dr. Chery told attendees that raising awareness of getting an annual prostate exam can lessen the chances of prostate cancer potentially becoming a more serious issue. It was stated that roughly 30% of men don't even get their prostate checked, so those who don't catch it early have a lower success rate when it comes to avoiding prostate cancer. Dr. Chery also answered countless questions from the audience about the doubts, myths, and concerns regarding the subject.

Several attendees shared personal stories of how prostate cancer ravished their families, having impacted their fathers, uncles, brothers, and close friends, and even losing loved ones as a result.

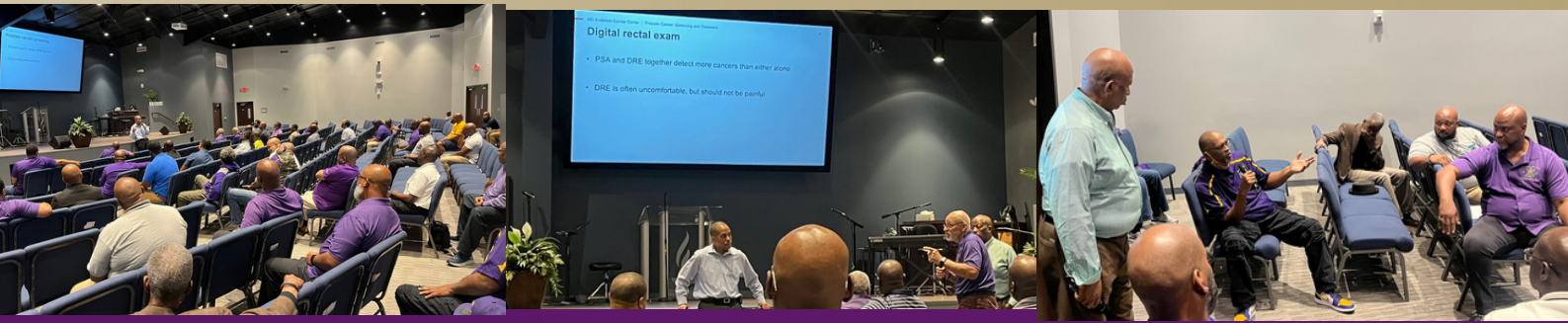
James Manuel, 55, who serves on the Health Committee for the Mu Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., came out to the seminar and gave his first-hand testimonial of why it is important to get checked. Manuel had been recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and was fortunate to have it detected early and surgery performed to address it.

Manuel, who lives in Houston and is a native of Louisiana, had a biopsy on December 20, 2022, and found out on December 30, 2022, that he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"The first thing I thought about when I heard the word 'CANCER' was when am I going to die, and how long do I have left," said Brother Manuel. "I didn't know that there was a strong chance that prostate cancer could be addressed if you catch it early. After I found out I was diagnosed, I started getting some additional opinions from doctors and other tests and found out that my prostate cancer was very aggressive."

Manuel stated that when the doctors found out the status of his prostate cancer, they immediately put him into surgery a few days later. Because he was also on dialysis, he couldn't do chemotherapy, so they opted to perform the surgery. He stated that he had some serious pain and

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issues with controlling his urine and other things after the surgery. As a prostate cancer survivor, Manuel provided one strong word of advice to the Brothers of Omega and all Black men.

“Go get checked every year and if your regular doctor won’t do it, ask him for a referral,” said Manuel. “As Black men, we need to get checked, because I had no symptoms, and I had no clue that prostate cancer was in me at all. Go get checked as often as possible.”

Terence Brown, who serves as the Health Committee Chairman for the Mu Mu Nu chapter stated that he organized the seminar after talking with other men, friends, and fraternity Brothers about getting their prostate checked out yearly and the high percentage of Black men dying from prostate cancer.

“We wanted to provide this audience of Black men with a platform to ask any questions that they may have had on this issue because the lack of knowledge can be very damaging if you wait too late,” said Brown. “It can even lead to death, which is something we are focused on preventing.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, the prostate is a part of the male reproductive system, which includes the penis, prostate, seminal vesicles, and testicles. It is located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum and is about the size of a walnut. The prostate surrounds the urethra, which is the tube that empties urine from the bladder, and it produces the fluid that makes up a part of semen. As a man ages, the prostate tends to increase in size, which can cause the urethra to narrow and decrease urine flow.

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 13% of men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during their lifetime, based on 2017–2019 data, and at the height of COVID-19 in 2020, there were roughly 3.4 million men here in the U.S. living with prostate cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), all men are at risk for prostate cancer, and about 2 to 3 men will die from prostate cancer. The most common risk factor is age, so the older a man gets, the higher the probability that he can be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Sadly, Black men, especially those who have a family history of prostate cancer, are at an increased risk of not only being diagnosed with prostate cancer but dying from it as well. The CDC states that Black men are more than twice as likely to die from prostate cancer than other men and Black men get diagnosed with prostate cancer at a younger age.

Urologists specialize in the male urinary tract and male reproductive organs, including the prostate. All of our Omega Brothers must go visit one and get your prostate checked, especially if your primary care physician (PCP) won’t perform the test.



MU MU NU CHAPTER EXECUTES PHASE I AND PHASE II OF CLEANUP PROJECT AT HISTORIC OAK PARK CEMETERY

BY JEFFREY L. BONEY, MU MU NU CHAPTER EDITOR

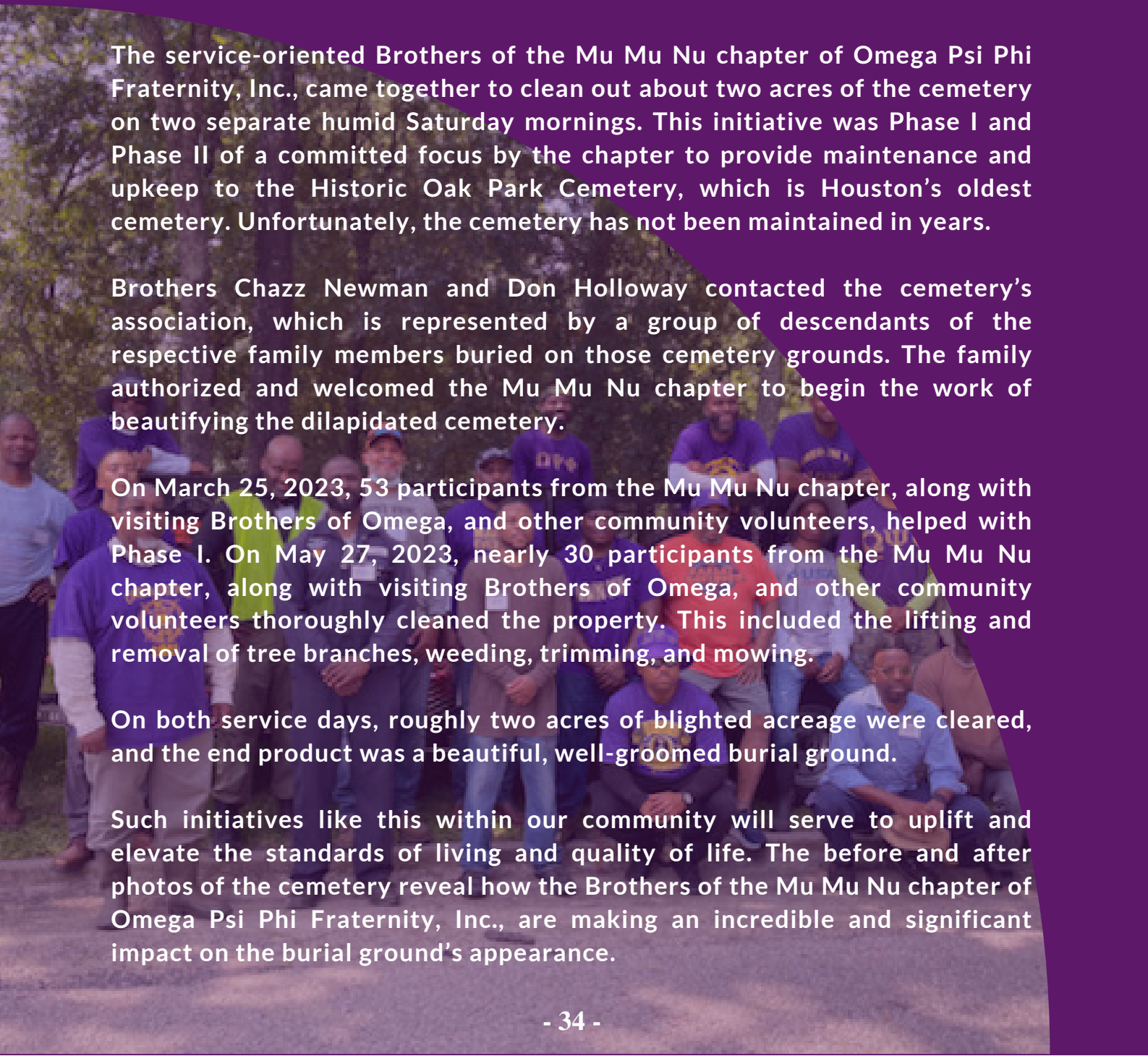
The service-oriented Brothers of the Mu Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., came together to clean out about two acres of the cemetery on two separate humid Saturday mornings. This initiative was Phase I and Phase II of a committed focus by the chapter to provide maintenance and upkeep to the Historic Oak Park Cemetery, which is Houston’s oldest cemetery. Unfortunately, the cemetery has not been maintained in years.

Brothers Chazz Newman and Don Holloway contacted the cemetery’s association, which is represented by a group of descendants of the respective family members buried on those cemetery grounds. The family authorized and welcomed the Mu Mu Nu chapter to begin the work of beautifying the dilapidated cemetery.

On March 25, 2023, 53 participants from the Mu Mu Nu chapter, along with visiting Brothers of Omega, and other community volunteers, helped with Phase I. On May 27, 2023, nearly 30 participants from the Mu Mu Nu chapter, along with visiting Brothers of Omega, and other community volunteers thoroughly cleaned the property. This included the lifting and removal of tree branches, weeding, trimming, and mowing.

On both service days, roughly two acres of blighted acreage were cleared, and the end product was a beautiful, well-groomed burial ground.

Such initiatives like this within our community will serve to uplift and elevate the standards of living and quality of life. The before and after photos of the cemetery reveal how the Brothers of the Mu Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., are making an incredible and significant impact on the burial ground’s appearance.





EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

BY BRO. BRANDON KITCHIN, FORT WORTH, TX

On October 1, 2022, the Brothers of Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated 90 years of service to the city of Fort Worth, TX.

Epsilon Alpha Chapter was chartered on October 1, 1932, under the direction of Brother William C. Paul, 5th Ninth District Representative (1931-1933). It is the oldest chapter in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Metroplex.

To commemorate the milestone celebration, Epsilon Alpha hosted a series of events including a cigar lounge fellowship, a golf tournament, volunteering at Tarrant County Food Bank, a community cookout, and attending worship service at a local church. The highlight event occurring the evening before the 90th was the scholarship fundraising banquet featuring several distinguished guests and special moments.

In theme with Epsilon Alpha's moniker, "the Cornerstone Ques", Ninth District Representative Bro. Harold Bailey spoke on the significance and symbolism behind the cornerstone when used during the process of construction as it is the first stone set in a structure. Before it is placed, it is carefully evaluated both on its own and about what is to come around it, ensuring proper alignment and stability when the building is complete. Bro. Bailey likened the metaphor to Epsilon Alpha being the foundational start of Omega's presence within DFW that provided the opportunity for growth in surrounding areas to occur in the form of other chapters.

The keynote address was provided by Grand Counselor Bro. Clement Osimetha, gave a passionate and moving speech reflecting on how far Fort Worth has evolved in 90 years. He challenged the audience to consider the past; recognizing the efforts of those brothers who established the charter in an era of the city that was deeply segregated and hostile toward African Americans, and how we, benefit today from their bravery and collective leadership.

In attendance was Loraine Lee, widow of 38th Grand Basileus Bro. Dr. Warren G. Lee Jr. She was presented with the chapter's resolution following her husband's entrance into Omega Chapter on July 18, 2022.

A special tribute and standing ovation was given to Bro. "Judge" L. Clifford Davis. Initiated through Tau Chapter in Spring 1947, Bro. Davis celebrated his 75th anniversary in the fraternity this year and is an active and financial brother in Epsilon Alpha at the age of 98. Bro. Davis was one of the first two Black lawyers in Fort Worth; two notable lawsuits he filed were the cases that ultimately led to the desegregation of both Fort Worth and Mansfield school districts. He also assisted Thurgood Marshall in the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education.

As Epsilon Alpha looks to the future of serving its community and surrounding areas, the chapter does so with the desire to be a positive influence to all and showcase service and leadership led by our four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.



DELTA XI CHAPTER DELIVERS SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

On July 26, 2023, the brothers of Delta Xi Chapter spread a little bit of love and kindness to the students at Travis Intermediate School, Greenville, TX. As a fraternity dedicated to uplifting and empowering young people in their communities, the brothers knew that providing school supplies would be an impactful way to help the students at Travis Intermediate start the school year with the supplies they needed. With this in mind, the brothers put together dozens of school supply kits, filled with everything a student might need to succeed in the classroom. There were pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, folders, glue sticks, rulers, and more - all carefully selected and packed with care by the members of the Delta Xi Chapter. Once the supply kits were assembled, chapter members traveled to Travis Intermediate School, where they were greeted by smiling faces and excited cheers from school administrators and teachers alike.

For the students at Travis Intermediate School, this simple act of kindness meant the world. With the help of the Delta Xi Chapter and their donated school supplies, these students had everything they needed to start the year off right and achieve their full potential. For the members of the Delta Xi Chapter, this was yet another opportunity to live out their mission, "Excellence in Service", and to make a positive impact on the young people in their community.



L to R Brothers: Marcus Bines, Warren Smith, Charles White and Burghardt Patton

DELTA XI CHAPTER DELIVERS MEN'S CLOTHING TO HOMELESS SHELTER

BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

On July 1, 2023, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi (Delta Xi Chapter) in coordination with the Men's Ministry of Mount Hebron Baptist Church, stood together with profound gratitude, looking out at the mountain of donated clothing that towered before them. They had set out on a mission to collect clothing for the men of Union Gospel Mission (UGM) in Dallas and had achieved success beyond their wildest expectations. Their hard work and dedication had paid off in the form of articles of clothing that will now go towards helping the men of UGM prepare for church, job interviews, and other business-related matters. Together the men collected a total of 58 suits, 93 dress shirts, 53 pairs of slacks, 81 ties, and a variety of ties, shoes, and blazers. Chaplain Charles Mitchell said, "From the moment a new client walks into the shelter, they are shown the love of Jesus by both staff members and volunteers. This donation will help the men at UGM regain their confidence to move beyond their trials."

As they sorted through the donated clothing, the brothers felt an overwhelming sense of pride and joy knowing that they would make a difference in the lives of these men. Each item represents an opportunity for someone to take a step towards success and a better future. From suits and ties to dress shoes and accessories, the collection is diverse and caters to every need of the men at UGM. As they prepared the clothing for distribution, the brothers couldn't help but feel humbled by the generosity of the donors who had made this possible.

The brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter gave back to their community and helped pave the way for the success of the men of UGM. They drove away from the Union Gospel Mission feeling grateful for the opportunity to serve and make a positive impact in their community.

This well-deserved contribution continues the chapter's 2023 mantra of "Excellence in Service."



[LINK TO DELTA XI FOOD DRIVE](#)

DELTA XI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. FOOD DRIVE

BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

Dallas, TX- Delta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity made a major impact on the it's annual food drive in support of the Buckner Humanitarian Aid Center on July 18th and 19th, 2023.

This year marks the 4th year Delta Xi has donated perishable and nonperishable food for families who receive assistance at the Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid in Dallas, TX. The chapter collected a variety of food to assist Buckner with their food distribution to five area zip codes. Items donated include cases of frozen chicken, canned meats, canned fruit, boxed meals, cereal, dry rice and beans, and more. Across four years, over 3000lbs of food has been donated, making Delta Xi one of Buckner's key supporters for families through the Buckner Humanitarian Aid Center.

Buckner not only provides food, but also clothing, shoes, hygiene kits, and medical supplies to name a few. James T. Williams, Humanitarian Aid Coordinator, Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid, said "We look forward to Delta Xi's support each year. It comes at the right time as we have many in need of food and clothing during the summer months." The men of Delta Xi tailored this Community Service project to specifically fill a void during the summer months just before school starts... that's when Buckner expressed their greatest need!

The chapter is grateful for all who donated and participated in this food drive that helps families in need. The Omega men's labor of love had come to fruition, proving that a collective force of compassion can ignite change, eradicate hunger, and elevate humanity. This well-deserved contribution continues the chapter's 2023 mantra of "Excellence in Service."



INAUGURAL LUPUS AWARENESS WALK/RUN

BY BRO. TERRANCE KINARD – SIGMA TAU CHAPTER – EL PASO, TX

On May 20, 2023, the brothers of Sigma Tau held their Inaugural Lupus Awareness Walk/Run. Bro. Marcus McCoy and Bro. Dr. Garry Kennebrew Jr. were the Chairman and Co-Chairman for this event. The goal was to bring awareness to lupus and conduct physical exercise and fellowship. The route was a total of four miles and the dialogue that was shared is priceless. Bro. Dr. Kennebrew Jr. gave a brief overview of what lupus is and its effects on the body. Bro. Dr. Kennebrew also educated the group on signs of lupus and resources that can be helpful in terms of educating themselves. Bro. McCoy explained how lupus has affected him personally. His mother and sister have the disease and have been battling it for years. So, for him, this event had purpose and meaning.

Lupus is a disease that occurs when your body's immune system attacks your tissues and organs (autoimmune disease). Inflammation caused by lupus can affect many different body systems — including your joints, skin, kidneys, blood cells, brain, heart, and lungs. This disease affects African Americans significantly more than any other race. Understanding that our health needs to be at the forefront of our priorities is vital. We must stop ignoring warnings and start actively investing in our health. Bro. McCoy states, “We just want to bring awareness and stand in the gap when we can.” Below are some useful links about lupus. #Uplift

<https://www.lupus.org/resources/what-is-lupus>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/lupus/symptoms-causes/syc-20365789>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/lupus/early-signs>

<https://www.cdc.gov/lupus/basics/symptoms.htm>



BROTHER THOMAS H. WARREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

BY BRO. JUMARCUS THOMAS / RHO NU / GALVESTON, TX

The Rho Nu Chapter recently announced the recipients of its annual Brother Thomas H. Warren Memorial scholarship. This year, the chapter distributed over \$10,000 in scholarship money to deserving high school seniors in the area.

The top prize of \$3,500 went to Kerria Armstrong, a senior at Dickinson High School, who will be attending Prairie View University to study Communications. Jadyn Moody, a senior at Clear Springs High School, won the second prize of \$2,000 and plans to attend Hampton University to study nursing with aspirations to become a nurse practitioner. Additionally, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Bailee King, a senior at Dickinson High School, who will attend Louisiana State University to study nursing, and Gabriel Jackson, a senior at Galveston Ball High School, who will attend Huston Tillotson University to be a member of the Track and Field team. Micah Brown, a senior at Dickinson High School, is still undecided on which university he will attend.

The Rho Nu Chapter's Brother Thomas H. Warren Memorial scholarship has been providing financial assistance to deserving high school seniors in Galveston County for many years, and the scholarships awarded this year will undoubtedly help these students achieve their higher education goals. By investing in the future of these young students, the Rho Nu Chapter is playing an instrumental role in creating a better future for the entire community.

FELLOWSHIP

WITH THE FIRST PICK OF THE 2023 NFL DRAFT

BY BRO. WALTER HUNT, ED.D. — RHO BETA BETA — HOUSTON, TX

While leading up to the 2023 NFL draft, there was still some level of uncertainty based on the numerous mock draft variations and rumors still floating around about which team was selecting a particular player and at what position in the draft. However, one certain thing was the fact that the Rho Beta Beta Chapter was, and remains, intently focused on reaching its goal of reclaiming at least 100 brothers back into Omega during the fiscal year.

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 6 PM-9 PM, the Rho Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Reclamation and Retention Committee held their Draft Party/Reclamation and Retention Initiative. The event occurred at LA Burgers & Daiquiris, located at 3755 N. MacGregor, Houston, TX 77004, off of Scott Street. The evening kicked off with menu specials and light refreshments to accommodate a packed house, all eagerly awaiting the outcome of the first round and wondering how their team's respective pick(s) could potentially impact their team's win/loss record during the upcoming football season. While the goal remained centered on connecting with brothers who recently joined the chapter and reclaiming 100 brothers back into Omega, there was still a little something in the air. That something could only be described as team spirit as brothers from all walks of life were intently focused on this one event, hoping their team made the pick(s) that would set their team up for success for years to come.

With fellowship abound, the conversations centered on everything from personal topics, such as home life, real estate, businesses, churches, and schools, to football-based conversations centered on wins and losses, Super Bowl victories, and desired head coaching changes. What made the event even more memorable was overall comradery and brotherhood. As the first round of the 2023 draft ended, I couldn't help but to lament others that this reclamation event can only be described as a success as there were approximately 60 Bruhz in attendance. In addition, there we two reclaimed back into the fold. At this rate, we feel confident that our goal of reclaiming 100 brothers is close at hand and well within our reach!





DELTA XI: IMPROVING THE LIVES OF FOSTER CARE CHILDREN

BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. – DELTA XI – ROWLETT, TX

The challenges of the foster care system are numerous! The brothers of Delta Xi, in partnership with Open Hearts Children and Family Services, are working to improve the physical activity and educational awareness of the children in the foster care system. Open Hearts Children and Family Services provides child welfare and social assistance services to the ever-growing foster care system, which specifically impacts children of color.

Foster care is a protective intervention designed to provide out-of-home placement to children living in at-risk home environments. Open Hearts has a primary location in Dallas, TX. An additional facility is expected to open in Linden, TX, in June 2023. On April 1, 2023, in preparation for the opening, the brothers of Delta Xi purchased two basketball goals and six basketballs that will provide recreational opportunities for the children once the facility opens. The basketball goals were assembled and placed behind the Linden, TX facility, making it convenient for the children to play a host of activities including basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball.

Children of color, particularly African-American children, are disproportionately represented in foster care, a situation that raises questions about the equity of the foster care system and threatens the developmental progress of children of color. The men of Delta Xi will play a vital role by supporting recreational programs and establishing mentorship opportunities with Open Hearts Children and Family Services. Delta Xi members feel strongly that in time, these efforts will help to relieve the confusion, fear, apprehension, loss, sadness, anxiety, and stress that children in the foster care system so often encounter.

The brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter met a community need that impacts local youth in Dallas and Linden, TX. Through this volunteer effort, Delta Xi Chapter soared to greater heights of service by providing an opportunity for foster care youths to just be “kids at play” while navigating a system that provides a safe place in times of crisis.



DELTA XI CHAPTER RECEIVES FOSTER CARE AWARD

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SCHOLARSHIP

2023 PASF SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

BY BRO. JAY SCRIVEN – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

On June 10, 2023, the Alamo City Ques, in partnership with the Psi Alpha Scholarship Foundation, held their Annual Scholarship Luncheon, recognizing the academic accomplishments of twenty-six (26) students from eighteen (18) high schools across the San Antonio Metropolitan Area. Each student will receive \$2,000.

Bro. Charles Whittaker ('93-PII) serves as the Scholarship Committee Chairman and assumes the charge of selecting the best of the best.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Cephas G. Martin ('81-XAA) was the event's guest speaker and spoke on scholarship, researching, and staying ahead of Artificial Intelligence.

The Alamo City Ques would like to extend a special thank you to the donors and sponsors. We encourage others to directly donate towards our goal of awarding \$125K in FY24! Donations can be made directly at:

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BROTHER JEREMY L. NEAL NAMED SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS JOURNAL 2023 40 UNDER 40 WINNER

BY BROS. SCOTT L. EARLE, SR AND JEREMY L. NEAL – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

Brother Jeremy L. Neal (3-17-Psi Alpha) has been named San Antonio Business Journal 2023 40 Under 40 Award for his outstanding achievements as a professional and his efforts in the community of the San Antonio Metropolitan Area. The awards ceremony was held at Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio from 6-9 PM on March 23rd. The San Antonio Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Awards are presented to professionals under 40 years old who have demonstrated excellence in business, leadership, and community involvement. Nominees are selected from an eight-county area around the San Antonio area. This year, over 300 applicants submitted for this honor with judging being provided by the past 40 Under 40 winners and an internal judging staff.

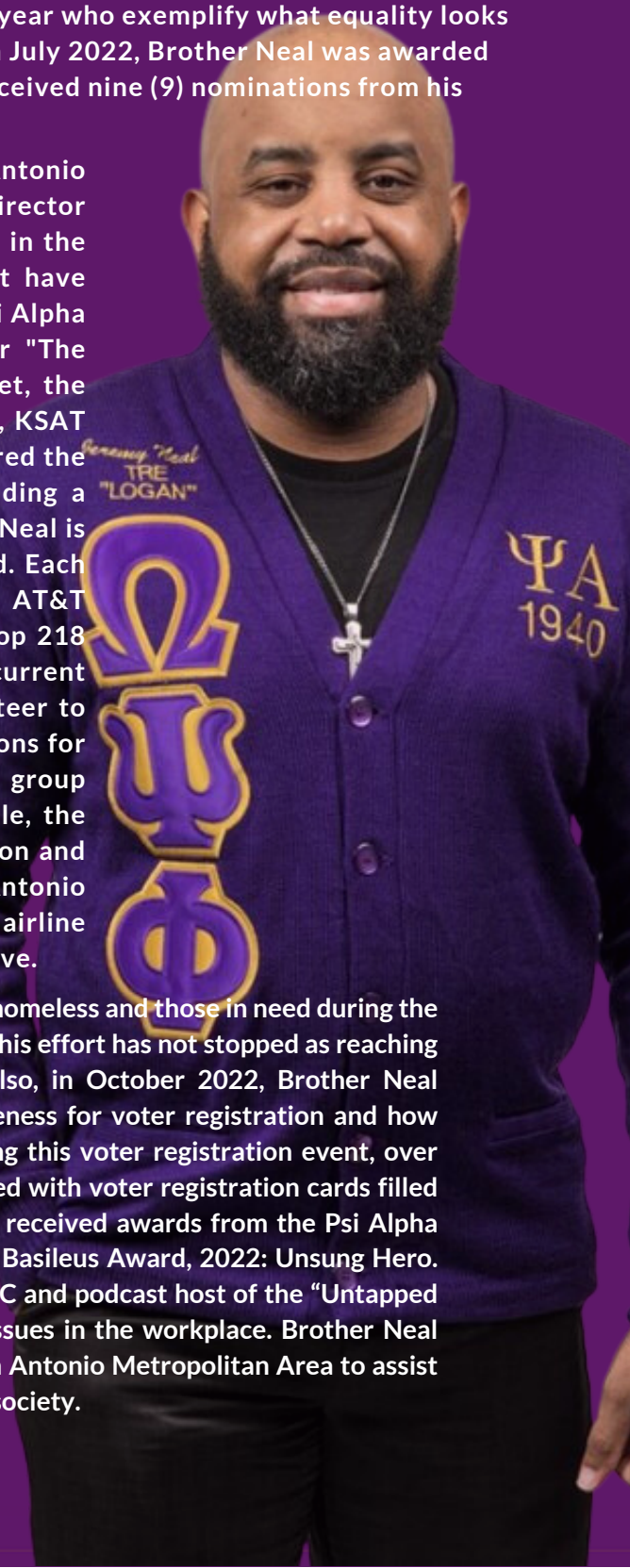
Brother Neal was a standout in his field as a Manager of Credit and Collections for AT&T. When he accepted the role in April 2021, he looked at it as an opportunity and a challenge to make others better in their roles. Brother Neal was a manager of 15-17 revenue management representatives in the San Antonio revenue center. Brother Neal was immensely involved in the development of the representatives in the center. Before his time in the role, the representatives on the floor complained of not having opportunities to develop a resume, be a part of leadership development programs, or get assistance with being promoted or elevated into a new role. Brother Neal set up many development opportunity sessions which started with a session with his team with Nicole Perrotta (RISE 2022 Registration Page (nicoleperrotta.com)) to discuss the RISE program. After the session, representative Margerea Wright signed up to be a part of the program and not only did she graduate but she also obtained a new role as Senior Records Clerk. The development and motivation to push employees did not stop there. Shon Berry, a representative in the center, was on the verge of retirement and felt that it was best to move on to another company. After Brother Neal got involved to help Ms. Berry with her resume, professional bio, and interview skills; Ms. Berry has thrived as she is a part of the Management Development Program got promoted to the Management Support Team and has provided senior leadership with a development idea that will be spread across the AT&T spectrum. Brother Neal has not just assisted members who are direct to this team but also employees in other cities and states for AT&T. Brother Neal was the speaker at a Career Development Session for The NETwork – Atlanta (Employee Group Chapter for AT&T). Over 60+ employees were able to get information about educational opportunities in the AT&T space and also got a detailed overview of how to use LinkedIn to build a platform for their personal and professional development. Due to this session, Brother Neal was nominated for a DEI in Excellence Award for his efforts.

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On February 28th, 2022, Brother Neal had a day that most would call a “dream”. That morning he found out that Team Levels from Howard University he mentored/coached won 1st place in the AT&T Innovation Challenge. Between the four (4) student members, they split \$75k. Later in the day, Brother Neal was awarded the AT&T Dream in Black: Black Future-Maker Award. This award is not only awarded to celebrities but also to 28 employees a year who exemplify what equality looks like not only in the AT&T space but in their communities. In July 2022, Brother Neal was awarded the AT&T Service Excellence Award and he found out he received nine (9) nominations from his subordinates.

Brother Neal has also done quite a bit for the San Antonio Metropolitan Area. Brother Neal currently serves as the Director of Public Relations for Psi Alpha Chapter. During his time in the role, Brother Neal has produced over 300+ articles that have been published at the district level and have gotten the Psi Alpha Chapter featured in the Fraternity's national newsletter "The Oracle" on eight (8) occasions. In the San Antonio market, the chapter has had over 40+ press releases between KENS 5, KSAT 12, and the SA Observer. The SA Observer alone has featured the Psi Alpha Chapter and its members over 30 times including a front cover feature of Brother Neal in April 2022. Brother Neal is the 6x winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award. Each year for the past 4 years, Brother Neal has donated his AT&T earned volunteer stipend (\$500) to assist Girl Scouts Troop 218 (IDEA Judson) in the San Antonio area to support their current and future events. Also, he served as a community volunteer to assist the troop. Brother Neal served as the VP of Operations for HACEMOS - San Antonio Chapter which is an employee group under the AT&T realm. During his time serving in the role, the chapter assisted with “High Tech Day” where a presentation and events were provided to over 50+ students in the San Antonio area. Also, in August 2022, Brother Neal partnered with airline companies to help St. PJ's in San Antonio with a luggage drive.

Over 200 pieces of luggage were provided to St. PJ's to help the homeless and those in need during the holiday season as trash bags were used previously for clothing. This effort has not stopped as reaching out to other airlines has been made for future donations. Also, in October 2022, Brother Neal facilitated a volunteer day at the courthouse to provide awareness for voter registration and how important it was for the community to get out and vote. During this voter registration event, over thirty (30) members of the San Antonio community were reached with voter registration cards filled out on sight. Due to Brother Neal and his philanthropy, he has received awards from the Psi Alpha Chapter for the past three (3) years. 2020: Unsung Hero, 2021: Basileus Award, 2022: Unsung Hero. Lastly, Brother Neal is a Co-Founder of Untapped Recruiting, LLC and podcast host of the “Untapped Podcast” which speaks about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion issues in the workplace. Brother Neal feels his work is not complete and there is more to do in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area to assist local youth as they are the future leaders of this community and society.





FIESTA CHAIRS 2023

BY BROS. GREG THOMPSON AND JEREMY NEAL / PSI ALPHA / SAN ANTONIO, TX

Fiesta Week in San Antonio, Texas is one of the largest events in Texas and the United States. It took place from 20 April to 30 April 2023 and with it came two significant fundraising events for the Psi Alpha Scholarship Foundation (PASF) and Psi Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Fiesta Battle of Flowers Parade (Day) April 28, 2023, and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade (Night) April 29, 2023, of which the PASF was allowed to sell chairs for both of the parades under the PASF's 501c3 charitable status.

Led by Co-Chairman Brother Frederick Beebe and Brother Greg Thompson, the Foundation and the Chapter accepted this labor-intensive task of loading, unloading, setting up, and taking down eight hundred folding chairs per parade. The Chapter Brothers came strong with their manpower support and as a collective group, we were able to meet the challenges associated with this tremendous effort of managing chairs, ticket sales, and other logistics items. Our patrons were led to their seats, provided wristbands, and offered refreshments during the Texas day and night heat.

This highly successful fundraising event added funds to the PASF coffers that will be used to award Scholarships to deserving High School Seniors headed to college at the end of the current School Year and in coming years.

The Fiesta Committee can only hope that Fiesta San Antonio will continue and that the Foundation and Chapter will be able to benefit from this noteworthy fundraising effort.



BROTHER JERRY CHEATOM RECIPIENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS "BURKE" AWARD

BY BROS. JERRY CHEATOM AND JEREMY NEAL / PSI ALPHA / SAN ANTONIO, TX

On April 1st, Brother Jerry Cheatom ('73-Alpha Zeta) the Colonel Robert B. Burke Award at The National Board of the Rocks, Incorporated 2023 Spring Gala. The award is in honor of Colonel Robert "Bobby" B Burke, a "Blue Geese" member of the ROCKS. Burke helped spearhead efforts by working behind the scenes with Roscoe "Rock" C. Cartwright to help seek out new members for what is now known as The ROCKS, Inc. Today, the ROCKS membership has an expanding worldwide membership, thanks in large to Burke's initial foresight and inaugural contribution and focus. Recipients of this award are military officers, who are members of the ROCKS in good standing. They demonstrate the qualities exhibited by Burke which include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Wayne Cheatom, USA (Retired) served our nation in the U.S. Army for over 20 years. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch, graduating from Arkansas State University in May 1976.

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He excelled while on active duty serving in a myriad of command and positions: Platoon Leader, Company B, and Executive Officers, Company C (Airborne), 1st Battalion Sixty Infantry, Fort Richardson Alaska, Battalion Adjutant, 1st Battalion Eighteenth Infantry, and Operations Officers and Company Commander US Army Retraining Bridge, Fort Riley, Kansas; Operations Officer, United States Army Combat Developments Experimentation Center and S-4, Third Battalion Ninth Infantry Regiment Fort Ord, California; S-3, Task Force 3-9 Infantry Multi-National Forces and Observers, Sharm El Shake, Egypt; Chief Maneuver Branch, United States Army Readiness Group, Fort Douglas, Utah; Space Surveillance Commander, Space Defense Commander, and Chief Training Evaluations Standardization and Exercises, United States Space Command, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base, Colorado; Professor of Military Science Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Cheatom earned his Airborne badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation (one oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement (one silver oak leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, and Multinational Force and Observers Ribbon.

After retiring from the Army, Cheatom was the first African Senior Army Instructor at Theodore Roosevelt High School and North East Independent School District. He was the Assistant Principal at Roosevelt High School for five years and returned to the uniform in July 2010 as a Senior Army Instructor at Sam Houston High School. In July 2016, Cheatom was selected as the fourth Director of Army Instruction in the San Antonio Independent School District.

Cheatom earned a Bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University in Printing Technology, a Master's degree from Kansas State University in Adult Education, a Master's from Trinity University in Educational Leadership, and a Doctorate from the University of Texas at San Antonio in Educational Leadership.

In April 2023, Cheatom became a 50th-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He is a member of the Alamo Area Alliance of Black School Educators, Texas Alliance of Black School Educators, and National Alliance of Black School Educators. Additionally, Cheatom serves as a senior counselor for Texas Boys State, a life member of Fred Brock Post 828 in San Antonio, a life member of the 9th Infantry Manchu Association, a life member of Disabled Veterans, a life member of ROCKS, Inc., a member and Vice President of the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Association.

Cheatom celebrates 43 years of marriage with Judith Liles. He is the son of a late World War II veteran and past commander of American Legion Post 446 in El Dorado, Arkansas. They have four adult daughters, one granddaughter, and three grandsons.

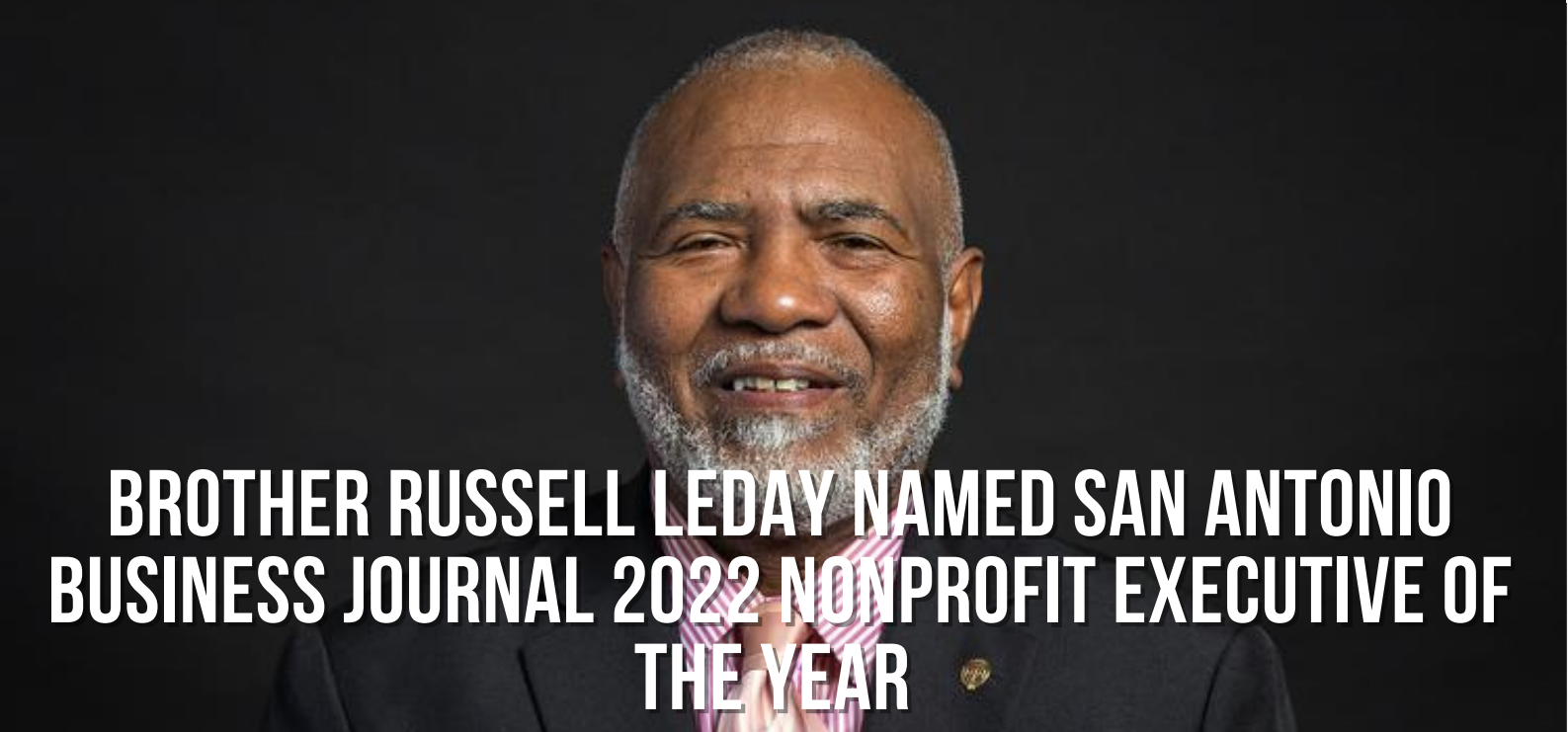
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BOYZ TO MEN

BY BRO. ORLANDO RICHARDS – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

On Saturday, 17 June 2023 @ 2:00 pm, Psi Alpha Chapter members had an opportunity to experience something every father wishes for his son to see the young boy grow up to become a man. In front of three hundred (300 +) plus attendees, and twenty (20 +) plus brothers, a young man by the name of Mr. Jimmie L. Steemer II went from the little boy in our mentoring, talent hunt, essay contest, and scholarship recipient to a man one year removed from college graduation and thriving in the music industry playing various events. Mr. Steemer was one of the esteemed guests of the San Antonio Juneteenth Celebration 2023 held at Comanche Park # 2 displaying his well-known saxophone talents. Witnessing Mr. Steemer perform on stage provided Psi Alpha Chapter members confirmation the mentoring and other young outreach programs are successful providing purpose for their existence and continued support. With the many young (black/brown) males ending up on the wrong side of the law and/or not getting a chance to reach their full potential due to possibly one bad decision, it is very uplifting to see that we as fraternity members (community leaders) can still impact young lives and let them know their worth and significance to our communities, their families and developing our tomorrow. The chapter is very proud of one of its sons who went from a boy to a man right in front of its very eyes with his focus on finishing his college education while continuing to pursue his musical talents and sharing those talents with his community and other attendees at the San Antonio Juneteenth Celebration.



A portrait of Brother Russell LeDay, a middle-aged man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket over a pink and white striped shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is dark.

BROTHER RUSSELL LEDAY NAMED SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS JOURNAL 2022 NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

BY BRO. JEREMY L. NEAL – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

Brother Russell LeDay (2-81-Gamma Gamma) was named San Antonio Business Journal 2022 Nonprofit Executive of the Year for his outstanding work in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area. Brother LeDay is the Chief Financial & Operations Officer for San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE). SAGE serves as an economic development resource for current business owners and potential new businesses moving into the Eastside community. The mission of SAGE is to champion investments that improve the quality of life for individuals, families, neighborhoods, and businesses on San Antonio's Eastside.

Brother LeDay has been with SAGE since 2014 and has been an incredible resource in passing along his knowledge and skills to assist in achieving success for others. Under LeDay's leadership, SAGE has served more than 2,000 businesses and helped these businesses achieve over \$9.2 million in revenue in the past few years. Brother LeDay's future goal is to see 200-300 small businesses/nonprofits on the Eastside of San Antonio be better equipped to receive/assist customers, and clients, and improve their overall fiscal management. LeDay in the past year has served as the Keeper of Finance for the Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Board Member of the Roy Maas Youth Alternatives and Texas Diaper Bank, and the Governor of the South Texas District of Optimist International.



PSI ALPHA TAKLES ASSAULT ON ILLITERACY

BY SCOTT L. EARLE, SR. - PSI ALPHA - SAN ANTONIO, TX

March is National Reading Month!

The ψ A Chapter Assault on Illiteracy Committee wants you to know that March is National Reading Month. The illiteracy rate in San Antonio is 25% (12.5% illiteracy and 12.5% functionally illiterate). San Antonio has the second-highest illiteracy rate among Texas cities. We must help combat this rate which is unacceptable in 2023.

National Read Across America Day is on March 2. It's a day to celebrate the privilege of being able to read, so head to the library, or curl up on the couch and just be a bookworm!

The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss, so a perfect way to celebrate is to don a Seussian hat and read one of his famous tales, like One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish. On National Read Across America Day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading — join us! Every year, the month of March is National Reading Month. The start of this is initiated with 'Read Across America Day' on March 2, which is also the birthday of one of the most beloved children's book authors of all time — Dr. Seuss. Reading stories and antics about his wonderful characters is a rite of passage and the perfect way to get children interested in reading books. Read Across America Day is more so a reading program, which calls upon everyone to read and engage with children to make reading a more fun and interactive experience. From the time when the building blocks of our character are laid, to adulthood when we seek to escape from the humdrum of daily life in the pages of a book, reading plays an integral role in shaping us into who we are. With the advent of smartphones and tablets, it is more essential than ever to motivate children to read.

The National Education Association (NEA) has been leading the Read Across America initiative since 1998. Their primary purpose is to work for the betterment of public education. Reading has been promoted across the nation with events organized in libraries, schools, book clubs, and communities. Teachers and group organizers can also take a pledge and post their ideas on the NEA's website. This way, more attention, and attendance is drawn to the event.

On March 8, Brothers Scott Earle and LeMarc Holcombe read to Pre-Kindergarten studies at Cameron Elementary School. Both serve as Reading Buddies for San Antonio Youth Literacy.

PSI ALPHA CHAPTER OMEGA GENTS

BY BRO. ROBERT BARTON – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

On July 29, 2023, Bro. Robert (Stryke) Barton Chairman, Psi Alpha Chapter Omega Gents, and Bro. Cuney Mclean (Vice Chairman, Omega Gents) facilitated the Psi Alpha Chapter's Omega Gents CELEBRATION OF THE 2023 PSI ALPHA CHAPTER'S OMEGA GENTS' GRADUATION.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement and pride as the Psi Alpha Omega Gents gathered at the Omega Psi Phi fraternity house on July 29, 2023, to celebrate the graduation of four outstanding individuals: Devin Wallace, Tyler Hardeway, Jalen Hall, and Azarel Hardeman. As the Chairman of Psi Alpha Omega Gents, Robert Barton (Stryke), it was a momentous occasion to witness the culmination of their academic journey and the beginning of new chapters in their lives.

The event commenced at 11:00 a.m., with the fraternity house adorned with banners and decorations congratulating the graduates. Friends, family members, and esteemed fraternity members filled the room, eagerly waiting to hear the inspiring stories of these remarkable young men.

Bro. George Mayers, the Basileus of Psi Alpha, and Bro. John Lester, the Vice Basileus, graced the celebration with their presence, symbolizing the fraternity's strong support for these accomplished graduates. They highlighted the accomplishments of Psi Alpha Chapter's Omega Gents in various community service projects, academic achievements, and leadership roles on campus. The Psi Alpha Omega Gents' mentors have consistently upheld their commitment to uplift their community and support one another throughout their journey. Alongside them were esteemed past leaders of Psi Alpha Omega Gents, Derek Morton, Rodney Koonce, and Reggie Smith, who offered their wisdom and guidance to the next generation of Omega Gents.

Tyler Hardeway, who will be attending Northlake Vista, took the stage first and shared his remarkable journey as an OG. He spoke about the challenges he faced and how the brotherhood within Psi Alpha Omega helped him overcome them. Tyler emphasized the importance of perseverance and brotherly love in achieving his goals. Next up was Devin Wallace, attending St. Phillips College. He shared how the fraternity's core values of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift have influenced his academic and personal growth. Devin's dedication to academic excellence inspired everyone in attendance. Jalen Hall, who will be attending the University of San Antonio, followed with a heartfelt speech about the lessons he learned during his time as an OG. He expressed gratitude for the mentorship and support he received from his fellow Gents, acknowledging that their guidance played a pivotal role in his success. Azarel (AJ) Hardeman, currently undecided about his next steps, (also was unable to attend). He passed on his thoughts candidly, about the uncertainty of the future and how the OG mentors have instilled in him the confidence to face life's challenges head-on. His determination to find his true path.

As the speeches concluded, Chairman Robert Barton (Stryke) took the stage to commend the four graduates for their hard work, resilience, and dedication. He then asked for the Psi Alpha Basileus (George Mayers) and Vice Basileus (John Lester) and past Psi Alpha Chapter (OG) Chairmen (Derek Morton, Rodney Koonce) and Past Vice Chairman (Reggie Smith) and Vice Chairman (Cuney Mclean) to join him on stage graduate and take pictures with our esteemed graduates.

The celebration continued with heartfelt testimonials from fraternity members, family, and friends, sharing their pride in the graduates' accomplishments and expressing their confidence in the bright futures that lie ahead. The event concluded with a communal brunch, allowing attendees to celebrate and mingle with the graduates. The sense of camaraderie and unity among the attendees reflected the strong bond shared by the members of Psi Alpha Omega Gents. The 2023 Psi Alpha Omega Gents' celebration of their graduates was not just a moment of recognition, but a testament to the power of brotherhood and mentorship in shaping young men into future leaders. As these four young men venture into their respective paths, they do so knowing that they have the unwavering support of the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and they are equipped with the values and life lessons that will guide them to success in their future endeavors.



A photograph of three men standing side-by-side, smiling. They are wearing purple polo shirts and lanyards with conference badges. The man on the left is wearing glasses. The man in the middle is holding a laptop. The man on the right has a beard. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

ALAMO CITY QUES PARTICIPATES IN THE 2023 DR. MOSES C. NORMAN INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

BY BRO. GEORGE MAYERS – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

12-16 July 2023 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated held its Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr. Leadership Conference in Nassau, Bahamas attended by nearly 1,200 Brothers and their families.

Six Brothers and family members from the Alamo City (San Antonio, Texas) experienced an array of empowering sessions, activities, and fun in the sun. Brothers George Mayers (Basileus/President), John Lester (Vice-Basileus), Orlando Richards, and Tony Godbee supported Brother (Dr.) Jerry Cheatom, who received his coveted 50 years of service award to the fraternity. Eighteen Psi Alpha Chapter Brothers were recognized for providing over 695 years of service to our great fraternity.

Throughout the week, the brothers participated in educational sessions hosted by the fraternity and sponsored by several professional organizations.

The host District provided a diverse array of activities and programs for family members on the island with more white sands and clear water imaginable.

We returned to the Alamo City with renewed energy; to provide more information and resources to our community members and their families.



SANPHC CELEBRATES 51 YEARS

BY BRO. JOHN LESTER – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

On 26 Mar 23, the Brothers of Psi Alpha joined the San Antonio National Pan Hellenic Council (SANPHC) for fellowship and church service at True Vision Church. The purpose of the fellowship and attendance at True Vision was to recognize the 51st Anniversary of the SANPHC and the continued service to the city of San Antonio through the efforts of the Fraternities and Sororities otherwise known as the Divine 9.

In attendance were members from all of the Divine 9; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Iota Phi Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. All received a Word from True Vision Pastor Rev. Michael Steve Brown and enjoyed the fellowship afterward. A donation of \$700 was provided from the Divine 9 and presented by SANPHC President, Bro Greg Short to Pastor Brown for the growth and ministry at True Vision.

Those in attendance from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Psi Alpha Chapter were SANPHC Vice President, Bro Scott Earle, Basileus, Bro George Mayers, Vice Basileus, Bro John Lester, Immediate Past Basileus, Bro Jimmie McMillion, Chaplain, Bro Vincent Hardeman, Parliamentarian, Bro Demetrius Jackson, Bro Kenneth Woods, Bro Tony Godbee, Bro Chris Cleveland, Bro Tom Martin, Bro Mark Vivians, Bro James Roundtree, and Bro David Singh. In attendance from the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter was Bro Kenneth Hardeman.

FEATURED ARTICLE



2ND VICE GRAND BASILEUS RETREAT: FOSTERING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT

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BY
BRO. NA'SHON EDWARDS, SR.

From August 3rd to August 6th, 2023, the bustling city of Houston, Texas, hosted the 2nd Vice Grand Basileus Retreat. This gathering left an indelible mark on its participants and the local community. Situated in the Mighty 9th District, this retreat brought together 2nd Vice District Representatives (DRs) from across the region for a purposeful and enriching experience.



One of the retreat's key highlights was the exchange of insights and wisdom from Past 2nd Vice Grand District Representatives. These discussions delved into the multifaceted challenges of leadership and the unique role that 2nd Vice DRs play in the organization's success. This dialogue fostered a sense of camaraderie and provided valuable guidance for the future.

The retreat also placed a strong emphasis on community engagement and service. In a heartwarming partnership with the Houston Food Bank, the participants dedicated a day to preparing food for 10,000 underserved Houstonians. This act of service underscored the organization's commitment to making a positive impact beyond its membership and reinforced the importance of giving back to the community.

Participants left the retreat feeling invigorated and motivated. They appreciated the intentionality behind the event, which provided them with a clear roadmap for better serving the Undergraduate Brotherhood and advancing its mission.



A special note of appreciation goes to Brother Harold Bailey, the leader of the Mighty 9th District, for his dedication and efforts in hosting this transformative event. His leadership set the tone for a retreat that strengthened bonds within the organization and showcased its unwavering commitment to leadership, service, and community engagement. The 2nd Vice Grand Basileus Retreat proved that even small gatherings can profoundly impact when fueled by purpose and passion.

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Our founders when envisioning the birth of this great fraternity of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. sought out men with like attainment. Their objective was to enlighten the world with their Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

“In 1911, shortly after they had returned to Howard to begin the work of their junior year, Edgar A. Love and Oscar J. Cooper surveyed Howard University. They stood on the steps of the main building and looked West, North, and East. They observed Clarke Hall, Miner Hall, the new Hall of Manual Arts, Science Hall, and Carnegie Library. They left the main building and walked towards Rankin Memorial Chapel. As they walked back to the quadrangle of the campus, they passed many students. Some were talking of their studies; others were speaking of athletics and of getting ready to defeat Lincoln in football on Thanksgiving Day. Love and Cooper thought of the various activities in which the students engaged and mused the effect of them on the students’ development. They noticed that some were in college because they were sent’ others had come to college to get married’ some had come as a sort of fashion. The majority were there, it seemed, to prepare for places of leadership that they would assume in their respective communities. In this last group, they saw some whom they believed to be more capable of leadership than others. Especially did they observe the young men. Love and Cooper were not long in concluding, after a few such observations, that the prospective dynamic leaders would increase their vision and their willingness to serve if they could be united with like ideals and vow to give themselves to the execution of these ideals.

(The History of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity by Herman Dreer; Chapter 11, pg.10)

As we read, these young men were surveying men with like attainment of the same ideals of leadership in scholarship. The men with those attributes are the men whom they selected to invite into our beloved fraternity. If you read and study the bio of these young founders, you will find these Christian principles that were taught to them in their development as men reflect one of our cardinal principles of manhood. This teaching was one of the many that drew them to each other. Thought Process of belief:

•Like attainment

“Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

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Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

-Same Accord:

“Do two walk together unless they have agreed to meet?” Amos 3:3 (ESV)

“That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:6 (KJV)

-Incompatible:

“Do not be dismayed, bad company corrupts good character.” 1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of scornful.” Psalms 1:1 (KJV)

“Young men living together in an intimate relationship of daily contact in the same house, having much the same backgrounds, tastes and aspirations naturally form among themselves enduring friendships and develop an esprit de corps leading to great pride in achievements of member of the house in competition with members of similar organizations on the campus in scholarship, athletic contests, and other student activities.”

We can deduce, their constant fellowship with one another developed a strong bond of friendship. From this friendship by fellowship, they discovered to achieve their objective, friendship is essential to the soul. In friendship, we develop a love for one another. It creates unity with an unbreakable bond. Choose wisely your friends. To have a friend is to know your friend. To know your friend, you will have fellowship with your friend.

Thought Process of belief:

•Fellowship

God wants to unite creation to Himself and human beings to one another.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as our see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 (ESV)

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-Friendship

“A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity.” Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

“Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (ESV)

“Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” John 15:14 (KJV)

-Love

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” John 13:34 (ESV)

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:1,13 (ESV)

-Unity

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:3-6 (NIV)

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

Nothing is more important than like attainment, friendship, and fellowship. One Omega, four cardinal principles, one motto, and one oath. Be very selective about who you invite into the fold as your friend. The founders did.

God bless you and keep you is my prayer! And always “Go with God”

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9th District Undergraduate Summit-September 09.2023 in the Hyatt
Regency downtown
New Orleans next to the Ceasars Super Dome.

The summit was led by the 2nd Vice District Representative, Jeff Ducre, '22 Alpha Lambda. It was very efficiently ran and planned. It provided a wealth of knowledge (pouring of oil into the lamps) for our young Omega's scholarly brothers who aspire to develop as the next great leaders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. with a progressive and productive impact on the world. They exemplified outstanding participation and interest as a reflection of the founder's vision: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift with friendship being essential to the soul.

Some of the topics of discussion were presented by the following:

Brother Harold Bailey, 9th District Representative; '80 Beta Delta/Pi Omicron

- Members Code of Conduct
- How to keep your chapter safe
- Consequences of violations
- DR's Insight

Brother Antonio Brown 9th District Keeper of Records and Seal; '02 Upsilon Omega/Rho Beta Beta

- SEC and Form 50

Brother Rev. Ernest E. Brown II, 9th District Chaplain' 78 Psi Alpha/Psi Alpha

- Role of a Chaplain

Brother Dr. Paul Adams, International Advisor Overseer; '89 Theta Kappa/Upsilon Chi

- Relationship between Undergrad Advisor and Undergrad Brothers

The undergraduates had their round table discussion



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April 2023

Brother Willie Bratcher
1967 Sigma Tau
Omega Chapter April 03, 2023
TX

Isaiah Jones
1975 Sigma Tau Chapter
Omega Chapter April 14, 2023
TX

Brother Trumaine "Tru" Smith
2002 Gamma Gamma Chapter
Omega Chapter April 15, 2023
LA

Brother Rev. Kenneth M. Fisher
1962 Rho Psi Chapter/Lambda Alpha Chapter
Omega Chapter April 19, 2023
LA

Brother Terrence Lynn Woods.
1968 Charter Member Eta Theta/Alpha Iota Iota
Basileus 1968 Eta Theta
Omega Chapter April 25, 2023
TX

Brother Louis Nelson
Past DR; Past Basileus
LM #442
1960 Gamma Gamma Chapter/ Rho Omega Chapter
Omega Chapter April 29, 2023
LA

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May 2023

Brother Eddie B. Freeman, Jr.
1975 Eta Theta/Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter
Omega Chapter May 17, 2023
TX

Brother Willie C. Pope
1989 Mu Chi/ Psi Alpha Chapter
22nd Basileus Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Psi Alpha Chapter
Omega Chapter May 19, 2023
TX

Brother Tyrone Caldwell
2001 Epsilon Omega/Omicron Nu Nu
Charter Member of Omicron Nu Nu Chapter
Omega Chapter May 24, 2023
TX

June 2023

Brother Dr. John Saunders McNeil
1945 Zeta Chapter/Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter
Omega Chapter June 1, 2023
TX

Brother Don DeBlanc
1976 Delta Omicron Chapter
Omega Chapter June 13, 2023
TX

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Brother Ray Jackson
2001 Sigma Omicron Chapter/Alpha Iota Iota Chapter
Omega Chapter June 15, 2023
TX

July 2023

Brother Gregory Don Pierce
1978 Pi Gamma/Theta Alpha
Omega Chapter July 16, 2023
TX

Brother Michael L. "Big Mike" Thomas
1980 Upsilon Theta/Rho Beta Beta Chapter
Omega Chapter July 16 2023
TX

Brother Willie L. Brown
1958 Beta Sigma/Beta Sigma
Omega Chapter August 4, 2023
LA

September 2023

Brother Emerson Dale
1972 Phi Gamma/Alpha Iota Iota
Omega Chapter September 1, 2023

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES

BY BRO. DR. CARVER A. PORTLOCK

When we wear the gloves
A Brother has gone from our midst
And sailed to golden shores.

When we wear the gloves
A Friend has passed the final test
And walks through purple doors.

The circle has an empty place
A Voice will raise no more
The song of fellowship and love
Uplift forevermore
When we wear the gloves

When we wear the gloves
A Light goes from this earthly life
The visor closed again
Yet all the heavens open wide
To let a new star in.

When we wear the gloves
A Brother leaves the chapter rolls
And moves to other worlds
For when we say our last goodbye
He walks on streets of Pearl.

When we wear the gloves

IMPORTANT DATES

9th District Keeper of Records & Seal Retreat

ONPEC Educational Center
2615 Calumet Houston, TX 77004
September 15, 2023

9th District Public Relations Retreat

Hampton Inn & Suites Monroe
Monroe, LA
November 18, 2023

Fall Council (TBA)

Winter Council (TBA)

87th Ninth District Meeting (Regular Registration)

Embassy Suites
April 10-14, 2024
Rogers, AR

84th Grand Conclave

Tampa, FL - June 26 - July 2, 2024

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