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"A BALANCED AND INTENTIONAL LEGACY"

ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS

A man in a dark suit and tie is playing a violin and singing into a microphone. He has his eyes closed and a focused expression. The background is a solid dark purple color.

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR 9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



DEAR ESTEEMED BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT,

AS MY TIME SERVING AS YOUR 9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I AM FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF EMOTIONS —GRATITUDE, PRIDE, AND A TOUCH OF NOSTALGIA. OVER THE COURSE OF THREE TERMS, IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO WITNESS THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND COLLECTIVE SPIRIT THAT DEFINE OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY. THROUGHOUT MY TENURE, I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WITNESS THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT LEAD THE FRATERNITY AS A WHOLE IN NUMEROUS ENDEAVORS AND PROJECTS. TOGETHER, WE HAVE SET A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND CAMARADERIE THAT HAS INSPIRED BROTHERS NEAR AND FAR. IT HAS BEEN MY GUIDING PRINCIPLE TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE, DEMONSTRATING WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO EMBODY THE IDEALS OF BROTHERHOOD IN ALL THAT WE DO.

IN OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED MOMENTS OF BOTH JOY AND SORROW. WE HAVE MOURNED THE LOSS OF OUR BELOVED BROTHERS, WHOSE MEMORIES WE HOLD DEAR IN OUR HEARTS. YET, WE HAVE ALSO CELEBRATED THE INITIATION AND RECLAMATION OF BROTHERS INTO THE FOLDS OF OUR FRATERNITY, REAFFIRMING THE ENDURING STRENGTH OF OUR BOND. MY ASPIRATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO LEAVE THE 9TH DISTRICT BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE. WHILE I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PERFECT, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE GIVEN MY VERY BEST TO THIS NOBLE CAUSE. EVERY DECISION AND EVERY ACTION HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH THE UTMOST DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO OUR SHARED VALUES.

AS I BID FAREWELL TO MY ROLE AS YOUR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, I DO SO WITH A DEEP SENSE OF PRIDE IN ALL THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER. THOUGH MY TIME IN THIS CAPACITY MAY BE COMING TO AN END, MY FAITH IN THE RESILIENCE AND POTENTIAL OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT REMAINS UNWAVERING. I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT, DEDICATION, AND BROTHERHOOD. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE ALONGSIDE YOU, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND FLOURISH UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP.

MAY WE CARRY FORTH THE TORCH OF OMEGA PSI PHI WITH DIGNITY, INTEGRITY, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

HAROLD BAILEY  
9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE





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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

DEAR BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT,

IT IS WITH IMMENSE PRIDE AND GRATITUDE THAT I ADDRESS YOU AS WE EMBARK ON ANOTHER CHAPTER OF SERVICE AND GROWTH WITHIN OUR ESTEEMED FRATERNITY. AS THE 9TH DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO WITNESS THE REMARKABLE STRIDES WE'VE MADE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, PARTICULARLY IN THE REALMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY. TOGETHER, WE HAVE LEVERAGED THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO AMPLIFY OUR MESSAGE, ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY, AND FOSTER MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS. THROUGH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR REACH, SHARING THE ETHOS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FAR AND WIDE. OUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT HAS BECOME A TESTAMENT TO OUR DEDICATION AND UNITY AS BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT.

FURTHERMORE, OUR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AMONG OUR BRETHREN HAS BEEN UNWAVERING. RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL WELL-BEING, WE HAVE INITIATED DIALOGUES, OFFERED SUPPORT, AND CULTIVATED A CULTURE OF COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING. BY PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH, WE NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN OURSELVES BUT ALSO UPLIFT EACH OTHER, FORTIFYING THE BONDS THAT BIND US TOGETHER AS A BROTHERHOOD. AS WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF 2024, I AM FILLED WITH ANTICIPATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD. LET US CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON OUR SUCCESSES, TO INNOVATE, AND TO INSPIRE. TOGETHER, WE POSSESS THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE TO SURMOUNT ANY CHALLENGE AND REALIZE OUR SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE.

BROTHERS, LET US MARCH FORWARD WITH UNWAVERING DETERMINATION, UNITED IN OUR PURPOSE AND UNWAVERING IN OUR RESOLVE. MAY THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT SHINE EVER BRIGHTER, ILLUMINATING THE PATH FOR GENERATIONS OF BROTHERS TO COME.



**FRATERNALLY,**

**BRO. NA'SHON Z. EDWARDS, SR.  
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Little Rock, AR

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Conway, AR

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Little Rock, AR

**Tau Phi**

Pine Bluff, AR

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Little Rock, AR

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**Alpha Zeta**

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**Beta Delta**

Conway, AR

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**Delta Eta**

Magnolia, AR

Southern Arkansas University

**Gamma Eta**

Fayetteville, AR

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**Pi Kappa**

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**Tau Sigma**

Pine Bluff, AR

University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

**Xi Beta**

Arkadelphia, AR

Henderson State University





# ACHIEVEMENT WEEK 2023

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

On September 16, 2023, the brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, held their Founder's Day. On this Founder's Day, we pay tribute to the legacy of Love, Cooper, Coleman, and Just. We honor their courage, resilience, and unwavering belief in the power of brotherhood. Their vision continues to guide us as we strive for excellence in all aspects of our lives.

Today, we also celebrate the achievements and contributions of our members. From leaders in various fields, such as Bro. Leroy Martin II (Sheriff of Columbia County) as he was awarded Omega Man of the Year 2023 (Kappa Chi), and Bro. Rufus Woods IV Iron Man Award of the Year 2023 (Kappa Chi). We also celebrated distinguished service milestones such as Bro. James W. Phillips (Delta Eta Sp. 73), 50 years in the fold.

As we commemorate this special day, let us recommit ourselves to the principles and values that Omega Psi Phi stands for. Let us continue to uplift and support one another, pursue academic excellence, and serve our communities with passion and dedication.

Happy Founders Day to all members of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. May we continue to honor the legacy of our founders and continue to make a positive impact in the world.





James "Watchdog" Berry Scholarship Fundraiser	
Turkey Leg- \$ 12.00	Turkey Leg & Drink- \$ 18.00
Jambalaya- \$ 7.00	Jambalaya & Drink- \$ 8.00
Smoke Sausage- \$ 5.00	Smoke Sausage & Drink- \$ 6.00
Popcorn/Butter- \$ 3.00	Jambalaya/Popcorn/Drink- \$ 11.00
Tea Cakes- \$ 3.50 \$5.00	Jambalaya/Turkey Leg/Drink- \$ 20.00
Lemonade- \$ 2.00	Turkey Leg/Popcorn/Drink- \$ 16.00
Tea- \$ 2.00	{2}Popcorn/{2} Drinks- \$ 9.00

# SOCIAL ACTION & SCHOLARSHIP COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR 2023

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

The brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, had an amazing time at the 2023 Columbia County Fair. The fair was overflowing with excitement, fellowship, and great uplift for the community.

Throughout the day, we enjoyed countless interactions with all types of people while selling food items for our scholarship fund. This scholarship fund is extremely near and dear to Kappa Chi as it is in memory of the late James "Watchdog" Berry (Fall 74 KX/DH) (Omega Chapter), who had a hall-of-fame career as an educator in his own right. The Columbia County Fair will always hold a special place in our hearts.

One of the many highlights of the event was being able to serve alongside our 2023 Kappa Chi Chapter, Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Leroy Martin II. This hardworking brother happens to also be the Sheriff of Columbia County, so all types of additional traffic of people came through to support our scholarship fundraiser and support our fraternity as well!

This event only further showed the true spirit of THE Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.





# HEALTH INITIATIVE

## DR. CHARLES DREW BLOOD DRIVE 2023

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

On August 5, 2023, the brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, joined forces with Life Share to conduct our annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive.

Today, the importance of donating blood cannot be overstated. Blood transfusions are vital for patients undergoing surgeries, cancer treatments, organ transplants, and those with blood disorders or traumatic injuries. Regular blood donations are crucial to maintaining an adequate supply for these patients, as blood has a limited shelf life.

Dr. Drew's research focused on the preservation and storage of blood plasma, which led to the development of the first large-scale blood banks during World War II. His groundbreaking discoveries revolutionized the field of transfusion medicine, making it possible to store and transport blood for longer periods, thus saving countless lives on the battlefield and beyond.

By donating blood, we can continue to honor his legacy and make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. The brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter plan to continue to carry the torch of service forward and beyond.





# SOCIAL ACTION CHRISTMAS IMPACT

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

The brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter came together to make a meaningful impact on a family in need during the Christmas Holiday. We had an opportunity to provide a generous gift to a needy family.

We selected a family who would greatly benefit from our support. We pray that this gift provides financial relief for them during this holiday season.

With donations in hand, the brothers met up with the family to personally deliver the gift. They were greeted with surprise and gratitude! The family was very appreciative of the fraternity's kindness.

This act of generosity exemplifies the fraternity's commitment to service and community uplift. The brothers of the Kappa Chi Chapter understand the importance of spreading Christmas joy and giving back, especially during the Holiday season.





# SOCIAL ACTION ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

On August 5, 2023, the brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, joined forces with the Delta Eta Chapter to clean up our highways and community. Recognizing the importance of maintaining a clean and safe environment, we have organized regular clean-up events to ensure our surroundings are free from litter and debris.

We have collaborated with our local Sheriff's department and organizations to clean up our highways. In addition to our clean-up initiatives, we educate the community about the importance of proper waste disposal and environmental conversation.

Our dedication to cleaning up our highway and community not only sets a great example for others to follow but also reminds us of the importance of taking care of our community, as it is just that OURS.





# SCHOLARSHIP

## 2023 JAMES “WATCHDOG” BERRY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR

On August 5, 2023, the brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, are honored to award recipient, Ms. Reese Dare, with our 2023 James “Watchdog” Berry Scholarship award.

This scholarship represents dedication to community service and commitment to making a positive impact in our society. We are extremely proud of you Ms. Dare and look forward to sharing your success stories moving ahead in your BRIGHT future.

We pray that this scholarship will aid in alleviating some of the financial burdens that come along with higher education.

Once again, THANK YOU for your submission and hard work. But most of all thank you for being genuinely YOU and being an asset to our world.





# SOCIAL ACTION THANKGIVING 2023

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

The brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter came together to make a meaningful impact on a family in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Recognizing the importance of giving back to the community, the fraternity provided some financial assistance to a special family.

After careful consideration, the fraternity identified a deserving family who could benefit from their support. A gift of \$150.00 was provided to help aid in their Thanksgiving preparations.

The brothers sent a personal invitation to the family to honor and gift them during our Founder's Day Banquet. The family expressed their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the fraternity's generosity.

This act of kindness exemplifies the fraternity's commitment to service and community engagement. The importance of uplifting the community is critical, and the brothers of the Kappa Chi Chapter take this charge to the fullest.





# SOCIAL ACTION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S 2023

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

On October 21, 2023, the brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter joined forces with the South Arkansas Chapter of The Alzheimer's Association and sponsored our annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The Walk to End ALZ took place at our local Community College here in El Dorado, Arkansas, where participants gathered to show their support for those affected by Alzheimer's disease. Our brothers, along with their families, friends, and community members, came together in a display of unity and compassion.

Before the walk began, there was a heartfelt opening ceremony that included a speech from the Executive Director of the South Arkansas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. She shared statistics, fundraising efforts, and information about the impact of Alzheimer's disease on individuals and their families.

Throughout the walk, our brothers engaged in conversations with the community members, offering encouragement and support. They also distributed information brochures about Alzheimer's disease, highlighting the resources and services provided by the Alzheimer's Association.

The collaboration between Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Alzheimer's Association was a powerful example of the impact that can be made when organizations come together for a common cause. We are proud to have been a part of this momentous event and look forward to future events.





# VOTER REGISTRATION, EDUCATION & MOBILIZATION WALMART REGISTRATION DRIVE

**BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR**

On September 16, 2023, the brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, held their annual Voter's Registration Drive at Walmart in Magnolia, Arkansas.

The importance of voter registration and education cannot be overstated, and this annual event serves as a shining example of how our illustrious fraternity can make a significant impact in our community. By hosting this event at Walmart, we ensured maximum visibility and accessibility, allowing a wide range of individuals to participate and engage in the democratic process.

The ability to mobilize and engage the community is truly inspiring, and created a platform for open dialogue and discussion, thus, encouraging our youth specially to share their opinions and concerns.

By fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment, we empowered our community members to take ownership of their civic duties and make their voices heard.

Together with our relationship with Walmart, we will continue to host this event with the hopes that this effort will carry forward for years and years to come.





# OLL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

**BRO. DERRICK YOUNG - OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA - LITTLE ROCK, AR**

Omicron Lambda Lambda (OLL) supported Voter Registration Day by teaming up with the Pulaski County Clerk's Office and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to host a Voter Registration event on the campus of Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, AR.

We had a great turnout. Members of OLL were able to educate and motivate the students on campus by discussing that voting is a civic duty and each vote matters.

Dr. Calvin Jerome McFadden, Baptist College President, and Ms. Terri Hollingsworth, Pulaski County Clerk, were both appreciative of our chapter for supporting one of the key freedoms of American life, voting.

Exercising our right to vote is still the single most powerful practice to affect change in our democratic society. Since the Emancipation Proclamation, legislatures across the country have erected barriers to the black vote. The practice was most prevalent in southern states with Jim Crow laws. These barriers have included, but have certainly not been limited to, literacy tests, poll taxes, property-ownership requirements, and moral character tests. Another impediment was a grandfather clause that permitted otherwise ineligible white populations to vote if their grandfathers were able to vote. These clauses were used at a time when the grandfathers of black people were not allowed to vote because they were slaves. The term "grandfather clause" or being "grandfathered" is still widely used today in many other contexts. Although Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was federal legislation intended to prohibit racial discrimination in the voting process, the practice of discrimination and voter disenfranchisement continues today.

At 62 percent, Arkansas ranks last in registered voters. Omicron Lambda Lambda is committed to the continued efforts of community UPLIFT through voter education and registration. This practice is a true testament to the principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.





# ACHIEVEMENT WEEK TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

SUBMITTED BY PI OMICRON EDITOR – LITTLE ROCK, AR

Achievement week activities continued for Pi Omicron on Monday, November 14th at our partner school Booker T. Washington. The Chapter sponsored Teacher Appreciation Day. Lunch was provided to all teachers and staff at the school. Pi Omicron has provided mentoring, Christmas Bicycles, and other assistance to the school for over 25 years.





# ACHIEVEMENT WEEK FOUNDERS WEEK LUNCHEON

SUBMITTED BY PI OMICRON EDITOR – LITTLE ROCK, AR

The Prestigious Pi Omicron Chapter completed Founders Week with our 76th annual Achievement Week luncheon. The keynote speaker was past DKRS Bro. David “Petro” Washington spoke on the topic “With politics gaining the bulk of the discussion, what can the younger generation do to ensure that elected leaders understand the impact of gaining their votes”. Pi Omicron awarded \$13,000.00 in scholarships to 11 different students. The top scholarship awarded was \$3,000 to Avery Ross who attends Conway High School. Pi Omicron was honored to have retired professor and Division Chair Bro. Raphael Lewis Pi Sigma '59 was in attendance. Bro. William Terrell Vaughn did an outstanding job as chairman.





# LOUISIANA

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Hammond, LA

## Delta Tau

Plaquemine, LA

## Epsilon Chi

Alexandria, LA

## Epsilon Lambda Lambda

Opelousas, LA

## Gamma Lambda Lambda

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Lake Charles, LA

## Rho Omega

Shreveport, LA

## Rho Omicron

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## Rho Phi

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# LA UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

## Alpha Delta Delta

Ruston, LA

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Hammond, LA

Southeastern Louisiana University

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## Beta Sigma

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Southern University

## Omega Kappa

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## Rho Beta

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Natchitoches, LA

Northwestern State University

## Theta Kappa

Baton Rouge, LA

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## Gamma Delta

Lafayette, LA

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## Gamma Gamma

Grambling, LA

Grambling State University

## Mu Lambda

Monroe, LA

University of Louisiana-Monroe

## Theta Mu

New Orleans, LA

University of New Orleans

## Theta Sigma

New Orleans, LA

Dillard University

## Xi Sigma

New Orleans, LA

Xavier University





## MU TAU CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY RAISES LUPUS AWARENESS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 LUPUS AWARENESS WALK AT BERNSTEIN PARK

**BRO. REGINALD T. BAILEY | MU TAU CHAPTER | MONROE, LOUISIANA**

The Mu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. made a significant impact on raising awareness about lupus by actively participating in the 2023 Lupus Awareness Walk held at Bernstein Park in Monroe, Louisiana. With their commitment to supporting health initiatives and making a difference in the community, the Fraternity members joined hands with others to promote awareness and understanding of this debilitating autoimmune disease.

Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disorder, affects millions of individuals worldwide, including many within the Monroe community. The Lupus Awareness Walk, organized annually, serves as a platform to unite individuals, organizations, and community members in a collective effort to raise funds for research, support affected individuals, and increase awareness about lupus.

The Mu Tau Chapter demonstrated their dedication to the cause by assembling a team of Fraternity members and participating actively in the walk. Clad in their signature colors and wearing Lupus Awareness Walk t-shirts, the Fraternity members made a visible and powerful statement of solidarity and support.

"Our Fraternity places great importance on health education and community involvement," said John Johnson, President of the Mu Tau Chapter. "By participating in the Lupus Awareness Walk, we aim to contribute to the ongoing efforts of spreading awareness, supporting affected individuals, and promoting research to find a cure for this complex disease."

During the event, Fraternity members engaged with participants and community members, sharing information about lupus, its impact on individuals' lives, and the importance of early detection and proper management. They also distributed educational materials and resources to empower attendees with knowledge about lupus symptoms, treatment options, and available support networks.





## MU TAU CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY RAISES LUPUS AWARENESS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 LUPUS AWARENESS WALK AT BERNSTEIN PARK (CONT)

"The Mu Tau Chapter's participation in the Lupus Awareness Walk was incredibly impactful," expressed Lisa Thompson, a community member who attended the event. "Their enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness to engage with others showcased their genuine dedication to making a difference. It's inspiring to witness Fraternity organizations actively working to raise awareness about health issues."

By joining forces with other community members, healthcare professionals, and lupus advocacy groups, the Mu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity contributed to the success of the 2023 Lupus Awareness Walk. Their involvement helped shed light on the challenges faced by individuals living with lupus and fostered a sense of unity and support within the community.

"We believe that through education, advocacy, and community engagement, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by lupus," emphasized Brother Brett Sanders, a member of the Mu Tau Chapter. "We are committed to continuing our efforts to promote awareness and support for individuals living with lupus."

The Mu Tau Chapter's active participation in the 2023 Lupus Awareness Walk at Bernstein Park exemplifies their dedication to raising awareness about health issues and making a difference in the lives of community members. Their contribution serves as an inspiration for others to join hands and work collectively towards a healthier, more supportive community.





# SOCIAL ACTION

## MU TAU CHAPTER MEMBERS SHINE AT ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BONANZA HOSTED BY MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

**BRO. REGINALD T. BAILEY | MU TAU CHAPTER | MONROE, LOUISIANA**

On the afternoon of August 12th, the members of the Mu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated showcased their dedication to community service by actively participating in the annual Back-to-School Bonanza, hosted by the Mount Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event, aimed at equipping students for a successful academic year, witnessed an outpouring of support, enthusiasm, and camaraderie from both the Fraternity members and the local community.

Amidst the joyful chatter of children and the bustling activity of parents, the Mu Tau Chapter stood as a beacon of encouragement and empowerment. The Chapter members manned various stations offering school supplies, backpacks, and essential materials to students of all ages. Their warm smiles and encouraging words resonated with families as they prepared to embark on another year of learning.

"The Back-to-School Bonanza is a cherished tradition for our chapter," explained Bro. Clifton Jackson, who spearheaded the Fraternity's involvement. "We believe in giving back to the community and fostering a positive environment for these young students. Education is the key to a brighter future, and we're here to help open those doors."

The event was a true community effort, with Mount Zion Baptist Church and other local organizations collaborating to create a fun-filled atmosphere. From interactive games to live performances, the Bonanza aimed to alleviate the stress of the upcoming school year and replace it with excitement and anticipation.

As the day unfolded, the Fraternity members engaged in meaningful conversations with parents, sharing insights about academic success, personal growth, and community involvement. The Bonanza served as an excellent platform for intergenerational exchange, where experiences were shared, advice was offered, and new connections were forged.

The Mu Tau Chapter's involvement in the Back-to-School Bonanza highlights the Fraternity's unwavering commitment to nurturing the potential of young minds and contributing positively to society. Through their active participation and engagement, they reaffirmed that education is a collective effort and that every student deserves the tools and encouragement to thrive.

As the echoes of laughter and the memories of this vibrant event continue to linger, the Mu Tau Chapter stands as a shining example of how young leaders can make a profound impact on their community and create lasting change.





# 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 the 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 Voter Education. The young men were able to interact with Brothers of our fraternity to share challenges in their teenage lives and ask questions while receiving Uplift and 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. Congratulations to the Ascension Alumnae Chapter, as this program won first place at the 56th National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for National Program Planning. We will continue to do our Duty in Service to our community here in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.





# LAMBDA KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER (CAPITAL CITY QUES) WELCOMES THE FAMILIES OF RONALD GREENE AND TYRE NICHOLS

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

On September 27, 2023, the Brothers of the Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter joined with brothers from the Beta Sigma and Lambda Alpha Chapters to welcome the mothers and families of Ronald Greene and Tyre Nichols. The families were here, along with Bro. Benjamin Crump, at the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol. They were demanding justice for Ronald Greene, who was murdered at the hands of the Louisiana State Police. The mother and family of Tyre Nichols, who was also murdered at the hands of law enforcement, were here to support the Greene family. We understand that these few bad actors don't reflect the many brave members of law enforcement who protect and serve our communities by putting their lives on the line. Afterward, the families were welcomed to the Lambda Kappa Kappa Foundation House to partake in lunch and to celebrate what would have been Ronald Greene's 54th birthday. It was a very emotional, yet heartfelt moment of fellowship for these two families who have been deeply affected by tragedy, yet demanding justice, while receiving Uplift from Brothers like Bro. Benjamin Crump and the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.





## 2023 DOLL AND TOY FUN DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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

From the 19th century into the 21st century The Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund have helped make the holiday season merry for children from struggling families throughout the New Orleans area. Celebrating its 128th year, The Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund brought an early Christmas to families in need. On December 11, 2023, the Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and its partner, The Times-Picayune/Advocate newspaper, hosted the distribution program at Xavier University's Convocation Center. This is the 5th year that the Rho Phi Chapter has been a major partner with the Doll and Toy fund, and the chapter donated a check for \$1,000.00 to purchase items for the children. In addition to the financial donation, Brothers from Rho Phi volunteered their time this year to distribute fruit bags to the attendees as they exited the building.





# 2023 OMEGA WISEMEN PROJECT

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

On December 21, 2023, the Rho Phi Chapter and its partner, The Omega Men Foundation, donated over \$3,500.00 to several transitional housing shelters in the Greater New Orleans area. The funds were raised by soliciting Rho Phi Chapter brothers and other willing donors in the community. In addition to the funds, over 100 children's storybook bibles and coats were given to the children in those shelters. This project was initiated by the Rho Phi chapter to address the problem of domestic violence in the greater New Orleans area, its impact on women and children, and the lack of housing for homeless citizens. Many of the women's shelters in the Greater New Orleans Area are overwhelmingly populated with African Americans and the Rho Phi Chapter desires to provide these shelters with funds to buy items of need for these families.





# 2023 REAL MEN READ PROGRAM

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

On December 15, 2023, the Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and its partner, the Omega Men Foundation, hosted their annual Real Men Read program at the Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School of Technology and Literature. This is the 15th year that the Rho Phi Chapter has partnered with underserved elementary schools in the Greater New Orleans area intending to develop a desire and passion for reading to students in these schools and the community. On the day of the program, Rho Phi Chapter brothers donated their time to visit the school and read books to students in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. Brothers also took time to speak to the students about the importance of developing good reading skills. Rho Phi Chapter's partner, the Omega Men Foundation, presented the school with a check for \$500.00 through a grant provided by The Entergy Corporation, to purchase books for the school library.





# 2023 STAR READER PROGRAM

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

On December 15, 2023, the Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and its partner, the Omega Men Foundation, hosted their annual Star Reader program at the Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School of Technology and Literature. This is the 8th year that the Rho Phi chapter has partnered with underserved elementary schools in the Greater New Orleans area to develop a desire and passion for reading to students in these schools and the community. In October and November of each year, the partner school has students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades take part in a reading program. On the day of the Star Reader program, Rho Phi Chapter Brothers, and the Omega Men Foundation board members, awarded an HP laptop computer and wireless mouse to a male and female student in these grades whose reading skills and comprehension have improved the most.





## 2023 THANKSGIVING BASKETS GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

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

On November 21, 2023, the Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, held its annual Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards giveaway to needy families in the Greater New Orleans area. The Chapter has held this event for over 31 years. The event intends to UPLIFT the community by helping those in need have a warm and healthy Thanksgiving meal. Rho Phi Chapter Brothers partner with another Chapter Brother to purchase the items for a basket. Each basket contains enough non-perishable items to feed a family of four (4). Each basket also contains a \$25.00 gift card that allows the family to purchase a turkey, ham, or additional food items. The baskets are brought to the Crescent City Ques clubhouse on the Monday night before Thanksgiving. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Chapter Brothers deliver the baskets to needy families at their homes and also to several local churches for distribution: Greater Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Shiloh Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, and Israelite Baptist Church. This year the committee members had \$300.00 in gift cards and traveled to a local food store and applied \$50.00 in gift cards to 6 senior citizens' total grocery bills at the checkout counter.





KREWE OF OMEGA PARADE ROLLS THROUGH DOWNTOWN LAKE CHARLES

## **BROTHERS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. RHO CHI CHAPTER CELEBRATE 57 YEARS OF HISTORIC MARDI GRAS PARADES IN LAKE CHARLES, LA** **BRO. SCHUYLER OLIVIER / RHO CHI / LAKE CHARLES, LA.**

In the vibrant tapestry of Mardi Gras traditions in Lake Charles, Louisiana, one event stands out, not just for its jubilant festivities, but for its deep historical significance. On February 10, 2024, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Rho Chi Chapter, celebrated the 57th anniversary of their iconic parade – a testament to perseverance, resilience, unity, and community Uplift.

This parade holds a special place in the hearts of locals, not only for its vibrant floats, music, and revelry but also for its remarkable origin story. Established at a time when racial segregation still cast a shadow over many public celebrations, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi, Rho Chi Chapter, bravely stepped forward to create their own space within the Mardi Gras festivities.

The decision to start their parade was born out of necessity and a desire for inclusivity. At a time when African Americans faced discrimination and exclusion from mainstream Mardi Gras events, the Brothers of the Rho Chi Chapter refused to be sidelined. Their parade became a symbol of empowerment, offering a platform for the community to celebrate their culture and heritage without fear of ridicule or racism.

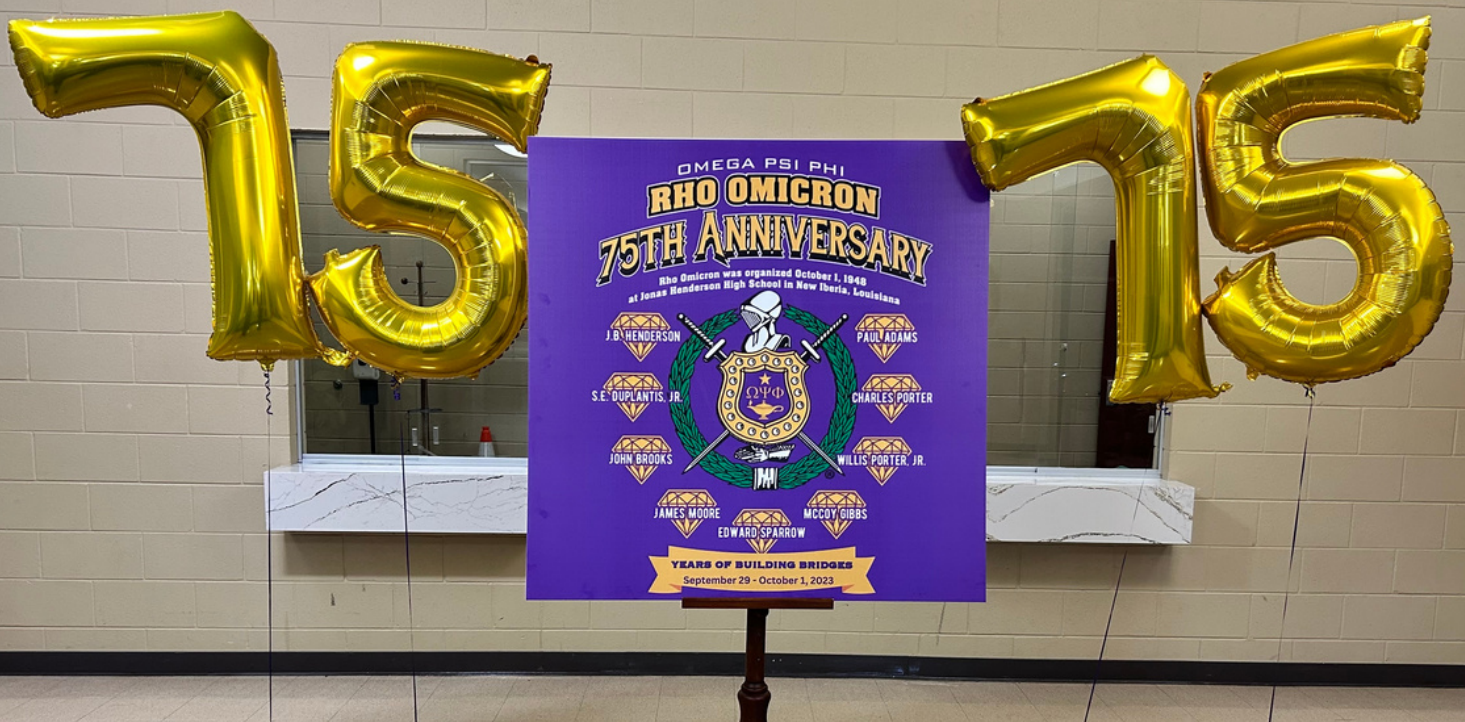
Over the past 57 years, the parade has grown in size and significance, becoming a cherished tradition, not just for the fraternity, but for the entire Lake Charles community. Each year, thousands of spectators line the streets to catch a glimpse of the colorful floats, adorned with symbols of Divine Nine Representation, African American pride, and unity. What sets this parade apart is, not just its longevity, but also its unique status as one of the **FIRST** and **ONLY** parades organized and presented entirely by its krewe. The dedication and passion of the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity shine through in every aspect of the event, from the intricately designed floats to the lively marching bands that fill the air with music.

But beyond the spectacle and pageantry, the parade serves a deeper purpose – it is a celebration of resilience, unity, and the enduring spirit of a community that refuses to be defined by its past. It is a reminder that Mardi Gras is not just about revelry and indulgence but about coming together as a community to celebrate diversity and inclusivity.

As the Brothers of the Rho Chi Chapter mark another milestone in their remarkable journey, they stand as living embodiments of the values that define Mardi Gras – camaraderie, creativity, and above all, the power of unity to transcend barriers and bring people together in celebration.

As the sun sets on another unforgettable parade, the legacy of the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rho Chi Chapter, continues to inspire generations to come, reminding us all that in the face of adversity, there is strength in unity, and that true celebration knows no bounds.





## RHOOMICRON CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

BRO. QUINNTON ANDERSON / RHOOMICRON (ALPHA DELTA DELTA) / NEW IBERIA, LA

On October 1, 2023, the Brothers of the Rho Omicron Chapter in the Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. marked an impressive 75 years of devoted service to three Louisiana parishes: St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary. Under the banner of “Years of Building Bridges,” Rho Omicron orchestrated a weekend of festivities to commemorate this remarkable milestone. The Chapter arranged a formal 75th Anniversary Celebration, Friends and Family Picnic, and the weekend was concluded with fellowship at Zion Hill Christian Church. This weekend encapsulated the spirit of service, unity, and lasting brotherhood that defines Rho Omicron. As we look back on this rich history, and forward to the bright future, the legacy of this Chapter shines as a beacon of inspiration for all.

In a momentous gathering at Jonas Henderson High School, on January 1, 1948, nine distinguished men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. embarked on a journey to establish the Rho Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in New Iberia, LA. Amongst these visionaries were Jonas Henderson, S.E. Duplantis, John Brooks, James Moore, Edward Sparrow, McCoy Gibbs, Willis Porter, Charles Porter, and Paul Adams.

Their unwavering commitment and industrious efforts translated into the inception of monthly meetings, which culminated in the formal establishment of the Rho Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in New Iberia, LA, on October 1, 1948. This significant charter marked the beginning of a 75-year journey dedicated to service and community excellence.

The inaugural initiation of new members in the Fraternity took place on December 9, 1954, and the most recent addition to this illustrious chapter occurred on April 21, 2023. The indomitable spirit of these nine charter members continues to inspire the pursuit of excellence in our communities, ensuring the enduring growth and prosperity of the Rho Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for years to come.





# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS INDUCTS BROTHER DR. HENDERSON

**BRO. TONY ARNOLD / RHO OMEGA / SHREVEPORT, LA**

Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, the 99th President of the National Dental Association, was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists at the Annual ACD Convocation of Fellows in Orlando, Florida. The mission of the American College of Dentists, founded in 1920, is to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry. Dr. Henderson also accepted the American College of Dentists' Ethics and Professionalism Award on behalf of the NDA's Dr. Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute. The ACD Ethics and Professionalism Award recognizes exceptional contributions by organizations in the promotion of ethics or professionalism in dentistry. Brother Dr. Henderson is the Ninth District Medical-Health Initiatives Chairman and Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive Chairman for the Rho Omega Chapter (Shreveport, Louisiana).



# BROTHER UPLIFTS THE NATION IN PRAYER

BRO TONY ARNOLD / RHO OMEGA / SHREVEPORT, LA

On the eve of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded inside the Science Building at Howard University, located in Washington, D.C. It made history by becoming the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically Black college.

On June 13, 2023, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity made history for the second time when one of its active members delivered the prayer as the guest Chaplain at the opening ceremonies of the United States Senate.

Reverend Asriel Gamaliel McLain, an Associate Minister of Little Union Baptist Church, located in Shreveport, Louisiana, and a native of Ruston, Louisiana, was invited by Senator Bill Cassidy to be the guest Senate Chaplain. Reverend McLain is a member of the Rho Omega Chapter in Shreveport, Louisiana. Since becoming a member of the Rho Omega Chapter, he has held several positions of leadership. He has served as the Ninth District Chaplain. He has served in the capacity of Rho Omega Reporter and he has held the office of United Omegas of Louisiana Chaplain.

Some of his accomplishments as District Chaplain include a bi-weekly Bible Study, Weekly Video Devotional Message, Virtual Worship Services, and Collaboration with state chapter Chaplains. He also participates in the Fraternity-wide prayer calls and works tirelessly with the Ninth District council members who connect the Fraternity with the community.

Reverend McLain is also a noted community servant. He is currently a life member of the NAACP. He is a board member of the North Louisiana Civil Rights Coalition. Reverend McLain serves on the Social Action Committee of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention. He is a member of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Reverend McLain is a 1975 Magna Cum Laude graduate of the historic Bishop College (Dallas, TX) and earned his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ) in 1978. He is also the Editor of the newsletter for the 13th District Baptist Association Newsletter, Dr. Robert Hudson, Moderator, and the Immediate Past District Chaplain of the Ninth District of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., of which he is a life member.

We are indeed proud of the Fraternity's representation by Reverend Asriel McLain on the Senate floor. The first Senate meeting, held in New York City on April 25, 1789, elected Reverend Samuel Provost, an Episcopal Bishop of New York as its first Chaplain. Since then, all sessions have been opened with prayer. Strongly affirming the Senate's faith in God as the sovereign Lord of our lives and our nations.

In this divisive political climate that the United States is facing at the current time, it is encouraging to note that prayer is still the one thing we all have in common.





# RHO OMEGA GIVES BLOOD

**BRO. TONY ARNOLD / RHO OMEGA / SHREVEPORT, LA**

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and Rho Omega and Friends, Incorporated recently held their annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive at Walmart (Westport and Pines Road). Under the guidance of LifeShare Blood Center, a total of 23 pints of blood were collected on-site. With a tennis theme of “You Got Served.....Game, Set, Match,” many lives will be saved and positively impacted by the efforts of the Rho Omega Chapter.

Rho Omega’s blood drive is aptly named for the “Father of the Blood Bank” and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member, Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew (1904-1950). Dr. Drew developed a technique for long-term plasma storage and administered an early prototype program for blood storage and preservation. In 1941, Dr. Charles R. Drew served as the first blood bank director for the American Red Cross. Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson is Chairman of Rho Omega’s Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. Brother Darius Z. Kimble is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter. And, Brother Henri Wesley is Chairman of Rho Omega and Friends, Incorporated.





# RHO OMEGA DONATES FANS

**BRO. TONY ARNOLD / RHO OMEGA / SHREVEPORT, LA**

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and Rho Omega and Friends, Incorporated recently held their Annual Summer Fan Drive. With the assistance of the Shreveport-Bossier City Lamplighters and Junior Lamplighters, a total of 225 fans were collected and donated to the Caddo Council on Aging. Through the effort to “lend a hand.....donate a fan,” many people were able to “beat the heat” this summer. Brother James D. Rhodes is the ROC Fan Drive Chairman. Brother Henri Wesley is Chairman of Rho Omega and Friends, Incorporated. And, Brother Darius Z. Kimble is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.





# OKLAHOMA

## OKLAHOMA STATE QUES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**STATE PRESIDENT:** BRO. ULYSSES ALLEN

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** BRO. MICHAEL FORREST

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** BRO. MARSHALL CRY

**STATE TREASURER:** BRO. JOHN D. VEAL

**STATE CHAPLAIN:** BRO. KEITH KROUSER



## OK GRADUATE CHAPTERS

**Eta Iota**

Oklahoma City, OK

**Gamma Mu Mu**

Stillwater, OK

**Phi Pi**

Muskegee, OK

**Psi Upsilon**

Lawton, OK

**Upsilon Iota**

Langston, OK

**Xi Omega**

Tulsa, OK

## OK UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

**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



# XI OMEGA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**BROTHER ERIC ELLIOTT / XI OMEGA / TULSA, OK**

With esteemed pride and pleasure, the Brothers of the Xi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of our Chapter's charter with a celebratory black-tie banquet on September 30, 2023, at the Doubletree Downtown Tulsa. For 100 years the Xi Omega Chapter has been committed to living its creed to God, our families, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Xi Omega Chapter, and the community we serve. The Centennial Banquet was planned to reflect on the Chapter's achievements through Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Proclamations were presented to Xi Omega from The Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus, Oklahoma District 73 State Representative Regina Goodwin, and Tulsa District 1 City Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper.

The 42nd Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi, Brother Ricky L. Lewis honored the chapter as the keynote address speaker. Brother Grand Basileus asked the Brothers to make an effort to better the fraternity by engaging themselves with the following five charges: 1) Save our sons through mentoring, STEM, scholarship offerings, and tutoring 2) Help fathers to become better fathers through the Fraternity's Fatherhood Initiative 3) Staying engaged with our brotherhood by giving a Brother a call with the Brother You're On My Mind initiative 4) Saving our HBCUs with regular and consistent contributions 5) Investing in Omega by paying fraternity dues and reclaiming at least one Brother back into financial standing. After his message, Xi Omega's Chapter Basileus Brother Terry Benjamin thanked Brother Grand Basileus for his commitment to serving Omega Psi Phi and celebrating the evening with the Brothers in Tulsa. Brother Lewis was also presented a customized ceremonial plaque of the Xi Omega Centennial logo that named him as the Keynote Address Speaker for the momentous occasion.

The evening was also reserved to recognize the hard work of the Brothers who serve the Xi Omega Chapter. Chapter Basileus Terry Benjamin recognized the long-term contributions of Brothers Fred Latimer, Bobby Woodard, Eugene Harris, George Chastang, and Steve Goodrich by presenting them with gold fraternity blazers. Achievement Week Award Winners for 2023 were also announced at the banquet. The award recipients were:



# XI OMEGA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (CONT.)

BROTHER ERIC ELLIOTT / XI OMEGA / TULSA, OK

- Citizen of the Year - Dr. Tiffany Crutcher
- Brother Samuel Mingo, Sr. and Brother Benny Ross Stalwart Award - Brother Erik Anthony
- Founders' Award - Brother Bobby Woodard
- Superior Service Award - Brother Ellis Brent
- Omega Man of the Year - Brother Terry Benjamin

Recognition was given to Purple & Gold Centennial Sponsors: The Terence Crutcher Foundation and Brother Damario Solomon-Simmons and the Justice for Greenwood Foundation. Wal-Mart was also recognized as being a Community Uplift Partner. Other presentations were made to the Xi Omega Chapter where the Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter from Arlington, TX presented Xi Omega with a customized Chapter Blanket, and the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter presented Xi Omega with a customized ceremonial mace. Also, \$10,000 in Scholarships were presented to the following high school seniors:

- Carrie Schaum-Couch - \$1000
- Meleigha Simpson - \$1000
- Kolby Brent - \$1250
- Donavin Hardaway - \$1250
- Kennedy Raven Thomas - \$1250
- Railyn Watkins - \$1250
- Maxwell Spaulding Freeman - \$1500
- Samuel Armstrong Freeman - \$1500

The evening concluded with the Brothers singing Omega Dear, dancing, and fellowship.





# XI OMEGA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (CONT.)

BROTHER ERIC ELLIOTT / XI OMEGA / TULSA, OK





# TEXAS

## LONE STAR STATE QUES EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**STATE PRESIDENT: BRO. ANTONIO BROWN**

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**STATE SECRETARY: BRO. SHERWIN JOHNSON**

**STATE TREASURER: BRO. UGO ONWUDIEGWU**

**STATE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS: BRO. NA'SHON EDWARDS, SR.**

**STATE CHAPLAIN: BRO. REV. ERNEST BROWN**

**STATE PARLIMENTARIAN: BRO. GLEN GOWANS**

**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE PRESIDENT: BRO. BERT SIMMONS**



# FEATURED ARTICLE



## HONORING THE LEGACY: THE IMPORTANCE OF OLDER BROTHERS IN OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC

IN THE VIBRANT TAPESTRY OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., THERE EXISTS A GROUP OF BROTHERS WHOSE WISDOM, EXPERIENCE, AND DEDICATION SERVE AS PILLARS OF STRENGTH FOR THE ENTIRE BROTHERHOOD. AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS SEASONED BROTHERS OR OLD BRUHZ, THESE ELDER STATESMEN PLAY A VITAL ROLE THAT OFTEN GOES UNRECOGNIZED BUT IS NONETHELESS INVALUABLE.

AT THE HEART OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE LIES THE ROLE THEY PLAY AS CUSTODIANS OF HISTORY. THROUGH THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCES AND FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS, SEASONED BROTHERS SERVE AS HISTORIANS, PRESERVING THE RICH HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS OF OMEGA PSI PHI. THEIR STORIES TRANSCEND LOCAL AND CHAPTER-LEVEL OCCURRENCES, OFFERING A BROADER PERSPECTIVE THAT CONNECTS THE FRATERNITY TO ITS ROOTS AND LEGACY.

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# FEATURED ARTICLE CONTINUED

BY BRO. NA'SHON EDWARDS, SR.

MOREOVER, SEASONED BROTHERS PROVIDE A GUIDING LIGHT FOR YOUNGER BROTHERS, OFFERING MENTORSHIP, COUNSEL, AND SUPPORT. DRAWING FROM THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT, THEY IMPART INVALUABLE WISDOM AND GUIDANCE, HELPING TO SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF OMEGA MEN. IN DOING SO, THEY CREATE A CONTINUUM OF BROTHERHOOD THAT SPANS GENERATIONS, ENSURING THAT THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES OF OMEGA ENDURE LONG INTO THE FUTURE.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SEASONED BROTHERS EXTEND FAR BEYOND THEIR PEAK YEARS. WHILE THEIR PHYSICAL PROWESS MAY WANE WITH TIME, THEIR IMPACT ON OMEGA PSI PHI REMAINS INDELIBLE. THEIR PRESENCE SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE ENDURING BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD THAT TRANSCEND AGE AND CIRCUMSTANCE.

DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF TIME, SEASONED BROTHERS CONTINUE TO FIND RELEVANCE AND PURPOSE WITHIN OMEGA PSI PHI. THEIR WISDOM, LEADERSHIP, AND DEDICATION ENRICH THE FRATERNITY, EMBODYING THE IDEALS OF MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT. THEIR LEGACY SERVES AS A BEACON OF INSPIRATION FOR ALL BROTHERS, REMINDING US OF THE ENDURING STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE OF OMEGA.

AS WE CELEBRATE THE RICH TAPESTRY OF DIVERSITY WITHIN OMEGA PSI PHI, LET US NOT OVERLOOK THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY OUR SEASONED BROTHERS. LET US HONOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, EMBRACE THEIR WISDOM, AND ENSURE THAT THEIR LEGACY CONTINUES TO THRIVE WITHIN OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY.

IN THE MOSAIC OF OMEGA, EVERY BROTHER HAS A PLACE, AND EVERY VOICE MATTERS. LET US STAND UNITED IN BROTHERHOOD, HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE PRESENT, AND SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER.



# TX GRADUATE CHAPTERS

Nu Phi - Houston, TX  
Epsilon Alpha - Fort Worth, TX  
Theta Alpha - Dallas, TX  
Psi Alpha - San Antonio, TX  
Epsilon Iota - Austin, TX  
Nu Iota - Marshall, TX  
Delta Omicron - Beaumont, TX  
Epsilon Omicron - Wichita Falls, TX  
Sigma Omicron - Tyler, TX  
Theta Upsilon - Texarkana, TX  
Xi Upsilon - Port Arthur, TX  
Omicron Upsilon - Waco, TX  
Pi Upsilon - Hawkins, TX  
Gamma Chi - Corpus Christi, TX  
Eta Chi - Longview, TX  
Theta Chi - Missouri City, TX  
Mu Gamma - Irving, TX

Lambda Chi - Amarillo, TX  
Epsilon Tau - Lubbock, TX  
Sigma Tau - El Paso, TX  
Iota Rho - Odessa, TX  
Rho Nu - Galveston, TX  
Omicron Pi - Killeen, TX  
Delta Xi - Rowlett, TX  
Rho Xi - Freeport, TX  
Rho Beta Beta - Houston, TX  
Omicron Gamma Gamma - Arlington, TX  
Alpha Iota Iota - Dallas, TX  
Eta Kappa Kappa - Lufkin, TX  
Eta Lambda Lambda - Red Oak, TX  
Alpha Mu Mu - College Station, TX  
Eta Mu Mu - Denton, TX  
Mu Mu Nu - Conroe, TX  
Omicron Nu Nu - Round Rock, TX

# TX UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

Theta - Marshall, TX - Wiley College  
Alpha Psi - Austin, TX - Huston-Tillston University  
Sigma Sigma - Tyler, TX - Texas College  
Tau Epsilon - Houston, TX - Texas Southern University  
Phi Gamma - Denton, TX - University of North Texas  
Omega Gamma - Canyon, TX - West Texas State University  
Eta Theta - Austin, TX - University of Texas at Austin  
Theta Theta - Commerce, TX - Texas A&M Commerce University  
Rho Theta - Prairie View, TX - Prairie View A&M University  
Upsilon Theta - Beaumont, TX - Lamar University  
Omega Theta - Houston, TX - University of Houston  
Mu Beta - Arlington, TX - University of Texas-Arlington  
Phi Beta - Hawkins, TX - Jarvis Christian College  
Omega Beta - Nacogdoches, TX - Stephen F. Austin  
Alpha Delta - Dallas, TX - Dallas Baptist College  
Xi Delta - San Antonio, TX - Texas State University  
Rho Delta - Kingsville, TX - Texas A&I University  
Zeta Eta - Waco, TX - Paul Quinn College  
Xi Eta - Lubbock, TX - Texas Tech University  
Nu Kappa - Dallas, TX - Southern Methodist University  
Pi Lambda - El Paso, TX - University of Texas-El Paso  
Sigma Lambda - Fort Worth, TX - Texas Christian University  
Eta Mu - Huntsville, TX - Sam Houston State University  
Nu Delta Delta - College Station, TX - Texas A&M University  
Chi Delta Delta - Waco, TX - Baylor University  
Alpha Delta Lambda - San Antonio, TX - University of Texas at San Antonio





# RIDING FOR A CAUSE

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

On July 22, 2023 Brother (Dr.) Garry Kennebrew, Jr, along with more than 2000 cyclists, participated in the Annual Triple Bypass Cycling Event. Rider demographics vary but include the novice, professionals, teenagers, and senior citizens. The Triple Bypass is a 118-mile ride that begins in Evergreen, Colorado, and ends in Avon, Colorado. If the distance isn't challenging enough, riders must traverse and conquer three mountain passes (Juniper, Loveland, and Vail), which total nearly 11000 feet of climbing. This ride, on average, takes 6-12 hours to complete. Fortunately, there are several aid and water station strategies placed throughout the course. Also, to ease the apprehensive riders' concerns, the event is more than adequately staffed with personnel for any medical, mechanical, or other miscellaneous needs. A rider support document is published annually which includes details about the event, nutrition recommendations for the day, and other notes from previous experiences. The ride was established by a group of avid cyclists in July of 1988 and is currently sponsored by Team Evergreen (TE) Cycling.

When asked why? Brother Kennebrew responded with, "The registration proceeds go towards charity as TE cycling is the largest and most charitable bike club in the state of Colorado, donating over \$4 million to non-profit organizations, such as Special Olympics, the Boy Scouts, and others. Sponsors of the event also allow riders to do individual fundraising for a cause of their choosing. Those proceeds are donated in full to the associated fundraising entity. When asked if there was anything that he would like to say about the ride? Brother Kennebrew stated, "It is an opportunity to demonstrate what the human body can accomplish as it is an extremely challenging ride that pushes you beyond your mental and physical thresholds. Additionally, it is a great chance to garner proceeds for any cause you choose. Ideally, in the future, more cyclists can participate and continue to increase minority participation in not only cycling but promoting healthy lifestyles as well. Lastly, if the Triple Bypass seems daunting or even insurmountable, a Double Bypass option is offered. This includes only two of the three mountain passes for a total distance of approximately 80 miles with 6500 feet of climbing. When asked what his most memorable part of the ride was? He stated, "The gorgeous views, camaraderie, and crossing the finish line. Stay healthy. Stay fit, Stay alive!"



# BLACK EL PASO VOICE

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

On July 29, 2023, Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Tau Chapter were recognized by Black El Paso Voice during their inaugural Black Business & Community Awards Dinner. Black El Paso Voice was originally founded in 1998 by Mrs. Monica Tucker to provide a news outlet to El Paso's African American/Black community. Mrs. Tucker reestablished Black El Paso Voice in 2005 as a monthly print and weekly digital newspaper/newsmagazine serving all of El Paso, Texas, and Fort Bliss, and expanding into Southern New Mexico.

Brother Immediate Past Basileus (IPB) Kendrick Lusk was recognized as a Distinguished Former El Pasoan for his contributions to young men as an educator and impacting the community as an activist. Brother IPB Lusk was sought out on numerous occasions in the El Paso community as a guest speaker (The Martin Luther King Celebration, Holy Royal Arch Masons Appreciation Banquet). He also participated in various podcasts and served on numerous community panel discussions about the youth and El Paso's black community. Brother IPB Lusk as well as Brother Marcus McCoy are members of the El Paso Chapter of the NAACP.

Brother Marcus McCoy received the Community Vanguard Award for Black Media Influencer of the Year. This award was presented to him for his tireless work in ensuring our voices are heard. He hosts his very own Podcast, "Real Talk with Marcus McCoy," where he discusses important issues within the black family, El Paso community, and surrounding areas. Brother McCoy serves on the Board of Directors for the historical McCall Neighborhood Center, and he has worked with several organizations to improve their media presence and marketing strategies throughout the city. Brother McCoy and Brother Curtis Smith serve on the El Paso Inter-Club Council.

Brother Curtis Smith was awarded the Mentor of the Year award, the Man of the Year award, and his podcast "Suite915" received the Black Information Visionary of the Year award. Brother Smith is a pillar in the El Paso community as he's currently the secretary for the El Paso Inter-Club Council, a board member of the now-former El Paso Community College Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and a member of The Black Roundtable. He also represents the African American community at various City Council meetings.

Brothers IPB Lusk, McCoy, and Smith are involved in many organizations within the El Paso community, and they serve on boards and committees that impact the Black community within El Paso, Texas, and Southern New Mexico. Brothers IPB Kendrick Lusk, Marcus McCoy, and Curtis Smith were honored for their dedication, brilliance, resilience, and for being champions in the El Paso community.



Marcus  
McCoy



Community Vanguard Award  
Black Media Influencer of the Year

Curtis  
Smith



Man of the Year  
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Kendrick  
Lusk

**Distinguished El Pasoan**  
*High School Educator  
Community Activist*

*El Pasoans who have  
relocated but significantly  
impacted the community  
prior to their departure.*

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## **BRO. RODNEY ANDERSON - CHANGE OF COMMAND SUBMITTED BY OMICRON PI CHAPTER EDITOR**

On 27 June 2023, the brothers supported Bro. Rodney Anderson 19' Theta Rho by attending his Change of Command Ceremony. A change of command ceremony represents the responsibilities and leadership representation of 100+ troopers who are willing to persevere through any obstacles. The brothers who attended, are retired and active-duty service members from the ranks of Colonel, Captain, Sergeant, Sergeants Major, and Command Sergeants Majors. Their support expresses the utmost loyalty to our Military Initiative Program. We thank them for their service and their support as they continue to lift as they climb for other military brothers at Fort Cavazos TX.





## **BRO. GREG BROWN - CHANGE OF COMMAND SUBMITTED BY OMICRON PI CHAPTER EDITOR**

On 14 July 2023, the brothers supported Brother Greg Brown 14' Pi Gamma by attending his Change of Command Ceremony. A change of command ceremony after 14 months for CPT Brown, was him relinquishing the responsibilities and his leadership and training requirements of 104 troopers in Bravo Company, 3rd Engineer Battalion. The brothers who attended, are retired and active-duty service members from the ranks of Colonel, Captain, Sergeant First Class, Sergeants Major, and Command Sergeants Majors. Their support expresses the utmost loyalty to our military initiative program. We thank them for their service and support as they continue to lift as they climb for other military brothers at Fort Cavazos, TX.





## **BROTHERS COMING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR LAND**

**SUBMITTED BY OMICRON PI CHAPTER EDITOR**

On August 30, 2023, representing LTC Turner, the Commander of the 49th Transportation Battalion, and CSM Stephens, Bro Anderson and his 1SG (SFC) Kessler presented the BC and CSM Coins to Bro Primus and his Range Safety Officer (RSO), SSG Amyx, as a heartfelt token of appreciation. Bro Primus conducted a successful M249 Range for his platoon, aiding Bro Anderson's Soldiers in achieving a qualification for all seven M249 firers. Bro Anderson and Bro Primus's collaboration exemplifies the core values of brotherhood and unity. This collaborative spirit not only enhances the fraternity experience but also prepares individuals for success in their future endeavors, as they learn to communicate effectively, leverage each other's strengths, and achieve common goals through cooperation. This support expresses the utmost loyalty to our Military Initiative Program. We thank them for their service and their support as they continue to lift as they climb for other military brothers at Fort Cavazos TX.



**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Psi Alpha Chapter  
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For Your Outstanding Contribution In

**Social Justice**

**San Antonio Branch NAACP  
73rd FREEDOM FUND DINNER**

Keynote Speaker Leon W. Russell

**NAACP FREEDOM FUND DINNER**

**BY BRO. JOHN LESTER / PSI ALPHA / SAN ANTONIO, TX**

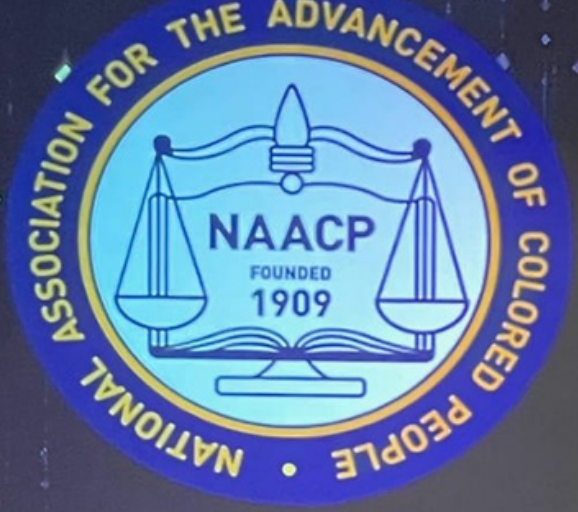
On 27 Oct 23, the brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter attended the 73rd San Antonio Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner. The event was held at the University of Incarnate Word, Rosenberg Sky Room, and attended by 12 Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter. The theme for this year's event was "Want Democracy? Vote!". The keynote speaker for the evening was the Chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, Leon Russell.

In addition to the keynote address, the members of the Divine Nine were acknowledged for their steadfast contributions to the cause of social justice. The years of hard work and dedication of Psi Alpha Chapter to provide access to resources, equity, diversity, and human rights supported the mission of the NAACP. Bro George M. Mayers, Basileus, Psi Alpha Chapter, received the award on behalf of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Psi Alpha Chapter.

In attendance from Psi Alpha Chapter was Basileus, Bro George M. Mayers, Jr., Vice Basileus, Bro John D. Lester, KRS, Bro Robert Jackson, Keeper of Finance, Bro Rick Tanner, Immediate Past Basileus, Bro Jimmie McMillion, Bro William Watson, Bro Steve Braimer, Bro Isaac Jones, Bro Joe Monroe, Bro Tony Godbee. The Undergraduates in attendance were Bro Aaron General and Bro Kyler Rideau.

Psi Alpha Chapter is a Diamond Life Member of the San Antonio Branch NAACP.





# NAACP

## SAN ANTONIO BRANCH FREEDOM FUND DINNER



## NAACP FREEDOM FUND DINNER (CONT.)

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





# TWO STORES, TWICE THE GIVING

BY BRO. SCOTT L. EARLE, SR. — PSI ALPHA CHAPTER — SAN ANTONIO, TX

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, Communities In Schools (CIS-SA) staff and Omega Psi Phi Volunteers invited H-E-B customers to join the cause and donate supplies as part of their shopping experience.

From 9-5 at two HEB locations (Kitty Hawk and Alamo Ranch) in the Alamo City, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Psi Alpha Chapter, who have been involved in this worthwhile endeavor since 2007 rolled up their sleeves to ensure that local youths in the area would not go without school supplies for the year. Team Omega raised \$14,215.67 for San Antonio students supported by Communities in Schools. This amount equates to two school buses completely stocked, which would service seven campuses with enough supplies for every student. It was a blessing when the HEB supermarket couldn't keep the shelves stocked and complained about how fast we were getting patrons to clear their shelves.

This drive provided free school supplies to thousands of underserved students and families throughout the school year. Back-to-school expenses can be difficult for many San Antonio families as some students are unable to get all the supplies they need on their required school supply list.

We had over 50 volunteers who worked a minimum of 2 hours at each store along with 3 volunteers who worked an hour shift each.



# MENTORING

## DARRIUS GOVAN: DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO UTSA

BY BROTHERS JEFFERY AUGUST AND JEREMY NEAL – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX

The journey of Darrius Govan has been a true testament to perseverance. Darrius came from a single-parent household while being raised by his mother and grandmother. He started as a 6th grader in the Psi Alpha Weekly Mentoring Program at Davis Middle School with mentors/brothers Herbert Nance, Jeffery August, Keith Singleton, Kenneth Pulliams, William Watson, Willie Pope, and Orlando Richards. He was one of the more vocal sixth graders in a group of nine in the program. The weekly mentoring gave Darrius a solid foundation that was centered around leadership, career development, public speaking, anti-bullying, team building, scholarship, dress for success, and table etiquette. Darrius was a leader in April of 2017 when the mentoring group had its first major event where all mentees received tailored suits for the end-of-year banquet.

This leadership carried over into the following year as Darrius was selected to go to Xavier University in New Orleans for the Youth Leadership Conference in July of 2018. Darrius along with many youths in his age group spent the weekend in the university's dormitories and had the chance to interact with students who attended the school during daily activities. Darrius attended multiple career day fairs sponsored by Spurs Entertainment, where he was given exposure to how to build his legacy as well as navigate through future career options.

Participating in the mentoring program through high school, Darrius was a member of the Sam Houston High School Football and Basketball teams. Although he received All-District honors in both sports and played in the H.E.B. All-Star Football game, scholarship was of the essence when it came to his mental makeup. Darrius graduated in the top 10% of his class and was featured in the Ernest Everett Just Foundation S.T.E.M. Program Magazine, while also receiving a scholarship from the EEJ Foundation. After graduating from Sam Houston, Darrius received a two-year football scholarship to Blinn Junior College where he starred on the defensive side of the ball as a defensive end. Even with his focus on attempting to lock down a scholarship to a Division 1 school, he found time to come back to his roots and mentor youths at Sam Houston High School, Davis Middle School, and Young Men's Leadership Academy in San Antonio. His dedication to his craft paid off in early 2023 as he was offered full scholarships to Troy State University (Alabama) and the University of Texas-San Antonio. Darrius opted to accept the full scholarship offer to UTSA and in his first scrimmage, he recorded a sack and has been given a boost of confidence from his position coaches.

Darrius is an example of when you sow a seed into someone, it can blossom into something special!



# MENTORING

## DARRIUS GOVAN: DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO UTSA (CONT.)

BY BROTHERS JEFFERY AUGUST AND JEREMY NEAL – PSI ALPHA – SAN ANTONIO, TX







# MORE THAN PINK WALK

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

On Saturday, 8 October 2023 (9:00 am), Psi Alpha Chapter members (10) attended the annual Susan G. Komen “More than PINK Walk” held in San Antonio, TX. In addition to ten (10) chapter members, there were five (5) family members/friends along with five hundred (500+) others in attendance. The walk focused on four areas of cancer: 1 research, 2 care, 3 community, and 4 action. The chapter's participation in the walk was to donate/raise necessary funds to support Susan G. Komen in its efforts of 1research which provides new hope through lifesaving discoveries; 2care which ensures all have access to quality screening, diagnosis, and treatment for breast cancer; 3community which support everyone, no matter where they are in their breast cancer journey; and 4action through advocacy, fighting for government funding and critical patient support and research. The impact of support through attendance and monetary donations of \$162,091.17 is exceptional and greatly appreciated. The event exceeded its \$150,000 goal with Psi Alpha Chapter contributing \$500+ with donations still being solicited until Sunday, 5 November 2023. The results and expected outcomes are to provide necessary monetary funds which continue to be used for much-needed research and finding a cure. The secondary results are to continue to bring awareness and build support to eradicate this devastating disease.



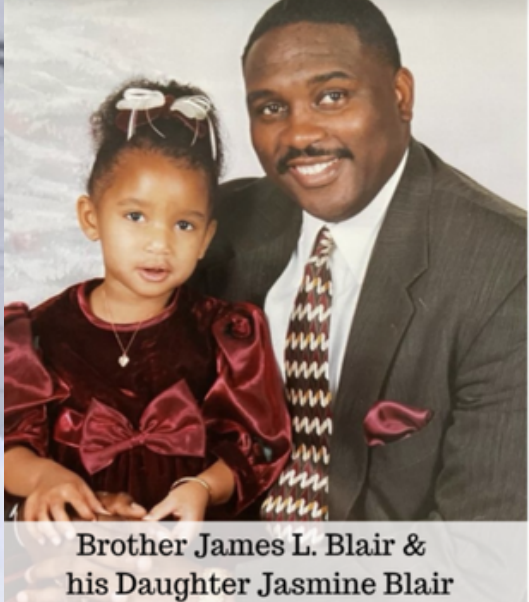


# WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

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

On Saturday, 21 October 2023 (9:00 a.m.), Psi Alpha Chapter participated in the annual Walk To End Alzheimer's held in San Antonio, TX. The chapter supporters consisted of fourteen (14) chapter members along with four (4) family members/friends as a part of the three thousand three hundred thirty (3,330+) in attendance. The walk focused on participants raising critical funds which allows the Alzheimer's Association the ability to provide 24/7 care, support, and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment, and ultimately, a cure. Our continual financial support makes it possible to 1 inform and educate multiple audiences, including those living with the disease, caregivers, and professional health care providers; 2 help people living with dementia and their caregivers navigate the journey after diagnosis and locate a wide variety of resources; and 3 to help individuals receive an accurate and timely diagnosis, and to improve access to care and treatment options, we provide tools for clinicians, including continuing medical education and a cognitive assessment toolkit. The impact of support through attendance and monetary donations of \$744,872 was exceptional and appreciated. The event currently sits at ninety-three percent of its \$800,000 goal with Psi Alpha Chapter contributing \$1,100+ in donations. Psi Alpha Chapter requests members to continue to give to be counted by Wednesday, 1 November 2023. The results of chapter support are to provide necessary monetary funds and awareness to continue research supporting families battling this disease through education, training, and other resources.





Brother James L. Blair & his Daughter Jasmine Blair



# MENTORING MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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

In the world of Fraternities and Sororities, the word legacy is always used. Although Mrs. Shawana Freeman-Blair shares a legacy of Delta Sigma Theta with her daughter Dr. (MD) Jasmine L. Blair they share a Psi Alpha legacy that many do not know of. Brother Sidney Freeman- Ω, ΨA- 71 our past KRS and Chaplain to name a few of his elected offices raised Shawana at all their events the same way Brother James L. Blair- Ω, ΤΔ-81 our 25th Basileus raised Jasmine around us until his untimely death in 2011. This is the legacy of Brothers allowing us to be true uncles to their children.

Jasmine graduated from Meharry Medical College on 20 May 23, receiving her Doctor of Medicine Degree. Her mother and Soror, Shawana Blair has done a fantastic job raising Jasmine after losing the love of her life unexpectedly in 2011. She ensured Jasmine had a full HS career at Antonian Catholic College Preparatory High School and then went on to her dad’s favorite college at the University of Alabama graduating both with honors.

After a death many move on with life, but the Freeman-Blair’s stayed apart with Psi Alpha ensuring her “uncles” stayed a part of her life. It was an honor when Jasmine won the 2014 Psi Alpha Scholarship Foundation Scholarship and watching her from Undergrad and Medical School graduation is beautiful.

Shawana has shared all her accomplishments with us the way her dad ensured her accomplishments were shared with the Chapter when she was growing up.

Shawana always stresses they never could have made it without the love and support of our Heavenly Father God, family, and dear friends like us. The old African proverb is true... It does take a village to raise a child. The Freeman-Blair legacy has been a part of the fabric of Psi Alpha for over fifty-two (52) years.

Jasmine has graduated and will move to Houston, TX for her OB/GYN residency program at UT Health Houston, McGovern Medical School.

Brothers, let's continue to uplift and pray for Jasmine for future success in all her endeavors.

ΨA STRONG!!!



# PSI ALPHA CHAPTER HONORS THEIR 24TH BASILEUS BROTHER GREG THOMPSON

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

On September 9th at the Psi Alpha Chapter meeting, Psi Alpha Chapter 29th Basileus Brother George Mayers  $\Psi A$  10, along with San Antonio Pan Hellenic Council Vice President Brother Scott Earle  $\Omega\Psi\Phi$  presented our 24th Basileus Brother Greg Thompson '79 Sigma Delta, Auburn University with his SANPHC Past President Pin.

Since the SANPHC was chartered on March 30, 1972, the Brothers of Psi Alpha have been active in the Council serving in many roles. Our 10th  $\Psi A$  Basileus, Brother John Middleton was the first president of the San Antonio Pan Hellenic Council. Our Chapter Charter member Brother Ernest Foxx, Theta, Wiley College '26, was an original member of the SANPHC. Our 14th  $\Psi A$  Basileus, Brother Clarence Hill, 71  $\Psi A$  was an original member of the SANPHC and a Past President. His pin was presented to his family posthumously. Brother Vernard Grice, 82 Sigma Theta, Voorhees University was a Past President of the SANPHC and his pin presentation is pending.

The pin was designed by Brother Earle  $\Omega\Psi\Phi$  and each SANPHC organization can award this pin to their Chapter past presidents. All newly elected SANPHC presidents are presented with their pins following the election.  $\Omega\Psi\Phi$  presented Delta Sigma Theta SANPHC Past President Frankie Johnson with her pin due to her close relationship with  $\Psi A$  Chapter of  $\Omega\Psi\Phi$ .



# PSI ALPHA CHAPTER HONORS THEIR 24TH BASILEUS BROTHER GREG THOMPSON (CONT.)







## DELTA XI CHAPTER SPOT LIGHT: BROTHER SULLIVAN MCNULTY PROMOTED TO BATTALION CHIEF

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

Brother Sullivan McNulty (8 Spr 85, Mu Lambda) stood proudly in front of his colleagues, family, and friends as he was promoted to Battalion Chief on August 10, 2023. As he gazed over the large area he would be responsible for, he couldn't help but feel humbled by the task at hand. With primarily 4 cities under his care, Irving, Grapevine, Euless, and Coppell, and an area of approximately 27 square miles, Brother McNulty knew he had his work cut out for him. His new position as Battalion Chief allowed him to ensure budgets served his fellow firefighters by procuring equipment for emergency operations.

The Oath of Office was conducted by administrative assistant Christina Prisco under the authority of Fire Chief Dan White. Brother McNulty's wife, Pamela, was there to offer him her unwavering support. As she pinned the Fire Badge onto her husband's lapel, Brother McNulty felt a surge of pride and gratitude wash over him. He knew that he would need all the help and support he could get to excel in his new role as Battalion Chief.

Brother McNulty's journey to this point had not been an easy one. He started his employment at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport in September 1990 and worked his way up the ranks to become Captain in January 1997. As a Captain, he had spent his days responding to emergencies and riding the truck, putting his life on the line to help others.

In 2012, Brother McNulty transitioned over to the Fire Marshal's office, where he oversaw life safety inspections, fire safety education, and construction projects. He proved himself to be a capable and efficient administrator, and in May 2023, he was promoted to Administrative Battalion Chief in Emergency Operations.

The promotional ceremony on August 10, 2023, was a momentous occasion for Brother McNulty and his loved ones. It was an opportunity to celebrate his achievements and recognize his hard work and dedication.

Brother McNulty's promotion was a moment of great pride for his chapter brothers as well. The brothers of Delta Xi honored Brother Sullivan McNulty's promotion to Battalion Fire Chief and congratulated him on this significant milestone. The brothers of Delta Xi offer their unwavering support and promise to stand by Brother McNulty as he takes on this new role.



# DELTA XI SUPPORTS NAACP “BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY”

BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. ROWLETT, TX

On the sunny afternoon of August 26, 2023, the community of Garland, Texas was buzzing with excitement as Delta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated, in collaboration with Garland NAACP, hosted its annual “Back-to-School Rally” for the students of Garland Independent School District. The air was filled with excitement and gratitude as vehicles lined up to receive backpack kits, fully equipped with necessary school supplies for the upcoming academic year.

The brothers of Delta Xi Chapter were out in full force, ensuring that every student received their backpack kit with a smile and a word of encouragement. It was a sight to behold as over 1000 school supply kits were distributed in just two hours, an incredible feat that spoke to the dedication and hard work of all those involved. Among the esteemed guests present during the event were Mr. Ricky McNeal, President of the Garland NAACP, Dr. Ricardo López, Superintendent of the Garland Independent School District, and Mrs. Linda Griffin, President of the GISD School Board. Their presence added to the festive atmosphere and served as a reminder of the importance of community support in ensuring that every student has access to the resources they need to succeed.

As the day came to a close and the last of the backpack kits were distributed, there was a sense of pride and accomplishment in the air. As the last backpack was handed out, and the last car drove off, the brothers of Delta Xi Chapter could not help but feel proud of the day's achievements. The Garland Texas NAACP “Back-to-School Rally” was a grand success! With this spirit of giving and support, the brothers of Delta Xi Chapter pledged to continue standing in solidarity with the Garland NAACP to build a brighter, more equitable future for the students of Garland ISD.

The event was a true testament to the power of Omega Psi Phi’s community involvement, commitment to Scholarship, Uplift, and the importance of supporting youth as they embark on their educational journey.





## **BROTHERS SERVE FOSTER KIDS AT PANCAKE BREAKFAST BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX**

On August 5, 2023, the sun was just starting to rise when the brothers of Delta Xi Chapter began their preparations for the annual back-to-school pancake breakfast. As they gathered plates, flatware, and drinks, they talked excitedly about the foster children from Open Hearts Children & Family Services who would soon arrive.

As the first group of children entered the room, the brothers greeted them with warm smiles and high fives. They could see the joy and gratitude on the children's faces as they filled their plates with pancakes, syrup, eggs, and sausage.

As the children ate, the brothers began distributing backpacks filled with school supplies. The children eagerly rummaged through the bags, pulling out colorful pencils, shiny folders, and crisp notebooks. Their eyes widened in excitement as they realized that they finally had all the supplies they needed for the upcoming school year. The brothers provided food and backpacks for 46 foster children and their foster parents.

But the chapter brothers didn't stop there. As they refilled plates and served juice, they shared stories of their own experiences in school. They offered words of encouragement to the children, reminding them that they were strong and capable and that they had a community of people rooting for them.

The room was filled with laughter and love as the Delta Xi brothers and the foster children bonded over pancakes and school supplies. Ms. Gayun Matthews, Executive Director of Open Hearts Children and Family Services said, "The impact of this annual event goes beyond the physical support that Omega men of Delta Xi provide. Many of the children here today were separated from siblings when placed in foster care and this pancake breakfast allows them to see their sibling annually, thanks to the brothers."

When the children left, backpacks on their shoulders and smiles on their faces, the brothers of Delta Xi felt a sense of fulfillment that came from making a positive impact in their community.

For the brothers of Delta Xi, it wasn't just about the pancakes or the backpacks - it was about spreading love and hope to the children who needed it most.





## DELTA XI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. ROWLETT, TX

For the fourth consecutive year, the brothers of Delta Xi Chapter are upholding their tradition of community service, this time by providing 41 turkey dinners, complete with sides, to the Head Start School of Greater Dallas. This preschool, which serves underprivileged children and families, has a growing need for such generous donations, especially around Thanksgiving.

The brothers made the delivery on the chilly morning of Friday, November 10, 2023. Regardless of the weather conditions, their spirits remained undeterred. This charitable gesture further confirms the fraternity's dedication to the cause of "Excellence in Service."

"The act of giving not only exemplifies our fraternity's values but also provides us a sense of purpose and responsibility," said one of the brothers involved in the effort. Every year, we are more than happy to bring smiles and make Thanksgiving a bit brighter for these children and their families.

Each dinner pack provided by Delta Xi included a whole turkey, stuffing, and a variety of canned goods. This year's donation marked a notable increase, compared to the meals provided in the previous year, demonstrating the fraternity's growing commitment to supporting their community.

Head Start and the families they serve have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Delta Xi. As Mrs. Rhonda Daniels, Site Manager noted, "We're deeply appreciative of their ongoing support. These meals make a real difference for our families and mean they don't have to worry about their Thanksgiving meal. It's one less thing to think about in this challenging time."

The brothers of Delta Xi believe in taking active steps toward societal change and improvement. This latest act of kindness underscores their belief that acts of giving, both big and small, can create a positive ripple effect within a community. As plans for future charitable events and donations are being finalized, the brothers of Delta Xi hope their acts of goodwill inspire others to take similar steps. They remain committed to upholding their mission of giving back to their community, rain or shine.



# HOLIDAY BLESSINGS



Through God's blessings, we were able to reach families through the service of the Men of Omega. On November 18, 2023, the Brothers of Eta Lambda Lambda partnered with The Bonair Church Family to provide Thanksgiving dinners for over 80 families in need during this holiday season. Throughout the past 6 years, we are grateful that we have been able to serve this community and look forward to this event's continued growth.





# BRO. BILLY GOFFNEY REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE WITH HIS 500TH COACHING VICTORY

*BY BRO. JEFFREY L. BONEY, CHAPTER EDITOR*

On January 10, 2024, Bro. Billy Goffney was honored for hitting a major milestone in his basketball coaching career, as he celebrated his 500th coaching victory.

Bro. Goffney graduated from New Waverly High School in 1989, and from there attended Lamar University in Beaumont. He walked on to the basketball team as a freshman and was on the team for one season before that was ended by a coaching change. He remained at Lamar University and received a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology in 1994.

Bro. Goffney began his coaching career at his alma mater (New Waverly High School), where he spent the first 15 years of his career. He was the head track coach, assistant football coach, head JV football coach, and head JV Basketball coach, during his first five years at New Waverly High School. In his second year as head track coach, in 1996, Bro. Goffney was fortunate to coach a state track qualifier, Ebony Brown, who won the 200 meters and placed second in the 100 meters. In 1997, he had another athlete, Terrence Obryant, who qualified for state in the Long Jump and Triple Jump. In 2000, he was promoted to his passion, becoming the head basketball coach. He served in that capacity for 11 years and had an amazing run of success during his tenure as head coach, winning nine (9) District Championships, three (3) Regional Championships, and three (3) consecutive State Championship appearances (2008, 2009, 2010).

In all, Bro. Goffney compiled over 280 wins in those eleven years at New Waverly High School.

From 2011 to 2017, Bro. Goffney relocated to Longview, Texas, as the Head Coach, where he crossed the 300-win mark in 2013. In 2017, he became the head coach at Spring Westfield High School, where he still serves as the head basketball coach.

While at Westfield, Bro. Goffney and his teams have won three (3) District Championships and have been in the playoffs each season. In 2021, they advanced to the Regional tournament for the fifth time in his career. His team was also the #3 ranked team in the state of Texas and they were ranked #17 Nationally by Max Preps.

Bro. Goffney is currently in his 29th year of coaching, and his 23rd year as a head coach. On February 9, 2024, Bro. Goffney also led his Westfield boys basketball team to a victory over Nimitz, 50-39, to win the District 14-6A title.

Bro. Goffney was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on December 21, 2013, and is currently an active member of the Mu Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is married to his wife, Monica, and they have two children—Brock and Mia.

Coach Billy Goffney, thank you for providing uplift to our youth, and for exemplifying the cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through your endeavors.



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT: RUBY “MAXIE” REED

*BY BRO. JEFFREY L. BONEY, CHAPTER EDITOR*

Mrs. Ruby Reed, often referred to as “Maxie” by her family and close friends, was the first Black female Principal in the Aldine Independent School District. She was born April 5, 1907, in Montgomery, TX, and was one of eleven children; eight of whom preceded her in death and was married to her husband of 70 years—Pastor James Reed—who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Reed spent her entire 34-year career as an educator, having taught school for 23 years and having served as the Principal at A.B. Anderson Elementary for eleven years (in the 1960s). As a result of her dedicated service in the field of education, Aldine ISD honored Mrs. Reed by naming a school after her. The Ruby Maxie Reed Academy for Engineering is a S.T.E.M. magnet school that serves 1st through 5th graders and is in North Houston.

Mrs. Reed, a native Houstonian, was blessed to live 100 years as a devoted educator and mentor. She was a member of a large family and was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Mrs. Reed was also well-liked and loved by her close friends, colleagues, and all who knew her storied contributions to education and who valued her friendship.

The Mu Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is proud to place a spotlight on Mrs. Ruby Zenobia “Maxie” Reed, as we celebrate our rich African American history and the many contributions Blacks have made in America. We are also honored to be affiliated with the Ruby Reed Academy. Our chapter has hosted several community service events at the school such as the Holiday Food Distribution, Real Men Read Day, Backpack Giveaway, Welcome Back to School Day, Career Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, and Ruby Reed Sports Day.

Many thanks to Mrs. Reed’s daughter Mrs. Gladys Reed Allen, and her grandson Mr. Dudley Allen, for providing the information on the Black History maker—Ruby Zenobia “Maxie” Reed.







# OMICRON NU NU CELEBRATES 2ND CHARTERING CELEBRATION WEEKEND WITH HISTORIC WORKSHOP

Pictured Above: L to R: Bro. Wayne Williams Jr. (Basileus ONN), Bro. Jerry Connerly ( Charter Celebration Chairperson), Bro. Harold Bailey ( Ninth District Representative), Brother David Carl (Sp'93 Gamma)

Omicron Nu Nu (ONN), based in Round Rock, TX, recently marked a significant milestone with their 2nd Chartering Celebration Weekend. This memorable event featured the introduction of their Charter Line, known as "The Ten Unbreakable Souls of ONN,"

and included the inaugural "Fill Your Lamp" History Workshop. The gathering brought together 135 brothers from the 9th, 12th, 7th, and 8th Districts, making it a momentous occasion in the Mighty Ninth District.

To commence the historic weekend, Brother Harold Bailey, the 9th District Representative, facilitated a solemn Re-dedication Ceremony. This ceremonial event set the tone for the subsequent activities, emphasizing the commitment to the principles and values that define The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The workshop featured insightful presentations by distinguished speakers, including members of the International Headquarters (IHQ) History Archive Committee. Brother James Pattman, 7-77 Eta XI, shared his innovative Friendship Initiative, shedding light

on the challenges posed by behaviors inconsistent with the fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles. Topics Included:

1. Betty Crocker Session - Brother Carl Blunt (32nd First Vice Grand Basileus) (Sp'78 Sigma Iota)
2. Brother Jasper Atkins (9th

Grand Basileus) - Brother David Carl (Sp'93 Gamma)

3. Language of the Ritual - Brother Alfonso Morrell (Sp'08 Beta Alpha Alpha)

4. Friendship Initiative - Brother James Pattman (Sp'77 Eta Xi)

In conclusion, Omicron Nu Nu's 2nd Chartering Celebration Weekend was a resounding success, bringing together brothers from various districts to celebrate the fraternity's history, values, and unity. The commitment to learning and reinforcing the principles of brotherhood ensures that future events will continue to be a source of inspiration for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. members.

Written by Bro. Jerry Connerly

Edited by: Bro Javvi Lewis. Editor to the Oracle





# LIFE LONG FRIENDSHIPS, SPRING 83 CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

In keeping with the Founding Fathers' true purpose for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of creating a friendship bond that will last forever. The Brothers of Spring 1983 Lines held a 3 days long celebration in Houston Texas, where Lines from 10 different chapters held a Spring 83 Reunion. The 3-day event was symbolic of how our young brothers should treat those whom they call "Frat" in today's world. These 40 years of friendship were established through Homecomings, Step Shows, Greek Picnics, Pledge Lines, Community Service Projects, and Campus support visits. Unlike all the Bruh on Bruh brawls that the fraternity has been dealing with in the past 10 years. Treating a Friend like a FRIEND has not been occurring much. But on August 10-12th 2023 in the Houston area. Let it be known that the words of FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL to the SOUL was being MODEL and in great display. Thanks to the Spring 83 brothers of Beta, Tau Epsilon, Rho Theta, Beta Sigma, Omega Theta, Eta Mu, Mu Beta, Omicron Kappa, Gamma Gamma, and Eta Theta. The 3-day event was structured for the brothers to reunite for a Social, Min-Banquet with the wives attending and a picnic held on the Frat house grounds. The conversations were amazing and full of great "back in the day" line stories. They ranged from when they first got online to the many road trips, to how the song Atomic Dawg became the frat theme song and how the Neo's of Spring 83 "SAVE the Fraternity from becoming EAGLES". Promoting the saying "Just Say Thanks". But most of all sharing in conversation and modeling with the young brothers how Omega Men should care and love one another by LIVE one CREED.





# FEATURED ARTICLE

## DISCERNING MINDS ADVOCATING FOR BLACK WELLNESS

BY BRO. THADDEUS TOLBERT/NU PHI/HOUSTON, TEXAS

The state of mental health and wellness has been a barrier for our community and fraternity for quite some time now. The lack of access to resources and cultural miseducation on how to manage the effects of being negligent to one's well-being are among many reasons why we have been behind the curve in this arena. Honestly, the real work begins when we admit our role in maintaining such a barrier that is well worth being broken down brick by brick to build a strong, fortified structure for ourselves, our family, fraternity, and the community at large. We must take the initiative and get more involved!

It is a pleasant feeling to see the works of Bro. Leon Spencer III (Spr. 09 TE) and his Omega Training Camp take off at Lamp speed across the entire map. We often offer many excuses for why we neglect hitting the gym and being OWT. His platform offers a great solution to the mentioned barriers. Brothers, we should not stop there; we have more work to do to enhance our well-being.

As a Licensed Professional Counselor, I utilize the 8 dimensions of wellness, better known as the wellness cycle, to analyze my clients' well-being. This is also a sermon that I practice on my own daily. This consists of reflecting on one's spiritual, mental, physical, social, intellectual, environmental, occupational, and financial aspects of themselves. In my tenure of being in the mental health industry, clients have disclosed to me that they neglect at least 4 of the 8 dimensions. That is an average of 50% of their wellness. We must stop half-stepping when it comes to us and give ourselves what we need.

Fighting trim should be attributed to more than being physically fit; that is only a piece of the pie. There are 7 other dimensions that are worth our while as well. If we add those pieces to our agendas, we will enhance the state of our mental health and well-being. We must invest more time, affection, patience, and love into ourselves and stop sacrificing our lives by way of mediocre excuses. Remember, there is no place in Omega for that!



# CHAPLAIN'S



# CORNER



# CHAPLAINS CORNER



## HUMBLENESS AND HUMILITY IS A PROVISION FOR UNITY TO MY OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. BROTHERS

BROTHERS I AM OFTEN CHARGED WITH TRYING TO PREACH THE WHOLE BIBLE IN ONE SETTING. IT IS LIKE FEEDING A PERSON A MEAL FOR TWELVE. HOWEVER, THE SPIRIT HAS LED ME TO SHARE WITH YOU A DOUBLE MESSAGE IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES. WE FIND OURSELVES LIVING IN AN ESTRANGED ENVIRONMENT. A DAY WHERE THE SICK CAN NO LONGER GO TO A DOCTOR'S OFFICE TO BE EXAMINED BUT ONLY BY A VIRTUAL CALL BECAUSE OF FEAR THAT LIES WITHIN THE REASONING THAT IT WOULD REDUCE SICKNESS FROM SPREADING TO OTHERS. NOW I DON'T GET IT AND THEN I BELIEVE I DO. FOR ME I FALL SHORT OF THAT REASONING BECAUSE WE ONCE WENT TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE SICK AND CONTAGIOUS WITH NO ISSUES BUT WITH THE HOPE OF BEING TREATED AND GETTING WELL. POLITICAL PARTIES ARE FIGHTING TO SEE WHO SHALL LEAD THIS GREAT NATION WITH NO TRUE THOUGHT FOR THE PEOPLE BUT THEIR OWN AGENDA OF WHAT THEY BELIEVE THE PEOPLE NEED. AND IF THAT IS NOT STRANGE ENOUGH FOR YOU, IN FIGHTING AMONGST THE PARTIES THEMSELVES. TECHNOLOGY HAS REMOVED PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT FROM HUMANITY AND IF THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH, THE PRESENT-DAY PANDEMIC HAS SHUT IT DOWN TOGETHER WITH NO FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT DISTANCING OURSELVES FROM ONE ANOTHER CREATED BY THE FEAR THAT WE MAY BE CONTAGIOUS AND SPREAD THE VIRUS. NOW WITH THE CREATION OF SEPARATION FROM ONE ANOTHER, I FIND SIN CAN CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND BLOOM WITH FULL FORCE. SOCIETY CAN NOW ENABLE WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND WHAT IS NOT DESPITE THE MORALITY OF ITS SINFUL NATURE.

I WISH I HAD TIME TO FURTHER EXPOUND ON THE MANY ISSUES OF SEPARATION BUT I DON'T. BUT WILL LET YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY AWARE, THAT THE HOUSE OF OMEGA FACES SOME OF THESE SAME ISSUES. THE GREATER-THAN-THOU SYNDROME WITHOUT THE DUTY OF EARNING THE RESPECT TO RECEIVE RESPECT. LEADING ONE'S OWN AGENDA WITH THE BELIEF ONE KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR THE BODY WITHOUT A TRULY DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. AND NOT SUBMITTING TO WHAT IT TRULY TAKES TO BE A GREAT LEADER. LIVING THE ALPHA MALE CONCEPT, EVERYONE IS THE LEADER AND NOT A FOLLOWER. ALWAYS WANTING TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT WITH NO QUALITIES TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATION OF THE POSITION. LET'S NOT FORGET THE CONTRARIES BEING CONTRARY JUST TO BE DIFFERENT WITH NO LOGICAL REASONING. THEN WE HAVE THOSE WHO TALK AND REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO SAY OR CONTRIBUTE EXCEPT CONFUSION AND TO HEAR THEIR SELVES TALK WITH MUCH RHETORIC AND NO RESOLVE. JUST TALKING TO SAY SOMETHING INSTEAD OF TALKING WHEN THERE IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SOME EFFECTIVE IMPACT. WANTING TO BE HEARD JUST FOR THE APPEARANCE OF BEING IMPORTANT.



# CHAPLAINS CORNER



THESE TYPES OF CHARACTERISTICS MERELY CAUSE SEPARATION AND DIVISION. IF WE TRULY WANT TO BE EFFECTIVE LET'S TALK FROM THE THOUGHT PROCESS OF HUMBLENESS AND HUMILITY IS THE PROVISION OF UNITY BASED ON OUR CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE THAT OUR FOUNDERS BUILT THE PILLARS ON FOR THIS GREAT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

## **BIBLICAL DEFINITION:**

·HUMBLENESS – ONE WHO IS MORE FOCUSED ON GOD INSTEAD OF OTHERS AND SELF.

·HUMILITY – FREEDOM FROM ARROGANCE THAT GROWS OUT OF THE RECOGNITION THAT ALL WE HAVE AND ARE COMES FROM GOD, OUR SUPREME BASILEUS OF THE UNIVERSE. NOW THE BIBLE TELLS US THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT NOR IMPLY INADEQUACY, LACK OF DIGNITY, AND WORTHLESSNESS. BUT IS KEEPING OUR BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AS CHRIST DEFINES IT AS: "TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART; AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT. MATTHEW 11:29 (KJV)

HUMILITY IS NOT BELITTLING ONESELF BUT EXALTING OR PRAISING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY GOD AND CHRIST. "FOR I SAY, THROUGH THE GRACE GIVEN UNTO ME, TO EVERY MAN THAT IS AMONG YOU, NOT TO THINK OF HIMSELF MORE HIGHLY THAN HE OUGHT TO THINK, BUT TO THINK SOBERLY, ACCORDING AS GOD HATH DEALT TO EVERY MAN THE MEASURE OF FAITH." ROMANS 12:3 (KJV)

·UNITY – ONENESS, HARMONY, AGREEMENT. UNITY WAS APPARENT ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST WHEN THE BELIEVERS WERE ALL IN ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE. THE CHURCH IS A UNITY IN THE DIVERSITY OF FELLOWSHIP, FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE THAT BINDS BELIEVERS TOGETHER.

"AND WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME, THEY WERE ALL ON ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE."

ACTS 2:1 (KJV)

"I THEREFORE, THE PRISONER OF THE LORD, BESEECH YOU THAT YE WALK WORTHY OF THE VOCATION WHEREWITH YE ARE CALLED, WITH ALL LOWLINESS AND MEEKNESS, WITH LONGSUFFERING FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE; ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. THERE IS ONE BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT, EVEN AS YE ARE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING; ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN YOU ALL." EPHESIANS 4:1-6 (KJV)

WE CAN DECIPHER FROM THE TWO SCRIPTURE PASSAGES THAT IN ORDER TO BE A GREAT LEADER ONE MUST BE A GOOD FOLLOWER AND TO BE A GOOD FOLLOWER YOU MUST BE A GREAT LEADER. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF PROVIDING UNITY. IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED IT WILL NOT STAND WHEREAS A HOUSE UNITED STANDS STRONG.

SO, IT APPEARS THAT ONE MUST BE ABLE TO COME TO SOME MEDIUM WHERE AN IMPASSE PREVAILS. WE MUST LEAVE PRIDE, ARROGANCE, SELF-SERVING AGENDAS, SELFISH GAINS, AND THE DESIRE TO BE THE GREATER OF ALL OR THE POWER SOURCE. LET'S BE TRUE BRIDGE BUILDERS IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD'S MEANING BY LAYING OUT THE DRIVING CONCEPT OF WHAT A BRIDGE BUILDER LOOKS LIKE. AND THAT CAN'T OCCUR UNLESS WE ARE LIKE-MINDED AND ON ONE ACCORD TO CREATE A UNITED FRONT. THEN AND ONLY THEN CAN WE BE TRULY EFFECTIVE IN OUR FRATERNITY, THE COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD. WE ARE CONSTANTLY UNDER WATCH. WE CANNOT BE SEEN WITH IN-HOUSE FIGHTING CAUSING CONFUSION AND SEPARATION BECAUSE WE'RE LIVING THE WRONG MEANING OF THE ALPHA MALE CONCEPT. LET US BE THE CHRIST-LIKE EXAMPLE OF HUMBLENESS AND HUMILITY AS THE PROVISION OF UNITY.

GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU ALL IS MY PRAYER AND AS ALWAYS GO WITH GOD!







# OMEGA CHAPTER

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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**

**May 2023**

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



# OMEGA CHAPTER

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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

Brother Harrison Hodge  
1970 Nu Epsilon/Rho Xi  
Omega Chapter May 31, 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

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



# OMEGA CHAPTER

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## August 2023

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

Brother Carl Hoskins  
1973 Xi Beta/Xi Beta  
Omega Chapter August 21, 2023  
AR

## September 2023

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

Brother Allen Spencer  
1980 Gamma Delta/Upsilon Rho  
Omega Chapter, September 14, 2023  
LA

Brother Ronald Butler  
1972 Rho Phi/Rho Phi  
Omega Chapter, September 17, 2023  
LA

Brother James Willie Myart, Jr  
1973 Psi Alpha/Psi Alpha  
Omega Chapter, September 22, 2023  
Tx

## October 2023

Brother Ronald Givens  
1972 Alpha Psi/Epsilon Tau  
Omega Chapter, October 1, 2023  
TX



# OMEGA CHAPTER

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Brother Edwin Ken North  
1971 Psi Alpha/Psi Alpha  
Omega Chapter, October 5, 2023  
TX

Brother Richard Lynch  
1978 Gamma Eta/Upsilon Chi  
Omega Chapter, October 10, 2023  
ARK

Brother George L. Wesley  
1952 Pi Tau/Eta Iota  
Omega Chapter, October 17, 2023  
OK

Brother Robert Cook  
1977 Eta Psi/Lambda Kappa Kappa  
Omega Chapter, October 20, 2023  
LA

Brother Robert W. Tucker  
1975 Upsilon Epsilon/Chi Kappa Kappa  
Omega Chapter, October 20, 2023  
LA

Brother Brian Cooper  
1995 Epsilon Chi/Alpha Iota Iota  
Omega Chapter, October 28, 2023  
LA/TX

Brother Michael Wright  
1973 Beta/Rho Phi  
Omega Chapter, October 31, 2023  
LA



# OMEGA CHAPTER

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## November 2023

Brother Ealie Thorton  
1959 Theta/Rho Omega  
Omega Chapter, November 01, 2023  
LA

Brother Isaac Williams  
1971 Theta Theta/Mu Mu Nu  
Omega Chapter, November 06, 2023  
TX

Brother Freddie Hartfield  
1946 Tau Sigma/Tau Phi  
Omega Chapter, November 26, 2023  
AR

## December 2023

Brother Roy Jackson  
1959 Rho Omega/Pi Tau  
Omega Chapter, December 8, 2023  
LA

Brother Victor Wayne "Cherro" Thompson  
1974 Upsilon Theta/Rho Nu  
Omega Chapter, December 18, 2023  
TX

Brother Willie Roger  
1978 Xi Beta/Xi Rho  
Omega Chapter, December 28, 2023  
TX

Brother Robert Goldsmith  
1976 Mu Tau/Mu Tau  
Omega Chapter, December 30, 2023  
LA

Brother Verne E. Malone  
1954 Lambda Upsilon/Sigma Tau  
Omega Chapter, December 30, 2023  
TX



# OMEGA CHAPTER

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January 2024

Brother Sanders Alexander Marshall, Jr.  
1958 Epsilon Alpha/Epsilon Alpha  
Omega Chapter, January 10, 2024  
TX

Brother David Jackson  
1981 Omicron Upsilon/Omicron Upsilon  
Omega Chapter, January 20, 2024  
TX

February 2024

Brother Erwin Greer  
1979 Nu Kappa/Nu Kappa  
Omega Chapter, February 7, 2024  
TX

Brother Herbert Rowe  
1976 Xi Sigma/Xi Sigma  
Omega Chapter, February 9, 2024  
LA

Brother Eugene Maclin  
1969 Rho Psi/Eta Iota  
Omega Chapter, February 12, 2024  
OK

Brother Edward "Rooster" Thomas  
1970 Rho Theta/Rho Theta  
Omega Chapter, February 18, 2024  
TX

Brother Willie Lundy  
1950 Beta Epsilon/Theta Alpha  
Omega Chapter, February 23, 2024  
TX



# OMEGA CHAPTER

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**March 2024**

**Brother Donald “Zeke” Tunstall  
1977 Phi Beta/Pi Upsilon  
Omega Chapter, March 4, 2024  
TX**

**Brother Kevin Moore  
1974 Sigma Tau/Upsilon Chi  
Omega Chapter, March 6, 2024  
AR**

**Brother Harold Netter  
1995 Rho Nu/Rho Nu  
Omega Chapter, March 9, 2024  
TX**

**Brother James “Jimmy” Kitchen  
1976 Pi Gamma/Eta Mu Mu  
Omega Chapter, March 14, 2024  
TX**

**Brother Rudolph S. White  
1964 Gamma Gamma/Rho Omega  
Omega Chapter, March 16, 2024  
LA**

**April 2024**

**Brother Caleb Holl  
2018 Omega Theta/Nu Phi  
Omega Chapter, April 3, 2024  
TX**



# 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 Public Relations Retreat

Hampton Inn & Suites Monroe

Monroe, LA

Summer 2024

Fall Council (TBA)

Winter Council (TBA)

84th Grand Conclave

Tampa, FL - June 26 - July 2, 2024



# BROTHERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Mighty 9th District

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## CONGRATULATIONS C/O 2024



Marcus McCoy  
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Christian Menefee  
Terell Bowie  
Jeremy Neal  
LeMarc Holcombe  
Oris Granger  
Collin Maxon  
Jeremy Pierre  
Willie McCorkle, III

Brice Bates  
Frank Watson  
Thaddeus Tolbert  
Clifford Morgan  
Ryan McClellan  
Jovvonte Mason-Grey  
Brandon Kitchin  
Safiyy Abdel-Raof  
Jeffery Ducree  
Jospeh Robins  
Garry Kennebrew  
Anthony Peay  
Asher Spivey

“Yours is the Earth...”





# “Brother You Are On My Mind”

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