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

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# TECHNOLOGY

THAT MOVES THE DISTRICT FORWARD



I'm happy to announce that on November 1, 2014, we have officially kicked off the Ninth District Life Membership Program! The program was approved at the 77<sup>th</sup> Ninth District Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK in April 2014. Since that time, committee members have participated in many productive meetings to further develop the program. As a result we are already in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the program's implementation.

### PHASE I

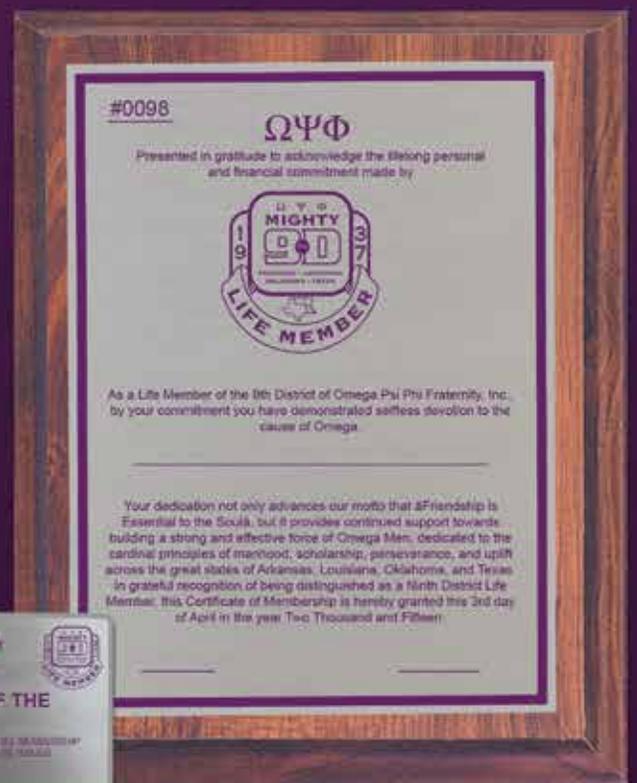
- The current fee for the Ninth District Life Membership is 20 times the Current Annual Dues, which totals \$1,000.00.
- A single payment of \$1,000 or two (2) payments of \$500 each within 6 months are now being accepted via Ninth District Life Membership link on the Ninth District Website ([www.mighty-ninth.com](http://www.mighty-ninth.com)).
- Ninth District Life Membership Status will be effective beginning Nov. 1, 2015, which means you are still required to pay your annual Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Ninth District Dues.
- Heritage Hundred commitments have been available for several months and will not be accepted after October 31, 2014.

### PHASE II

- Heritage Hundred designations will be honored if paid in full by May 1, 2015.
- Ninth District Life Membership Status will be effective beginning Nov. 1, 2015.
- Beginning with Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016, Ninth District Life Members will be exempt from all future annual Ninth District dues.

The following items will be provided to Ninth District Life Members will be distributed by July 1, 2015.

- Life Members will receive a Ninth District Life Membership Plaque.
- Life Members will receive a metallic Ninth District Life Membership Card.
- Heritage Hundred Members will receive a special designation on their Life Membership Plaque and Card.
- Life Members will also be able an optional Ninth District Life Lapel Pin.



SCAN TO REGISTER:

# MESSAGE FROM THE DR



Brothers of the Ninth District,

As your 25th Ninth District Representative, I continue to convey to you that I have a profound belief that the Brothers of the Ninth have a living and gracious appreciation of the Friendships we have forged over these many decades. I believe that those things that bond us as one are far greater than those things that we see differently. We are strong, successful, dedicated and deserving men. We represent an unprecedented and historic level of talent, treasure and academic ability to lead Omega to a promising and prosperous future.

I am proud of the fact that I have been able to work with a multitude of extraordinarily talented Brothers who share my belief that we live in a dynamic District. We are a leading barometer that measures the temperature of the Fraternity's present and anticipated future. This has been realized by way of hard work and commitment to the Fraternity in the spirit of the Founders. Over and over again we have proven time and time again that we have the drive, the will and the capacity to ensure that the Ninth District's complement to our beloved Fraternity is one of its greatest assets.

During the past year, I have stressed to the District Leadership that we must successfully calibrate with the District Undergraduate and Graduate Chapters in maintaining excellent avenues of communication. Brothers, we are in good spirits and we are always glad to see each other. It is good to be my Brother's keeper.

The District Leadership has a plethora of goals for this fiscal year. These goals include enhancing our technical footprint, successful completion of our Mandated Programs, engaged communication by way of blogs, Twitter, Face Book, and private associations. With these tools available to us, we can be that exquisite beacon of encouragement, not only to each other, but to our communities.

We will only be successful when all Brothers are considered and included in who we are and what we do.

CHRIST, CHARACTER, CAUSE and COMMITMENT

In Friendship,  
*Patrick B. Smith*  
Bro. Patrick Bouvier Smith

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## GAMMA ETA ALUMNI ENDOW SCHOLARSHIP!

by Bro. Bro. Lonnie Williams



Gamma Eta chapter (University of Arkansas) and affiliates announced at the University's Black Alumni Reunion in 2015 their plans to raise \$25,000 over five years to endow a scholarship to support the undergraduate members. The steering committee was informed by the University of Arkansas staff on January 16, 2019, that their goal of \$25,000 had been reached!

This scholarship becomes the first scholarship endowed on the campus by alumni of any of the Divine Nine groups associated with the institution. The scholarship will yield approximately \$1,000 a year to be awarded to an outstanding member of the chapter. In the event there are no members in the chapter or none measure up to the standards of the scholarship, the scholarship will be awarded to other students who add to the diversity of the University's campus.

Funding was provided through individual donations with slightly more than half raised through an annual golf tourney organized by Brother Detrick Jenkins (Upsilon Chi, Xi Omega Spr 2013 and treasurer of alumni group) on the far right in the photo with assistance from Brother Leonard D. Graves (Upsilon Chi, Delta Eta Spr '93 and Gamma Eta chapter advisor) on the far left. Other members of the fund raising steering committee pictured are Brothers Carl Dupins (Keeper of Finance for Pi Omicron, Gamma Eta Spr '83 and president of alumni group) second from the left and Dr. Lonnie R. Williams second from the right (Upsilon Chi, Gamma Eta Fall '74, Arkansas State Representative –North, and secretary of alumni group). Not pictured is Brother Dr. Dewayne Goldmon (Gamma Eta Spr '82 and vice-president of the alumni group fundraising association). The alumni group will meet in April during the University of Arkansas' Black Alumni Reunion to discuss next steps. In addition, they have raised an additional \$1,000 to immediately award the first scholarship for Fall 2019 during the Black Alumni Reunion when the formal announcement of the endowment will be made.

## PHI MU MU CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

by Bro. Derrick Flowers

Upholding tradition from past years, on December 20th, 2018 the brothers of Phi Mu Mu Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, decided to uplift our elderly Community here in Conway, Arkansas at the Heritage Nursing Home. During the event brothers gave baskets handouts and joined together to sing songs to bring Holiday Cheer and Christmas Joy to the Residents, Visitors, and employees of the Heritage Nursing Home.



## THE OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER CELEBRATE THEIR 15TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

by Bro. Derrick Young



On April, 2 2016 the brothers of the Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. participated in the national Autism Awareness Walk. The event was held at Jonesboro High School in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The event consisted of an organized walk, games, food and resources. The month of April is Autism Awareness month. Every year Autism organization around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness raising events. The aim of the month is to educate the public about autism. Autism is a very complex mental condition.

One out of Sixty eight children in the United States currently has autism. Research show that boys are four to five times more likely than girls to have autism. Autism Awareness is very important to the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha. This is something that I personally know to be true. My daughter (Lilly) has autism and my brothers are very supportive of her. I would like to give at special thanks to all the brother Epsilon Alpha Alpha who participated in the Autism Awareness Walk.



## PI OMICRON RECEIVES DONATION FROM THE DUVALL FAMILY CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT

by Bro. Michael Williams Sr.

On July 7, 2018 the Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated received a \$100,000 gift from the Duvall Family Charitable Endowment. Brother C.J. Duvall was initiated into our Fraternity on April 9, 2016. Brother Duvall's love for Omega stemmed from his Father, Brother Clarence James Duvall Sr. of St. Louis, Mo. Upon Brother Duvall's initiation into the fraternity, he hit the ground running. Earlier this year Brother Duvall joined the Omegas of Greater Little Rock, our 501©3 Board of Directors and was instrumental in establishing a scholarship endowment currently valued at \$100,000 (one hundred-thousand dollars) of which he contributed at least \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars). The scholarships will be awarded to students interested in attending Historically Black Colleges or Universities. Brother Duvall is the epitome of humility. Although he has been blessed by his wealth, Brother Duvall seeks out charitable organizations that live up to his standards in providing service to those less fortunate. The gift has been dedicated to several functions of the



chapter to include: Achievement Week, Brother Dr. Charles Drew Golf Tournament, Back to School Block Party, Annual Spring Dance, and Annual Prostate Cancer 5K. The chapter is very grateful for the generosity of Brother Clarence James Duvall Jr.!

## OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA'S FOOD BASKET GIVEAWAYS

by Bro. Derrick Young

During the Thanksgiving season, the brothers of Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated lived out the true meaning of service by providing food baskets for sixteen families in need. Each basket contained enough food to serve Thanksgiving dinner for a family of six. There was great participation from chapter members from the Spring '78 line to the Spring '18 line. Some of the members' children also shared in the efforts of serving. The volunteer experience helped the children to embrace the core values of giving back. Providing services that the local government agencies cannot always render, makes a big difference in the lives of citizens in dire need.

Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated partnered with Watershed Family Resource Center to bless families of the communities. The Omicron Lambda Lambda chapter prides itself with making a difference through community interaction, humility and friendship. Twenty members from the Omicron Lambda Lambda chapter performed a combined total of 160 community service hours by supporting efforts at the Watershed and distributing food baskets to 35 families at the Omicron Lambda Lambda Fraternity House. When the families arrived at the Fraternity House, they were pleasantly surprised to see that toys were gifted for their children as well. The toys were donated by Temple of Restoration Church of God in Christ.

During the Christmas season, the brothers Omicron Lambda



## OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA ACHIEVEMENT WEEK – FOUNDER’S DAY

*Written by Bro. Derrick Young*

November 17, 2018 was a very special day. It was Founder’s Day for Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated! The brothers of the Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter and the Pi Omicron Chapter partnered together to host the National Achievement Week Program on the 107th birthday of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated. The day was full of fellowship, recognition and observance. There were over 175 brothers, family and friends in attendance. The two alumni chapters awarded twelve high school seniors with scholarships which totaled over \$11,000. Brother Richard Mays, Sr. from the Mays, Byrd & Associates Law Firm was our keynote speaker. He spoke fondly of our four founders and talked about the importance of service and perseverance. He gave special recognition to the fortitude, character and credibility of Dr. Just and how he played a vital role in the approving of the establishment of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated. He challenged us to mentor the next brother up to a higher standard and to stay true to the foundation on which our fraternity was established.



## PHI MU MU CHAPTER WELCOMES UCA MINORITY FRESHMEN WITH BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT

*Written by Bro. Derrick Flowers*

On August 26, 2018, the men of Phi Mu Mu Chapter, graduate chapter located in Conway, AR, welcomed the University of Central Arkansas Freshmen back with a bang. Director of Minority Services, Ms. Angela Jackson, petitioned the brothers to cook food provided by her office and donated by the chapter as a way to welcome the new students in and offer a level of comfort of being away from home, for many, the first time in their lives. The brothers prepared chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and turkey burgers with all the trimmings. The brothers graciously accepted the petition and did what they do best, SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. The students heaped praise upon the chapter for excellent food prep and taste. The event was a blast for the brothers as well. Many of the undergraduate brothers from Beta Delta Chapter participated, as Phi Mu Mu is the sponsoring graduate chapter for Beta Delta. The chapter continues to take on challenges such as this to let the surrounding community that they are dedicated and serious about service.





## BROTHER 1ST SGT. DERRICK YOUNG'S OMEGA EXPERIENCE ON FAMILY FEUD WITH BROTHER STEVE HARVEY

*Written by Bro. Derrick Young*

On March 3-4, 2018, Brother Derrick Young of Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated, from Little Rock, AR, was a participant on Family Feud with host Brother Steve Harvey. Brother Young and his family (Jones)

auditioned in February of 2018 and made history by being the first ever Arkansas family to be casted on Family Feud since being hosted by Steve Harvey. After the show, Brother Young and Brother Harvey had the opportunity to converse and be brotherly, Brother Young stated that "Steve Harvey, is one of the most charismatic and amazing people you will ever meet. He's down to earth, inspiring and, of course, funny. He treats his contestants, staff members and audience members just like family." Additionally, Brother Harvey welcomes every opportunity to show his gratitude and support toward military personnel. Brother Young's family won against the first family, the defending champions; and went home after their second day of play. The two 'Jones Family' episodes were originally aired nationally on September 18, 2018. They have been re-aired numerous times and continue to receive high ratings.



## PHI MU MU VOTER REGISTRATION

*Written by Bro. Derrick Young*

Phi Mu Mu Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. on October 2nd and 4th of 2018 hosted voter registration tables/campaigns at Conway High School in Conway Arkansas and Mayflower High School In Mayflower Arkansas. These schools are located in Faulkner County. The Campaign allowed the opportunity for the brothers to engage with the students, give knowledge to them on the importance of being aware of the leadership and policies set in their city, state, community and world in its entirety. The goal was to inform and remind the students that they have a voice and power to help toward Changes in their communities and future through voting.



# ALPHA DELTA DELTA DONATES TO OPERATION CHOCOLATE CHIP

by Bro. Chapter Reporter

The kind brothers of Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated at Louisiana Tech University gave a generous donation to the “Operation Chocolate Chip” campaign to send Girl Scout cookies all over the world to our deployed service members. “The Alpha Delta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. was chartered upon the campus of LaTech University Dec. 7, 1985. The brothers of the organization seek to uplift the community and serve as bridge builders through the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.”



# NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

by Bro. Kenneth Johnson

On February 16, 2019 Bro Kenneth Johnson of Gamma Lambda Lambda Chapter did a clean-up in the neighborhood of Mechanicsville located in Houma, la. Bro Johnson who is the founder of the Krank-It-Up Program which stands for Kenfolk- Raising-

Americas- New- Kids- Intelligently- Teaching- Uplifting- People. The event was a huge success and a lot of the community came out to support. Bro. Johnson is looking forward to future endeavors to help uplift the youth and community.



# IOTA GAMMA GAMMA BROTHERS ARE “WARRIOR-READY”

by Bro. Brandon Hathorne



To those affiliated with the military, Fort Polk, LA is merely known for being home of the Joint Readiness Training Center, one of three Army Combat Training Centers where military units come to validate their training proficiency based on predefined metrics outlined by senior military leaders. While true, Fort Polk is also the home of one of Omega’s military affiliated gradu-

ate chapters, Iota Gamma Gamma. Known as the “Warrior-Readiness Ques,” Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter has a proud lineage that dates back to its charter, December 29, 1984. Members of this Chapter have ascended to great positions throughout the military, leading formations at varying echelons in support of our Nation’s freedom.



## OMEGA MEN NAMED “LIVING LEGENDS”

by Bro. Terrence S. Marshall, Lambda Alpha Chapter

Omega Brothers Terrence S. Marshall and Gary C. Simon were named Louisiana Living Legends at a banquet held March 15, 2019 at Southern University. The award is to honor those heroes with ties and connections to the Southern University Agricultural Center for their years of selfless service. This recognition is bestowed annually to individuals in the areas of extension, teaching, and research.

Bro. Marshall is a retired Extension Agent who served the people of Louisiana for 38 years. He was a County Agent who served in both urban and rural settings, developing and executing educational programs for youth and adults to help them improve their lives. He devised efforts and educational programs to address the needs of homeowners and home gardeners, as well as small farmers, beef cattlemen and forage producers. His work with 4H and youth produced many state and blue ribbon winners in livestock and agricultural engineering competitions. Bro. Marshall was initiated in 2010 through the Lambda Alpha Chapter in Baton Rouge.



Bro. Simon has served as the staff Veterinarian and Professor in the Animal Science Program since joining the faculty at Southern University in 1989. He decided to fulfill his dream by becoming a Veterinarian in 1986. Bro. Simon teaches many of the Animal Science classes in which he uses hands-on learning to involve students in the laboratory. One of his key goals in working at Southern was to increase the number of Veterinarians of Color. To date approximately 30 of his former students have attended Vet School and 22 of them have received Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degrees. His students have remarked he is known as one of the hardest professors in the college, but you will definitely learn under him.

Bro. Simon was initiated in 1975 through the Lambda Alpha Chapter, and was a Charter Member of the Theta Kappa Chapter at LSU.

## DOCTORS BACK TO SCHOOL DAY

by Bro. Herbert D. Guillory



In August of 2018 The Mu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated in collaboration with the Melanin Movement hosted NELA's first Doctors Back to School Day at Wossman High School. Doctors Back to School Day is an initiative of the American Medical Association which aims to bridge the gap of ethnic and racial disparities in medical careers across the nation. The program aims to inspire future African American and other

minorities to strive for a career in the medical profession. The program was a forum where over 150 students from Wossman were able to hear the stories of Omega Men from a wide variety of medical professionals in an effort to inspire them to become future doctors. The students were also given the opportunity to ask questions and have one on one talks with the doctors in attendance.



## RHO CHI CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

*by Bro. Reginald Weeks*

On Thursday November 15, 2018, in honor of Achievement Week, the Rho Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., held its annual Achievement Week Awards Program in recognition of outstanding volunteers within the community. The program was held at Abraham's Tent in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Chapter also recognized our local essay contest winners during the program.

The program was well attended by the Chapter members as well as the community. To culminate the week, Rho Chi held voter registration drives at local high schools in Lake Charles and Jennings Louisiana as well as a Founders Day Service at Immaculate Heart Church.



## RHO PHI DELIVERS EASTER BASKETS TO CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS & ABUSED TRANSITIONAL HOMES.

by Bro. Chapter Reporter

An Easter story that's sure to pull on your heartstrings... fraternity brothers giving back to children spending Easter weekend in hospitals across New Orleans.

WGNO's Adam Bowles takes us to Tulane Lakeside Hospital for Women and Children in Metairie.

When you think of Easter you may think of the goodies, and treats waiting for you in a basket. But for one New Orleans brotherhood, they are thinking of others. Charles Allen is just one of the brothers of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity who is on a mission to help those who cant have a normal Easter.

"When we get to the hospitals and the transitional housing shelters the faces and the eyes just light up, people are really touched, and we are humbled in doing this service here," Allen says.

These guys in purple and gold have been doing this for over 20 years....delivering Easter baskets and goodies to children and struggling families. Chuck Brown, the Chairman of the fraternity, says this 20 year old mission is needed.

"Every child...we don't miss one child in the city of New Orleans

who is in a hospital, they're serviced, and every child who is in a known transitional housing shelter here is serviced today," Brown says.

This is service they say doesn't feel like a service...even as they pack up and go to hospitals like Tulane Lakeside, dressing up in the appropriate attire, walking into a patients room and seeing childrens' faces that makes their mission worth it. That is why Charles and Omega Psi Phi delivers Easter baskets year after year to children.

"That was moving, moving. They were excited about our offering and excited about the bonding today, you know that's what this is all about...uplifting spirits...every step of the way," Allen says.

For a place where a child could feel a little lonely, Omega Psi Phi's mission to spread joy this Easter was accomplished. The fraternity brothers also visited children at Ochsner and donated Easter baskets to the Salvation Army.



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## IOTA GAMMA GAMMA BROTHERS HIGHWAY CLEANUP

by Bro. Brandon Hathorne

On September 15, 2018, the “Warrior-Readiness Ques” demonstrated service to the local community by executing the Chapter’s Highway Cleanup Program. During this event, the Omega-Men worked collectively to clean-up trash along a one-mile stretch of U.S. 171 Highway, which serves as the main corridor in the Fort Polk, LA area. This is a quarterly project the Chapter conducts to positively impact the community surrounding Fort Polk, LA.



## ADELL MILLS JOURNEY TO OMEGA PSI PHI

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon Jr.

Joining a fraternity in a graduate chapter is not what most 81 year old men would think about but then Adell Mills is not exactly like most 81 year old men. His family has to remind him that he is an older man and normally he appreciates all conversations but not telling him what he can and cannot do. He joined a group of young men on the basketball court in his North Redland Community shortly after he and his wife retired and returned to East Texas in 2003. (He was 67 at the time.) They laughed and said, “old man show us what you got.” He indeed “showed,” he could run, jump, dribble and hit the basket scoring higher than the teens and young 20 plus youngsters on the court. They stood back clapping and admiring the old man who displayed as much and if not more energy than most of them. They invited him back to play on their team, “anytime.”

A few years ago, he had a conversation with his son Randell G. Mills who pledged Omega in the spring of 1984 at Hampton University, Gamma Epsilon Chapter. Over the years, Randy may or may not have heard the story of why his father did not pledge Omega at Texas, College but he certainly knew his dad was once

a lamp and no doubt influenced his choice to pledge Omega at Hampton. Randy as a child thought his Dad was the smartest man and told his aunt, “My Dad can do anything.” At Adell’s 80th birthday, Randy asked his dad if he had any regrets in life, Adell immediately told Randy, “I regret not having been able to pledge Omega psi Phi when I was in college.” Randy called his cousin Henry Hammons, Founder of Eta Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi at University of Texas, Austin explaining Adell’s desire to pledge Omega Psi Phi. Henry was surprised but encouraged Randy to, “Let’s start the process,” and contacted G.W. Neal, local undergraduate advisor (Eta Kappa Kappa) at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Later, Adell found himself involved in pledgee activities with young men being his grandson’s age and younger. He was immediately referred to as “Old School,” a name he embraced proudly. He wanted to “step” and be involved in all physical activities but his younger pledge brothers often protective of him insisted, “No Old School, just watch us.” His son Randy and cousin Henry were constantly encouraging Adell by phone telling him they would hopefully join him at a summer family reunion in Oklahoma. Randy and Henry

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were also in close contact with the local brothers and told when the “crossing over” would take place. Randy made flight arrangements from Atlanta, Georgia and Henry was making arrangements to come from Dallas with the 9th District Representative Patrick Smith, to surprise Adell and be there when he crossed over. Adell was indeed surprised when he heard the voice of his son in one ear and his cousin in the other ear creating an emotionally charged moment for the Omega brothers who were in on the big surprise.

The story was Adell Mills entered Texas College in Tyler, Texas in 1956 on a football scholarship. He was immediately impressed by members of Omega Psi Phi although other fraternities were recruiting him because he was a Texas College Steer Football Star. He dreamed about being a member of Omega Psi Phi and thought he had a chance to do so when his father Johnny Mills told him he was bringing him \$300.00 for him that week. When Adell’s father arrived on campus, he told his dad he would use the \$300.00 to pledge Omega Psi Phi. His dad had no idea what Omega Psi Phi was nor did he care when he told Adell he would apply the \$300.00 toward his “schooling” balance. That was the end of Adell ever pledging for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity because his Dad insisted any extra money Adell may have earned had to go toward his “schooling” not anything else!”

Adell grew up on a farm in Nacogdoches, Texas, the oldest boy and the second of ten children who grew up in a home where the

father emphasized hard work and the mother emphasized church and education. All ten children completed high school and all entered college with six of them graduating from college. At Texas College, he met and later married Jeri (Caddell) his college sweetheart. After college, they married and spent the first eleven years in Berkeley, California where their three children Randell (son) Tanja and Tamara (daughters) were born. Adell worked at the University of California Radiation Laboratory later returning with his family as staff member at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. He continued his training and career in the metro Atlanta, Georgia area at Emory University, Clark Atlanta University and retired from Morehouse School of medicine as chief research investigator operating the scanning electron microscope and the transmission electron microscope.

Jeri, a member of Delta Sigma Theta surprised their daughter Tamara when she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at Hampton University the spring of 1987. Adell and his wife live on a ranch in Nacogdoches, Texas enjoying being retired and working with

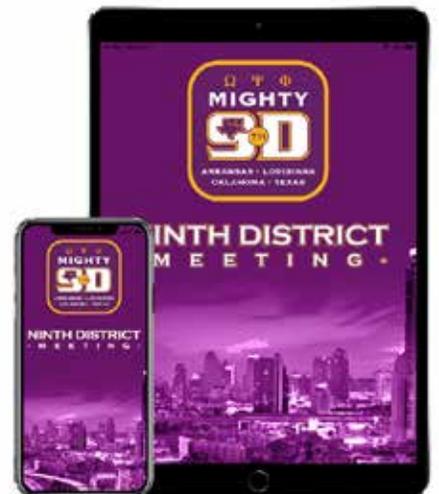
his brother Roy taking care of the cattle, being a bee-keeper and raising vegetables. He is an actively involved in civic and community activities including being a board member of the Texas Agriculture/Forestry Small Farmers and Ranchers as well as an ordained deacon at Johnson Chapel Baptist Church.



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# 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



## 81<sup>ST</sup> GRAND **CONCLAVE** NEW ORLEANS, LA

**JULY 20 - 24, 2018**  
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## ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

- Eta Iota - Oklahoma City, OK
- Pi Delta - University of Oklahoma
- Sigma Kappa - Central State University
- Phi Psi - Langston University

The Banquet was held at the Bistro 46 Restaurant & Grille, Oklahoma City, OK at 5:00 pm. The speaker for the Banquet was the Dr. Kenneth Terrell, Past Dist. Rep. Bro. Aaron Trammel served as the Chairman of the Program.

### The Awards were as follows:

- Graduate Omega Man of Year - Bro. Aaron Trammel
- Citizen of Year - Sen. George Young
- Founder Lifetime Achievement Award - Bro. Garland Pruitt
- Outstanding Service Award - Elijah Knight
- Undergraduate Chapter Advisor of the Year - Bro. Byron Graham
- Under Grad Omega Man of the Year - Bro. Chris Endy
- Col. Charles Young Military Award - Bro. Emanuel Martin

### The following Awards for Service:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bro. Glenn Brooks - 46 yrs    | Bro. Doug Brown - 42 yrs    |
| Bro. Winard Brown - 50 yrs    | Bro. Belpetry Dean - 50 yrs |
| Bro. James Graham - 52 yrs    | Bro. Theo Holland - 42 yrs  |
| Bro. Herman McKinney - 60 yrs | Bro. Gerald Murray - 40 yrs |
| Bro. Garland Pruitt - 42 yrs  | Bro. Jere Roberson - 41 yrs |
| Bro. Titus Strong - 70 yrs    | Bro. Roy Thurston - 57 yrs  |
| Bro. Mike Walker - 41 yrs     | Bro. Macon Wilson - 51 yrs  |

### Installation of New Officers for 2019:

- Basileus - Bro. Byron Graham
- Vice Bas. - Bro. Aaron Trammel
- Keeper of Peace - Bro. Bryant Johnson
- Chaplain - Bro. Clifford Morgan
- Keeper of Finance - Bro. Carlos Hunter
- KRS - Bro. Doug Brown
- Chapter Reporter - Bro. Glenn Brooks



## WELCOME BACK PAT HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.

Brother Ronnie Mathis (Chapter vice Basileus) had a vision to start a new school initiative in the Lawton-Fort Sill community to welcome student, teachers and parents back to school. The school selected was Pat Henry Elementary School. This school has several low income families. There was great representation from Psi Upsilon chapter, Phi Beta Sigma, Masonic lodges, Military service members and Veterans despite the short notice. The organizations formed a victory line for the students to walk through as students entered the school for the first day. The goal was to show the students that they have several organizations in the Lawton-Fort Sill community that want them to be successful. This will become an annual event. We are anticipating a bigger turnout next year.



## ADOPT A STREET CLEAN-UP

by Bro. Chapter Reporter

The purpose of this monthly clean-up (three hours per month) is to honor the commitment by the Oklahoma City Chapter to clean a designated territory adopted by the chapter for community service.



## ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET IN LAWTON, OK

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.

Psi Upsilon Chapter hosted its annual Achievement Week of activities during the week of November 12-18, 2018. This year activities included good brother night on Monday, Salvation Army feeding, and proclamation from Mayor on Tuesday, Blood drive on Wednesday, supporting other chapter Achievement Week activities on Friday, Founders Banquet on Saturday, and attending Church service at Mt Cavalry Baptist Church on Sunday. The Achievement Week Banquet was held at the Lawton Veterans Center. The guest speaker for the Banquet was Brother Michael R. D. Adams a practicing attorney in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with more than thirty years in the legal profession.



### Achievement Week Awards:

- Omega Man of the Year: Brother Ronnie Mathis
- Superior Service Award: Brother Luis Martinez
- Founders Award: Brother Eugene DeLoach, Sr., Brother Monroe Griffith, and Brother John D. Veal, Jr.
- Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award: Brother Adrian Pittman

### Special Achievement Week Awards:

- Citizen of the Year: Christal Durham
- Educator of the Year: Ora Fitzgerald
- Religious Leader of the Year: Dr. Norman C. Melvin, Sr., Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- Small Business of the Year: Delaney’s Sweet Tooth

## ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY FOR MODERN LIFE

### EASE OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The World Wide Web, abbreviated as www has made the world a social village. This is because information from all around the globe is widely available on the internet. While most of the news you get to see on social media is purely factual, one may also see image results for particular news. Not only more news is available, but all such information is also straightforward to access. All thanks to modern technology.

One can get to read a book in the comfort of their bed and a cup of coffee. EBooks are available on the internet for this purpose. The modern technology has replaced radios with televisions, and now even televisions have been digitised to “LCD’s” and “LED’s”. Efforts are underway to create more reliable sources of

information. All this is possible only because of technology.

### SAVES TIME

Have you ever faced navigation problems in an unfamiliar town? Yes, we all have faced such issues when we move to a new place. Be it a business trip or a vacation; modern technology allows you to enjoy your outings by helping you navigate to anywhere. One can search for a particular place and then even pinpoint their specific destination. The application itself does rest. It won’t even let you miss a single turn, and nowadays it even shows you the traffic situation on your route.

## PSI UPSILON CHAPTER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.

On April 13, 2018, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Psi Upsilon Chapter, conducted their first “Professional Skills Workshop” at the Lawton/Fort Sill Boys and Girls Club. The Chairman of this event was Brother Luis Martinez. The chapter was eager to host the workshops to pass on life skills to the next generation. The workshop consisted of mentoring young men ranging from the ages of 8 to 15 years old on the importance of a good handshake when introducing themselves to someone. A total of 20 boys participated in the workshop. The young men were taught how to properly shake someone’s hand and how to introduce themselves in a professional manner to include eye contact, posture, verbal, and non-verbal communication skills. This was the first of a three class workshops. The second class on appearance was held on April 27, 2018. This class consisted of

Grooming (hair, facial hair, nails and cleanliness). The final class was conducted on May 11, 2018. This class consisted of Public Speaking Practice (Rehearsal, have a friend help, know the material, hesitate for possible questions, and know your goal), know your audience (average age, education level and beliefs).

At the conclusion of each class, the young men were broken down into small groups and given the opportunity to practice what they have learned with the members of Psi Upsilon. This event allowed the members of Psi Upsilon to bring the community together and uplift its youth by teaching them life skills as professional young men.



## PSI UPSILON CHAPTER ANNUAL CAR WASH SCHOLARSHIP FUND-RAISER

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

The mighty men of Psi Upsilon Chapter held its Annual Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday July 28, 2018. The event was held at the Red Oaks Carwash in Lawton, OK. The owner of the Facility looks forward to supporting this worthy event annually. The Brothers executed the event with no flaws. The attendees were complementary of how organized the event was, to include: ticket sales in advance, food preparation and our personal care for each car washed. The Chairman of this event was Brother Wallace McLoyd and the Co-chairman was Brother Monroe Griffith. The news station (7 news KSWO) provided coverage and recognized our event as being extremely positive and uplifting to the Lawton-Fort Sill community. The chapter was able to raise \$966.57 towards providing scholarships to graduating high school seniors. There were 38 cars washed at the event. (COL) (R) Albert Johnson Jr., Pastor Michael Turner, and Brother Allan Niles Sr., Chapter Basileus. The program was conducted January 13, 2015 through March 31, 2015. The Chapter Brothers and local community leaders met with the students to discuss several topics that would benefit the students. Several topics were discussed

during the mentorship sessions that were held each third Tuesday. Self-respect, mutual respect, expectations of self, parents, school administrators, and discipline were amongst topics that were discussed.

On May 14, 2015, CMS held an Academic Awards program. Two students who completed the mentorship program received certificates of participation and medallions for academic achievement. Students Patrick Martin and Chris Richardson both excelled! Martin achieved a 94% improvement in math, and Richardson achieved a 96% improvement in reading!



## PSI UPSILON CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN COMANCHE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.



On April 20, 2018, the brothers of the Psi Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., participated in the “Relay for Life” event to help raise money and awareness for cancer patients and research. The Chairman of this event was Brother Monroe Griffith and the Co-chairman was Brother Luis Martinez. The event consisted of walking from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. along with American Cancer Society employees, cancer survivors and individuals from the Lawton-Fort Sill community in an effort to raise awareness for cancer research and celebrate cancer survivors. Additionally, Psi Upsilon Chapter raised and donated \$1,000.00 to the American Cancer Society to help with future research and patients. The event was able to bring the Lawton-Fort Sill community together for a great cause.

The Brothers of the Psi Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. along with the “Relay for Life” event coordinator, Mrs. Nicole Krebs.

## PSI UPSILON CHAPTER VETERANS NEVER FORGET FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines a Veteran as “a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.” This definition explains that any individual that completed a service for any branch of armed forces classifies as a Veteran as long as they were not dishonorably discharged. Currently in Lawton, Oklahoma, there is a Veterans Center that houses many older and younger Veterans from Lawton and surrounding counties. On August 29, 2018, Psi Upsilon Chapter started a new initiative called the “Never Forget Veterans Friendship Program” at the Lawton Veteran Center. The Chairman of this event was Brother Luis Martinez. This program was designed to be an ongoing effort to spend time with some of our Military’s Veterans located in Lawton Veteran Center. Brother Martinez provided the Veterans with a brief overview of our beloved Fraternity. Then each chapter brothers present provided the Veterans with a brief overview of their Military experience and family history. Afterwards, the brothers had a chance to spend valuable time fellowshiping with each Veterans. Not only was the fellowship genu-

ine, but heartfelt and humbling. The chapter is looking forward to spending more time with the Veterans in the future.



## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY'S NEWEST ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

by Bro. Miron Billingsley

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Lincoln University of Missouri has named Houston, TX native and UAPB alumnus, Dr. Miron P. Billingsley as the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Billingsley will begin serving on September 4.

As life member (#5627) Dr. Billingsley was initiated in Spring 1989 at the Alpha Zeta Chapter located at Arkansas State University and graduated from the University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff. Has been affiliated with chapters in the 9th District, most recently the Nu Phi Chapter, Houston, TX.

Dr. Billingsley has countless years of experience in higher education as a professor, dean, director and vice president. Prior to his appointment at Lincoln University, he served as Executive Director of Enrollment Management at Jarvis Christian College. Prior to then, he served as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at North Carolina Central University in 2014 and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Prairie View A&M University in 2008.

While at PVAMU, Dr. Billingsley provided vision, direction, and review of student service operations. Under his leadership, he established a Counseling Center on campus, created a Veterans Center to recruit and retain military veterans and cultivated partnerships with all areas of the university to deliver seamless service to students. Additionally, Dr. Billingsley formed a Parent's Association and led Student Affairs through a successful re-accreditation self-study and campus evaluation visit.

Prior to PVAMU, Dr. Billingsley served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, AR. He has also worked as an adjunct professor at Texas Southern University in Houston, Director of Training and Development for PeopleSoft at the University of Houston and Director of Public Relations and Marketing at Langston University. In addition to his higher education experience, Dr. Billingsley served four years in the U.S. Navy as a radio man on the USS Bunker Hill.



Dr. Billingsley earned his bachelor's degree in speech communication from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a master's degree in telecommunications from Texas Southern University, and Doctor of Education degree from Oklahoma State University. He completed post-doctoral studies at Harvard University Graduate School of Education and the Executive Leadership Institute through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

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## ALPHA IOTA IOTA BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

by Bro. Larry Johnson

The brothers of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter partner with the National Pan-Hellenic Council - North Dallas Suburbia with the 8th Annual Back to School Rally. This event has become an exciting event that the Plano Independent School District looks forward to each year. The brothers of AII assist with college recruiting and career guidance for the older students and provide haircuts, back-

packs, and school supplies for the younger grade school students. The North Dallas Ques hold this as high regard when planning for the next fiscal year and continue to make an impact with Back to school initiatives and promoting education in the north Dallas community, and students in low income areas.



## EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER CONTINUES ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

by Bro. Clarence Brooks

While the temperature continued to drop to brutally cold levels and the ground continued to absorb the precipitation from the down pour from the previous three days, Omega men from the Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, gathered in order to support the Epsilon Alpha Adopt-A-Highway Project. Adopt-A-Highway is a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) program designed to help keep the state's highway roadsides clean and attractive. Adopt-A-Highway succeeds by encouraging residents/businesses to help combat the ever-increasing problem of littering by "adopting" a County road or highway. In exchange, for cleaning their adopted area four (4) times in a calendar year volunteers/volunteer organization receive a sign of recognition put at the beginning of each end of their adopted area.

The Epsilon Alpha Adopt-A-Highway Project, also helps to keep Tarrant County cleaner and healthier, saves taxpayer dollars, promotes local community involvement, promotes civic responsibility and pride, and provides recognition for individuals,



organizations, and companies. Community members and grade school students were invited to participate (often to acquire mandated volunteer hours) and also fellowship with members of Epsilon Alpha and the community. The Epsilon Alpha Adopt-A-Highway Project is an ongoing effort headed by the Committee Chairmen of Brother Clarence Brooks and Brother Teddy Jones.

Brother Teddy Jones stated:

*"CB (Clarence Brooks) and I wanted to think of ways Epsilon Alpha could make a bigger impact in the community, give back more, and something that hopefully would start a legacy. So, when CB thought of participating in the Adopt-A-*

*Highway program, it was a no brainer, especially since both of us had run a similar program at our previous chapters. I knew that littering was serious business and It is something that unfortunately is a big problem, giving the size and depth of our great state of Texas.*

*Adopt-A-Highway was something that we knew could turn into a great chapter tradition, because every adopted mile in Texas equals savings, and the more the state saves, the more they hopefully will have to fund the education of students across the state, like the ones out here with us today.”*

Epsilon Alpha’s has a goal of collecting over 40 bags of trash each year and maintaining a clean and attractive environment. During this outing, twelve (12) large garbage bags were collected by the side of the Epsilon Alpha five (5) mile stretch, along Highway FM 1187 and East Rendon Crowley Road, in Burleson, TX.



## **BRO. IRA SCOTT, SR., WILL BE HONORED BY THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPION HOUSTON ASTROS**

*by Bro. Karlos Jackson*



Greetings Brethren,

Been working on a project behind the scenes that I’m proud can finally be announced to the brotherhood. Bro. Ira Scott, Sr. will be recognized this Friday by the World Series Champion Houston Astros as the Wells Fargo Houston Astros “Hometown Hero”!! This recognition and ceremony will take place on the field at Minute Maid Ball Park prior to the Houston Astros taking on the Texas Rangers. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 6:40pm for brothers that have tickets to the game or that will acquire tickets.

For those able to attend the game, please wear your fraternity paraphernalia in support of Bro. Scott’s recognition. This is the light that Omega should be presented in all over the globe and honored we could do our part in telling the positive narrative of the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Bro. Scott has lived an exemplary life as a Husband, Father, Educator, Community Leader, and it is through God’s grace he is able to witness these blessings at a 101 years young. We recently attended a rededication ceremony at Houston’s Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men in their Library/ Media Center that now bears his name. Let’s keep pushing and striving for high aspirations brothers!!

## KEEPING CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHWAYS CLEAN

by Bro. Quincy Norman

Fort Hood/Killeen, TX- On the 23 February 2019, Brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter conducted their quarterly Highway Clean-up along FM3219 and FM439 as part of their "Keeping Central Texas Highways Clean" campaign. Omicron Pi Chapter has cleaned this 2 mile stretch of highway for over 33 years. The Chapter's efforts have been continuously noted and praised by community leaders and homeowners, this Social Action program continues to Uplift our Community and the Brothers.



## PSI ALPHA CHAPTER VISIT TO ELDERLY BROTHERS

by Bro. Orlando Richards

The third 3rd Saturday of each month, Psi Alpha Chapter visits our elderly brothers who may be sick, shut-in or incapacitated where not able to come around as before to functions, chapter meetings, fellowships. A special time for many of the brothers in the chapter to have the assurance we have not been forgotten and fellowship from chapter members can make the difference in life in possibly one day, month or year. Expressing the love from one brother to another . . . I am my Brother's Keeper.



## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

by Bro. Frank Watson

On November 3, 2018, Bro. Frank Watson spearheaded Omega men within Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, TX) to Walk to End Alzheimer's, the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease. Together, we can advance the research to treat and prevent Alzheimer's disease and provide programs that support to improve the lives of millions of affected Americans.



# ANNUAL ADOPT-A-FAMILY

by Bro. Na'Shon Edwards

The Brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi hosted three families for the holiday season. This annual event consists of the chapter identifying families that are in need of essentials during the holiday season. The Brotherhood then mobilizes to combine resources to ensure that the family is adequately gifted. The chapter supported families in the Houston and Greater Houston Area and collectively issued the gifts to the families. This event was significant to the brothers because for many it was the first time participating in such an event and for others, it was a refresher to give more than yourself during the holiday season. It is our prayer that each family continues to keep God first and remember that they are a part of our family now and well beyond the holiday season. We want to wish them a Merry Christmas and



# ALPHA IOTA IOTA SUMMER RETREAT WORKSHOP

by Bro. Chapter Reporter

For the second year the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter held its annual summer retreat workshop. While this is open to any brother who wants to participate, it is mandatory for newly initiated members, committee chairman, current chapter executive board members and any prospective executive board members. During the workshop, past Basileus, committee chairs, and brothers from an extensive leadership background, present on successful imple-

mentation of the fraternities national mandated programs, chapter, district, and international bylaws, and the importance of fellowship and chapter moral. The first part of the agenda is structured on behalf of the above mentioned, and the second half is designed to strengthen the bond with a chapter barbecue and fellowship. The retreat was held at the home of Bro. Eric Thomas (OK '95).



## THE EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVE

*by Brother Clarence Brooks*

The afternoon had barely turned into evening on November 14, 2018, and Michelle Jenkins, a proud resident of the Southside of Fort Worth, was already waiting in line inside the Sycamore Community and Family Services Center for a Thanksgiving meal. “I wanted to be one of the first ones in line to get my Thanksgiving dinner, because I believe there is going to be a long line out here, because the food is always exceptional, and I didn’t want to miss out. In addition, I have two sons and exposing them to positive black males is always as bonus, plus my son wanted to see yall hop and jump around” said big smiling Michelle.

Michelle Jenkins, who is battling unemployment, has been coming to the Thanksgiving Serve meal give-a-way for the last three years. This year she is accompanied by her 14-year-old nephew, James and her younger niece Raquel. She said she’s grateful to be alive and to be able to share another Thanksgiving with her kids, family, and friends.

“It means a lot to me, especially for people on the Southside. A lot of us are low-income and middle-class people, just working hard and looking for a little help.” Jenkins said. “They (Omega Men) help the poor people in the area, the middle class, they just help everybody, especially single moms and kids”

Just then Teddy Jones, one of the two Epsilon Alpha coordinators stated, “Please come on in and get your plate from one of the brothers and come on down the line, we have a large variety of

food to hopefully please everybody. There’s going to be plenty of turkey and dressing, so everybody take your time and practice good manners.”

Over a hundred pounds of food will be handed out this year. We set a goal of just helping the community by being able to feed at least 100 people and families, but the love and generosity from the chapter (Epsilon Alpha members), as well as the community, touched us, as they continued to pour donations into us, allowing us to be able to bless over 300 families and people. We set a record, but more importantly we did good for the people of the community.”

Jeff Garcia, a homeless man, stated “This is outstanding, and the cold and rainy weather we have had lately would not keep me away from a free and hardy meal and the chance to meet new people.”

The Thanksgiving Serve was from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Sycamore Community Center in Fort Worth, TX. The Thanksgiving Serve was a free event designed to benefit the homeless and lower income families and provide them with food, fun, and a means to hopefully a better life. It was a joint effort event in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department of Fort Worth and several other community and non-profit business and organizations



# TEXAS OMEGA DAY AT THE CAPITAL

by Bro. Karlos Jackson



Monday March 25th was Omega Capital Day in Austin, TX. The Brothers were there to advocate on behalf of our communities across the District along with the Texas Association of African-American Chamber of Commerce (TAAACC). It was a great panel discussion and always glad to see one of my classmates, Carol Y. Guess, in the house on behalf of Greater Houston Chamber. We also celebrated the 102nd birthday of our oldest living Omega member and Nu Phi brother, Bro. Ira B. Scott, Sr. My Chapter bruh and SPT hood homie, State Rep. Jarvis Johnson, great job getting our agenda onto the House floor!!!



# THE DREAM STILL LIVES ON

by Bro. Quincy Norman

Fort Hood/Killeen, TX- On the 21st of January, Brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter in support of the 2019 MLK March with other Fraternities, Sororities, the Killeen Branch of the NAACP, other civic organizations and supporters braved the Cold weather to honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His contributions to garnish equality for African Americans and the oppressed by illuminating the social injustices is still at the forefront of America's push for equality for All.



# PSI ALPHA CHAPTER BRO. JAMES "6-4" BLAIR MEMORIAL TOY DRIVE – MCDC

by Bro. Orlando Richards

One of Psi Alpha Chapter's marquee events for the community is bringing smiles and joy to the lives of our most precious assets – our kids. Through the chapter's Annual Christmas Toy Drive named in honor of the late Bro. Basileus James "Six-Four" Blair, the chapter continues to give toys to each individual kid attending the Miller Child Development Center as well as some group toys/items for the center. The relationship started long before our very own Bro. James Blair operated the center to assist with low to no income parents on the east side needing day care and assistance to support while trying to stay above water. The center continues to be a beacon of light and hope for many parents and their kids with services of learning, training and caring. Psi Alpha each year contributes more than \$1,500 in Christmas gifts, supplies and other monetary means when possible.

## THROW BLANKETS FOR NURSING HOME

by Bro. Frank Watson

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, The Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, TX) led by Bro. Freddy Blanks and Bro. Otis Jordan began their Saturday morning handing out 110 throw blankets to the elderly at Mission Care Center in Houston, TX. All 110 were hand delivered to residents in need at the facility. The manager and the residents of the Mission Care Center were very thankful and looked forward to seeing the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. again next year.



## THETA CHI RECEIVES PROCLAMATION IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

by Bro. Na'Shon Edwards

On Monday, January 28, 2019, the brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were presented with a proclamation in the City of Prairie View, Texas by the city council. The Theta Chi chapter was chartered on February 1, 1955, in Prairie View, Texas by Bro. Edward Martin, Dr. Avis Dunson, and Danny Brooks, Archie Walker, and Carl Weems. The brothers of the Theta Chi chapter will be celebrating its 64th anniversary on February 1, 2019. The proclamation not only solidifies the chapters legacy in the city of Prairie View but it pays homage to the fraternal and communal commitment to the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. The brothers would like to thank the Prairie View Mayor and City Council members

for the city's highest honor, and we pledge to continue to serve, build and advocate in the Prairie View community for years to come.

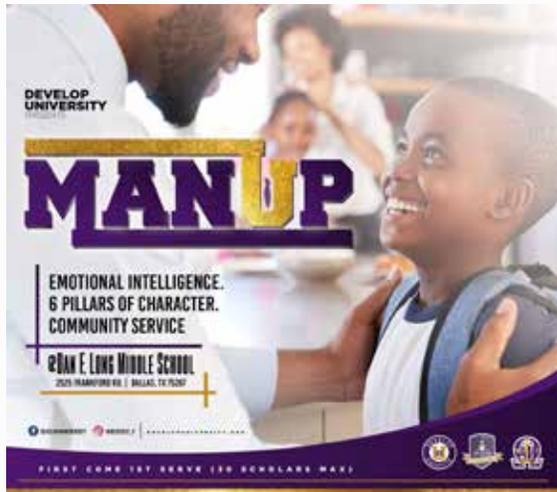


## ALPHA IOTA IOTA FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

by Bro. Larry Johnson

The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter feeds its passion for youth involvement, fatherhood, and mentoring through the Man Up mentoring initiative. Man Up is driven by Develop University and The Pinnacle Star Foundation, both Non-Profit community service orientated organizations, as well as the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter which serves the North Dallas Communities. Through a strong





collaborative effort, the brothers decided to adopt Dan E. Long Middle School as the pilot location and fulfill the vital need of Mentor-ship. Each session is conducted through a strong curriculum of three man focal points, EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER, and COMMUNITY SERVICE.



## PSI ALPHA CHAPTER RECEIVES BLESSED ANGELS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARD

by Bro. Orlando Richards



Psi Alpha Chapter, Monday, 5 December 2018 was honored with its continued Volunteer Service to BACC and the community. Psi Alpha Chapter as an annual donor and volunteer participant assisted in serving more than 107,320 families with food, clothes, school supplies, etc. The partnership has allowed opportunities to the chapter of supporting Veterans Day Program, Spring Break Food Drives and Back to School events to ensure food, school supplies and many other things needed by families are obtained. Each year along with 4,500 hours sweat equity, the chapter donates more than \$700 year to support the many BACC services offered to the community and its families.



## THANKSGIVING DAY HOME PROGRAM

by Bro. Frank Watson

On November 22, 2018, Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, Tx.) worked alongside other Omega men within the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters and assisted the Houston YWCA on (6309 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd) with its Thanksgiving Day HOME Program. This program provides home delivered meals and fellowship to seniors in the Houston area who may not have family to visit with them on this holiday. Omega Men distributed over one thousand Thanksgiving meals to families within the inner-city Houston Area. These deliveries and companionship put smiles on the faces of those in need.

## OMEGA MEN SUIT & DRESS DONATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH

by Bro. Rosh Handley



On January 25th, 2019, The Theta Chi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. non-profit, Today's Omegas Making A Change Foundation (TOMAC) delivered clothing to the Houston And Youth Center (HAY Center). TOMAC, with assistance from various sponsors, collected close to 100 suits, formal dresses, shoes, ties, makeup kits. The items collected will be donated to foster teenagers who are attending high school prom in the Houston area. Additionally, \$350 in restaurant gift cards was granted to ensure these young men and women have a memorable prom experience. The TOMAC Foundation looks forward to continuing our charitable efforts to the youth in our community and future partnerships with the HAY Center.

We look forward to next years prom drive and pray that next year will be bigger, better, and even more impactful to the foster children in the Prairie View and Houston Communities.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

by Bro. Larry Johnson



Each year the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County host a Christmas Awards dinner for the members of the club and their

families. The kids are awarded with academic achievements and good merit awards for an outstanding year as a club member. The brothers of AII stand as an acting partner in this initiative and provide service and leadership for this program. The Relationship between Alpha Iota Iota and the Boys and Girls Club is long standing as the brothers infuse a huge amount of effort towards mentoring as well as grounds keeping to this low funded facility.



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE PROJECT UPLIFT

by Bro. Orlando Richards

The Psi Alpha Chapter, Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) and Project Manhood Committee have been diligent in the past few months preparing and registering 6th-12th youths for Saturday, March 23, 2019 Conference. The conference focused on desired professions (i.e. sports, medicine, etc.) and pertinent issues facing young males (i.e. laws, personal development, academic achievement and leadership). Purpose of the conference is to empower young men with facts (information) which will shape their decision/future. More than sixty to seventy-five (60-75) young



men registered for attendance along with seven (7) fathers to obtain knowledge of how to become better LEADERS and develop to better MEN in their home, community, life. Psi Alpha Chapter contributed more than \$2,500 to include food (breakfast/ lunch), swag, educational tools needed to promote student's learning and two (2) grants for deserving students. Conference covered subjects like engineering, art, 3D virtual reality art, sports, law, entertainment, military, etc. for students, as well as, finances and leadership for fathers.



## FIRST QUARTER HOMELESS OUTREACH

by Bro. Frank Watson

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, TX.) led by Bro. Michael Evans, conducted a clothing drive and purchased toiletries to give to the homeless community. The items were distributed on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at Loaves and Fishes in downtown Houston. Giving to those in need is important to Rho Xi Chapter. The homeless community was very thankful. On this date, Omega's cardinal principle of uplift, was displayed by the brothers who participated.



## THETA CHI HOST QUETTE EVENT

by Bro. Na'Shon Edwards

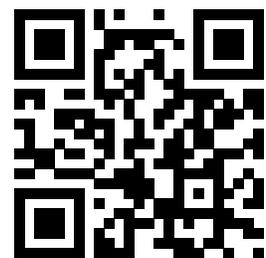


The brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Prairie View, Texas hosted their semi-annual Quette event. The theme for this year's event was "Night Out with The Quettes" which was sponsored at Houston's Magnolia Hotel located in the heart of the city. This event provided the brothers with a platform to show gratitude to the influential women in our lives. The evening consisted of dinner, gifts, and poetry. The highlight of this unique occasion was the singing of the fraternity's Sweet-heart Song by the brothers to their Quettes. In attendance was 9th District Representative Bro. Patrick Smith and his lovely Quette. The brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter would like to thank all that supported the event and look forward to next year's Quette event.



# St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Our St. team is hosting a Game Day. Give Back. party to raise support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. You can help us reach our fundraising goal for the kids of St. Jude, who are battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

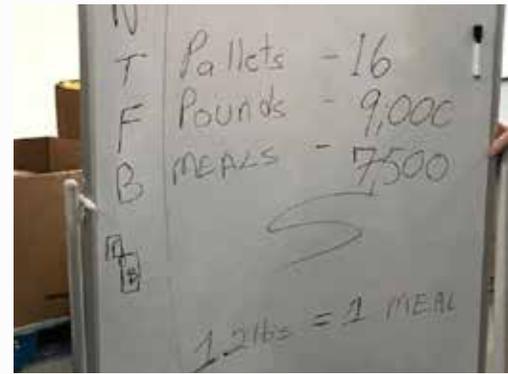


## ALPHA IOTA IOTA NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

by Bro. Larry Johnson

On December 28, 2018 the men of Alpha Iota Iota volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank to close out the year with a community service effort. This service afforded the brothers and their families the opportunity to participate in the fight against hunger. The participants in this event were able to sort 9,000lbs. of food, fill 16 pallets, and prepared 7,500 meals

A special thank you was granted to the brothers and family members of Alpha Iota Iota who were able to contribute and make this initiative a success!



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

by Bro. Frank Watson

Voting is an opportunity for every American citizen to join the quest for a better America. The upcoming 2020 presidential election is an important one! The Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter will continuously uplift the community through voter registration, education and mobilization. On January 19, 2019, Rho Xi Chapter secured a booth to register residents of Brazoria County. The Voter Registration effort was led by Bro. Derrick McWilliams. Rho Xi also partnered with the Brazosport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to register those who attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Rally in Freeport Municipal Park.



## THETA CHI PARTNERS WITH HOUSTON I.S.D. IN 2018 WINTER BALL

by Bro. Na'Shon Edwards

The Brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated had the esteemed pleasure of supporting and attending Houston Independent School District's inaugural 'Ascending to Men Winter Ball' hosted at Minute Maid Park grand ballroom. The Ascending to Men Project is a mentorship program that seeks to provide role models and advocates for students who need guidance and opportunities for educational, social, and professional growth to underprivileged young men of color in Houston I.S.D.

The Brothers of Theta Chi collectively provided financial contributions so that the young men could be dressed in tuxedos for the ball. The young men were able to keep the suits due to the contributions from the Brothers. This event was indeed one to remember for all who were in attendance. The evening began with the Brothers assisting the young men with their attire, for many of whom have never worn a tuxedo prior to this engagement.

dressed in ball gowns donated by caring mentors and sponsors. Theta Chi Basileus Adam Frank, Brother Lawrence Allen, and Brother Clayton Owens were in attendance to witness the excitement on the faces of these young women and young men who typically are outsiders to this type of experience. Noting the importance of this night, other mentors and sponsors also graciously thanked the Brothers of Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated for our selfless service.

In cotillion fashion, the fifty male students, who are college and career bound, waltzed with young ladies who were beautifully



## THE SANTA QUES

*by Bro. Larry Johnson*

A.I.I. was lucky enough to partner with a local Crossfit Gym to assist a single father of two girls with Christmas assistance for this year's Santa Ques Program. Each year the chapter chooses this outlet to bless a disadvantaged family during the holiday season that otherwise would not have been able to provide a Christmas for themselves. The committee met with the quali-

fied family, identified the need, and provided assistance through donations from the chapter and local business, Crossfit Anodyne. This initiative continues to impact lives during this special time of year.



## STEM NIGHT AT BRAZOSPORT HIGH SCHOOL

by Bro. Frank Watson



STEM Night at Brazosport High School took place on January 31, 2018. On this evening demonstrations of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics were on display. Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, TX) secured two booths. An Electromagnetism demonstration that was led by Bro. Donovan Duhon. A Finger Print Science demonstration was led by Bro. Deron Jenkins.

Approximately 500 students and their family members had the opportunity to participate in fun, engaging educational activities. This was a great opportunity for Rho Xi Chapter to continue to show their service area that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is present and doing great work within their community.

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

by Bro. Larry Johnson



The Brothers of Alpha Iota Iota serve the seniors at the Annual Douglass Center Community Senior Luncheon held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano, Texas. This is an annual event that the chapter has participated in for more than 15 years.

It is a grand opportunity to acknowledge the bridge builders of this historic community and highlight their contributions to the growth of the area and the citizens who reside there. AII takes pride in being a part of this event.

# YOUTH FOR CHRIST

by Bro. Frank Watson



Rho Xi Chapter brothers, Anthony Bass and Jason Johnson, had the privilege to participate in the Youth for Christ program at Galena Park High School on December 6, 2019. Bro. Bass served as

a spiritual leader and Bro. Johnson was the guest speaker. On this date five youth gave their life to Christ. What a great day, what a great cause, what a great God we serve!

# RESIDENCE HALL NAMED FOR BROTHER DR. GORDON MORGAN

by Bro. Lonnie Williams

Two University of Arkansas residence halls have been renamed in honor of retired professors Margaret Clark and Gordon Morgan, the first two African American professors at the university.

The U of A Board of Trustees approved the naming on Thursday, Jan. 31, at the board's regular meeting on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences campus in Little Rock.

Brother Dr. Gordon D. Morgan was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1950 on the campus of Arkansas A. M. & N. College (now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) through the Tau Sigma chapter. Brother Morgan led a group of young men in 1974 who chartered the Gamma Eta chapter of Omega Psi Phi as the first black fraternity on the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus. He was also among a group of Omega men who facilitated the move of the charter of the Upsilon Chi chapter to Northwest Arkansas in 1989. In 2015, alumni of the Gamma Eta chapter presented him with a Life Membership in Omega Psi Phi (photo attached).



“Dr. Clark and Dr. Morgan were great teachers and scholars, but they also played a critical and consistent role in helping make the university a more welcoming place to all who came, showing students the path toward success through their words and their actions,”

said Chancellor Joe Steinmetz. “It is a great honor for the university to have two buildings named in honor of each of them.” The Northwest Quad was built in 2004 as four residence halls with a connected dining facility to serve the university’s growing student enrollment. Residence hall B in the Northwest Quad will be named Gordon Morgan Hall, and residence hall C will be named Margaret Clark Hall. Two other residence halls in the Northwest Quad were previously named in honor of former U of A Presidents Willard Gatewood and Arthur Harding, and the dining hall is named in honor of Roberta Fulbright, a university benefactor and mother of J. William Fulbright.

Dr. Gordon Morgan was hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology in 1969 and climbed the tenure ladder to associate professor, full professor and then the rank of University Professor.



## UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

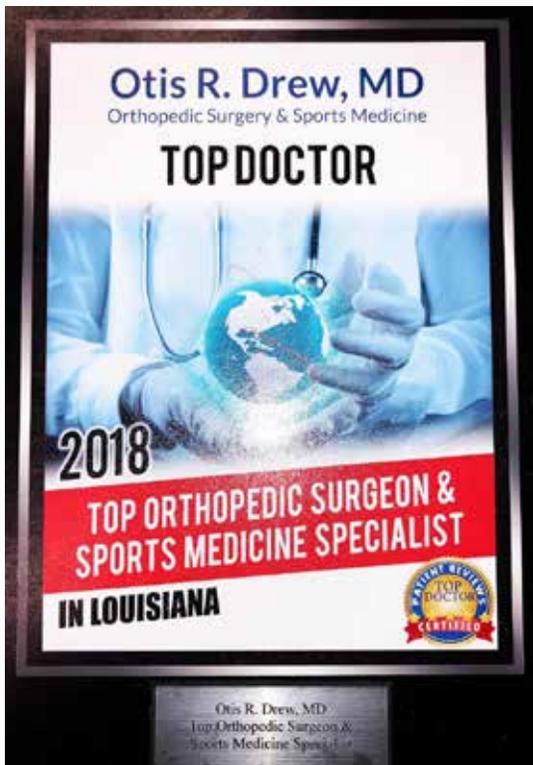
Morgan received the Silas Hunt Legacy Award, a National Endowment for the Humanities Teaching Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Fellowship, among other honors. He received the J. William Fulbright Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006.

In 1990, Brother Morgan and his wife, Dr. Izola Preston, wrote a seminal book, *The Edge of Campus: A Journal of the Black Experience at the University of Arkansas*, examining the first 40 years of campus life since desegregation began at the U of A in 1948. In 2006, he published the book, *Sixty Years a Que*.

He and his wife also established the Gordon Morgan Family Scholarship for minority students at the U of A. He retired and took emeritus status in 2012. Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams, Upsilon Chi chapter, Arkansas State Representative – North and a charter line member of Gamma Eta, stated, “Dr. Morgan has truly lived up to being a Bridge Builder. I have been a witness to he and his family being a resource for black students and professionals at the U of A since my arrival on the campus in 1972. In an effort to assist African American authors get published, he and his family funded an endowment at the University of Arkansas Press to fund such efforts. I am one of the beneficiaries of that endowment.”

Dedication of the building names will occur at a later date.





## TOP DOCTOR

by Bro. Herbert D. Guillory

Dr. Otis R. Drew has been recognized as the 2018 top Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Specialist in the state of Louisiana. Dr. Drew is currently practicing in Lafayette, LA and is a team doctor for the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Otis was initiated in the fall of 1998 in Mu Lambda chapter at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. “I pride myself on treating ALL my patients with the same respect regardless of socioeconomic status. I make sure that whatever decision WE decide is in the best interest of my patients.” –Dr. Otis Drew.



## BROTHER DR. LONNIE R. WILLIAMS RECEIVES NEW APPOINTMENT AT ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

by Bro. Herbert D. Guillory



Chancellor Kelly Damphousse announced the appointment of Dr. Lonnie Williams as special assistant to the chancellor on July 12th. In his new role, Williams will continue to direct the AState Student Health Center and the university’s Counseling Center. He will also assist with the student conduct appeals process and manage other tasks for the chancellor’s office. Brother Williams previously served as



the associate vice chancellor for student affairs. He had served in that role for 15 years at Arkansas State University and worked prior at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Brother Dr. Williams is a Life Member of the Fraternity and the Ninth District, serves as Arkansas State Representative-North and a member of the Upsilon Chi chapter of Northwest Arkansas.

# A FEW MORE ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY FOR MODERN LIFE

## EASE OF MOBILITY

Ever imagined your life without a car or a bike? Surely not because technology has placed these things under our foot. The importance of a vehicle can easily be judged from the fact that the distance between the United States of America and Australia is nearly 15, 187 kilometres but you can travel just in 16-17 hours. Even less than in a day and believe me, you won't be ever regretting these 16-17 hours of your life. Airplanes, electric trains and cars which are being improved every single day have made all this possible.

## BETTER COMMUNICATION MEANS

It is a fact that modern technology has replaced the old technology. And we cannot imagine our lives without this replacement. Letters were the most common mean of communication less than a century ago, but now no one would even think of writing a letter because why prefer a parchment on a video call? Instant messaging and sharing of photos and videos was never so easy before. We have to accept that it's only the use of technology, which makes it harmful otherwise nothing can beat the level of comfort in our lives because of technology.

## COST EFFICIENCY

One of the main goals of technology includes making things cheaper and more affordable for people. Therefore, people see cost efficiency these days due to technology. The machinery of great benefit is available for so less price that we cannot imagine. More often competition takes place between two or more industries which results in even lesser prices.

## INNOVATION IN MANY FIELDS

Technology has truly resulted in digitisation and modernisation in many fields. Either it is the field of medicine or farming or electronics, technology has resulted in a global revolution. Better techniques in farming have resulted in more and healthier food. The technique of "layer farming" takes even less space and produces more food.

The better health of animals guarantees more yield of dairy and poultry products. The health sector has also benefited a lot from technology boom. Even the incurable diseases

like cancer have a proper cure now. There are so many other fields also which cannot survive without the backbone of technology.

## IMPROVED BANKING

Less than a decade ago no one ever thought that they would be paying in bitcoins rather than dollars. Cryptocurrency has recently got viral because of its usefulness. No one would now have to wait in the long line of banks just for paying their utility bills.

## BETTER LEARNING TECHNIQUES

Bring some fun to your classroom. You can improve your teaching skills and integrate scientific methods to bring motivation to your students. Many software and electronic gadgets are introduced to help students with their education. The simplest example of a calculator can amaze a person. Multiple calculations and various binary operations, the answer comes with just a click.

## DISABLES, ARE NOW ABLE

Modern science and technology have now made nearly everything possible. Recently, brails which work on electronic pulses have been invented. Artificial foot, smart sticks and what not is invented. Disabled are no more disables. They are surely in the long run of success along with the normal ones.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The new concept of artificial intelligence is growing up fast, and it is gaining much popularity. The reason behind is that this might bring a whole new era of revolution. No humans would have to think anymore because the possibilities are that an AI System would be able to think about how to improve it. This would give a break to the human generation and probably one of the greatest favour of modern technology on us.

## CONCLUSION

The 21st century is just 18 years old, and we have seen a revolutionary blast of technology. People are so much used to of technology that one cannot even imagine of living without a smartphone or their laptop. From our food to our education, digitisation has been done in every field possible.



# *WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES*

*“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, 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.*

*by Bro. Carver Portlock*





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