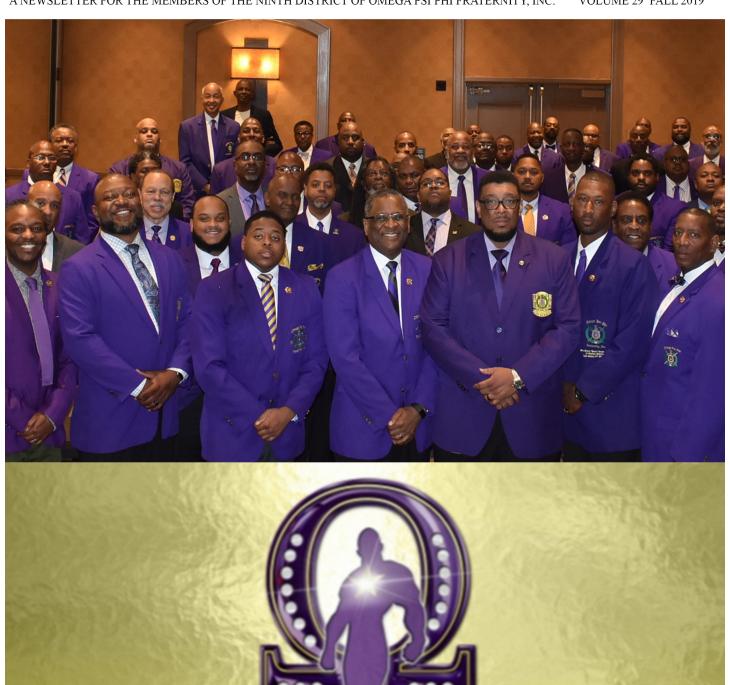
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EACH ONE, BRING ONE!

A MESSAGE FROM THE NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

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 loving and gracious appreciation of the friendships we have forged over these many decades. I believe that what bonds us together as one is far greater than what we see differently. We are the Mighty Ninth District. We represent an unprecedented and historic level of talent. We represent the manhood, scholarship, and charismatic 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 extraordinary and talented Brothers who share my belief that we live in a dynamic District. Repeatedly we have proven time and time again that we have the drive, the will and the capacity to ensure that the Ninth District complements our beloved Fraternity as one of its greatest assets.

I currently stress 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 and private associations. In addition, the continued promotion of Omega's positive works for the world to see via social and mass media. 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 Each One, Bring One!

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In Friendship,

Bro. Patrick Bouvier Smith



The Ninth District Officers after being swom in by 41st Grand Basileus Bro.

Dr. David Marion at the 82nd Ninth District Meeting. Pictured Left to Right; Bro.

Patrick B. Smith, Bro. Harold Bailey, Bro. Lamarius McGraw, Bro. David

Washington, Jr., Bro. Van Newborn, Bro. Quinnon Brooker, Bro. Frank L. Watson,

Bro. Derrick Lott, Bro. Kenneth Terrell, and Bro. Lee Young.

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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 77th 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 1st 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.might-yninth.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 to purchase an optional Ninth District Life Membership Lapel Pin.



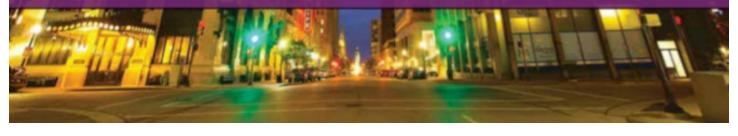




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The Caddy Program

by Bro. Derrick Young - Omicron Lambda Lambda (Little Rock, AR)



Brother James Williams, member of Omicron Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter, Little Rock, AR, is making an impact with the youth in the community! The Caddy Program introduced golf to students who attend Horace Mann Middle School, by offering a golf clinic. The youth are enjoying themselves and having a great time growing in technique and etiquette and in developing comradery. This is truly a grassroots project. During the golf lessons, Brother Williams shares the importance of life lessons and being resilient. Bro. Williams works with the students during the school year and also during the summer months. Other goals of the program are to create an awareness of student overwhelming interest, to garner more support for the sport, and to bring attention to the need for students to have an opportunity to compete at the middle school level with other schools.

Bro. Hampton Recieves a Proclamation

by Bro. Jeremy Pierre - Xi Rho (West Memphis, AR)



As the school year ended at Wonder City Junior High School, a group of people honored the school's resource officer. Bro. Anthony Hampton is a West Memphis Police Officer, more importantly he serves as a mentor to many of the kids at the school. On the last day of the school year, city leaders presented Bro. Hampton with a proclamation. The Mayor of West Memphis, Marco McClendon commended him for his steadfast dedication to the success of the students at the school. Bro. Hampton is a Spring 1992 initiate of the Alpha Zeta Chapter (Arkansas State University). He is a graduate member of the Xi Rho Chapter in West Memphis, AR. Bro. Hampton also serves in the United States Army. He's taken several furloughs from his job as a police officer to handle duties in the Army. Brothers from the Xi Rho and Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapters attended the event to praise Bro. Hampton's accomplishments.

Pi Omicron Community Uplift Part 1

by Bro. Major Banks, Jr. - Pi Omicron (Little Rock, AR)



The Brothers of Pi Omicron at an announcement of Prostate Cancer Awareness month at the Arkansas State Capitol. Pictured (L-R) Bro. Marcus Waters, Bro. Morris Williams, Bro. Major Banks, Jr., Bro. Leon Chitman, Bro. Hayse Miller, Bro. Marion Butler and Bro. Jay Hartman.



Omega Brothers delivering school supplies to Meadowcliff Elementary School .Pictured (L-R) Bro. Major Banks, III, Bro. Major Banks, Jr., Bro. Major Banks, IV, Principal Cynthia Collins an Bro. Darris Grant.

Paul Adams Receives National Role Model Award

by Bro. Lonnie Williams - Upsilon Chi (Bentonville, AR)



At the Twentieth National Role Models Conference, on September 26-29, 2019 in National Harbor, MD, Life Member Brother Dr. Paul Adams, was honored with the Minority Access National Role Model Award. The purpose of the award is to identify inspirational role models in various categories to inspire others to emulate them, and thereby increase the pool of scholars and professionals who will find cures for illnesses or solve technological problems or address social disparities in society. Brother Dr. Adams is an associate professor in chemistry, biochemistry and cellular & molecular biology at the University of Arkansas. He is a member of the Upsilon Chi chapter and was initiated into the Fraternity through Theta Kappa chapter. He serves as the vice chairman of the International UG Affairs and Chapter Advisors Committee and as a Ninth District UG Advisor.

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Generating Opportunities and Not Excuses

by Bro. Derrick Young - Omicron Lambda Lambda (Little Rock, AR)



Brother De Angelo Earl is making an impact in the communities of Arkansas. He is a member of the Omicron Lambda Lambda graduate chapter ub Little Rock, AR and the Vice President of the Generating Opportunities and Not Excuses (G.O.N.E.) program. His program recently conducted a free Youth Football Camp in Eudora, Arkansas for 30 youth. During camp, the program leaders facilitated group sessions to guide the youth in discussions about career goals and opportunities. The leaders also follow-up with the youth throughout the year. This program has been in existence for five years. G.O.N.E. hosts camps all across the state of Arkansas.

What's Next Pine Bluff?

by Bro. Derrick Yo<mark>ung - Omicro</mark>n Lambda <mark>Lambda (Little Rock, AR)</mark>

Brother Nathanial Baker, a member of Omicron Lambda Lambda graduate chapter in Little Rock, AR is a "Bridge Builder"! He is a catalyst with the "What's Next Pine Bluff "organization. This organization is a coalition of students, teachers, and families committed to a brighter future for young people in Pine Bluff, AR. The mission is for young people in Pine Bluff to have the same opportunity to succeed as a student growing up anywhere in America. Brother Baker is an Omega Man making a difference!



Raising Funds for Scholarships

by Bro. Lonnie Williams - Upsilon Chi (Bentonville, AR)

Members of the Upsilon Chi chapter participate in the annual Gamma Eta alumni golf tournament held on Friday, September 13, 2019 in Fayetteville, AR. Pictured (L to R) Lenard Graves, Upsilon Chi Basileus, Ed Garland, member of the Gamma Eta charter line of 1974, Detrick Jenkins, Upsilon Chi KRS, and Shaun Angles, member of the second line of the chapter. The event raised more than \$7,000 to support the alumni scholarship provided through the University of Arkansas' Foundation to be given to a member of the Gamma Eta chapter annually. A highlight of the tournament was the participation by Brother Marcus Adair, Gamma Eta 1994, Xi Rho chapter, a former star player for the Arkansas Razorback football team who currently has acting roles in several current TV shows and within the film Black Panther.

Pi Omicron Chapter Community Uplift Part 2

by Bro. Major Banks, Jr. - Pi Omicron (Little Rock, AR)



This is Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. at its best. The Johnson family displays their four Cardinal Principals (L-R) Bro. Dr. Trevor Johnson, Bro. Travis Johnson Sr., Bro. Travis Johnson Jr., and Bro. Trenton Johnson.



Pi Omicron Basileus Bro, Michael Williams Sr. and Joyce Raynor Director of Center for Healing Hearts are shown being interviewed for the 10th annual back to school backpack giveaway. The chapter gave out over 400 backpacks.





Arkansas Board of Corrections Select New Director

by Bro. Derrick Young - Omicron Lambda (Little Rock, AR)



The Arkansas Board of Corrections members unanimously selected Bro. Dexter Payne, who is a former Deputy Director of Institutions, as Director. Even as the board members exited an executive session Friday after discussing who should lead Arkansas' prison network, Bro. Payne said he wasn't sure if he'd get the job. "It was a surprise to me," Bro. Payne said. "I am nervous, but at the same time, I have a great staff around me and a management team to help me." Payne moved up the ladder from Corrections Officer to several leadership positions over the past 29 years. Wendy Kelley, former Director, said his experience is part of what will make him a good leader for the more than 4,000 people employed in corrections. "I think he's well-prepared to do this job," Kelley said.

Arkansas Baptist College Donation

by Bro. Major Banks, Jr. - Pi Omicron (Little Rock, AR)



Omegas of Greater Little Rock presented a check for 2,000.00 dollars to Arkansas Baptist College. Pictured (L-R) Bro. Carlos Clark, Bro. Marion Butler President Greater Omegas of Little Rock, Ms. Regina Favors Interim President Arkansas Baptist College, Bro. Clarence Duvall, and Bro. Charles Williams.

Building Naming Dedication Held for Professors Emeriti Margaret Clark and Gordon Morgan

by Bro. Lonnie Williams - Upsilon Chi (Bentonville, AR)



Friends, family and colleagues gathered Friday, Sept. 13th to dedicate two residence hall buildings in the names of the first African American professors on the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus. Professors emeriti Margaret Clark and Life Member Brother Dr. Gordon Morgan were honored in a naming ceremony on Friday, Sept. 13th. Both professors started teaching at the University of Arkansas in 1969. Both Clark and Morgan spoke at the event as well as former students and colleagues. Dan Ferritor, chancellor emeritus, remarked there are 295 buildings on campus, 86 are named after donors, and only two were named after faculty members prior to the naming of Clark and Morgan halls. Brother Dr. Morgan joined the Fraternity through the Tau Sigma chapter in 1950. He is a founder of the Gamma Eta chapter chartered in 1975 on the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville campus and served as advisor to the chapter for many years.

Morgan and his family have endowed several scholarships on the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville campus including one that is split with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (his alma mater previously known as Arkansas A. M. & N. College) and has endowed an award within the University of Arkansas Press which assists authors of color in getting their works published.

Easter Baskets/Children Storybook Bible

by Bro. Keith Taylor - Rho Phi (New Orleans, LA)



On April 20, 2019, the Brothers of Rho Phi chapter distributed Easter baskets and religious articles to children in hospitals and emergency shelters in the Greater New Orleans area on the Saturday before Easter. The chapter Brothers visited several facilities and distributed well over 100 baskets. Rho Phi chapter has held this event on the day before Easter for more than 30 years.

Rho Omega Saves Lives

by Bro. Marlon Henderson - Rho Omega (Shreveport, LA)



The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently held their annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive at the Walmart located at Westport and Pines Road in Shreveport, LA. With the assistance of Life Share Blood Center, a total of 20 pints of blood were collected. In accordance with the chosen theme "Be a Life Saver," many lives will be saved by the efforts of Rho Omega. Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson is Chairman of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive and Brother James F. Hawkins is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.

Epsilon Chi Senior Scholarships

by Bro. Willie Banks, Jr. - Epsilon Chi (Alexandria, LA)



How many of you lived is a town where everything shut down on a Friday evening for game? Perhaps went to a high school with a graduation class of 55 where the athletes were praised for performing on the field and the court, but probably not expected to go further their education. On May 31st at an Independent School District, the Brothers of Epsilon Chi visited a high school graduation that only had 8 black seniors in a class of 54 students. These 8 students grew up in divided homes. These 8 students lived in circumstances that the other 46 classmates didn't live in. These 8 students were brought up in a cycle were their parents education level could affect their likelihood to peruse a higher education but, these 8 students all had aspiration to go to college. The Brothers of Epsilon Chi congratulated the 8 students on their completion of high school and rewarded them with scholarships.

Health Symposium

by Bro. Willie Banks, Jr. - Epsilon Chi (Alexandria, LA)



Ranking causes of death is a popular method of presenting mortality statistics. The leading cause of death for black men in America is Heart Disease. Every year Americans suffer more than 1.5 million heart attacks and strokes. Nearly 44% of African American men have some form of cardiovascular disease that includes heart disease and stroke. The Brothers of Epsilon Chi are fighting back against those statistics. Epsilon Chi held their 2nd Annual Mens Health Symposium on August 10, 2019. The symposium consisted of a panel of 6 local physicians, each covering 6 vital heath issues in the community. Men came from all over Alexandria, LA and surrounding areas to get educated and knowledge on Heart Disease, Hypertension, Prostate Cancer, Nutrition, Erectile Dysfunction and Medical Marijuana. These men also got to hear personal life changing testimony's that will inspire positive changes. The Brothers of EX goal was to demonstrate and promote a healthy life style and reduce those causes of death statistics.

Rho Omega Fan Drive

by Bro. Marlon Henderson - Rho Omega (Shreveport, LA)



The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently held their Annual Summer Fan Drive. A total of 90 fans were donated to the Caddo Council on Aging. Brother James D. Rhodes is Rho Omega's Fan Drive Chairman. And, Brother James F. Hawkins is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.

Pack the Bus Back to School Drive

by Bro. Damon Woodfork - Gamma Lambda Lambda (Houma, LA)



The Dynamic Ladies of Bayou Lafourche in partnership with the Mighty Omega Men of Gamma Lambda Lambda launched the second school supplies donation box at the Thibodaux Library. The event was a huge success and put smiles on the faces of several worthy students.

Rho Omega Paints Again

by Bro. Marlon Henderson - Rho Omega (Shreveport, LA)



The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently participated in "Paint Your Heart Out." Rho Omega Chapter painted the home of a local resident. "Paint Your Heart Out" is a project of Shreveport's Community Development Department. Rho Omega Chapter has volunteered and participated in the program since its inception. The "Paint Your Heart Out" Spirit Award was renamed several years ago in memory of the late, Brother Willie J.C. Critton. Omega Lamplighters and Junior Lamplighters assisted in the worthwhile endeavor. Shreveport mayor and Omega Man, Brother Adrian Perkins, also shared in the fraternal effort.

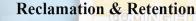
Gamma (L.O.S.F.A) Uplift

by Bro. Georrein Dupre - Gamma Gamma (Grambling, LA)



On September 19, 2019 the brethren of the Gamma Gamma Chapter participated in a campus invitation to high school students. The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), hosted an event on the campus of Grambling State University Thursday morning. The university requested the participation of the brethren in their program. The LOSFA hosted 160+ students from various high schools in Louisiana for a tour of the institution. This event was like "High School Day" or an organizational fair, where the brethren were interacting with the future Tigers. Answering questions, giving insight, and a detailed view of certain scenarios from a college students perspective which can't be interpreted by many. Along with hopping and entertaining the visitors, the students were highly enthused with the performance of the brethren.





by Bro. James Farley - Gamma Gamma (Grambling, LA)



On September 15, 2019 the Brothers of the Gamma Gamma Chapter along with Pi Tau, & Alpha Delta Delta attended church in a joint effort. The Brother's fellowshipped with the member's of Zion Traveler Baptist Church in Ruston, LA. Zion Traveler's Baptist Church welcomed the Brother's along with other organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Their aim was to show their appreciation and gratitude for the work of the respected organizations and their influence in the community. The two undergraduate chapters (Gamma Gamma & Alpha Delta Delta) govern their respected ares of Grambling State University along with Louisiana Tech University. With the two undergraduate chapters in th area, the Brother's of Pi Tau oversee both areas, along with surrounding towns. Despite what path is chosen, the common goal is to better influence others to be outstanding in the community. The Brother's attendence was greatly felt on this Sunday morning. This time also served as an opportunity for Brother's to reunite and congregate with one another.



On Wednesday, July 10, 2019 Reverend Asriel Gamaliel McLain was honored to offer the opening prayer for the United States House of Representatives, as the guest of House Chaplain, Patrick Conroy, S.J. House Speaker, Nancy Palosi as well as 4th District Congressman Mike Johnson and his staff. After the prayer was offered, Congressman Johnson, formally introduced him to the House which in turn gave him a round of applause. A photo session was held with the Speaker who received a copy of Reverend McLain's book, Coming Forth As Pure Gold, which tells Civil Rights History of Shreveport from 1959-1968. Members of Congressman Johnson's Washington Office staff gave him, his friends and his family a tour of the United States Capitol. While there Reverend McLain, met with Louisiana Senator Bill Cassidy, 4th Congressional District of Georgia Representative and Omega Brother Henry "Hank" Johnson, Jr. and 5th Congressional District Representative Ralph Abraham as well as encountering other congressmen from other states. He was later recognized by the Grand Basileus Bro. Dr. David Marion and those in attendance at the Leadership Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey where he also was recognized for 40 years as a Brother of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He is a life member of the fraternity, serves as Chaplain of the United Omegas of Louisiana and is member of the 9th District Government Affairs Committee. In the life and ministry of Reverend McLain, this was indeed an event to remember.

Rho Phi Chapter Retention and Reclamation

by Bro. Keith Taylor - Rho Phi (New Orleans, LA)



Rho Phi Chapter held its Fall Reclamation and Retention Set Owt on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The event was held at the Crescent City Q's Clubhouse. The purpose of the event is to encourage non-financial Brothers to become financial again and Brothers who are currently financial, to continue to stay active.

U.S Census 2020 Project

by Bro. Keith Taylor - Rho Phi (New Orleans, LA)



Rho Phi Chapter has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau, to promote the 2020 U.S. Census. The chapter disseminated information on the U.S. Census to students and staff at Joseph A. Craig Charter School on Friday, September 27, 2019.

Real Men Read

by Bro. Keith Taylor - Rho Phi (New Orleans, LA)



Rho Phi Chapter and The Omega Men Foundation hosted the annual Real Men Read program at Joseph A. Craig Charter School on Friday, September 27, 2019. The program, in its 11th year, is designed to promote reading and encourage students in Pre-3 through First Grade to develop their reading skills. The school received a donation from The Omega Men Foundation, funded by Entergy, Inc., to purchase books for the school library.

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Tulsa Community Resource Officer

by Bro. Kamara Washington - Xi Omega (Tulsa, OK)



Donnie Johnson lofted a spiral skyward, and young Errick Yance reached out in anticipation. The Tulsa police officer told the 8-year-old the pass would be a tough one to catch. The football bounced off Errick's hands and tumbled to the pavement at the Savanna Landing apartment complex near 61st Street and Peoria Avenue. "That was your fault," Errick told Johnson, a former University of Tulsa wide receiver. "No, that was your fault," the 34-year-old retorted with a laugh. Johnson did turn up the difficulty level on the youngster with that throw, but the community resource officer is positioned to make Errick's life and those of others in Hope Valley better. Seven months ago, Johnson replaced Amley "Popsey" Floyd in Hope Valley as its community resource officer. "I play football, basketball, and in my trunk right now I have a volleyball," Johnson said in a recent interview with the Tulsa World. "If they want a meal, I have coupons from QuikTrip to give to them to get a free meal at the QuikTrip kitchen. "Overall, as a community resource officer, I feel like my role is to provide for the community. If I have it, or if I have the means to get it, I will."

Bro. Deloach Becomes a Deacon

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr. - Psi Upsilon (Lawton, OK)



On August 25, 2019, Brother Eugene DeLoach, Sr. became an Ordained Deacon at Union Baptist Church (UBC) in Lawton, Oklahoma. Brother DeLoach has been a faithful member of UBC since May 2000. He sings in the inspiration choir, assisted with the youth ministry, and served as the lead Trustee for the Church. During his Ordained service, he was supported by his wife Dr. Regina, his son Brother Brandon, several members from Psi Upsilon Chapter (Brother Michael Forrest (Basileus), Brother Ronnie Mathis (Vice-Basileus) and Brother Monroe Griffith (Keeper of Finance), the local NAACP Chapter #6131, the Lawton community and his local Church family. His motto is: (Philippians 4; 13) I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

Meet Tommy

by Bro. Luis Martinez - Psi Upsilon (Lawton, OK)

Everybody meet Tommy! Tommy is a Vietnam Veteran currently living at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veteran's Center. He is also my friend. I met Tommy last year when my Fraternity Chapter, Psi Upsilon, started a new initiative called "Veterans Never Forget Friendship Program." Tommy and I quickly took a liking to each other and became good friends. A month ago, I visited Tommy with one of my Frat Brothers and he was so excited to show us his fishing pole and go fishing. The only issue was somebody stole his bait. You should have seen his face. I promised Tommy I would be back with bait to take him fishing. Well, today was that day. You should have seen his smile when I pulled up on him with my family and surprised him. As a Veteran myself I take pride in making the heroes that paved the way for me smile. The Lawton/Fort Sill Veteran's Center has 200 beds and 197 current residents. Out of that 197, 65% have no family and friends that visit them.



The Black History Spirit Award

by Bro. Glenn Brooks - Eta Iota (Oklahoma City, OK)

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church of Oklahoma City presented the Black History Spirit of Community Award to Bro. Glenn Brooks on February 24, 2019. Bro. Brooks worked with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as Division Chief within the Office of Civil Rights from (1973-2009). He also is a retired Military Officer with 38 years of service within the Oklahoma National Guard. Bro. Brooks was inducted into the Oklahoma State Hall of Fame for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 2018. His service to the community of Oklahoma City has been stealer thus Bro. Brooks has been awarded the Black History Spirit of Community Award.





Alpha Iota Iota 30th Anniversary Banquet

by Bro. Larry Johnson - Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, TX)



On September 14, 2019, the Brothers of the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated their 30th Anniversary on the eve of their charter date of September 15, 1989. A wonderful celebration was had in a hotel ballroom in Allen, TX where over 200 people attended to celebrate and congratulate the Brothers of the North Dallas Ques. The event recognized the Chapter's founding history of its charter, Chapter charter members, past and present basili, Brothers initiated thru Alpha Iota Iota, and the wives and significant others who support the endeavors of the work the Brothers have committed themselves to. The keynote address speaker was the 41st Grand Basileus of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Dr. David Marion, who delivered a masterful speech of the timeliness for Men of Omega to lead the way and take charge in our homes and communities and to fully engage in the 2020 presidential, state, and local elections. Chapter Basileus Rod Delph presented Brother Marion with a crafted wood plaque as a token of appreciation for his leadership and support of the Chapter. Ninth District Representative Brother Patrick Smith who provided the speaking introduction of the Grand Basileus was also presented a plaque for his service to Omega Psi Phi and consistent partnership with the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter over the years. A special 30 for 30 recognition given to Brothers who have exhibited hard work, dedication, vision, leadership, and brotherhood toward the healthy advancement of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter. The evening's program was concluded with acknowledgements, a benediction, and the singing of Omega Dear. Immediately after the program, a step team performance was lead by Brother Wayne Powe ('78 Gamma Gamma). The step performance was very entertaining and integrated older Brothers with younger Brothers and served as the green light for all in attendance to take over the dance floor. Throughout the night as festivities went on, a service project was taking place outside the ballroom. Representatives from Southwest Transplant Alliance were present to educate people about the importance of Organ Donation within the African American community.

Among their representatives were two Brothers of Omega Psi Phi who are also recipients of donor organs. Their efforts lead to five newly signed agreements for organ donation. The 30th Anniversary Celebrations was memorable event and very timely for the reigning Mighty Ninth District Chapter of the Year! A Special Thank You to the AII 30th Anniversary Banquet Committee Chairman Bro. Eric Elliott, for his vision and execution of this phenomenal program!

Minnie's Food Pantry

by Bro. Larry Johnson - Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, TX)

On May 18, 2019 the men of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter volunteered at Minnie's Food Pantry. Minnie's pantry has been providing healthy meals to those in need for over ten years. Annually, this organization gives out over one million meals to over 60,000 individuals. This community service initiative afforded the brothers and their families the opportunity to participate in the vitally important fight against hunger. The participants in this event were able assist Minnie's with serving 83 families, sorting 4,565 pounds of food,





Youth fly in

by Bro. Keith Singleton - Psi Alpha (San Antonio, TX)



On Saturday May 4, 2019, Psi Alpha Chapter supported the annual Youth Fly-In at Stinson Regional Airport in San Antonio, TX. This was a memorable occasion sponsored by the Bronze Eagles Flying Club of Texas (BEFC). Our point of contact for the event was Bro. Charlie Masters. The purpose of the Youth Fly-In was to provide minority youth an aviation experience and a hands-on exposure to aviation. Many of these young flyers were from financially disadvantaged families and would not have achieved such an exposure had it not been for the BEFC. During the event over 140 children were given rides in small aircraft piloted by BEFC pilots and their associates. Many of the young flyers were bitten by the "Aviation Bug" and expressed an interest in becoming a pilot. Also, they were given a tour of the air traffic control tower. Psi Alpha Chapter provided hotdogs, chips cookies and sodas for the youths. The brothers were out in force to support the event.

Brotherly Fellowship

by Bro. John Williams - Theta Upsilon (Texarkana, TX)



The Brothers of Theta Upsilon initiated a Manhood program of fellowshipping with a Brother on the 5th Sunday. On June 30, 2019, we attended services with Bro. LeMarcus Franklin at the Greater Heights COGIC in Texarkana, Texas.

(TAC) Senior Brothers Mentoring Program

by Bro. Ignatius Hickman - Theta Alpha (Dallas TX)



Ms. Wanda Banks, a Dallas Independent School District (DISD) employee, attended a senior brother gathering and expressed a critical need for male role models at the T.W. Browne Middle school. The Brothers agreed to create a male mentoring program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Bro. Bernard Snowden agreed to take the role as the TAC coordinator for the program. In September of 2018. Nine Senior Brothers (David Cole, Frank Drayton, Ernest Goode, Gaylord Gray, Charles Hickman, Royle King, Bobby Slade, Bernard Snowden and Billy J. Williams) completed the DISD volunteer requirements to establish a Male Mentoring Program at T.W. Browne Middle School. There were thirteen (13) young men selected by the school to participate. The Brothers met every second and fourth Wednesday of each month until May 2019. They communicated the essential tools for developing good citizenship, self-discipline and respect. They discussed manhood qualifications, stressed the importance of education excellence, assisted with tutoring, presented videos of significant occurrences in African American History, and provided positive male role models. At the end of the school year the brothers sponsored pizza luncheon and presented certificates of participation for the students at the school awards program.



Mothers & Brothers

by Bro. Freddy Blanks - Rho Xi (Freeport, TX)



On Saturday, May 11, 2019, Rho Xi Chapter held its 15th annual Mothers & Brothers Dinner, in honor of Mother's Day. The program is presented each year to celebrate the mothers, wives, grandmothers and all the special ladies in our lives that have helped to nurture and provide love and guidance in the lives of their families. The program consisted of a welcome, poem, and vocal melodies from Brother Kenneth Medlock. In addition, a wonderful dinner and message from guest speaker Ms. Vivian Blanks. We had a spectacular program and at the conclusion of the day each lady in attendance received a gift from the chapter.

Psi Alpha Hosts Campus Mentorship Program

by Bro. Keith Singleton - Psi Alpha (San Antonio, TX)



On September 4, 2019, at 8:42 pm, Open House at San Antonio's Young Men's Leadership Academy took place. Mentoring Brothers of Psi Alpha were invited by the school principal to host the formal registration session for the Chapter's on campus mentoring program. This is the fifth year operating on this campus.

The parents of over 45 boys registered their sons. Many of the parents had already heard about Psi Alpha's impact at the school. Because this is an in school mentorship project, that the chapter has supported for over 25 years.

Rose for A Rose

by. Bro. Calvin Crosby IV - Omicron Gamma Gamma (Arlington, TX)



On Saturday May 11, 2019, the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma presented all the mothers at Metroplex Nursing home with a flower and a message of love. The message was that they were loved and appreciated on their special day.

The brothers of OGG feel strongly that every mother should receive some recognition on Mother's Day. Hopefully this small token brightened someone's day and let them know they are not forgotten and will be forever appreciated.

Eta Mu Mu Youth Mentoring Program

by Bro. Clyde Gibson - Eta Mu Mu (Denton, TX)



The Eta Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated within one of its quarterly social action events on July 20, 2019. We provided our time and service at the North Texas Food Bank Event held at Westside Baptist Church of Lewisville, TX.

A total of 22 Men of Omega and Young Men of Omega Seeds (Youth Mentoring Program) participated. The men of Eta Mu Mu are mentoring and teaching by example of what community service is truly about. The Brothers of Eta Mu Mu are continuing our commitment of doing more and serving our community.

North Texas Metroplex Ques Memorial Service

by Bro. Larry Johnson - Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, TX)



The NTMQs Annual Memorial Service was a great representation of what Omega Men can do when they come together to support our mandated programs. Bro. David (Petro) Washington (Basileus -O $\Gamma\Gamma$) led this year's event and Bro. Alphonse Matthews (O $\Gamma\Gamma$ and NTMQs Chaplain) was the Master of Ceremony. Every chapter in the NTMQs participated in the program and Bro. Pastor Rickey Hill (Θ A) provided a very inspirational message entitled "You are different men, made to make a difference" and he spoke from 2 Corinthians 6:1-2. It was a moving ceremony and the message was quite timely. Our Ninth District Representative Bro. Patrick B. Smith and our North Texas State Representative Bro. Terry Forest (Θ A) were in attendance and shared remarks and statements on the occasion, respectively. The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter proudly serves as an active member of the North Texas Metroplex Ques.

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Juneteenth Celebration

by Bro. Terry Gordon - Rho Xi (Freeport, TX)



The 2019 Celebration featured Nooney and the Zydeco Floaters Band, Bingo, Galaxy X Mobile Arcade, Voter Registration, Parade, Food and Drink Booths, Bouncy House, and Free Watermelon. A former Ms. Juneteenth Contest winner (Rho Xi representative), Jalyn Haley, received a Juneteenth Scholarship along with three other area graduating seniors. The Chapter was responsible for providing water, soft drinks, and bingo prizes. The Voter Registration Drive was a collaborative effort as we partnered with the South Brazoria County Democrats to register eligible individuals. Rho Xi has been involved since the inception of the celebration in Southern Brazoria County in its current format under the auspices of the Juneteenth Celebration Committee.

Theta Chi Chapter partners with Baylor College of Medicine at Ryan Middle School

by Bro. Lance Guess - Theta Chi (Missouri City, TX)



Brother Lawrence Allen of Theta Chi Chapter led the Community Mentor Initiative with Baylor College of Medicine Academy. Theta Chi Chapter Members were granted the opportunity to partner with the 8th Grade Dean Kathy Brown at Baylor College of Medicine Academy "BCMA" at Ryan Middle School to show the young men at BCMA how to tie Ties and Bowties for their upcoming graduation and Formal dance. The date for the event was Thursday, May 23, 2019, from 1:30 to 2:30. The school address is 2610 Elgin. Houston, Texas, 77004. Brothers arrived and engaged in dialogue with the young men about etiquette while courting a young lady.

There were approximately 140 young men that received instruction regarding the lost art of tying both European and bow ties. Many questions were asked, and the brothers Theta Chi chapter answered appropriately with keenness and accuracy from a professional and experienced point of view. Participants received lessons on opening doors, pulling the chairs, and appropriate speech while in the presence

Theta Chi Bro. Guess Fortifies Bridge at Prairie View Men's Breakfast

by Bro. Na'Shon Edwards - Theta Chi (Missouri City, TX)



Brother Lance Guess (Theta Chi Chaplain) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is speaking at the monthly Men's Breakfast at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Prairie View, Texas. This monthly breakfast has been a staple in the Prairie View community for 30 years. This is an opportunity to hear from community, civic, and business leaders in the area regarding local social challenges and economic trajectory. The Breakfast was led by Bro. Donald Sowell (Theta Chi Chapter 1968), and he encourages many throughout the Houston Area to come and partake in this opportunity of wisdom. Many business leaders shared their insight of matriculating through the business red tape and opportunities in their respective industries. Brother Lance Guess is the current Chaplain of Theta Chi Chapter and was able to speak from the topic "Are you doing God's Will" this opportunity gave the insight to utilize what God has given us to make the world a better place. Brother Guess highlighted the community of Prairie View A&M University as being a hidden treasure "The Fountain of Youth" within the world. There is a richness that comes from the Prairie View Area that many come to this place and get rejuvenated to continue in life. Prairie View "Produces Productive People." The students of Prairie View enjoy a great breakfast and wisdom that helps open the minds of the students as they engage in dialogue for future endeavors.



Protection of Womanhood

by Bro. Maydrian Lowe - Rho Theta (Prairie View, TX)



The Rho Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Hosted one of its many forums at Prairie View A&M University to address Sexual Assault Awareness, to protect womanhood on the campus. The topic of discussion was sexual assault and creating a culture of respect to enhance the experience of the Prairie View woman. Brothers Larry L. Allen, II and Jailin L. Singleton led the discussion and presented their information in front of a crowd of 100+ PV students and citizens. Understanding that men must have a better understanding of what consent is, we are pushing for men to always ask for permission and respect the answer no matter what. We must hold all men accountable for their actions. Speaking up, reporting sexual assault, and creating a change of rape culture on campus. This is not a woman's issue. More men need to respect and support not only women but survivors of sexual assault. After the event; participants left with information, resources, and statistics about the critical information that they received during the forum.

Chapter Helps to Sponsor Solar Car Race at Deady Middle School

by Bro. Anthony Williams - Rho Beta Beta (Houston, TX)

Rho Beta Beta Chapter joined Boeing, Microsoft, and K. Davis Associates with promoting a local Solar Car Race at an inner-city school. The two-day event, which started on Thursday June 21, 2019, was held at Deady Middle School, located in southeast Houston. The first day of the event, 50 student participants received hands-on experience building solar cars. The second day was reserved for the students to race their cars in a friendly competition between each other. "We showed students how solar cars worked and how to build them, "said Gary Robinson, Chapter Social Action Chair. The chapter also provided food and entertainment for students and their parents. In 2015, the fraternity's leadership encouraged its chapters to get involved with promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs and activities. The Omega STEM Initiative provides students with opportunities to be introduced to STEM careers. "Our programs are structured for middle school, high school, and college interaction. The programmatic career pathways will help students assemble the skills they need to prepare for jobs in coding, robotics, electronics and technology, energy and engineering," added Robinson. Also, "Omega has a unique approach to STEM because it aspires to inspire kids of all ages even college students to pursue technical careers," he said.



A Year of Mentorship

by Bro. Karlos Jackson - Nu Phi (Houston, TX)



On May 30, 2019, Thompson Elementary in Houston's Third Ward, hosted the Brothers of Nu Phi Chapter for their Year-End Mentorship Appreciation Celebration. The mentorship program was designed the previous spring by the programs chair, Bro. Bert Simmons, and the school's Principal, Tanya Edwards, to address and guide some of the schools at risk youth. When the school year began, Brothers were paired up with mentees between the Third and Fifth grades with a goal of mentoring these youth throughout the school year. Thompson opened its doors to the mentors throughout the school day and even created a meeting conference center so that mentors and mentees could have an area for one on one interaction. Throughout the year you would often see students learning how to tie ties, reviewing strategies to improve test scores, playing board games, March practice, surprise class visits, or enjoying lunch with a mentor. The celebration kicked off in the school's library and the mentees enjoyed a pizza party hosted by the mentors. After which each mentee was given an opportunity to express what impact their mentor had on them throughout the school year. At the conclusion of the celebration, Ms. Kim Daniels, the school's counselor, presented the brothers of Nu Phi Chapter with a scrapbook that featured each mentee, their mentor, and all the activities throughout the year. It was so well put together each mentor requested their own copy. Although they are on summer break, mentors are looking forward to reconnecting to those returning mentees in the fall.

Energy for Life 5k Walk & Run

by Bro. Calvin Crosby IV - Omicron Gamma Gamma (Arlington, TX)



On Saturday, May 18, 2019, the Brothers of OGG partnered with the Satcher family to help raise funds and awareness to fight Mitochondrion disease. OGG helped to setup for the event beginning at 5:30 am and assisted the overall management. In addition, to volunteering the Brothers also raised over \$1,400 to help fund research to eliminate this disease. Overall, the Satcher family led by our Bro. Kwasi Satcher raised over \$14,600 to help fight this disease.



by Bro. Keith Singleton - Psi Alpha (San Antonio, TX)



Psi Alpha Hosts All White Martini XI The White Martini is our signature fundraising event that enables us to support local causes, programming and scholarships. Over two-thousand attendees annually join us in their most creative "all white" attire for a night of fun including heavy hors d'oeuvres, dancing and networking. Proceeds benefit the Psi Alpha Foundation, San Antonio youth scholarships, HBCU Endowments, and programing resources for core activities, youth services, health, and uplift to humanity. This year's event, called WMP XI, was the largest to date with over 24,000 in attendance in the Stars at Night Ballroom at Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, in downtown San Antonio, Texas. Over 170 Psi Alpha Brothers supported the event's planning and execution. As a keynote to the broadcast of the Annual Blackbook Premiere Opening, the Brothers of Psi Alpha were presented the prestigious Blackbook Achievement Award recognizing Psi Alpha Chapter's White Martini XI as the City #1 black produced social event for the year 2018-19.

Omega Seeds go to Church

The Omega Seeds (young men of the Eta Mu Mu Mentoring Program)

by Bro. Clyde Gibson - Eta Mu Mu (Denton, TX)

Local Brother Elected to Serve as President of the Friendship Foundation

by Bro. Anthony Williams - Rho Beta Beta (Houston, TX)



attended church service together at the Antioch Christian Fellowship Church in Corinth, TX (Denton County). Many of the Eta Mu Mu Chapter members also attended for a great Sunday service and awesome fellowship with the young men of the program and each other.

Business owner and former basileus of Rho Beta Beta Chapter, Bro. Herman Burroughs has been elected as the new president of the Friendship Foundation. Bro. Burroughs, who is finishing his 7th year as a board member will serve his last year as the foundation's top executive. Bro. Burroughs was elected during the 2019 Inaugural Dr. Moses Norman Leadership Conference in Atlantic City, NJ. Bro. Burroughs stated that he is elated to be the Foundation's president and is looking forward to the work ahead his. "All of the programs initiated by the board during my past seven years will be implemented during my last year on the board," he said. Within the next year, the Board plans to implement two major improvement projects that will tremendously impact the Foundation's greatest asset - the Omega World Center (OWC). The first project, called the "New Building Envelope" is a \$4.5 million renovation of the OWC. It involves redesigning or retrofitting the entire building, inside and out, said Bro. Burroughs. There will major improvements to the building's elevators, HVAC system, landscaping changes, including a patio roof with picnic tables. The renovation also includes the installation of energy-efficient windows around the entire. "We want to make our Center "tenant-friendly for our clients," he stated. Bro. Burroughs stated that the New Building Envelope, is pending bank approval which is about is about "60 days away." The second major project, which was just approved in July 2019, involves utilizing the additional four acres of land that the OWC sits-on. According to Bro. Burroughs, the board will solicit, via a Request for Proposals (RFP) to recommend major development land usage plans. "We are looking for developers to come, create a partnership with us, and develop our undeveloped property," stated Burroughs. The concept that board members are envisioning for the undeveloped land includes business offices, restaurants, housing units/condos, and shopping stores. "We are all excited about the great possibilities this type of partnership and development can achieve." The Board is composed of 13 members, including the current Grand Basileus, 1st Vice Grand Basileus, and the Grand Keeper of Finance.

Omicron Pi Golf Tournament

by Bro. Quincy Norman - Omicron Pi (Killeen, TX)



On Saturday, April 20, 2019, at Stonetree Golf Club in Killeen, TX. Omicron Pi Chapter, held its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Several high school college bound seniors from the local area received monetary scholarships for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities and volunteer community service as one of the fraternity's ten mandated programs designed to bring uplift to our community. This is the chapter's twenty-first year of conducting the Scholarship Golf Tournament, and to date, has awarded \$135,000.00 to students. Thanks to all of the sponsors who have supported and those who currently support.



Back to School Haircuts and School Supplies

by Bro. Keith Singleton - Psi Alpha (San Antonio, TX)



The chapter goal was to send 400 students back to school with a fresh haircut and school supplies. Brothers distributed flyers and were out in force to create an environment of positive interaction by opening doors, shaking hands, handing out candy, snapping photos, and sharing life experiences. Brothers donated water, gatorade, candy & hotdogs. Over 40 Brothers participated in this highly visible community event, held annually on the City's East Side.

Special Olympics

by Bro. Calvin Crosby IV - Omicron Gamma Gamma (Arlington, TX)



On May 19, 2019, twenty-one Brothers from Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter and their family members helped to staff the Special Olympics basketball tournament in Arlington, Texas. This is an annual event held in Arlington that features teams from the entire state of Texas.

Keeping It Cool In Austin

by Bro. Lawrence Vaults - Epsilon Iota (Austin, TX)



The Epsilon Iota Chapter in Austin, TX recently donated 100 fans to Family Eldercare during its annual Summer Fan Drive, illustrating a critical component to meeting the need each summer. The chapter had been collecting fans and cash from brothers for three months. "Our goal this year was 50," Lawrence Vaults, Epsilon Iota chapter KRS said, "but we exceeded our goal." In fact, the fraternity doubled its goal, thanks in part to Vaults, who serves as Keeper of Records and Seal for the chapter. Part of his job is to convince his Brothers to pitch in. "I hate to use the word harass," he laughed, "but that, along with persuasion, is what I did." He's willing to do it because he knows there's a growing need for those who can't afford air conditioning but need to stay cool. "I don't look at it as a fan, but we look at it as helping a person, an individual, sometimes a family." Virginia Larson, Family Eldercare's development and events leader said they were in the hole about 3,800 fans with people signing up on a waiting list until donations rolled in this weekend. Team drives like the fraternity's help cut down the number of people in need. "They come in and they go out the same day," Larson said. Indeed, just minutes after Vaults pulled away in his truck, a volunteer drove his SUV right up to the warehouse door and started loading 50 of the fans that were still stacked where the fraternity members left them. They headed to the Pflugerville Community Center, to provide relief in 50 hot homes with 50 more waiting for the next pick-up. "Maybe next year we can double it, Virginia," Vaults said before he left. "Yeah, every year, double it more," Larson replied. Chuckling, Vaults said, "We'll try."



Lamplighters Induction Ceremony

by Bro. Artemus W. Hancock, Sr. - Xi Upsilon (Port Arthur, TX)



Omega Lamplighters, a young men's group sponsored by the Xi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi F'raternity, Inc., was hosted in an induction ceremony for these ten young men last month. Lamplighters is an organization of young men dedicated to the advancement of the principles of leadership, academics, maturity and perseverance through emphasis upon academics excellence, communify service and personal growth. Those inducted included Christopher James Hadley, Jr.n Malaki Ai'Siah Charleso Jacob Garza, King 'Dorien, Earnest Cooper, Joaquin Julian Sanchez, Jacoven Jarrell Benjamin, Pablo Reyes-Sanchez, Kector Damian Saavedra, Allan Clayton Arvie and Javori O'Keefe Zeno, Jr. During our program, held at Woodrow Wilson Early College High School, Artemus W. Hancock, Sr. did the invocation, Trent D. Johnson the welcome and occasion, and Alex L. Frazier the induction program review. The event included a pinning ceremony. Alex L. Frazier and Trent D. Johnson are the organizers. The Omega Lamplighters is an organization dedicated to helping Port Arthur's young men of high school age grow and develop their leadership talents in every phase of life. The organization models the Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, Inc. whereas active leaders and achievers in the community are sought out. The common bond between young men in the program mirrors the aim of the fraternity; to produce the greatest thinking males in Port Arthur.

Theta Chi Host 2019 Evening with the Quettes

by Bro. Cedric Cook - Theta Chi (Missouri City, TX)



Psi Alpha Scholarship Awards Luncheon

by Bro. Keith Singleton - Psi Alpha (San Antonio, TX)



The 2019 Psi Alpha Chapter Scholarship Awards Luncheon was held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Family Life Soul Food Bistro in San Antonio, TX. Bro. Dr. Donnell K. Bowen was the guest speaker and 16 of the 19 scholarship recipients and their families were in attendance. Thanks to the scholarship committee, the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter and the Psi Alpha Scholarship Foundation for putting on an excellent event. Kudos to the staff of Family Life Soul Food Bistro for their excellent food and service. Psi Alpha Chapter and their sponsors award \$29,000.00 dollars in scholarships to 19 high school students.

On the evening of August 3, 2019, Theta Chi Chapter hosted its annual Evening with the Quette's event where a Silent Auction was held to support the funding of scholarships for upcoming high school seniors within the Prairie View and Greater Houston Area with aspirations of attending college in the upcoming Fall/Spring semesters of 2019-2020. This year's Quette Event was bigger and better in a plethora of ways, but the Theta Chi Chapter conducted an auctioned themed "The Auction" debuted an original Oil painting gallery entitled, "The Sorors" which featured a hand-picked selection of Black Greek Sororities by emerging African American Artist Arelene Braddock of Memphis, Tennessee. Ms. Braddock's donated artwork that depicted Love that only an Omega Man "Que" can provide for his Spouse, the "Quette". The chapter once again hosted the 9th District Representative, 9th District Chaplin, and various other state and area leadership and their Quette's.

The center piece for the evening was inspired by the chapter's emphasis on our significant others and hwo they are important to our fraternal and husbandly work. In this piece of artwork, Ms. Braddock found inspiration from her understanding of the "Omega Sweetheart" song, written by Bro. Don Q. Pullen and was introduced during the 40th Grand Conclave in Nashville, TN. Proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the TOMAC organization. Additional paintings are still for sale and can be purchased directly from Ms. Braddock by going to her website at www.arelenebraddock.com or 662-812-7165 (Mobile).



"Immersed"

by Bro. Larry Johnson - Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, TX)



Each year The Root compiles at list of "The Root 100." This is a group of the 100 most influential African American figures in the culture. The list includes innovators and games changers that break barriers in the climate of vital current issues. In 2017, ahead of Beyonce, Colin Kaepernick, Kevin Durant, and Chadwick Boseman, Bro. S. Lee Merritt, was selected as the 8th most influential figure. As a civil rights attorney in the current climate of the culture today, you can see how this walk of courage could only be done by an individual committed to the betterment of the community, and justice in the courtroom. In our fraternity we refer to this steadfast passion as "Immersed." Bro. Merritt's high profile case list is extensive, but a few names you may recognize is Jordan Edwards and Botham Jean, in which he has worked closely with Bro. Benjamin Crump. The accolades over the years, I'm sure, have been a little overwhelming for Bro. Merritt, as he doesn't do this for recognition, however, most recently he was highlighted in an article by CNN. The title of this article is "When African Americans are killed by police, these lawyers get a phone call." This article draws a spotlight on four individuals that are on the front line of this issue, two of them are members of our great Fraternity, Bro. Benjamin Crump, and Bro. S. Lee Merritt. Bro. Merritt was first introduced to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in 2001. During his freshman move in at Morehouse College, located in Atlanta, GA., members of the Psi Chapter assisted Bro. Merritt into his dorm room. He begin researching the fraternity and fell under the mentorship of Bro. Walter Scott Massey, who was the President of the College at the time. After a long journey seeking membership, Bro. Merritt was initiated into the Fraternity through Alpha Iota Iota Chapter, North Dallas, TX, as a member of the Spring '16, "6 Brave Soldiers of Perseverance." A line name that is indicative of his walk as a civil rights attorney in today's current climate of social action. The Alpha Iota Iota chapter is extremely proud of Bro. Merritt's passion and contribution to those citizens that have been unjustly charged. He continues to fight the good fight for those disadvantaged, and that, is the true Omega Spirit.

Rho Xi Chapter Homeless Outreach

by Bro. MIke Evans - Rho Xi (Freeport, TX)



On August 17, 2019, Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted a clothing drive and purchased toiletries within their Loaves and Fishes Homeless Outreach Program. The Brothers were well received by Loaves and Fishes staff in downtown Houston, TX as they placed donated items on the table for the homeless community in attendance. The Brothers also took the time to socialize with the people in attendance and provide additional assistance when needed. In Rho Xi, we are always willing to lend a helping hand and encourage those less fortunate.

Rho Xi Habitat for Humanity Build

by Bro. Derrick McWilliams - Rho Xi (Freeport, TX)



The Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County Home Build took place in Lake Jackson, TX, on Thursday, May 2, 2019. This event represented the 109th home build in the Brazoria County area. Rho Xi members, along with volunteers from other organizations, assisted in erecting the framing and roofing on the very first day of scheduled construction.



The 2019 Dr. Ronald E. McNair Memorial Scholarship Award

by Bro. Anthony Williams - Rho Beta Beta (Houston, TX)



Theta Chi Awards \$11,000 in Scholarships by Bro. Na'Shon Edwards - Theta Chi (Missouri City, TX)



The Theta Chi Chapter hosted their 25th Annual Dr. Marion and Mary Henry Scholarship/Fundraiser presentation on May 4, 2019. This scholarship was established to support the efforts of graduating high school students in their pursuit of furthering their educational aspirations. To assist these deserving students, the brothers of Theta Chi worked to diligently to evaluate their qualifications based on the criteria of merit, peer recommendation, extracurricular activities, and narrative. The 2019 recipients and the college or university they will be attending Fall 2019 are as follows: Paul Delesbore, Jr. (Prairie View A&M), Xavier Goudeaux (Undecided), Lilian Udenenwu (University of Texas-San Antonio), Jeremy Baines (Prairie View A&M), Taylen Clark (Louisiana State), NaJae Guess-Bienemy (Texas Southern), Calton Scott (Sam Houston State), Xavier Burke, III (West Texas A&M), Fredrick Wilson III (Prairie View A&M), Jeffrey Guess (Texas Southern), Jason Busby (Prairie View A&M), Quentin Bates(Prairie View A&M), Revlon Jones (Prairie View A&M). The presentation was held at Adair Park in Houston, Texas. During the event, every student in attendance received their scholarship from Mrs. Sharon Stephens, daughter of Dr. Marion and Mary Henry and Bro. Marion McCray III, chairman of the Scholarship committee. Also in attendance were the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and hundreds of friends and family. The scholarship committee would like to thank everyone who participated and donated to our scholarship fund-raiser help, making it a huge success. We look forward to seeing you next year at the chapter's 26th scholarship presentation.

Chapter named seven (7) high school seniors as recipients of the 2019 Dr. Ronald E. McNair Memorial Scholarship Award. This year, four of the seven award recipients will be attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The top award recipient, Iman Davis, a graduate senior of North Shore High School, will be attending Howard University. Davis will be majoring in Business Administration. Also attending Howard University is Langston White. Attending North Carolina A&T University, Dr. McNair's Alma Mater, is Zachary Steward; a graduate of Jack Yates High School. Steward is majoring is mass communications. And; attending Morehouse University is Justin Harrison. Harrison is pursuing an engineering degree. Each year the EFF contributes \$10,000.00 to financially assist high-school seniors who are enrolling as fulltime students in an accredited college/university. The top scholar recipient will receive \$4000.00 over four years. The remaining funds are disbursed in \$1000 increments and given to six high school seniors Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. annually contributes at least \$50,000 to HBUC schools. "We are proud of all recipients, regardless of where they go to school. We are even prouder of those students who select to attend HBCU Schools," said, Tony Williams, EFF Scholarship Chair. Other award recipients are Chandler Green (Sam Houston State University); Adorah Barker (Sam Houston State University): and Justus Mouton (Illinois Tech Institute).

The Board of Directors of the Essential Friendship Foundation, Inc. (EFF), a non-profit organization, and an affiliate of Rho Beta Beta

The Fort Bend Church Food Drive by Bro. Rahsaan Cook - Rho Xi (Freeport, TX)



On June 1, 2019, men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rho Xi and Theta Chi Chapters solicited donations and volunteered as helping hands to collect and sort non-perishable food items. The items were donated to The Fort Bend Church Food Drive in Sugarland, Texas. Pitching in to help the hungry will always be a worthy cause!



Rho Theta Purple Blazer Ceremony

by Bro. Maydrian Lowe - Rho Theta (Prairie View, TX)



On April 6th, 2019, at 3:00 pm the Rho Theta Chapter hosted its inaugural Purple Blazer Ceremony for the Spring 2019 Brothers on the campus of Prairie View A&M University in the MSC Auditorium. The Rho Theta chapter set a precedent once again throughout the District. The Rho Theta Chapter's Purple Blazer ceremony was a very successful and unforgettable moment for the Spring 2019 initiates. The masters of ceremony were brothers Arthur Washington and Ricky Anderson. The Qreation, escorted by their mothers, partners, and sisters, gratefully received their purple Omega blazers. A small reception followed after the ceremony! All were welcome to attend this momentous event! Special thanks to all the Brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Brother Lawerence "Skully" Allen for all the work that he put into the Purple Blazer Ceremony.

Theta Chi Partners with Constables Office to Donate School Supplies to Fort Bend Community

By Bro. Kenneth Burkin - Theta Chi (Missouri City, TX)



On August 13, 2019, the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with the Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Constable's Office on a backpack drive and giveaway. The purpose of this event was to solicit and fundraise for students living in the Greater Houston Area whose parents could not afford to purchase necessary back to school supplies and clear backpacks. Bro. Kenneth Burkins served as the chair for this project and did an excellent job of galvanizing the brothers and businesses across the Houston area to donate to such a noble endeavor. The Theta Chi chapter donated well over 60 filled backpacks and hundreds of various other school supplies. The Brothers and the Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Constable Office partnered to disseminate the backpack along with the school supplies to the families at the Stimley-Blueridge Library. There Brothers and Officers from the Constables Office were able to greet and network with the community, which proved to relieve a great deal of stress off of parents who were genuinely grateful. The community and Constables Office look forward to next school years backpack and school supply drive.

Officer Rosborough Given HPD Life Saving Award

by Bro. Jeffrey L. Boney - Mu Mu Nu (Conroe, TX)



Houston Police Department (HPD) Officer Bro. Karl Rosborough was awarded the HPD Life Saving Award for his actions in saving the life of an individual in mental and emotional distress. While riding in unit #1Y27D, Officer Rosborough was dispatched to a suicide in progress call, where upon his arrival, he observed the complainant hanging from a ledge of a third level floor of a business. Officer Rosborough, advised over the air of the situation and proceeded to make it to the third floor. He began to talk to the complainant that was in crisis. While talking to the complainant, Officer Rosborough, learned that the complainant was in crisis and began to de-escalate the situation. He finally persuaded the complainant to reach for his hand and cross over the metal ledge. With the help of a paramedic, they were able to move the complainant away from the ledge and place him in handcuffs without further incident. Neither the complainant nor Officer Rosborough suffered any injuries, and the complainant was transported to the hospital. Officer Rosborough's quick response, along with his recognition of the severity of the medical emergency and his immediate actions, resulted directly in saving the life of the complainant. A failure to act could have led to a tragic outcome. Officer Rosborough's actions qualified him for the well-deserved HPD Life Saving Award, which was bestowed upon him with the appreciation of both HPD and the City of Houston.

Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity Build

by Bro. Calvin Crosby IV - Omicron Gamma Gamma (Arlington, TX)



On Saturday April 27, 2019, the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma and Epsilon Alpha along with the "Do Good, Just Because" crew were in the business of fulfilling dreams. These 24 souls braved the warm weather and put in hard work to help some lucky recipients build their first home. This activity was sponsored by Trinity Habitat for Humanity who builds homes in Tarrant County for the needy.



Fort Worth Habitat For Humanity

by Bro. Clarence Brooks - Epsilon Alpha (Fort Worth, TX)

It's a sunny and warm Saturday morning on April 27, 2019, on the lower economical Southside of Fort Worth, a part of town that has seen better days, but has a community that is still very prideful and passionate about the rich history and culture that they have. The residence feel that their community can be restored to the prominence that it once had; they just need help making it happen. Well Southside, mission accepted, because on this fateful Saturday, you can see the glow of royal purple reflecting in the sunlight, hear loud noises and beeps, voices communicating in unison, saws cutting, nails being hammered and the smell of saw dust and jubilation in the air. This is all because of a joint effort between the Epsilon Alpha Chapter and Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., to positively impact a neighborhood and adversely change the lives of a family in need. This is being done by helping them to build their house through Habitat for Humanity.

"I just wanted to do my part to give back to the community and help a family be able to gain access to a safe, affordable, quality, home that will hopefully help them build a better future. Our goal as men of Omega to leave people with positive lasting impressions and hopefully this will be one that last a lifetime" stated Bro. Tony Culton, one of the organizers of this project. Bro. Frank Bryant, a newly initiated member of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter stated, "I am in education, and what I know for sure is that a positive home structure, positively impacts the ability to learn and want to give back. This home will hopefully help to enforce that, along with allowing more love and stability to be achieved for this family". One of the members from the Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter said I speak on behalf of the whole chapter when I say "Our philosophy is to...take action! The impact of that action could be the positive change that person/people need and could potentially change the world. OGG is a chapter of service and action, and I think it on display here again today and being able to serve with Epsilon Alpha also allows for a great time of Fellowship for an excellent cause."

Habitat For Humanity is a global, nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and approximately 70 countries. Habitat has a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live This vision continued to perpetuate by the hard work and service that was put into this project by the men of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter and Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. They were able to get a majority of the structure of the home finished and look forward to completing future Habitat For Humanity projects.







EACH ONE, BRING ONE ACTIVITY







Brothers of the Ninth District.

I would like to encourage the Brotherhood to take a trip down memory lane. The chart below shows year, District #, host city, and state for Ninth District Meetings within the past fifty plus years. Use the chart to answer the questions below.

- 1. When did you attended your first Ninth District Meeting?
- 2. Identify each District Meeting on the list that you have attended since then?
- 3. Think of the top 3 best Ninth District Meetings you have attended. What Brothers did you spend time with to make those meetings the most memorable?
- 4. After answering questions 1, 2, & 3 reflect upon if those memorable moments where spent with a Brother who is currently non-financial. What can you do to help him return into the fold as an active financial member?

Each One, Bring One!

Bro. Frank L. Watson (02-FA09-RhoXi) Ninth District Director of Public Relations Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. LM#9484

Year	District #	Host City	State	Year	District#	Host City	State	Year	District #	Host City	State
1967	30th	New Orleans	LA	1988	51st	Tyler	TX	2009	72nd	Shreveport	LA
1968	31st	Little Rock	AR	1989	52nd	New Orleans	LA	2010	73rd	New Orleans	LA
1969	32nd	Tulsa	OK	1990	53rd	Austin	TX	2011	74th	Monroe	LA
1970	33rd	Dallas	TX	1991	54th	Tulsa	OK	2012	75th	Little Rock	AR
1971	34th	San Antonio	TX	1992	55th	Beaumont	TX	2013	76th	Baton Rouge	LA
1972	35th	Lake Charles	LA	1993	56th	Lake Charles	LA	2014	77th	Oklahoma City	OK
1973	36th	Little Rock	AR	1994	57th	San Antonio	TX	2015	78th	Dallas	TX
1974	37th	Lawton	ОК	1995	58th	Little Rock	AR	2015	79th	New Orleans	LA
1975	38th	Fort Worth	TX	1996	59th	Corpus Christi	TX	2017	80th	Little Rock	AR
1976	39th	El Paso	TX	1997	60th	Tulsa	OK	2018	81st	Houston	TX
1977	40th	Tulsa	ОК	1998	61st	Austin	TX	2019	82nd	Lafayette	LA
1978	41st	Beaumont	TX	1999	62nd	Shreveport	LA				
1979	42nd	Hot Springs	AR	2000	63rd	Forth Worth	TX				
1980	43rd	Galveston	TX	2001	64th	Houston	TX				
1981	44th	Lafayette	LA	2002	65th	Little Rock	AR				
1982	45th	Houston	TX	2003	66th	Baton Rouge	LA				
1983	46th	Oklahoma City	ОК	2004	67th	Oklahoma City	OK				
1984	47th	San Antonio	TX	2005	68th	Monroe	LA				
1985	48th	Baton Rouge	LA	2006	69th	Dallas	TX				
1986	49th	Fort Worth	TX	2007	70th	Houston	TX				
1987	50th	Little Rock	AR	2008	71st	San Antonio	TX				

^{*}This is not an official record of District Meetings.*

EACH ONE, BRING ONE!

Make no mistake retention and reclamation is the duty of every Brother and it is going to require some effort from all of you.

Did you know that only 1 out of every 5
Brothers pay dues beyond their Initiation fees?
Many Brothers claim to love our Fraternity,
still participate in social Omega activities, and
"represent" Omega through paraphernalia,
friendships, etc. yet are not active and financial
with their local chapter. Essentially these
Brothers are pulling out all of the things that
they like about Omega and abandoning the rest.
Why not take advantage of your FULL Omega?

Is this what you promised Omega when you took the Oath?

When you sought out Omega your letter of intent had a list of all of the things you would BRING to the fraternity and the value you would add

Doesn't Omega deserve your best?

No Brother can go back and change what their Omega has been but all of us can start today and determine what our Omega experience will be. An organization that has survived for more than 100 years doesn't happen by accident . . .

Are you Done Already?

I implore you, my Brothers to use the same enthusiasm exhibited to join this great fraternity to maintain and grow it. The way to "fix" all that is wrong with Omega is to get involved. Remember "Running from it will not save you!"

Omega has kept its promise, will you?

We are excited to provide additional tools and resources for you to use to engage the Brotherhood and make Omega better for all of us. We don't have all of the ideas, so please continue to share with our committee so we can get the word out. You have the opportunity to lay the foundation for our next 100 Century of achievement. . .



STEP 1 GET YOUR CONTROL NUMBER

To obtain your control number call IHQ at (404) 284-5533 or reach out to the Retention and Reclamation Chair by email at retentionchair@oppf.org

STEP 2 FIND A GRADUATE CHAPTER

Associate with a chapter near you. Ask for the chapter financial requirements to be reclaimed.





Arkansas Baptist University Tracy Smith Jr.- Alpha Delta Pi Sterling Bradley- Alpha Delta Pi Dillard University Aldon Harvey- Theta Sigma Robert Pratt- Theta Sigma Grambling State University Chanz Moore- Gamma Gamma David Parker Jr.- Gamma Gamma Jared Shepherd- Gamma Gamma Jarvis Christian College Austin Campbell- Phi Beta Lamar University David Johnson- Upsilon Theta Langston University Romiki Dorris Jr.- Phi Psi Domonick Fov- Phi Psi Demerrick Williamson-Phi Psi Jarius Handie- Phi Psi E'Donis Harris- Phi Psi Jordan Butler- Phi Psi Oklahoma State University Brandon Singleton- Omicron Lambda Daniel Olaleye- Omicron Lambda Darrion Daniels- Omicron Lambda Kirk Tucker- Omicron Lambda Paul Quinn College Ashley Brooks- Zeta Eta Maleak Jenkins Smith- Zeta Eta Lael Hamilton - Zeta Eta Philander Smith College Christopher Journet- Pi Sigma Prairie View A&M University Jovvanta Mason Gray- Rho Theta Demetrius LaGrone- Rho Theta Na'Shon Edwards- Rho Theta Joshua Latson- Rho Theta Dylan Gladney- Rho Theta Joshua Flowers- Rho Theta Nicholas Franklin- Rho Theta Nickolas Fowler- Rho Theta Larry Allen II- Rho Theta Sam Houston State University Jarious Jenkins- Eta Mu Sekou Clark- Eta Mu Southern Arkansas University Darren Crawford- Delta Eta Antonio Bell- Delta Eta









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Southern University

Tony Richardson- Beta Sigma

Kobie Lain- Beta Sigma

Robert Gullette- Beta Sigma

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Xavier University

Michael Mitchell III- Xi Sigma Brian Jones Jr.- Xi Sigma

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE NINTH

The Importance of Public Relations for your Chapter

 Public Relations will help build community rapport and support. It will impact your ability to create corporate partnerships and sponsorships within the community you serve.







Make an Effort to Display the Positive Works of Omega on the Internet

@Mighty9th



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Instagram

 Analytics from the new Facebook Like page show the District received a post reach of approximately 12,000 views on Facebook alone within 30 days.

 This is largely due to trending hashtags #QuesGraduate, #lamOmega, #ΩΨΦLeaders and #9thDQuesUplift.





MOST ENGAGING POSTS











Work Diligently to get Mass Media Coverage for Your Chapter



Outstanding TV spotlight "Honoring a daybreak rise and shiner Bro. Corey Bonner with the Omegas" by ABC channel 8 WFAA-TV in Dallas, TX.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosts 5th annual Spring Basketball Jam



Psi Upsilon Chapter's (Lawton, OK) television interview promoting it's 5th Annual Spring Basketball Jam.

SPIRITUAL WELLNESS



Ephesians 6: 11-17 The Armour of God

- 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
- 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,
- 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
- 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.





EACH ONE, BRING ONE! RECLAIM 10,000 BROTHERS



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