



The Mighty Ninth News

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District Meeting 2008

San Antonio, TX. Congratulations to the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter also known as the Alamo Ques for hosting a grand District Meeting.

At 8:38 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2008 in the Texas Ball Room at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, the District Representative Brother Willie Hinchin introduced Brother Gregory L. Thompson, Basileus of Psi Alpha Chapter to lead the public opening and to handle the introduction of the Public Officials. Brother Thompson introduced the following three Public Officials that gave greetings from their respective offices

- Mr. Tommy Adkisson, Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 4, San Antonio, Texas

- Ms Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Deputy City Manager, San Antonio, Texas on behalf of the San Antonio Mayor, Phil Hardberger.
- Brother James Howard, Board of Education San Antonio Independent School District
- (SAISD) Board member and a member of Psi Alpha Chapter.

After the Public Opening, the 71st District Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel San Antonio, Texas was called to order by the District Representative Brother Willie Hinchin at approximately 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the fraternity's ritual. Brother Hinchin presided over the first plenary session. Brother Hinchin explained that hardcopies (2 per chapter) of the District Reports were given to Chapter Delegates and all the reports are on CD and included in all registrations bags. This was a



cost effective measure and it worked very well in Houston at last year's District Meeting.



Small Graduate Chapter of the Year



Brother Charles Johnson and Quette



Father and Son



Prayer breakfast with Bro. Rev Gatewood



Plenary session



Spiritual "awakening" prayer breakfast



Former 9th District Representatives



**Ninth District Omega Man of the Year
Brother Patrick Smith**



Grand Basileus Warren Lee; DR, W. Hinchey; Bro. Patrick Smith



Brother Joseph Davis







Founders' Banquet Awards

Ninth District Omega Man of the Year
Patrick Smith, Theta Alpha, Dallas, TX

Ninth District Founders Award
Ben Green, Theta Alpha, Dallas, TX

Ninth District Superior Service
Alvin Stevenson, Rho Nu, Galveston, TX

Citizen of the Year
Billy Williams, Theta Alpha, Dallas, TX

Colonel Young Military Award
Shannon McAdoo, Omicron Gamma Gamma, Arlington, TX

High School Essay Contest
Erica Campbell, Omicron Gamma Gamma, Arlington, TX

Ninth District Small Chapter of the Year
Rho Nu, Galveston, TX

Ninth District Large Chapter of the Year
Omicron Gamma Gamma, Arlington, TX

Ninth District Large Graduate Chapter Service Award
Rho Beta Beta, Houston, TX

Ninth District Small Graduate Chapter Service Award
Rho Nu, Galveston, TX

Undergraduate Chapter of the Year
Gamma Gamma Chapter, Grambling, Louisiana

Undergraduate Chapter Service Award
Mu Beta, Arlington, TX

Best Scrapbook
Rho Omega Chapter, Shreveport, Louisiana



1st Place Alpha Delta Lambda



Beta Delta



Theta Alpha



Tau Epsilon

2008 District Meeting Awards

Houston, TX. A highlight of the District Meeting is recognizing brothers for excellence in a variety of areas. Brothers who have excelled in performance and community service during the year and those who excelled in various sporting events were recognized at the Founders' Banquet.



9th District Graduate Chapter of the Year
Omicron Gamma Gamma
Arlington, TX



Retention Awards, Brother Steven Weakley

<u>Award</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Graduate Chapter Retention Award 1	Theta Alpha
Graduate Chapter Retention Award 2	Rho Beta Beta
Graduate Chapter Retention Award 3	Nu Phi
Undergrad Chapter Retention Award 1st	Tau Epsilon
Undergrad Chapter Retention Award 2nd	Gamma Gamma
Undergrad Chapter Retention Award 3rd	Alpha Delta Delta

Reclamation Awards, Brother Vernard Grice

<u>Award</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Large Graduate Chapter Reclamation 1st	Omicron Gamma Gamma
Large Graduate Chapter Reclamation 2nd	Theta Alpha
Large Graduate Chapter Reclamation 3rd	Psi Alpha



Small Graduate Chapter Reclamation 1st
Small Graduate Chapter Reclamation 2nd
Small Graduate Chapter Reclamation 3rd

Phi Iota Iota
Eta Iota
Tau Phi

<u>Award</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Brother</u>
State Rep. of the Year	Epsilon Chi	Lonnie Williams
State Rep. of the Year	Eta Iota	Carlos Hunter
MSP Chairman of the Year	Kappa Chi	Fred Hatley
MSP Chairman of the Year	Delta Tau	Kemp Oubre
Advisor of the Year	Rho Beta Beta	Spurgeon Holly

Talent Hunt 2008



The Talent Hunt Competition was held at the Caver Cultural Center. Brother Ernest Goode, Co-Chairman of the International Talent Hunt Committee served as Master of Ceremony. Thanks to the Ninth District Talent Hunt Committee Brothers James Doss and C. L. Ross as Co-Chairmen. There were 20 “Gifted and Talented Performing Artist” displaying their various skills. Prelude and postlude musical selection were rendered by Brother Robert Tapscott, “Dean Emeritus “of the Ninth District Talent Hunt Committee. The competition was indeed intense as the spectators were treated to some of the finest artist of the Ninth District. Thanks to all of our participants and special thanks to the winners!

The participants were:

Norshawna Ball	Vocalist	Rho Beta Beta
Sierra Beleford	Vocalist	Tau Phi
Kayla Blain	Vocalist	Chi Kappa Kappa
Michael J. Bridges	Pianist	Rho Xi
Dominic Cole	Vocalist	Theta Epsilon



Victor Collins	Vocalist	Xi Omega
Michael Dawkins	Pianist	Lambda Kappa Kappa/ Lambda Alpha/ Delta Tau
Jocelyn Delgado	Dance	Psi Alpha
John Devereaux	Spoken Word	Theta Chi
Michael Duane	Vocalist	Theta Alpha
Brioone Eley	Dance	Rho Phi
Jamye Grant	Drama	Nu Phi
Kourtney Hart	Vocalist	Gamma Rho
Jabari Johnson	Instrumental	Eta Mu
Christin Lee	Vocalist	Rho Nu
Susan Lewis	Vocalist	Epsilon Alpha
Joshua Madison	Drama	Mu Tau
Ebony Myers	Pianist	Rho Omega
A'Caila Richard	Drama	Rho Omicron
Chrishelle White	Vocalist	Omicron Gamma Gamma

Talent Hunt Winners

Place	Name	Talent	Chapter	Amount
1 st	Susan Lewis	Vocalist	EpsilonAlpha	\$ 1,500
2 nd	Sam Lacy	Creative Dance	Nu Phi	\$ 1,000
3 rd	Joshua Madison	Drama	Mu Tau	\$ 500



2008 Talent Hunt Winners

District Scholarships

Brother's name	Location		Amount
Warren Seay	9th District Scholar	SMU	\$4000.00
Houston Hasani	Arkansas Scholar	UAPB	\$2000.00
Jeremy Bonoit	Louisiana Scholar	ULL	\$2000.00
Dominick Crane	Oklahoma Scholar	Langston	\$2000.00
Jon Killen	Texas Scholar	SMU	\$2000.00
Chris Davis	Founders Award	SMU	\$750.00
Dennis Felton	Founders Scholar	AR St Jonesboro	\$750.00
Timothy Brown	Founders Scholar	UT Arlington	\$750.00
Johnathne Gaffney	Founders Scholar	North TX	\$750.00



Undergraduate Luncheon

Brother Clement Osimetha the Director of Legal Resources for Mark Kay, Inc. was the Keynote Speaker at the undergraduate luncheon. Brother Osimetha gave an inspiring and encouraging speech, speaking from the theme Family, Fraternity, and Friendship. Our Brother shared about the value of education, and he further emphasized the need to have Faith and Love to overcome obstacles. He shared the significance of his strong family foundation on which he built. Lastly, Brother Osimetha shared the value of friendship and stated, "each friend represents a world within us".

The following awards were given at the Undergraduate Luncheon:

Sporting events:	Place	Name	Chapter
GOLF			
Champion Flight:	1 st	Robert Tapscott	Epsilon Iota
	2 nd	Frank Melton	Psi Alpha
	3 rd	Robert Carter	
1 st	1 st	Al Ridley	Lambda Kappa Kappa
	2 nd	Karras Jackson	Theta Alpha
	3 rd	Everett Fuller	Psi Alpha
2 nd	1 st	Terrence Aguillard	Rho Phi
	2 nd	Eugene Macklin	Eta Iota
	3 rd	Albert Bennefield	Rho Beta Beta
Bowling	1 st	Oscar Epps Jr.	Pi Tau
	2 nd	Lyndon Lovelace	Pi Omicron
	3 rd	E.J. Marshall	Epsilon Lambda Lambda
Tennis	1 st	Charles Melton	Theta Upsilon
	2 nd	William Robinson	Sigma Omicron
Pool (Billiard)	1 st	Shawn Brewer	Omicron Gamma Gamma
	2 nd	Bennie Ross	Xi Omega
	3 rd	Edward Downing	Epsilon Iota

Award	Name	Chapter
State Rep of the Year:	Lonnie Williams	Epsilon Chi



State Rep of the
Year:

Carlos Hunter

Eta Iota

MSP Chairman of
the Year:

Fred Hatley

Kappa Chi

MSP Chairman of
the Year:

Kemp Oubre

Delta Tau

Advisor of the
Year:

Spurgeon Holly

Rho Beta Beta

High School
Essay Winner:

Christina
Henderson

Lambda Alpha



San Antonio in 2008

The Brothers of San Antonio's Psi Alpha were successful in their bid to bring the 2008 District Meeting back to Southwest Texas. The District Council awarded the Psi Alpha chapter the privilege of hosting the 71st District Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Brother John Cooper was the District Marshal for the event and led a productive district meeting.

Houston Coalition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Chapters Celebrate 19th Founders' Day Banquet

By Brother James O. McHenry, Ed.D.

Houston, Texas - On Sunday, November 8, 2007, the Houston Area Coalition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Chapters celebrated its 19th Annual Founders' Day Banquet. The participating 10 Chapters included Nu Phi, Theta Chi, Rho Nu, Rho Xi, Rho Beta Beta, Tau Episolon, Rho Theta, Omega Theta, Eta Mu, and Nu Delta. We are especially proud of the Coalition of Chapters; it was established in 1988 by Nu Phi and Rho Beta Beta. Aside from working jointly on the Founders' Day activity, the coalition has successfully collaborated on many projects.

The Brothers of San Antonio have hosted several events in the past few years including a Strategic Planning meeting. The Brothers are no strangers to the work and responsibility of hosting Brothers of the Ninth District. Now that Houston and Arlington have raised the standard for the Brothers of the Ninth District, Psi Alpha has committed that they will continue the upward trend.



The affair was held at the Crowne Plaza Ballroom in Houston, Texas, and over 300 brothers, including some sweethearts, were in attendance. The food was exquisitely prepared, and the attendees were resplendently dressed; many of them were in formal attire.

We were pleased to have our illustrious 38th Grand Basileus, Bro. Warren G. Lee, Jr., as the Keynote Speaker for the event. The Grand Basileus, opening with the Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10), touched upon several topics, including Family, Fraternity, and Friendship; Economics and Black Empowerment; and Entertainment and Lifestyles of Black Men. The essence of the talk was "Getting Things into Context: Who, Why, and What We Are." The Grand emphasized that we need higher standards, should shun mediocrity, that there is too much rhetoric, and that we, together, form a



circle of leaders. The speaker reminded us that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded for leadership. He spoke of the sterling leadership of Brothers Carter G. Woodson, who wrote, "Mis-education of the Negro," and Dr. William "Bill" Cosby's, "Come on People."

The well-planned program was accentuated by a reception and silent auction, presentation of colors by the Buffalo Soldiers, and an eloquent and stirring selection of poetry by Brothers James Allen of Rho Beta Beta ("And What's More, You'll be an Omega Man, My Son") and Varion Howard of Theta Chi ("I'll Do Me," "Stepping Up to the Plate," and "History of the Power of God"). Both of these brothers are accomplished writers, poets, and character actors.



The program concluded with an inspiring Benediction by Brother Ira B. Scott, the District's outstanding ninety-one year old exemplar. Finally, our official hymn, "Omega Dear," was superlative on this evening.

Nu Phi Chapter Hosts 2008 Talent Hunt Competition

By Brother James O. McHenry, Ed.D.

Houston, Texas – Talent is in large quantity in the Houston area. On Saturday, February 2,

2008, Nu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated hosted 12 high school fine artists. The event was held at the Fifth Ward Multi-Purpose Center in Houston. Many Nu Phi brothers and their families, students and parents, and some members of the community were in attendance.

The 12 students competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash awards, and the audience was enthusiastic and impressed with the level of talent. The artistic abilities showcased included instrumental music, vocal renditions, dramatic readings, dance, and oil paintings. One audience favorite during the contest was an alto saxophone performance by 12th grader, David Lee LaFleur Jr., of a Charlie Parker tune, "Parker's Mood," which elicited a rousing ovation. Another favorite and stimulating presentation was a vocal interpretation of "Soon It Will Be Done," by contralto Iman Marie Eli.



The audience was entertained during rating pauses by live music, "The Drumgoole Duo," comprising of Bro. William Drumgoole on piano with trumpet support. The Nu Phi Quettes, Chaired by Lillie Love Lacy, served delicious hors d'oeuvres and assorted drinks at the conclusion of the competition.

Being that the Talent Hunt Competition is a nationally mandated program, we were very pleased with the quality of the performances,



and we are striving to delve deeper into the fine arts. It was the first time that we featured presentations in the Visual Arts area, and we plan to expand our search in that often overlooked artistic creation.

The Nu Phi Talent Hunt Committee consisted of Brothers Sam Lacy (Chairman), O.K. Thomas, Ira B. Scott Jr., Walter Johnson, and this writer. They were pleased with their work and are setting higher standards for next year.

DR. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parade Killeen/Copperas Cove/Fort Hood Ques

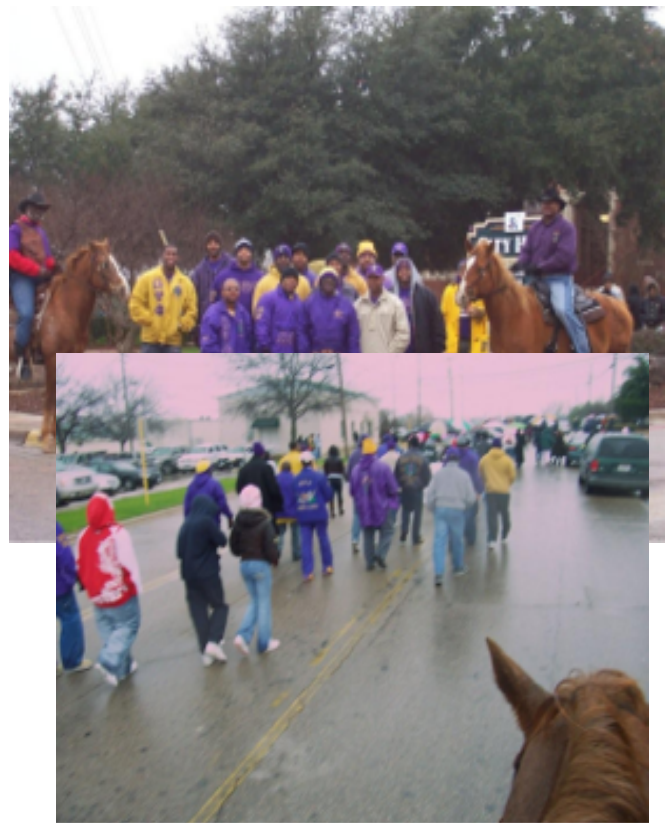
On this day (January 21, 2008), a variety of educators, city leaders, and friends joined together to celebrate and honor one of the nation's most revered civil rights leaders.

It was 8:00a.m., and we knew that it would be difficult to muster a crowd because it was wet, rainy and unusually cold on this MLK holiday in Texas. But... the Fort Hood Ques (OP) had already spoken that "If no one else shows up... We will still make this MLK Day Parade take Place... It Will Happen!" All united Omega Men can dictate what will happen on this earth, if they have a desire to rule their territory in unity. Brothers, are you ruling your territory?

With Killeen on the east side, Copperas Cove on the west side, and Fort Hood in the middle, we are a tight tri-city of approximately 26 miles long by 18 miles deep, with 196,000 citizens. That is OP territory. It is the fighting Soldier Que's land, and we gladly rule it. When we spit on the ground, draw a line in the sand, and say it will happen, then it will happen; even if we have

a car wash on a rainy day. We are few but mighty Omega Men! Even if no one else shows up, when we decide to support a worthy cause in advance, we will make it happen! Brothers of the Psi Phi, your Chapter is your territory to dominate on God's created earth! If God Almighty leaves life in us, we should not worry about the thunder, lightning, wind or the rain. He controls that; but he wants us to dictate policy over our territory! Now isn't that the true Omega way?!

So the Fort Hood Ques arrived early, wearing plenty royal purple and old gold. They brought



two large ponies with three Greek letters painted on both sides of each horse's rump. Now



Everyone knows that a parade is complete if you have a “dog and a pony show”. Our statement to the community was loudly concrete. “Omicron Pi, the Fort Hood Ques said it will happen, so it is history already.” For a while, it appeared as though we were alone. Do you remember how the presence of purple and gold makes people stop and congregate on your college campuses now just like it did back in the days? That same effect started taking place even in the freezing rain. Because we rule our territory, the Central Texas MLK Day Parade was a success. Brothers, God has given your chapter a territory. Rule it!

Rho Beta Beta Chapter Supports Boy Scout Program

Rho Beta Beta Chapter along with its 501-C(3) organization donated a total of \$500.00 to the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life Program. Mr. George Pope, Senior District Executive of the BSA Learning for Life Division – Builders, requested support through Bro. Nelson Anthony, who is an Eagle Scout,

and the chapter responded. Bro. Spergeon Holly, President of Space Ques and Bro. Vernon Weakley, Basileus, presented checks for 250.00 each to Mr. Pope in September 2007.



Learning for Life Division - Builders, serves North Forest and Houston Independent School Districts along with one Charter School. It is in the business to help educate, motivate and

stimulate boys and girls so they can graduate and be prepared to become outstanding citizens. Members of Rho Beta Beta Chapter are committed to participate in career awareness programs at various schools.



At Boy Scout office with Bro. Nelson Anthony, Bro. Spergeon Holly, President of Space City Ques, Mr. George Pope, BSA-District Executive, Bro. Vernon Weakley, Basileus.

Rho Beta Beta Chapter Participates in National Social Action Day

The first National Social Action Day was November 14, 2007 and the brothers of Rho Beta Beta Chapter were active with the Northeast YMCA Mentoring Program at Wheatley High School and the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program in Houston, Texas.

Bro. Clenon Mitchell, Social Action Chairman, set up the Chapter's participation with the YMCA Mentoring program with 14 junior and senior males. Brothers Rodney Brown, Cal Joubert, and Nelson Anthony were speakers at the event. Bro. Brown, an attorney, spoke to the young men about using resources and scholarships to plan for college. Bro Joubert spoke about his journey through the military then going to college and graduating with an engineering degree. Bro. Anthony gave the young men strategies on setting goals and priorities.



Rho Beta Beta Chapter has worked with the Northeast YMCA on other projects and will continue with the mentoring program.



The Fifth Ward Enrichment Program Incorporated (FWEP) is a youth leadership and development program for at-risk males, ages 12 - 19, located in one of Houston's most economically depressed neighborhoods. FWEP is designed to empower boys to become responsible men and productive members of their families and community. Rho Beta Beta Chapter has committed work to with the program and Bro Quinn Meads, Basileus-Elect and Bro. Nelson Anthony, Ninth District Social Action Chairman met with Mr. Charles Savage, Executive Director, to discuss future plans. Bro. Meads presented a check for \$100.00 as a chapter donation.

Founded in 1984, FWEP offers to 250 inner-city African American and Latino youth more than 20 support services that deter chemical dependency, teen pregnancy, school delinquency and dropouts, while promoting self-discipline, personal accountability, and self-esteem. These services are provided year-round through the School-based Projects, and the Teen Enterprise Center (TEC).

The School-based Project is the core program and truly defines the holistic approach to youth development that FWEP embraces. This project is housed in five schools in the Houston Independent School District's (HISD) Northeast District and provides site coordinators who monitor school activities, interact with teachers

and administrators, and coordinate daily, after-school activities. The site coordinators are responsible for the delivery of the life skills curriculum, home visits, and individual and group counseling sessions. The site coordinator is recognized by the school's youth as their mentor "on campus".

The brothers of Rho Beta Beta look forward to long relationship in supporting FWEP.

Unified Omegas Of Louisiana (UOL) Hall of Fame Inductees



Brother Warren Green



Brother Ernest Parquet

UNIFIED OMEGAS OF LOUISIANA HALL OF FAME CRITERIA



Listed below is the criterion set for persons to be selected for the Unified Omegas of Louisiana Hall of Fame:

- 1) Must have been a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;
- 2) Active with a chapter within the State of Louisiana;
- 3) Made significant contributions towards the furtherance of the purposes and ideas of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Unified Omegas of Louisiana, and;
- 4) Be of sound moral character.

Welcome to two new chapters in the Mighty Ninth District.

Alpha Delta Lambda charter date is Feb. 1, 2008 located on the campus of University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) P.O Box 100837, San Antonio, Tx. 78201. (Chapter #341 ~ Undergraduate Chapter)

Gamma Mu Mu charter date is July 12, 2007 located in Stillwater, Oklahoma P.O. Box 1025, 179 Student Union, Stillwater, Ok. 74078-7037. (Chapter #930 ~ Graduate Chapter)

Alpha Iota Iota Graduate Chapter sponsored its 17th annual Talent Hunt program at the Garland Plaza Performing Arts Center. Twelve outstanding high school students showed off their vast reservoir of talents and captivated the audience. Performers showed their talents as vocalist, musicians and interpretive movement dancers.

Program chairman Bro. Wayne Powe and Basileus & Master of Ceremony Michael Hartman presented the awards to the 3 winning

contestants and certificates to other participants.



Pictured L to R: Talent Hunt Chairman Wayne Powe, 3rd Place Winner Jordan Ray Horton, Jr., 1st Place Winner Hampton Williams, 2nd Place Winner Tiana Alexander, and Basileus Michael Hartman

The program was very well attended by community supporters, sponsors and featured praise dance teams from "Moving for the Messiah " (Greater New Birth Baptist Church, Plano) and the "Park Steppers " (Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, Dallas).

The chapter has a commitment and tradition of providing a positive outlet or student/performers and has produced several past 9th District Winners. This exceptional community service program was started and continued by Brothes Wayne Williams, Ron Silas, Lawrence Carriere (Omega Chapter) and this years' talent hunt chairman Brother Wayne Powe.

From the District Keeper of Records and Seal

Subject: Ninth District Chapters Administrative Information Update

Correspondence: The mailing address and the only mailing address for all fraternal business for the office of the DKRS: P.O. Box 890263; Houston, Texas 77289-0263

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9thDistrictKRS@oppf.org

The e-mail address for the Assistant DKRS, Brother Bernard Clayton:

BClayton2@houston.rr.com

All District and Chapter Officers have an official fraternal e-mail address. Passwords for the Chapters were sent to each State Representative for the chapters in their respective area. Please start using your oppf.org e-mail address.

District Lock Box. Please send all District Remittances (funds) directly to the Ninth District Lock Box located in New Orleans, Louisiana. The address to the District Lock Box:

Ninth District Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
P.O. Box 62600
Department 1213
New Orleans, LA 70162-2600

International Headquarters Lock Box. All chapters KRS, Basileus, KF and members should use the fraternity lock box system to submit all remittances to the IHQ. The Chapter KRS is required to use the fraternity lock box system with the interactive forms, (i.e., LB001) through the official fraternity web site at www.oppf.org. This is a very fast and easy process for the chapter KRS. Again, all national

assessments should be sent to the IHQ lock box at the following address:

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Lock Box Processing Dept.
P.O. Box 281452
Atlanta, GA 30384

Your form option depends on your authorization role as defined in the table below:

If your authorization role is:	Then you will be presented with form(s):
District Rep, Chapter KRS, MSP Chairman	LB002 – New Initiate
Chapter KRS, Chapter KF, or Basileus	LB001 – Chapter Assessment or Member Dues LB0001-R – Chapter Transfer or Rein-Instatement
Regular Member	LB004 – Non Dues Related Member Assessment
International Member	LB003 – International Dues
Non-Financial International Member	LB005 (Outside of “Members Only”) – International Dues
IHQ and Supreme Council (with the exception of District Rep)	LB001, LB001-R, LB002, LB003, LB004 and LB005

Fraternity Track-it. The system is up and running again. All brothers should use this system if they have any legitimate concern with the fraternity. If you are a financial brother with a situation that needs addressing by the



International Headquarters, than submit a work order over the fraternity Track-it system. The system works and they will give you a response. Please use the proper log-in to get your response. Also, you can look at other members work order requests and read the solutions given to their problems. You may share the same problem.

Forms. The Form 37 (Report of Chapter to the District Representative) done quarterly and annually. The Form 37 should be sent to the DR with a copy to the DKRS. The quarterly Form 37 covers the following periods:

All chapters must send the followings forms with the most current information to the International Headquarters with copies to the DR and DKRS.

Form 50 Chapter Officers

Form 53 Chapter Roster

Save the Dates-

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we prepare to head to the Conclave let us be mindful that the productivity of the Ninth District will continue when we get back. At the Summer Council the decision was made to host the **Ninth District Undergraduate Summit in Houston, TX Labor Day Weekend. (Friday August 29th- Sunday August 31st).** Registration Materials and Tentative agendas will be distributed at the Grand Conclave during the Undergraduate and District Caucuses.

The Ninth District Bishop Edgar A Love Spiritual Awareness Seminar will be hosted in Dallas, TX the weekend of September 12-14.

The Ninth District Chaplain will provide Registration Materials and Tentative agendas during the Grand Conclave.

The Date for the Ninth District Fall Council Meeting has been set for October 18, 2008 in Lawton, OK.

Pre-Registration forms for the 72nd Ninth District Meeting to be hosted by Rho Omega Chapter in Shreveport, LA are available on the Ninth District Website.

Please don't hesitate to contact your State Representative, Undergraduate Representative to the District Council, or any Council Member with questions.

Note: Revisions are being made to the Conclave Agenda, as of right now the District Caucus is still scheduled for Monday July 14th (time tba/ will be communicated as soon as they are finalized). **Per the DR, all Ninth District Chapters are required to answer the role call at the District Caucus, (Undergraduate Chapters will have a separate roll call that they are required to answer).**

All registered members should have received a Meeting Attendance and Dress Attire Information sheet from the IHQ. However, any concerns may be directed to us ASAP.

As Always in Omega,

Bro. B.R. Clayton Jr.

Ninth DKRS



OMEGA CHAPTER

Brother Conrad Johnson





Brother Conrad Johnson, initiated 11/7/1936 at Theta Chapter, Wiley College (Home of the Great Debaters) in Marshall, Texas, most recently a member of Nu Phi Chapter in Houston, Texas died on Sunday, just days after he was honored at a benefit for music education and scholarship in his name.

Brother Conrad Johnson taught band at Houston's Kashmere High School. His bands were considered the best in the nation, winning many competitions. Known to many simply as "Prof," Brother Conrad Johnson is perhaps the most widely recognized and beloved music educator in Houston . Highly respected as a versatile, passionate saxophonist and leader of the band, Conrad Johnson and His Orchestra, the diminutive octogenarian has for over 50 years been a major force in shaping the Houston sound, which according to Roger Ward of "Living Blues Magazine," is a rich synthesis of the seemingly antithetical elements of down-home Texas blues and sophisticated jazz. Brother Conrad Johnson was 92. Funeral arrangements are being planned.



Tips for Article Submission

It is our intent to publish everything submitted in the 9th District Newsletter. However, please note that some items that are submitted may not be printed. Here are some common areas that we need to improve on:

- Photograph quality. Photos are either too dark or not in focus. Hard to use.
- Photographs should be submitted separately from the article.
- Chapters should submit articles and not one or two statements describing the event.
- Please double check spelling. I can catch most of the common words, but proper names, places, etc. are hard to catch.
- Please adhere to the established deadlines.
- Chapters can help by identifying the Chapter's Editor to the Oracle and sending that information to the email listed below. I will establish a distribution list for the chapters and send everything directly to the chapter's point of contact.
- Feedback. Give me your feedback. I want to make sure this is a document for all of us. It can only get better with your feedback. End comments to the email address listed below.

There are a lot of great things going on in the Ninth District. Let's continue to submit articles and tell the story of the Ninth District. Your continued support will ensure that we will

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