



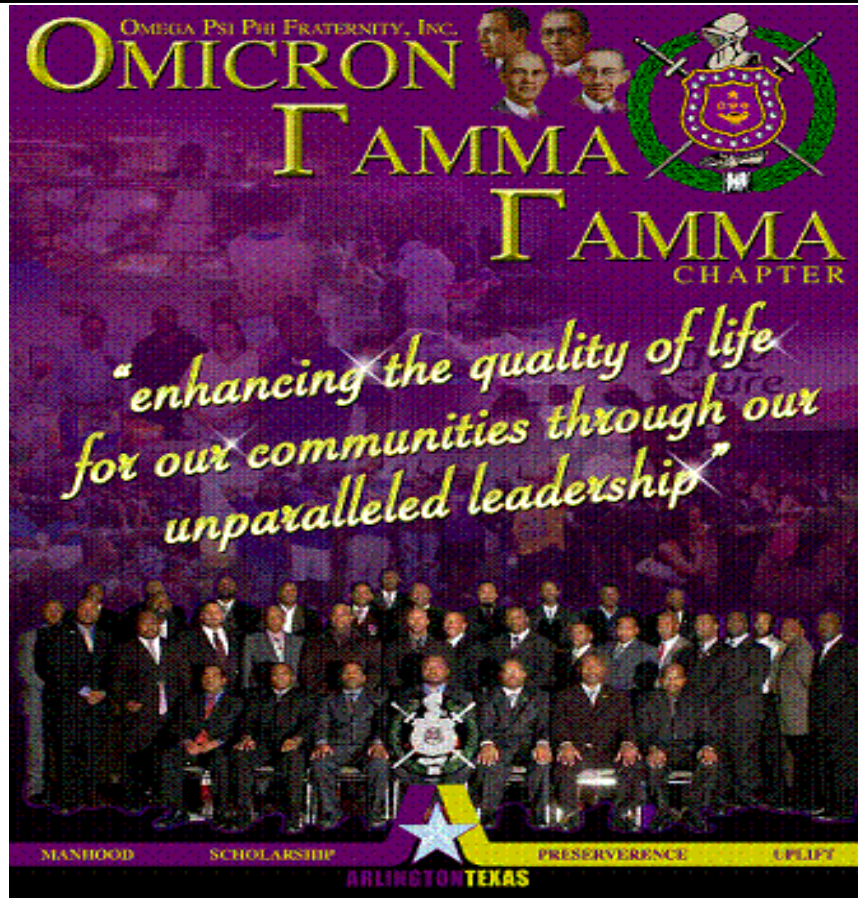
The Mighty Ninth News

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International Chapter of the Year

Congratulations to the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma for representing the 9th District well and bringing home the coveted prize of International Chapter of the Year. Under the leadership of Basileus Van Newborn the chapter set out on a mission to become an active and productive chapter. The Social Action chairman, Brother Dante Williams made sure the Brothers had plenty of opportunities to work and made sure the Brothers demonstrated the spirit of Uplift by showing up to work and contribute to the betterment of their society. The Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma represented the 9th

District well demonstrated by the reward of INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR.



2007 International Chapter of the Year

OGG Accomplishments

**9th District Large Graduate Chapter
of the Year 2007**

**9th District Reclamation Chapter of
the Year 2007**

**9th District Large Graduate Chapter
of the Year 2006**

**Tarrant County Pan-Hellenic Chapter
of the Year 2006**

**9th District Social Action Chapter of
the Year 2004**

OGG Executive Council

Basileus: Brother Van Newborn

1st Vice Basileus: Brother Paul Newburn

2nd Vice Basileus: Brother Shawn Ferdinand

**Keeper of Records & Seal: Brother Kenneth
Brown**

Keeper of Finance: Brother David Roberts

Keeper of Peace: Brother Dante Williams

Chaplain: Brother Royal Wright

Past Basileus: Brother Eric Thomas

**Editor to The Oracle: Brother Jermaine
Mazant**

Hosted Meetings

2007 Winter Council Meeting

2006 69th District Meeting

2006 Winter Council Meeting

2006 Lone Star State Ques Meeting

2005 Summer Council Meeting

75th Grand Conclave

The Grand Conclave convened in the city of Birmingham, AL under the leadership of the



38th Grand Basileus Brother Warren G. Lee with 1, 684 Brothers pre-registered and 210 registering onsite. The Leadership Conference started the event on July 10th, 1008 at Miles College. The fraternity was able to prepare 131 young men in attendance for leadership in our communities and schools.

Saturday July 12, 2008 several sporting events were held giving Brothers an opportunity to fellowship, talk noise, and demonstrate their athletic prowess. On the evening of July 12th a Comedy/Step show was held hosted by Brother



The convention hall was packed with Brothers and guest as each district sought to bring home the coveted prize of the Best March Team in the Land. The march down winners were 1st place: Chi Theta (7th District); 2nd Place, Tau; and 3rd Place Zeta Psi.

A rousing and inspiring worship service was held on Sunday morning where the Grand Chaplain



delivered an excellent sermon titled Would You Choose My Candidate. Sunday afternoon the Talent Hunt was held and that evening the (Brothers Only) Founder Banquet was held with formal attire.



During the banquet a slide show was displayed showing many notable Brothers active in Civil Rights. Also during the banquet a medley of fraternity songs were sang by several former Grand Basilei.



Brother Raymond Bourgeois was asked to put together a skit reenacting the founding of the Fraternity with your



Director of Public Relations Brother Roger T. Watkins portraying Founder Brother Dr. Ernest E. Just. Lastly, Brothers participated in a very special rededication ceremony led by the 33rd Grand Basileus Moses Norman.



The Awards Breakfast for 25, 70, and 75 years of fraternity service was held Monday morning July 14, 2008. Three Brothers received 70 year plaques including Brother Ira Scott of Nu Phi Chapter in Houston, TX. A list of Brothers receiving fraternity service awards from the 9th District is included later.

Basileus reported that the fraternity has 776



chapters (111 in the 9th District), with 16,233 financial Brothers in 2007 (2,319 in the 9th District) and 14,729 financial Brothers to-date in 2008 (2,028 in the 9th District).



The formal opening of the Plenary Sessions began Monday morning with approximately 535 chapters registered (75 from the 9th District). Following roll call the Grand KRS declared a quorum and the minutes of the 74th Grand Conclave were approved. The Interim Executive Director, Bro. George Grace, 37th Grand



The 40, 50, & 60 Service Awards were held on July 13, 2008.

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Fraternity Service Awards

70 years

Ira Scott, Nu Phi, Houston, TX

60 Year awards

Alexander Clarke, Psi Alpha, San Antonio, TX

L. Clifford Davis, Epsilon Alpha, Ft. Worth, TX

50 Year Award



40 Year Awards

1. William L. Green, Alpha Iota Iota, Richardson , TX
2. Life Member Dwight Fields Houston, TX
3. William Davis, Pi Omicron Little Rock, AR
4. Oscar Epps, Jr., Pi Tau, Grambling, LA
5. Eddie Mims, Psi Alpha, San Antonio, TX
6. Thomas Green, Jr. Rho Xi, Clute , TX
7. Lawrence Jones, Sigma Omicron Tyler, TX
8. John Berry, Jr., Theta Alpha, Dallas, TX
9. Bernard Snowden, Theta Alpha, DeSoto, TX

25 Year Awards

1. Melvin Bradley, Epsilon Lambda Lambda, Sunset, LA
2. Raynado Banks, Lambda Alpha, Baton Rouge, LA
3. Michael Adams Lambda Kappa Kappa, Baton Rouge, LA
4. Kenneth Terrell, Omicron Gamma Gamma, Grand Prairie, TX
5. Bruce Smith, Phi Iota Iota, San Antonio, TX
6. Lyndon Lovelace, Pi Omicron, Little Rock, AR
7. James Blair, Psi Alpha, San Antonio, TX
8. Phillip Thomas, Rho Xi Cypress , TX
9. Terrence Augillard, Rho Phi, New Orleans, LA
10. Ricky Anderson, Theta Chi, Magnolia, TX
11. Gilbert Douglass, Upsilon Rho, New Iberia, LA.



MISSION POSSIBLE –SAVES LIVES

DALLAS, TEXAS – The late Bro.Charles Richard Drew would be proud of these secret agents. The Brothers of Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter teamed up with the local Carter BloodCare agency to give the gift of life.

Bro. Al “ Green” Earnest coordinated the two events and disseminated information to inform individuals of the awareness and importance of donating blood. During the second quarter, brothers, family, and friends donated more than 26 pints of blood. The Carter BloodCare agency also issued a reminder that the gift of blood makes life possible for hundreds of people every day. Keeping the blood supply strong within our communities is important to those whose lives depend on it.

**THE MISSION IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF WE
GIVE BLOOD.....AND GIVE OFTEN**



Alpha Iota Iota Blood Drive

**Voter Registration Deadline
(October 6, 2008)**

With the political race for the highest office in the land at stake, we as members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have the opportunity to affect the overall out come. With your prompt and immediate action, the Ninth District will continue to be among the elite groups that serve our communities by participating directly in the political process. Some chapters in the Ninth District have conducted Voter Registration drives and reported their results in March 2008 at the District meeting in San Antonio. There is still time for Ninth District chapters to conduct



additional Voter Registration Drives before the deadline. **October 6, 2008**. I call upon ALL Ninth District chapters to make plans at their next monthly chapter meetings to conduct as many Voter Registration Drives as possible by the deadline. At this point, it might be prudent to join forces with other Greek Letter Organizations, Civic Groups (NAACP) and Political Action Committees who already have planned dates established to conduct Voter Registrations Drives. Brother Shawn Brewer, 1st Vice Ninth District Representative, and I have been tasked with collecting and compiling the data as it relates to Ninth District Voter Registration and forwarding the information to OMEGA/IHQ. It is important that the Ninth District document and get accurate counts of the total number of voters registered by chapters. Please be reminded that Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization is a mandated program and must be reported for Ninth District chapters to maintain good standing. Your attention to this matter is strongly encouraged. If your chapter needs assistance or tips on how to hold Voter Registration Drives, my contact information is listed below.

Bro. Curt Childers, Committee Chairman
Ninth District Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization
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**African American Youth Leadership Conference
Team 2008
(Omega Voter Action Project/Session III)**



(Left to Right) Bro. Cletus Wilkins, Basileus, Epsilon Iota Chapter, Onnescha Williams, Program Manager Austin Eastside Story, Bro. Larry Williams, OMEGA Voter Action Project Coordinator, Richard Franklin, East Austin Economic Development Corporation, Art Arcevedo, Austin Chief of Police, Bro. Deone Wilhite, Voter Action Chairman Epsilon Iota Chapter, Bro. Curt Childers, OMEGA/Ninth District Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization Chairman, and Felicia Owo, University of Texas BLACK Student Alliance Representative.

This is something that might interest you:

Our goal is not to advocate but, to educate so Texans can make an informed decision when they cast their vote. Our concern is that voters will lump Prop 2 in with other, unrelated bond issues and not draw the important distinctions between the two “namely that ours **does not impact taxes in any way**.

I have attached a Prop 2 FAQ with detailed information; however, here are the key points:

- Proposition 2 is a \$500 million bond financing low-interest student loans for Texas students attending Texas colleges and universities.
- Prop 2 is **self-sustaining with absolutely no tax implications** “the bonds are repaid by the students who benefit from the low-interest loans.
- *Coordinating Board* loans differ from private loans by offering a *low, fixed 6%*



interest rate; a six-month, post-graduation grace period before payments begin; numerous repayment schedules; interest is never capitalized (interest added to the loan balance); loans are serviced by the Coordinating Board and are never sold to other lenders.

- The program helps tens of thousands of students every year. Since the program started, more than \$1 billion in low-interest loans have been provided to help 290,000 Texans pay for college.

Please take a look at the FAQ and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I've also attached an editorial that recently appeared in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times FYI. We would greatly appreciate anything you can do to share this information with interested persons or community groups.



2008 Conclave Service Awards

Award		Name	Chapter	District	Location
Social Action	UG		Gamma Epsilon	3rd	Hampton University (VA)
Social Action (<50 members)	Grad		Kappa Iota Iota	3rd	Fort Eustis, VA
Social Action (>50 members)	Grad		Psi Alpha Alpha	3rd	Alexandria, VA
Achievement Week	UG		Omega Delta Delta	2nd	Temple University (Phila , PA)
Achievement Week	Grad	Bro. Thabiti Boone	Chi Tau	7th	Orlando, FL
Citizen of the Year	Grad	Bro. Lee E. Bolden	Alpha Upsilon	2nd	Brooklyn, NY
Founder's Award	Grad	Bro. Brett Bridges	Theta Omega	5th	Louisville, KY
Superior Service	Grad	Bro. Col. Conrado Morgan	Xi Pi	8th	Colorado Springs, CO
Col Charles Young	Grad	Bro. Edmond Lewis	Tau Gamma Gamma	6th	Fort Bragg, NC
Omega Man of the Year	UG	Bro. Michael Boykins	Tau Psi	6th	Durham, NC
Omega Man of the Year	Grad		Iota Iota	6th	Raleigh, NC
Social Action	UG		Xi Zeta	5th	University of Memphis (TN)
Social Action (<50 members)	Grad		Xi Pi	8th	Colorado Springs, CO
Social Action (>50 members)	Grad		Pi Lambda Lambda	3rd	Dumfries, VA



Achievement Week	UG		Upsilon Xi	7th	Florida A&M University
Achievement Week	Grad	Bro. Billy Williams	Omicron Gamma Gamma	9th	Arlington, TX
Citizen of the Year	Grad	Bro. Jarrod Thomas	Theta Alpha	9th	Dallas, TX
Founder's Award	Grad	Bro. Gregory D. Burnett, Sr.	Xi Iota Iota	4th	Troy, OH
Superior Service	Grad	Bro. Michael Williams	Alpha Nu	1st	Stamford, CT
Col Charles Young	Grad	Bro. Thaddeus P. Gordon	Xi Pi	8th	Colorado Springs, CO
Omega Man of the Year	UG	Bro. James J. Griffith	Xi Zeta	5th	University of Memphis (TN)
Omega Man of the Year	Grad		Pi Gamma Gamma	5th	Murfreesboro, TN



OMEGA CHAPTER

Brother Henry Elloie

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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. Photo 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 me by identifying the Chapter's Editor to the Oracle and sending me 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 always produce a first class product for the Mighty Ninth.

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