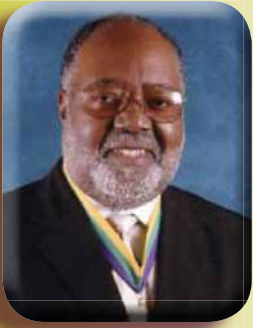


# THE SOURCE

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## THE 9TH HAS LOST ONE OF HER MOST NOBLE SONS



Bro. Warren Joseph Green was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 5, 1943, the son of the late Catheline Taylor Buckner and the late Wilfred Green. He was called home to eternal rest on January 23, 2011. He was joined in holy matrimony to Helen Smith Green. The union was blessed with two daughters. He was educated in the public schools of New Orleans and was a graduate of Walter L. Cohen High School Class of 1960. Bro. Green attended Grambling State University where he became an Omega man on 12/15/1961 through Gamma Gamma chapter. He graduated from Grambling State University in 1964. He also attended Loyola University for certifications in Mathematics and Vocational Education. He received a Masters in Vocational Education from Louisiana State University.

Bro. Green served his undergraduate chapter in several capacities. He served as Vice Basileus, Dean of Pledges, Chairman of the Talent Hunt Committee and also a member and leader of the Omega/Delta Homework help Center, which was held the schools library. In 1965, Bro. Green joined Rho Phi chapter in New Orleans, LA. and had been a financial member of Rho Phi since that day and was financial his entire 50 years in Omega. As a member of Rho Phi chapter, Bro. Green had served in several capacities. In 1978 he was elected Keeper of Finance and in 1981, Bro. Green was elected as Basileus of Rho Phi and served a term and made major improvements

Bro. Green had attended 48 consecutive Ninth District Meetings in his Life in Omega. He has served as a Ninth District Undergraduate Advisor for 12 consecutive years. He was named Ninth District Omega Man of the Year in 1988 and again in 2003. Bro. Green served as the Ninth District's Achievement Week Chairman for many years. Bro. Green missed one Ninth District meeting including: Ninth District Undergraduate Summits, Leadership Meetings and Council Meetings in 50 years. Bro. Green registered for 15 Grand Conclaves as well as the 76th Grand Conclave during past fiscal year. Bro. Green attended and registered for every Leadership Conference since their inception. Bro. Green had also been registered at the last 5 International Undergraduate Summits. Bro. Green is Life Member (317) and had often attended OLMF Board meetings.

**"Bro. Green's quiet dignity and consistency should serve as an example for all men of Omega."** - V. Newborn

## Rho Nu Wins International Chapter of the Year

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North Carolina- The Rho Nu chapter motto is "A small chapter doing BIG things". This motto came to life as the Rho Nu chapter was named the International Chapter of the Year at the 76th Grand Conclave. The chapter initially won 9th District Chapter of the Year (Small Graduate Chapter Category), which pushed them forward to compete at the Grand Conclave.

For the International chapter competition, there is no division between large chapters and small chapters. Rho Nu, which had 26 Brothers in 2008, competed against large chapters with over 150 members.

Overall, 2008 was a great year for the Brothers of Rho Nu. They completed all the mandated programs, and continued annual programs such as the Rho Nu Adopt-A-Beach cleanup and the



## THE DR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers,  
100 years! What a great time to be an Omega! I am so very pleased to offer greetings to you as we celebrate our 74th Ninth District Meeting and the Fraternity's Centennial accomplishments. I can't help but think about how proud our Founders would be to see us now embellishing this great institution (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.) they created.

As we approach the Centennial please plan to register. This will be our only life time opportunity to celebrate Omega's 100 years, so please don't miss it. There is much planned and I'm sure we all will be eager to witness the events of a life time. To all chapters, if you haven't already, please strongly consider the purchase of a Founder's Commemorative Monument Brick and/or a Centennial Souvenir Ad. This is a great way to put your chapter's mark of the Centennial for a memento that your members can enjoy forever.

Brotherhood and Community Support: Uplift for Mankind!  
This, in addition to the uplift of our Lord and Savior, is what I'd like us to continue to strive for. Our time and effort in Omega has to matter, so let it be for what seals our salvation, builds our Brotherly relationships and strengthens our communities. I am confident that we will achieve great things and I am proud of all of you for committing to being a part of it.

Happy 100th my Brothers & God Bless!

Fraternally,  
Brother Shawn Brewer - 9th District Representative

### Bro. Charles Stewart Wins International Award



At the 76th Grand Conclave, Rho Nu's own Brother Charles Stewart received the International Superior Service Award. Brother Stewart is a Life Member and works tirelessly for Omega. He represents the Ninth District on the Omega Life Membership Foundation Board. Brother Stewart was also President of the Lone Star State Ques and serves Rho Nu as the chapter's Keeper of Finance. He was also formerly the Ninth District Achievement Week Chairman.

Brother Stewart is also the Omega representative for the Annual United Negro College Fund. The Brothers of Omega always play a big role in this event, providing planning guidance and the logistics necessary to conduct this great fundraiser. Due to our strong participation, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the only Greek organization listed as a Corporate Sponsor for the UNCF Houston Walk.

Alvin Stevenson Adopt-A-School drive. The beach cleanup is held in conjunction with the Texas Land Office, which holds two state-wide beach cleanups annually. The Alvin Stevenson Adopt-A-School Drive benefits L.A. Morgan Elementary School in Galveston, TX. This program was named after Brother Alvin Stevenson, a charter member of Rho Nu and a Brother that has been active in the Fraternity for 54 years.

The chapter also makes annual donations to the Women's Crisis Center and Rat T. Sheppard little league in Galveston. Rho Nu joined forces with the Houston Area Urban League to conduct voter registration drives, a HIV/AIDS awareness program, and a fundraiser to benefit the Urban League.

### International Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year

During the past Conclave held in Raleigh, North Carolina, Alpha Delta Lambda chapter's immediate past Basileus Christian Menefee received the highest honor an undergraduate brother could receive. He was awarded International Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year. This award was a humbling experience that caught brother Menefee by surprise. He knew that he was receiving the Herman Dreer Leadership Award, but was not aware of the award for International Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year.



Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter (ADL) was chartered on February 1, 2008, with brother Menefee serving as its first Basileus. During that time ADL received numerous recognitions and awards. Within the chapter's first year chapter, it won the 2008 9th District Marchdown competition and represented the District at the Birmingham Conclave. In the Fall of 2008 Alpha Delta Lambda led a voter drive titled Walk for Change. During Walk for Change, students at The University of Texas at San Antonio participated in a march that took them from the university's UC to the poll site. The group cast their votes for the 2008 Presidential election. The march was very successful and garnered local media attention in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

Before leaving for law school, Brother Menefee helped lead ADL as it finished the Spring 2010 semester with the highest GPA among NPHC Fraternities and third highest GPA among all fraternities on campus. This academic accomplishment was also reached during the Fall 2009 semester. With the chapter earning so many accomplishments, Greek Life officials saw fit to nominate the Alpha Delta Lambda chapter for Fraternity of the Year which is the highest award for Greek fraternities on campus. This award is based on grades, community service, and scholarship donations. Unfortunately, the chapter did not win the award but they still continuing to uplift the campus. Thanks to brother Menefee, the bar has been raised for the other members in the chapter as well as other Greeks on the campus. Although he has accomplished many things within the Fraternity, his achievements outside of the Fraternity are numerous. Some of Brother Menefee's other achievements are:

- SGA Vice President
- ADL Basileus
- 2009 Texas Scholar of the Year
- 2009 Ronald E. McNair Leadership Award
- 2008-09 Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year
- 2009 9th District Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year



## GE/OMEGA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Ninth District Presents Largest Compliment For 2011

Ninth District, USA—January 2011. During the Undergraduate Summit held in Charlotte, NC in January of 2011, Immediate past Ninth District Representative, Brother Willie Hinchin along with a number of key Undergraduate Advisors of the Ninth District played an influential role in Undergraduate submissions to the GE/Omega Leadership Program Selection Committee's request for applicants from the Ninth District. After having had the opportunity to meet with 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Andrew Ray, Ph.D. and the G.E. / Omega Leadership Team, insight as to what General Electric expected from Omega and Its Undergraduate Membership was provided to all District Level interested parties. It was further indicated to those Ninth District Summit participants who were interested in the G.E. Program how important it would be to fully understand some key protocols. Those were proper Business Dress, Appropriate Grooming, Professionalism and Verbal Skills. It was stressed that these protocols should be adhered to if any Undergraduate had a reasonable expectation of being considered for participation in this coveted Internship Program. Advisor efforts were also said to have played a key role in preparation efforts.

On March 02, 2011, The GE/Omega Leadership Program Committee, led by Brother Michael J. Foust, Ph.D., Aviation Section Manager in Combustion Aero Technology & Design at G.E., chose 37 out of 60 applicants to participate in the 2011 GE/Omega Leadership Program. One Undergraduate continued participation from the Class of 2010 making a total of 38 Omega Undergraduates for the year 2011. At least 15 of the 26 submissions from the Ninth District were chosen. Per Brother Foust, the Ninth District presented the largest District Level compliment to this year's Program. Although 38 were selected, the Fraternity was afforded 40 positions for the Spring/Summer 2011 Internship Program.

The GE/Omega effort is a one year program for collegiate men only whose focus majors are Mathematics, Science, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science and Business (Finance, Management & Marketing). Participants are required to have at least a 3.2 and higher grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), an active / financial Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and at least be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

The Ninth District has been fortunate to have had a wealth of Undergraduate Members to be selected for participation in the GE Internship Program for the past three years. This year, the District has representation from each of its four member states and has two schools/Chapters to have Members to participate for a second year. Those Chapters are Gamma Gamma Chapter of Grambling State University and Phi Beta Chapter of Jarvis Christian College.

The District has four Graduate Advisor Overseers, appointed by the District Representative, who are charged with ensuring that each of their Chapters appropriately submit all Undergraduate Members from their state Chapters who met the criteria to qualify for the Program. These advisors are: Brother Dr. Paul Adams of Arkansas; Brother Frederick Thomas of Louisiana; Brother Tevin Williams of Oklahoma and Brother Spergeon Holley of Texas.

The Area State Representatives and the approved Undergraduate Advisors from each Chapter contacted the Undergraduate Members and secured the requested grade point averages and declared majors. This combined effort produced four Chapters from the Ninth District each having two Members to be selected for the Program. These Advisors were: Advisor, Brother Dr. Bobby Burkes--Gamma Gamma Chapter of Grambling State University (Students: Brother Lennie Andrew, "Accounting" and Brother David Stuckman, "Business Mgmt. /Computer Info. Systems"); Advisor, Brother Brandon Weathers--Pi Kappa Chapter of The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Students: Brother Arburt Robinson, "Mass Communications" and Brother Marvin Lowe, "Biology"); Advisor, Brother Frederick Thomas--Beta Sigma Chapter of Southern University at Baton Rouge (Students: Brother Justin Coleman, "Electronic Engineering Technology and Brother Marlon Hamilton, "Mechanical Engineering"); Advisor, Brother Eric Willis--Eta Theta Chapter of The University of Texas at Austin (Students: Brother Ernesto Slater, "Economics" and Brother Christian Randolph, "Kinesiology")

There was also an independent effort on the part of other Ninth District Advisors to seek out qualified Undergraduate Members for the Program. They were: Advisor, Brother Ricky Calais-- Gamma Delta Chapter of University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Student: Brother Howard Verrett, "Professional Land and Resource Mgmt."); Advisor, Brother Ronald Reynolds--Tau Sigma Chapter of The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (Student: Brother Danny Fletcher, Jr, "Business Marketing"); Advisor, Brother Dr. Bobby Burkes--Alpha Delta Delta of Louisiana Tech University (Student: Brother Jaren Glover, "Computer Science"); Advisor, Brother Byron A. Graham--Pi Delta Chapter of University of Oklahoma at Norman (Student: Brother Ewane Masango, "Finance/Philosophy"); Advisor, Brother Dr. Weldon Walton--Chi Delta Delta of Baylor University (Student: Brother Todd Adams, "Economics"); Advisor, Brother Louis Simmons--Sigma Lambda Chapter of Texas Christian University (Student: Brother Bryon Bailey, "Entrepreneurial Management/Finance"); Advisor, Immediate Past Ninth District Representative, Brother Willie F. Hinchin--Phi Beta Chapter of Jarvis Christian College (Student: Brother Sherad Lightbourne, "Mathematics with Chemistry minor")

Ninth District Representative, Brother Shawn Brewer and the Ninth District Leadership team extend congratulations to those Undergraduates selected for the GE/Omega Leadership Program class of 2011.

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## MANDATED PROGRAMS Achievement Week 2010

### Lambda Alpha Chapter Takes Achievement Week to New Heights

Baton Rouge, LA - The profound Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated National Achievement Week during November 14 – 21st, 2010 through outreach, action and deed. Focused on the theme, “Effective Political Action- Using Style and Substance”, the men of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated touched the lives of over 500 high school students and 1,400 elementary school children. Multiple National Programs were executed during the Achievement Week to include “Literacy is Key to Success”, “Stop the Violence”, “Habitat for Humanity”, “Reclamation”, “Mentoring” and “Social Action”

#### Omega Men of God

The week began with a renewal of spiritual brotherhood and commitment to cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift as Brothers visited to Greater King David Baptist Church pastured by Reverend Dr. John E. Montgomery, II on Sunday, November 14th. Greater King David Baptist Church is located at 222 Blount Road in Baton Rouge Louisiana. The Greater King David family welcomed over thirty-five members from the Lambda Alpha and Beta Sigma chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

At the service, Brother Frederick Thomas introduced the brothers of Omega and briefly described the purpose of National Achievement Week to the congregation. Additionally, Brother Eugene Martin expressed his gratitude to the Greater King David congregation for inviting them to their church and noted that the Brothers of Omega looked forward to future visits. It was evident on the faces of the brothers that they all enjoyed the church service and left revived and ready to kick-off National Achievement Week with a heightened spirit of service, community and faith.

#### Reclamation and Annual Achievement Week Awards

In celebration of Founder’s Day, the Brother’s of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held a reception of brotherhood, fellowship and memoriam reflection on the evening of November 17, 2010 at D’ Jon’s Restaurant. Brother Eric Jones, Chairman of the Lambda Alpha National Achievement Week Observance Committee, served as emcee coordinator of the celebration which brought together generations of Omega Men in a common bond of Omega fellowship. Demonstrating the perseverance, hard work and impact of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Brother Attorney Timothy Hardy, Brother Freddie Pitcher Jr. (Chancellor, Southern University Law Center) and Brother Lieutenant Colonel James Clark were reclaimed into the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The 2010 Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Achievement Week Awards were also presented. Brother Basileus Frederick Thomas presented the awards. Brother Timothy Hardy was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award. Brother Hardy is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana. He is a partner in the New Orleans headquartered law firm of Lemle & Kelleher, L.L.P. He serves as Chairman of the Firm and is also on the firm’s Management and Executive Committees.

Brother Herbert Collins was awarded the Founder’s Award. Brother Collins has been a stalwart force in the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated at all levels. His dedication to service and voluntary commitment of his time to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, his church, area youth and the greater Baton Rouge Community.

Brother Eugene Martin was award the Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award. Brother Martin is an active duty Navy Commander who currently serves as Executive Officer for the Southern University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. Military areas of specialization include Surface Warfare and Foreign Area Officer with emphasis on the Middle East and Africa.

Brother William Ryder was awarded the Superior Service Award. Brother Ryder’s service and commitment to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and to the community has been recognized on the national, state and local levels. His personal leadership as coordinator and liaison of the Reading is Fundamental Program has touched the lives of thousands of elementary school children. Most recently, Brother Ryder was recognized by the local school board as well as several area school principals for his work with children.

The Omega Men of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated voted to present the most prestigious award of the evening to Brother Terrence Vessel. Brother Vessel serves as Keep of Records and Seals for Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. This recognition was much deserved and was highlighted by over a ten-minute standing ovation for Brother Vessel. Brother Vessel’s commitment to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the community are renowned. In his acceptance speech, Brother Vessel humbly thanked the Brothers for such an awe inspiring moment of recognition and pledged to continue his example and embodiment of the Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.





## Epsilon Alpha Alpha Founders Day Banquet

On November 17, 2010 the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha held its second annual Founders Day banquet at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro Arkansas. Awards were issued to the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha who have displayed leadership, hard work and dedication to Omega Psi Phi. Brother Antwan Sanders received the Superior Service Award. He currently serves as Epsilon Alpha Alpha Vice Basileus and was recently elected as Keeper of Peace of the Arkansas Chapters



of Omega Psi Phi. Brother Densihio Blanchett received the Omega Man of the Year Award. He currently serves as Basileus of Epsilon Alpha Alpha and was recently elected President of the Arkansas Chapters of Omega Psi Phi. Brother Darrell Smalls received the Colonel Charles Young Award. He has been a member of the United States Army for sixteen years and presently holds the rank of Captain. Mr. Renell Woods received the Omega Psi Phi Citizenship Award. In addition to being a member of the city council of Jonesboro, Mr. Woods is the director of City Youth Ministries in Jonesboro, Arkansas. It is an outreach program that provides tutoring, mentoring and spiritual awareness for at risk youth.



## Epsilon Iota Chapter 2010 Achievement Week -By Brother Jerry E. Conerly

Austin, Texas - Epsilon Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. 2010 Achievement Week was yet another opportunity to promote the fraternity's cardinal principles.



Sunday began the week with an inspirational message from Pastor Brother Dante Wright, Sweet Home Baptist Church in Round Rock, Texas. The week brought valuable opportunities to fellowship with undergraduate and graduate chapters, family and the community at large. Two particular events highlighted the week. The first was a community forum entitled, "The Hole in their Soul". Epsilon Iota partnered with the Austin Council for Adoptable Children, to provide a discussion by fathers about fathers, with an emphasis on fatherhood in the child welfare community.

The second was the annual Achievement Week Banquet where Brother James Pattman, Director of Accounting, Finance and Operation for United Parcel Service (Atlanta, Georgia) keynote address captivated the audience. Embracing this year's theme, "Do Better, To Become Better, To Stay Better", Brother Pattman reminded Omega men of our commitment to service in all aspects of our lives.



The evening began with a jazz reception followed by dinner and a phenomenal spoken word tribute to the Founding Founders by Brother Brian Francis. Omega men were presented with the Colonel Charles Young Leadership, Frank A. Walker Omega Spirit, John O. Bell Superior Service and Omega Man of the Year awards. Members of the community were awarded the Omega Citizen of the Year and service awards. Guests ended the night with dancing, enjoying the time to socialize and learn more about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Iota was pleased to host Horace Chase, Grand

Keeper of Finance along with Norris Bishop, 9th District Achievement Week Chairman at this year's event.

Annually, the Epsilon Iota Foundation has provided scholarships for Austin area high school seniors, college students, and established the Ronald McNair Scholarship Endowment Fund at Huston-Tillotson University. Other community service activities include the Bridge Builder Program, which provides male mentors for young men at Barbara Jordan Elementary School, volunteering at the East Austin Boys & Girls Club, a Back-to-School Drive which provides school supplies to students in need, the Annual Barbara Jordan Elementary School Spelling Bee, food and clothing drives during the Holiday Season. Annual events include a blood drive, Mother-Son Dance, and Summer Fan Drive, and a Talent Hunt scholarship competition where winners move on to compete regionally and/or nationally.



## Pi Omicron's Omega Man of the Year

### Profile of Brother Fred Wesley Smith:

2010 "Omega Man of the Year" (Received Award on November 13, 2010 at The Achievement Week Program-Little Rock, Arkansas)  
Pledged: At Arkansas AM&N College (Currently University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas) Tau Sigma Chapter on December 9, 1964.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Arkansas Department of Human Services, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.  
Job Title: Field Auditor.

Job Duties: Responsible for the monitoring of the expenditures of state and federal funds to Community -based substance treatment providers. Audit funded programs, at least twice per year, To ensure compliance with the Rules of Practice and Licensure Standards for compliance.



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**EDUCATION:** Master of Social Work, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Arkansas.  
Bachelor of Arts, Arkansas AM&N College  
Major: History and Government.

**FRATERNAL, CIVIC & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Member of Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Offices Held: Chaplain, Chairman of Public Affairs and Social Action Committee. Volunteer Activities: Serve as a mentor with students at Washington Elementary School, Little Rock, Arkansas; Participate in the "Buddy Program" at Con-Ivie Gardens, Inc. Senior Citizens Residence. Former participant in the "Big Brothers Program of Little Rock, Arkansas; Council for Black Catholics.

**CHURCH AFFILIATION:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.



## Achievement Week 2010 – Psi Alpha Style

Psi Alpha Chapter is celebrating 70 years as they prepare to celebrate 100 years of Omega and the enthusiasm within the City has been contagious. November 14- November 19, 2010 was a good time for all in the Alamo City.

November 14, 2010

The Brothers started Achievement Week by attending church together with their families. Fellowship started at the 11:00 Services at Resurrection Baptist Church. Following the Services the Brothers and their families ate lunch together at a local restaurant.



November 15, 2010

After a long day at work the Brothers meet at the Fraternity House for Reclamation Night where each Brother brings a Brother to eat, drink, and reminisce while watching Monday Night Football. The event was well received and to see Brothers from all decades represented.

November 17, 2010

Brothers could not wait until work to be over and from 5PM until 1:30AM, Psi Alpha celebrated Omega Psi Phi's 99th Birthday with a will attended Party. Chapter members and Visiting Brothers crowded inside the Fraternity

House for an evening of fellowship. Brothers from each decade shared songs, chants, marches, hops, stories of how initiations occurred during each decade and celebrated the legacy of Brothers who have gone onto Omega Chapter. Over 100 Brothers attended this event and the emotions were high and the wisdom shared was memorable.

November 18, 2010

For the past 20 years the Chapter has sponsored families at a local school. In the past they traditionally gave 8 - 12 Baskets but this year they raised \$2195 in cash and in-kind donations that allowed the Chapter to donate 32 Baskets which included a complete Thanksgiving meal that were presented in a 30 gallon purple tote that the families can use around the house year round. Basket Contents - \$25 Gift Card to HEB, 18-20LB Turkey, Greeting Card signed by the Chapter, Turkey Pan, Stuffing, Corn Bread, Cake Mixes, Frosting, Assorted Veggies, Macaroni and Cheese, Gravy Mix, Mashed Potatoes, Yams, Cranberry Sauce

November 19, 2010

The Founders Banquet is the signature event that is the finale from a week full of activities. Every Brother was dressed in a tuxedo to celebrate the achievements of Psi Alpha Brothers and those in the local community. The guest speaker, Brother Moses Norman, 33rd Grand Basileus gave an outstanding speech that stressed the importance of education and spoke of the upcoming Centennial Celebration.

### Psi Alpha 2010 Achievement Award Winners

Graduate Omega Man of the Year – Brother Scott L. Earle  
Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year - Brother Willie Thomas III  
Superior Service Award - Brother Richard Swoope  
Citizen of the Year Award – Brother Loren Alves  
Founders Award – Brother Jamal Hasty  
Purple and Gold Award – Quettes of San Antonio  
Col Charles Young Leadership Award – Brother (LTC) Duane Brown  
Unsung Hero Award – Brothers Joseph Wallace and Trevin Demby





## Upsilon Chi and Gamma Eta Celebrate Achievement Week

"They Honor Brother Who Was First Bridge Builder for Omega in Northwest Arkansas"

Fayetteville, AR - During Achievement Week, as we reflect on the history of our great fraternity, we also think back on the ideas set forth by our four founders, "The Original Bridge Builders." This year, the Upsilon Chi Chapter celebrated Achievement with a number of activities. The week started off with an informal gathering of the brothers from both the Upsilon Chi and Gamma Eta Chapters for Monday Night Football. On Founder's Day, November 17, a "Brothers Only" Reclamation dinner was held at Texas Land and Cattle in Rogers, Arkansas. In attendance were brothers who reside in the Northwest Arkansas area representing over 15 chapters nationally. This event was indeed pleasant as we ended the night by going around the room with each brother sharing his thoughts of what Omega means to them.



The Achievement Week Award Program was scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2010. The award program was held in conjunction with the Gamma Eta Chapter and was a great success. Bro. Dr. Paul Adams, initiated in the spring of 1989 through the Theta Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University, received both the "Omega Man of the Year" and the "Founder's Award." Bro. Adams was recognized for his hard work and dedication to the fraternity over the past year. Highlights of the ceremony also included a special presentation to Bro. Dr. Gordon Morgan, University Professor of Sociology at the University of Arkansas, initiated into Omega in the Fall of 1950 (Tau Sigma) as the "First Bridge Builder" of Omega in Northwest Arkansas. Bro. Dr. Morgan was acknowledged by the brothers of both the Upsilon Chi and Gamma Eta Chapters of Omega for serving as the principal figure in bringing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to the Northwest Arkansas community via the Gamma Eta Undergraduate Chapter of Omega to the University of Arkansas in 1974, and as a principal charter



member of the Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter of Omega, bringing it to Northwest Arkansas in 1989. Our guest speaker for the program was Mr. Willyerd Collier, Sr., Esq., Director of Affirmative Action at the University of Arkansas. Although not a brother of Omega, Mr. Collier focused his speech on the positive experiences that he has had with Omega men serving as colleagues, and mentors since arriving the University of Arkansas, and the Northwest Arkansas community. He ended by challenging all of the brothers in the room to decide what we wanted to be remembered for and what type of lasting impression would we leave with others. Lastly, we concluded the week by partnering with the NW Arkansas Food Bank on Saturday to hold a food drive at a local Wal-Mart then fellowship at St. James Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, both in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Overall, we had a very meaningful week as a chapter by accomplishing far more than we set out to do.



## MANDATED PROGRAMS Health Initiatives



### Epsilon Alpha Alpha participates in the Alzheimer's walk

Jonesboro, AR - The brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha participated in the Alzheimer's walk bring awareness and providing a charitable donation (\$500) for research on this common disease. The donation was presented to the Alzheimer's Association. In most individuals, the symptoms appear by age 60. It is also the most common cause of dementia for those individuals. 5.1 million Americans are living with this disease. Due to the different genetic make-up, lifestyle, and environmental factors, signs and symptoms vary from person to person.

The brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha wanted to gather as many facts as possible to help educate individuals within the community. This event was located at Craighead Forrest Park in Jonesboro, AR. The brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha walked 2.5 miles with community members and other organizations.



### Rho Xi's Relay for Life



Freeport, TX)- On April 9th, 2010 the brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter and members of the National Pan Hellenic Council of Houston participated in the 2010 relay for Life Race for a Cure. The Komen Race for the Cure Series raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship, and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, with well over one million participants.





## Phi Iota Iota Chapter 's Blood Drive

LaPlace, La. -Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Phi Iota Iota Chapter of LaPlace, Louisiana and The Blood Center of New Orleans collaborated to hold the Chapter's Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive, Saturday, September 25, 2010 at The Airline Athletic Center in LaPlace, La.

Being that Dr. Charles R. Drew, was the developer of techniques for storing and transfusing blood plasma and the 1st Director of the American Red Cross Blood Bank, we feel that "The Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive is one of our most important Social Action programs held annually", said Will Peoples, Basileus of Phi Iota Iota Chapter that supports the River Parishes area. "Blood gives life." For every 1 blood donation, 3 lives can be saved according to The Blood Center of New Orleans whose mission is to provide a quality supply of blood components to meet the needs of the surrounding communities. The Blood Center of New Orleans is also the primary supplier of blood, blood components, and plasma derivatives to local hospitals throughout southern Louisiana.



The Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive is one of many Health initiatives the Fraternity and its over 100,000 members take part in annually. This year our Blood Drive collected over 25 units of blood, which surpasses the average contribution within the community. "The little bit of time a donor takes through the course of a year means a lifetime to patients in our area who need blood to remain healthy", said Randolph Sylve, Phi Iota Iota Social Actions Chairman. "The units of blood collected this year at The Blood Drive represents saving over 75 lives and since blood cannot be manufactured, patients rely heavily on the generosity of volunteer blood donors everyday", said one of the medical staff administering the drive. It is estimated that every 3 seconds someone needs blood.

The event was also an opportunity to get other black Greek Organizations visible in the area. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is currently the only official black Greek Organization with an active chapter in the River Parish Area and is taking a leading role in forming River Parish Greeks Organization, which consists of members of other Black Greek organizations who reside in the area.

Will Peoples agree that it is important for Greeks to stand up in the community. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done in this area. Events like this give us an opportunity to Shine Our Light."

## Rho Xi's Relay for Life & Blood Drive

Freeport, Texas - To meet the goals of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. health initiatives the Rho Xi Chapter has worked tirelessly with the Gulf Coast Region blood bank to facilitate and coordinate successful blood drive events. On Saturday December 11, 2010, The Rho Xi chapter completed its 15th blood drive. To date the Rho Xi chapter has collected a total of 504 pints of blood averaging 34 units per drive. The chapter continues its commitment to volunteerism and service to the community by hosting and organizing meaningful and successful events.



## Pi Omicron's Protest Against Prostate Cancer

The men of Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi have instituted a protest against prostate cancer with the assistance of community partners. The Omegas of Greater Little Rock, the Derek Lewis Foundation and Pi Omicron chapter raised funds to support the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation (APCF). Members of Pi Omicron chapter and two Arkansas State Legislators Fred Allen and Tommy Baker presented a check in the amount of \$5000 to the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation Wednesday September 29, 2010.



The APCF was formed in 2000 with a mission to promote awareness, encourage timely detection and support improved treatment of prostate cancer in Arkansas. The APCF believes that access to information and treatment should be available to all men in Arkansas.





BACK ROW STANDING: Lauren Talbot (APCF rep) Tim Scott (Omega), Tommy Baker (State Legislator), Morris Williams (Basilues Omega), Willie Brewer (Omega) Jeana Coleman (APCF rep) Darren Williams (Omega) Fred Allen (State Legislator)

FRONT ROW SITTING: Fred W. Smith (Omega) Helen Baldwin (APCF rep) Justin Dove (APCF rep)

Prostate cancer is responsible for more deaths than any other cancer, except for lung cancer. The American Cancer Society estimated that 186,320 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed in the United States during 2008. About 1 man in 6 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, but only 1 man in 34 will die of it. A little over 1.8 million men in the United States are survivors of prostate cancer.

It's not clear what causes prostate cancer. Doctors know that prostate cancer begins when some cells in your prostate become abnormal. These cells start accumulating and form a tumor that can grow in the prostate.

A man with prostate cancer may not have any symptoms. For men who do have symptoms, the common symptoms include: urinary problems, difficulty having an erection, blood in the urine or semen and frequent pain in the back, hips, or upper thighs. If you have any of these symptoms, you should tell your doctor so that problems can be diagnosed and treated.

Your doctor can check for prostate cancer before you have any symptoms. During an office visit, your doctor will ask about your personal and family medical history. You may have a Digital rectal exam to check your prostate for hard or lumpy areas. You may have a Blood test for prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels in your blood. Prostate cancer may also cause a high PSA level.

## American with Diabetes Association Step out to fight Diabetes Walk-A-Thon

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, Texas) – On November 12, 2010, the men of the Rho Xi Chapter participated in the Americans with Diabetes Walk-A-Thon held in Houston, Texas. The Rho Xi chapter teamed up with the brothers of the Houston Area Coalition to make a difference in the fight against diabetes on behalf of friends and family members who battle the disease. The monies raised by the chapter will go towards research to find a cure as well as to raise awareness of the disease that affects predominantly African-Americans and other minority groups. Several hundred friends, family and members of the community turned out to participate in the walk.



## Blood Drives Alpha Delta Delta, Louisiana Tech University- By: Brothers Jaren Glover & Trevor Vicks



Ruston, LA -The brothers of the Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. partnered with LifeShare Blood Centers to collect blood on Louisiana Tech University. So far three blood drives have been held at Louisiana Tech University's Tolliver Hall in the center of the campus. The first drive was held Monday-Friday, September 20-24, 2010 from 10am 4:00 pm. Some brothers gave blood while the others passed out flyers to inform the campus of how important blood donation is someone else's life. The brothers also used the opportunity to educate the student body of the part the fraternity plays in blood collection across all universities that have an active chapter and how 20 minutes will save lives. Also notify that the students should give blood as often as possible. The LifeShare Blood Centers had over 200 people to donate, and have asked the Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi to join force with them in their future efforts on LaTech's campus. Since then two winter blood drives were held, both of which the brothers participated in. LifeShare requested a commitment from 5 members to donate. In addition, 40 units of blood was the daily goal. The Alpha Delta Delta chapter has committed to sponsoring these blood drives on campus. The next scheduled blood drive for the campus will be during Greek Week held in March 2011.

## Pi Omicron Chapter supports Breast Cancer Survivors - By Hayse "Q" Miller

"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need" (Proverbs 17:17). The Brothers of Pi Omicron Chapter displayed their loyalty by supporting breast cancer survivors in the 2010 Arkansas Komen Race for the Cure as part of the "3 Miles of Men" October 16 in downtown Little Rock. More than 45,850 breast cancer survivors and supporters participated in the Arkansas



Komen Race for the Cure and Omega Psi Phi-Pi Omicron Chapter took the shield to the streets to raise the spirits of female participants and encourage cancer survivors to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is the world's largest fundraising event for breast cancer. The Arkansas Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was founded in 1992 and held its first race in 1994. Their goals are to raise funds to fight against breast cancer, to raise awareness of the disease, to celebrate those who have survived breast cancer, and memorialize those who have not.

Breast cancer is a type of cancer where cells in the breast divide and grow without normal control. By the time a lump is large enough to feel, it may have been growing for as long as 10 years. However, some tumors can be aggressive, and grow much more rapidly.

In 1975 approximately 32 white women per 100,000 died of breast cancer, but by 2005, that figure had dropped to 23 per 100,000. For black women though, mortality increased somewhat over the same period, rising from 30 per 100,000 black women in 1975 to 33 per 100,000 in 2005.

Thanks to events like the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and generous contributions from community partners, and sponsors the Komen Foundation has become the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

As anchors in the Komen Three Miles of Men the Brothers of Pi Omicron chapter displayed how true friends strengthen and help each other. "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). The brothers of the Brothers of Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi are committed to preserving the health and safety of the women in our communities.



## MANDATED PROGRAMS Talent Hunt

### Rho Xi - Talent Hunt Program

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, Texas) - On Feb 21, 2010 the Rho Xi Chapter hosted its nationally mandated talent hunt program for middle and high school age students at Madge Griffith elementary in Lake Jackson Texas.



### Talent Hunt 2011 – Monroe or Bust

Three Chapters and one goal is the objective of the Alamo City Ques. Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter of San Antonio, Texas, Alpha Delta Lambda Undergraduate Chapter of University of Texas - San Antonio (UTSA), and Xi Delta Undergraduate Chapter - Texas State University, San Marcos partnered to present the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Talent Hunt 2011 for the youth of San Antonio, Texas area.

This year's program featured 9 of the area's most skilled High School students displaying their artistic abilities. Vice Basileus Billy Fair opened the event with a welcome and an explanation of the Talent Hunt's purpose. Talent Hunt provides exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the Performing Arts. Our Master's of Ceremony were Brothers Hebert Nance and Mateen Diop who captivated and entertained the audience in between each performance. This year's talent pool made it difficult for each judge, but when the results were tallied the winners were:

- 1st Place - Mr. Kevin Davison
- 2nd Place - Mr. Charles Bell
- 3rd Place - Ms. Natalia Zarnowski

Basileus James Blair praised the Talent Hunt 2011 chairman, Brother Marzett McCall and his committee for a successful event. The performances for Talent Hunt 2011 Contest were soul stirring to say the least and showed everyone in attendance that our youth are talented. The contestants





showed the community and the Brothers that we must continue to support and invest in the future of our youth. The 1st place winner, Mr. Kevin Davison will compete during the 9th District Meeting in Monroe, Louisiana for a chance to compete during Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc Centennial Celebration in Washington, D.C. this summer.

## MANDATED PROGRAMS Scholarship



### Rho Theta Chapter presents \$40K Endowment Check to Prairie View A&M University

- By: Bro. Shawn Williams



On behalf of Rho Theta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., we present this check in the amount of \$40,000 in support of the Prairie View A & M University Capital Campaign, for the Rho Theta Endowment / CPT Lee Roy Thomas, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Making the presentation is Mrs. Eva Thomas, mother of CPT Lee Roy Thomas, Jr. and members of Rho Theta Chapter.

On August 8, 2008, in conjunction with the Prairie View A & M University Capital Campaign, "EXTEND THE VIEW," Rho Theta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, established the Rho Theta Endowment / CPT Lee Roy Thomas, Jr. Memorial Scholarship at Prairie View A&M University, and pledged to donate \$40,000 to Capital Campaign in 2010. The CPT Lee Roy Thomas, Jr. Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate students at Prairie View A&M University.

Rho Theta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on the campus of Prairie View A & M University, on April 25, 1970. Brother CPT Lee Roy Thomas Jr. was initiated into Rho Theta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, on November 11, 1978 and served as Basileus from 1980 – 1982. CPT Lee Roy Thomas Jr., USA, graduated from Prairie View A&M University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Ordinance Corps, in December 1982. He passed on to Omega Chapter in 1990, while serving the Army as a Company Commander, at Fort Hood, Texas, from a battle with Lyme Disease.



According to Sherman Charles, Coordinator, "In preparation for the Rho Theta Chapter 40th Anniversary Celebration, and in conjunction with the Prairie View A & M University Capital Campaign, "EXTEND THE VIEW," Rho Theta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, established the Rho Theta Endowment / CPT Lee Roy Thomas, Jr. Memorial Scholarship at Prairie View A&M University, on August 8, 2008, and pledged to donate \$40,000 to Capital Campaign within 5 years. The scholarship will be presented to PVU students annually for many years to come."

Mrs. Eva Thomas, mother of CPT Lee Roy Thomas, Jr., said "I am excited to participate in this presentation, in the name of my son here at Prairie View." Joining Mrs. Thomas for this auspicious occasion was her daughter, Eva Thomas Crawford, cousins Earl and Ella Goode Johnson, Karen Fields Jones and Keira Jones, from Dallas. Captain Thomas was a graduate of Hearne High School, Hearne, TX.

### Lone Star State Ques selects Wiley College as first recipient of Scholarship award



## Wiley College

At its 2011 annual meeting in Killeen, TX "Lone Star State Ques (LSSQ)" the Texas state organization for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. selected Wiley College as the recipient of its first scholarship award. This award in the amount of \$5,500 from the

"College for All Texans Foundation" will be used for scholarships to assist in closing the gaps in college participation and success.

The Omega Texas Specialty license plate may be purchased by any member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the State of Texas for an annual fee of \$30.00. The specialty license plate fee is collected in addition to the regular registration fee and any other applicable fees. For every plate sold \$22 goes to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide funding for scholarships through the "College for All Texans Foundation" in the name of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. For additional information on purchasing the license plate contact Albert Benifield at [abenifield@yahoo.com](mailto:abenifield@yahoo.com).



MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT



## MANDATED PROGRAMS Voter Registration

### Voter Registration

Rho Xi Chapter, Freeport, Texas – On July 24, 2010, the Bros. of Rho Xi chapter conducted a successful voter registration drive in support of Democratic Candidate Faye Gordon, for the 149th Judicial District Court located in Angleton, Texas for the upcoming 2010 Mid term elections.



## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS Stop the Violence

### Message From The Stop The Violence Chair - By Brother Nathaniel Mitchell Sr.

At this point as members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. it isn't our place to attempt to lay blame, point fingers, speculate, or otherwise involve ourselves with the incident, other than to offer support and prayers to the Families involved, especially our own Brother Jamail E. Johnson; offer support to our other Brothers who were present and or wounded during the incident and must press on; or offer support to and for the community at-large. Our place, at this point is to step aside and allow the legal process to proceed. In addition to that Brothers, let's us not forget that we serve a "Forgiving Lord," and with that having been said, let us also share prayers for the "Families of the young men who did the shooting."

In the days and months to come discussions will be directed towards forgiveness, understanding, and hope, but will we truly embrace these three elements? As mentioned before, forgiveness MUST be within each of us, so let that forgiveness begin with prayers for the accused and their families. Those two young men had families, who today are about as crushed as we are. Those two young men have families are, today, shying away from neighbors, media, and in some cases other family members because they don't have the same answers we're searching for, WHY!

If we as an Organization, Brothers, Educated Men begin to focus on Stop the Violence Programs let us be especially mindful that "Stopping the Violence" must begin with each of us, collectively! To forgive is not to lay fault or blame, but to embrace and invite. Embrace those who have hurt you and invite them into your fold for prayer or comfort. Yes, it's a seemingly impossible approach, but it's a God driven approach. When you sit in gentle repose and reflection searching for answers, try picking up the one book which we all know contains the answers we're searching for, the Bible. Contrary to most popular beliefs, "Forgiveness Is Not Easy," but Forgiveness is Essential. Once we've forgiven Brothers, then we can proceed with finding solutions that will effectively affect both the victims and the perpetrators. We, as a Fraternity, as Brothers, and as Concerned Citizens, can make the needed changes, if we work together.

Having said that Brothers I offer a few ideas because there IS something that we CAN DO! We can lift ourselves off of the chairs of "Apathy;" rise out of the warm beds of "Excuses;" or maneuver ourselves past the "Deception" of finger pointing, and "Get Involved!"

Throughout our Grand Fraternity, across America and Internationally there have been a resounding call for attention to "Stop the Violence." The Fraternity have mandated Stop the Violence programs across America, but I ask you Brothers, "What have 'Your' response been?"

It's not a very hard question to answer, because in far too many cases the answer is simple; we've taken up a "Responsible" approach to combating violence, and it's been proven time and time again that this is one of the worse postures we can possibly position ourselves behind. Then, continuing to cloak ourselves behind the veil of listlessness; yet, at the same time expecting that things will ultimately change is a prescription for insanity. "Brothers, we can do better!"

We are an organization of "Like Minded, Educated, Christian Men," who are actively and critically involved in every aspect of the American schema; we're doctors, we're lawyers, we're engineers, we're teachers, we're preachers, we're civil rights fighters, we're inventors, we're pioneers, we're government officials, and the list goes on; yet we're also "NOT" making the steps, creating the initiatives, or "Building the Bridges" of change, which are needed for change. Good Brothers, let us not forget where we come from; many of us have had to overcome unspeakable obstacles to get to where we are today, and in doing so we had to leave many friends and some family behind. This is where God's work begins! "We must reach back, we must look back, we must rely on who we are and whose we are." We must be Omega Men and Uplift!





**Manhood:** Rise up as Educated Men and address issues that are crucial to the development of Men and their roles in families. "It Takes A Man, To Teach A Man, How To Be A Man," let's start teaching.

**Scholarship:** Placing into practice the knowledge we've acquired up to this point in our lives and use it to aid in bringing about change, thus bridging the gaps to nothingness.

**Perseverance:** Press on, no matter what the obstacle may be and make a difference, because "Omega Is Different!"

**Uplift:** There's NO better way to "UPLIFT" a community than to "Save a Life." Stop the Violence!

Once again Brothers I appeal to each of you to take that formidable step and get involved deeper in becoming a tool of change in the communities you live in. It's obvious, through this death of Brother Jamail E. Johnson; that we need to make bolder steps in addressing the problems of violence and stop simply talking about making change.

Yes I do understand what I'm asking of you; and Yes, you can take more active roles! How you ask, let's look at a few examples; begin with Mentorship, Adoption, Presentation, and Education, all of which are keys to effectuating change.

**Mentorship:** Provides opportunities for us to work with at-risk youth who could very possibly be a trigger man, at some point in the future, who is welding a weapon in the face of your son or daughter, wife or mother. Proper PrePlanning Prevents ....

**Adoption:** No, I'm not speaking of adopting a youth and bringing them into your home, however that will work. What I'm speaking about is adopting a School, a Church, a Youth Group, or any group of youth that you chose to embrace and inspire to be like you; God Fearing, Educated Christian Men.

**Presentations:** Go into the schools, churches, meetings, etc. and offer your expertise and advice, while presenting yourselves as the Professional Men we are. Embrace their efforts, when and wherever possible help to sponsor their efforts. I ask you to appeal to the various companies that we're involved with, through work or however, and ask them to respond with contributions in dollars to "Your" communities, which would provide much needed Uplift. Further, there are all types of Youth Incentives available, why can't we, as Men of Omega, assist in reaching out and acquiring some of these needed funds by assisting or writing grants and establishing programs? Remember Brothers, Appearances Creates Impressions!

**Education:** Brothers, what can we do beyond the "scholarships" that we offer to graduating seniors each year? Another question to each Chapter; how often do you contact your scholarship recipients, how often do you follow-up on the activities of your recipients, how many of your scholarship recipients have been inspired by your assistance and continued outreach, and have become members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.? What do YOU think of your own Presentation to this impressionable young people at such an important and imprinting in their lives; is Omega being presented in the best possible light to these Young People and their Families? Finally, when these young people enroll and begin their careers do you believe that they seek out Omega Men, if not, why not?

**Uplift:** In this model uplift will take on a different meaning than what we're generally accustomed to; Uplift, here, means We, Omegas; uplifting one another! Graduate Chapters are you providing service and advice to Undergraduate Chapters. Undergraduate Chapters are you seeking the aid of your Graduated Brothers for the help that we know you need. By "Uplifting" ourselves we are then free to ingest the energy to reach out to others and we're more prone to share or show a greater concern for the welfare of our communities. Thus, "Stop the Violence!"

Brothers, this is a but a simply outline of several activities that we can adopted to make a greater difference in both "Omega" and the various communities we live in, the question now becomes, what are you willing to contribute, or, are "Will You Contribute?"

Again, we simply cannot continue doing the same things, Over and Over, While Expecting Different Results..."It's In-sane."

Let's do more to "Stop the Violence."

## Rho Nu partners with the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston

Galveston, TX - On October 16, 2010 the Brothers of Rho Nu partnered with the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston to conduct the inaugural Purple Ribbon Project. October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness month Across the country, the purple ribbon has been adopted to remember and honor those who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted. Shelters and local battered women's programs use the purple ribbon to raise awareness about the crime of domestic violence in their communities.

In addition to distributing purple ribbons and information on domestic violence, staff from the crisis center was on hand to talk with anyone in need of assistance. Representatives from the Galveston County Sheriff's Office and the Galveston Police Department that work with the shelter were also present to show support for the project



## Xi Rho Chapter holds its 1st Annual Stop the Violence Program



West Memphis, Arkansas- Xi Rho Chapter held its 1st Annual Stop the Violence Program at the Wonder Elementary School located in West Memphis. The Chairman of the committee Brother Reginald Weeks (Arkansas Department of Federal Corrections in Forrest City, AR) teamed up with Brother Eddie West (Inspector) with the West Memphis Police Department (WMPD), Drug Task Force, and the keynote speaker was Robin L. Cooper (founder The Exodus Foundation) which is a non-profit organization dealing directly with domestic violence. The program is attempting to touch the lives of every young man from elementary through high school and steer from violence. There were approximately 150 young men who participated in the program.

The program began with demonstrations from the Crittenden County Drug Task Force dog, which showed the crowd how it's able to find drugs. Ms. Cooper shared her personal story with the young men on how she overcame the abuse of domestic violence. Brother Weeks also spoke to the audience about the consequences of making bad choices in life. After the program, the brothers of Xi Rho Chapter were on hand to answer questions or concerns, the brothers also held a round table discussion with the young men, in discussing issues of the young men of today. The program was such a success, the brothers of Xi Rho, were given an accommodation from the Principal of the school. Other schools in the district have requested the Omegas to present the program at their school as well.

## Stop the Violence Initiative

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, Texas) - When the call was made to take a stand against violence in families and in our communities the Brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter answered by developing a partnership with the Houston Area Women's Center. The goal of the program is to create a positive environment which emphasizes prevention through education, awareness, and intervention. The Houston Area Women's Center awarded the Brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter the 2010 volunteer Group of the year.



## Lambda Alpha's kNOWMORE Campaign



November 16th, 2010 : On November 16th, 2010, ten Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated had the unprecedented opportunity to speak to each and every male high school student at McKinley High School in Baton Rouge Louisiana. It is the national goal of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated in cooperation with the kNOWMORE Campaign to take leadership to prevent violence against women and children in the African-American community. In July 2007, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. made a pledge to prevent all forms of violence affecting the African-American community. To address domestic, sexual, and community violence, Omega men are taking a critically important step by saying that all forms of violence are wrong, and that we need to mentor and teach each other the importance of healthy, non-violent relationships.

With a focus on combating an upsurge in youth violence, the Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter, shared their life experience, struggles and achievements with young men from the ages 14 to 18. This event was extraordinary and garnered praise and requests for a continued partnership from the high school principal, teachers and even parents. The theme of the forum was "What is Manhood: Developing a Generation of Men Who Achieve through Perseverance, Scholarship and Uplift." The students received valuable information that will last them a lifetime.





# ARKANSAS

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The gifts were given out on Saturday, December 18, 2010. Committee Chairman Reginald Weeks, Willie Rogers, and Eddie West combined their talents to make sure that the selected families would know that the brothers of Xi Rho cared about the community. The brothers of Xi Rho also partnered with the Greater New Liberty Baptist Church in Memphis, TN and did the Angel Tree for four less fortunate children. The chapter donated educational games, under clothes, socks, and pajamas as gifts

## Xi Rho's Adopt a Highway project

West Memphis, Arkansas- Xi Rho Chapter held their Annual Adopt a Highway project on November 20, 2010, located at Highway 70/ Broadway in West Memphis Arkansas, also in conjunction with the Arkansas Highway Department. The Chapter is all about community service and making the area in which they represent clean. The event is held twice a year; the next scheduled date is July '11. The area is a one mile stretch starting at College Blvd located in West Memphis, Arkansas and ending Shady Grove subdivision also in West Memphis.

The On hand to participate in this year's event was approximately 15 chapter brothers who gave their time and energy to help with such a worthy cause. It gives the brothers great joy to look a mile and see approximately 15 orange bags of trash. They are so happy and relieved; they retire to a local restaurant for breakfast.

ARKANSAS

## Epsilon Alpha Alpha participates in Juneteenth celebration - By Bro. Joseph Anderson

Jonesboro, Ark - On June 19, 2010, the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha organized and participated in the Juneteenth celebration. This event was located in Jonesboro, Arkansas at Allen Park Recreation Center. Included in the events, Epsilon Alpha Alpha hosted a fun filled day that was for the young, old, and anyone that wanted to participate. Activities included face painting, dunking booth, water balloon toss, barbeque, and other fun activities for the family.

As the community celebrated with the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha, they were provided with a little knowledge of what "Juneteenth Celebrations" are about. Children were taught that this day is also known as the "Freedom Day" or the "Emancipation Day". It commemorates the abolishment of slavery. The state of Texas is the first state to begin celebrating June 19 as a holiday. It is not recognized as a National holiday; however, it is a significant event for African Americans throughout the country.



## Recognition of Black History -by Bro. Haze "Q" Miller and Bro. Fred W. Smith

Fred W. Smith a member of Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Alyse Eady, Miss Arkansas were keynote speakers at Booker T. Washington Elem Magnet School's African American History Month Program on February 16, 2011 in Little Rock, AR.

Washington Elem students Tatyana Hansberry, 5th Grade, Miranda Douglas, 3rd Grade, and Treyvon Weathers, 4th Grade assisted Bro. Smith and Alyse.

Under the leadership of Bro. Smith Pi Omicron Chapter has participated in the Little Rock School District's "Volunteers In Public Schools" program for sixteen years.

The Omegas of Pi Omicron chapter has supported Washington Elem by providing the following:

- Partner with a teacher and their class;
- Serve as a Mentor and Tutor;
- Participate in the Reading Day Program;
- Established and participate in our Guest Speaker Program;
- Purchase books for the school library; and thanks to the assistance of the Derek Lewis Foundation the chapter has provided bicycles to Pre-K students at Christmas.



Alyse was Miss Teen Arkansas in 2004. In January 2011 Alyse was first runner-up in the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada. Alyse Eady, Miss Arkansas 2010 is graduate Cum Laude from Ouachita Baptist University with degrees in Mass Communications and Speech Communication, she was a Presidential Scholar and named to the Dean's List.

## Epsilon Alpha Alpha - MLK Walk

On January 29, 2009, the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha joined in the celebration of the Martin Luther King walk from Johnson Avenue to Arkansas State University's student union. Over 500 people participated in this event including many brothers from Epsilon Alpha Alpha. The brothers greeted many community members, other greek organizations, and community leaders. During this time, the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha helped in recognizing and acknowledging the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This event not only consisted of a unified walk; it allowed others (community members, other greek organizations, and community leaders) to be introduced to the brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha. By being involved in this event, the chapter wanted to show the community that each brother is committed to



Omega Psi Phi and the cardinal principles (manhood, scholarships, perseverance, and uplift).

## Xi Rho's Annual Thanksgiving basket give-a-way

West Memphis, Crittenden County, Arkansas- On November 24, 2010 the Xi Rho Chapter gathered at the Wonder City Boys and Girls Club to give back to the community with their Annual Thanksgiving baskets to over 50 families



in Crittenden County and surrounding areas in Arkansas. The Brothers spent countless hours filling the baskets which included turkey and all ingredients needed to make stuffing, green beans and a plethora of other can goods to fill the baskets.

Brother Tandy Anthony (Basileus), says, "His goal is to reach out and feed as many families as possible, next year, the chapter's goal is to double that number. The committee chairman, Ivory Jenkins, agrees with the Basileus, but, his goal is within the next 2-3 years, to have the brothers within the chapter prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. On hand to help distribute the baskets were 20 members of Xi Rho Chapter.



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## Toy Drive brings smiles for Christmas

Xi Rho Chapter- West Memphis, AR held the 2010 Toys for Tots. Children from different counties benefited from the program that is done every year for Christmas. Xi Rho identifies families that are in need of clothing, shoes, and toys for the holidays in 9 counties of Eastern Arkansas. This year 13 families were selected to receive support for Christmas.



The gifts were given out on Saturday, December 18, 2010. Committee Chairman Reginald Weeks, Willie Rogers, and Eddie West combined their talents to make sure that the selected families would know that the brothers of Xi Rho cared about the community. The brothers of Xi Rho also partnered with the Greater New Liberty Baptist Church in Memphis, TN and did the Angel Tree for four less fortunate children. The chapter donated educational games, under clothes, socks, and pajamas as gifts



## LOUISIANA

**A Walk for Education**

Alpha Delta Delta, Louisiana Tech University Ruston, LA  
Lewis T. Moore

On November 12, 2010 members of the Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity worked with the Louisiana Tech University's chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) as we volunteered for the A Walk for Education 2010 (AWFE). During the activity, brothers walked door-to-door in predominantly underrepresented minority communities distributing information about area college admissions, area vocational schools, GED, SAT/ACT, NSBE Resources, and financial aid. During our "walk" we talked to community members in the surrounding Grambling and Ruston area. We worked in designated neighborhoods during the Walk, passing out literature at local businesses and meeting places, informing local youth and their parents about lucrative career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and emphasizing the importance of finishing high school and going to college.

Overall the activity was a success. Community members in the surrounding area learned valuable information pertaining to gaining a higher education with the help of financial aid such as grants and scholarships. Fellow African Americans and other minority groups were educated on the lack of a representation of their race in the most innovative areas of scientific research. Hopefully this newly obtained knowledge will help to raise the numbers of underrepresented minorities in the STEM fields. The AWFE is one of many of the education programs that the Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi will participate in this year.

**Rho Phi Chapter Career Day**

By Bro. Bobby Burkes Jr

New Orleans, LA -On Tuesday, September 15, 2010 Brothers from Rho Phi Chapter put into practice our Cardinal Principal of Uplift by organizing a career day at Sarah Reed High School. The school is located in New Orleans East and is part of the Recovery School District in New Orleans. The school was heavily damaged during Hurricane Katrina. The project was spearheaded by our Basileus, Marion Floyd and Brother Anthony Climon, a teacher at the school.

The target audience of this event was not the senior and junior students, but freshmen. The intent was to help these students focus early on career opportunities. After the opening session, the students were matched with Brothers who work in the following fields: Legal, Health Care, Business and Science. At the breakout sessions, Brothers spoke to the students about their particular field and what opportunities are available to them in that area. The brothers also engaged the students in question and answer sessions.

**Social Action: Coaching Youth to Achieve Victory**

By: Bro. Dominique Jackson

Baton Rouge, LA - On Friday, November 19th, 2010, the Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated showed their support and commitment to social action and the welfare of the community by showing up in force to coach, referee and cheer local youth in the Fourth Annual Glen Oaks Park Elementary School 4th Grade – Versus- 5th Grade Flag Football Game. In attendance at the football game were community leaders, parents and school board representatives. The Omega Men took this time not only demonstrate a commitment to the community, but to discuss such issues as the importance of registering to vote, the fight against illiteracy and mentoring. Such social action issues must be addressed forthrightly and as often as possible. This event proved a great venue.

The fourth graders had a lot to prove and played a phenomenal game. At the end, the fifth graders won, but the game was very close. The Brothers cheered both teams and reminded the participants that they all were winners. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi served as coaches and referees during the game. Also, the brothers' barbequed and put on a step performance at the end of the event. Brother Eric Jones expressed the importance of education and having meaningful scholastic goals.



"Coaching Youth to Achieve Victory Program"  
Brother Donald Balisto cheers the students during the 4th and 5th grade football game held at Glen Oaks Park Elementary in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Friday, November 19, 2010



Brother Donald Batiste spoke to the students about the history of Omega Psi Phi and what it stands for; especially the brotherhood that comes once you become a member of the organization. The principal of Glen Oaks Elementary showed much appreciation to the brothers for their efforts; and also expressed that Glen Oaks Park Elementary doors are open to the brothers of Omega Psi Phi.

### Meals for the Elderly

New Iberia, LA - Throughout the year I'm privileged to have the opportunity to attend many Community Functions either as a participant and/or as a photographer and I can very easily say that there haven't been many events that I've attended and participated with that have been as satisfying as the Meals for the Elderly which was held on Monday evening.

I'll venture to say that there were nearly 200 meals served to the Elderly for Free at Taste-N-Sea Restaurant, and in addition to that there were approximately 30-40 people to show-up and volunteer as servers to the Elderly. The volunteers were citizen who all felt a compulsion to get involved, and several were groups of about five or so who work together at a particular company who sat this as a great project to get involved with. There were Bankers, Store Owners and Managers, Insurance Agents, Probation Officers, Pastors, Church Members and many more who stepped forward to assist with the program. Also included in the event were several groups who came in to sing and read poetry to the group as they dined.



To Allen, Marie, Tamika, Staff and friends of Taste-N-Sea Restaurant the Power and Love of God flowed through each of you last night, let's keep the ball rolling. Being one of the persons who offer Community Sharing Ideas with the management and staff, I'm fully able to enjoy the true fruits of the labor which so often take place at the Restaurant with regards to aiding those in need throughout the community. Please believe me when I say that there aren't many programs that affect as many people as well as this one has done. There was only one criteria and that restriction was "Age". After that, nothing else mattered, we were able to witness Blacks, Whites, Latino, and Asians all coming together in the Spirit of Love and Compassion to sit, eat a meal, and socialize in a setting befitting of a Kings and Queens.

### Lambda Alpha Focuses on Reclamation on Founder's day



Baton Rouge, LA - In celebration of Founder's Day, the Brother's of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity held a reception of brotherhood, fellowship and memoriam reflection on the evening of November 17, 2010 at D' Jon's Restaurant. Brother Eric Jones, Chairman of the Lambda Alpha National Achievement Week Observance Committee, served as emcee coordinator of the celebration which brought together generations of Omega Men in a common bond of Omega fellowship. Demonstrating the perseverance, hard work and impact of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Brother Attorney Timothy Hardy, Brother Freddie Pitcher Jr. (Chancellor, Southern University Law Center) and Brother Lieutenant Colonel James Clark were reclaimed into the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Inc. Such reclamation strengthens the already unbreakable bonds of fraternal brotherhood.

### Rho Phi's - "Real Men Read" Program

New Orleans, LA - The brothers of Rho Phi chapter, continued commitment to our Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship and Uplift, developed a partnership with Arthur Ashe Charter Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year. Arthur Ashe is a charter school that originally was started in 2006 after Hurricane Katrina. As part of Rho Phi's commitment, brothers from the chapter visited the school on November 5, 2010 and participated in their "Real Men Read" program. This program is designed to show young children that black men do read and care about them knowing how to read well. Brothers visited several class rooms and read stories to the children. We also encouraged them to develop a love of reading.



### Mentoring & Literacy is Key to Success

Baton Rouge, LA - On Monday, November 15th, eight brothers from the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a "Mentoring Panel Discussion" with 40 male at-risk Glen Oaks High School students.



Brothers Donald Batiste, James Clark, James Hall, Dominique Jackson, Terrence Marshall, Kenneth Terry, Frederick Thomas and Percy Williams spoke on vital topics that were critical to the students and their future

The Brothers frankly and passionately discussed the importance of education and the benefits of earning a college degree. Further, the Brothers discussed recommended majors and courses of study that bode well for future professional careers. Most importantly, the subject of effecting goal setting and goal achievement were emphasized. After the panel discussion, the Omega Men communicated to smaller groups of young men about scholarship, achievement and manhood. This opportunity served to positively impact the students and influence them to make sound decisions for a brighter future.

The Reading is Fundamental program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, as well as a variety of corporations, foundations and community organizations and thousands of individuals. The Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated in partnership with Reading is Fundamental routinely focus on literacy of African-American youth and highlight the fraternity's "Literacy is Key to Success" program. Reading is Fundamental annually provides approximately 15 million books to children across the nation who need them the most. Throughout the Achievement Week of November 14th through 21st, the Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter went to Progress Elementary, Brookstown Elementary and Delmont Elementary Schools and presented books to each and every student in each elementary school. During Achievement Week 2010, the Brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter directly touched the lives of 1,400 elementary school children at the aforementioned local elementary school. This partnership with Reading is Fundamental inspires children to be lifelong readers through the power of choice. The objective is to inspire children to choose their own books and become avid readers.



Bro. Frederick Thomas, Basileus answers questions during the Mentoring Program held at Glen Oaks High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Monday, November 15, 2010

#### **Know Your History** By: Bro. Jaren Glover

Ruston, LA - On February 21, 2011 the brothers of the Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has participated in the NAACP black history program "Know Your History". This program was held in the "TONK" inside the Louisiana Tech University's student center. The main object was to inform the campus of the importance African Americans have in our country's history. There is story that is never told during our history class. Bro. Jaren Glover, a senior Computer Science major, spoke on a few topics during Omega Psi Phi's time slot. These topics included Nat Turner, Colonel Charles Young, and William Lynch. He wanted students to take the time to learn history and not "His" story. It was very well receive with a strong applause.

#### **National Empowering Males To Build Opportunities To Develop Independence program**

New Orleans, LA - On July 14, 2010 the Brothers of Rho Phi chapter participated in the Empowering Males to Build Opportunities to Develop Independence (EMBODI) program during the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc's 50th National Convention, held in New Orleans, LA. The EMBODI program is designed to focus on the plight of African-American males. Pictures below are from the workshop held at Dillard University where the brothers spoke to the young men about the issues they face as young African-American males and showed them how to correctly put a knot in a tie, among other things.

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters** By: Bro. Trevor Vicks

Ruston, LA - In the spring of 2010 the Alpha Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc reached out the local branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters. The first member to become a part of this program was Bro. Trevor Vicks, who has previously worked with the Southeastern branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2007 where he was named "Big Brother of the Year". He now mentors a 4th grader at Ruston Elementary where he meets weekly to play games and have encouraging conversations with his "little". To earn a child's trust is not always as easy as it sounds. It takes time and patience to become one's friend, and Bro. Vicks has definitely accomplished that with his "little". He, as well as his little brother, looks forward to their weekly meetings. If Bro. Vicks cannot meet one week, he contacts his case manager, but rarely does he have to do so.

Omega Psi Phi was the first of Louisiana Tech University's fraternities to begin the program. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Louisiana has since then connected with all the fraternities on Tech's campus. Bro. Vicks' current aim as Basileus is to make it mandatory that all members of the chapter join his effort to make a huge impact on the children of the community. Meanwhile, he has managed to recruit Bro. Lewis Moore. Big Brothers Big Sisters is an encouraged to all individuals and organizations who aspire to uplift their community.





## Lambda Alpha - Builds more than a house with Habitat

Baton Rouge, LA - On Saturday, November 20, 2010 the brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter and Beta Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated partnered with Habitat for Humanity and helped build a house in the Rosewood Subdivision. There were fourteen brothers in attendance who braved the cold weather as well as the heights on the structure's roof. The Brothers worked continuously and watched with admiration as the house began to come together. Teamwork provided the foundation for getting the roof in place and building new friendships with the staff of Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Lynn Clark, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge, thanked the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated for their efforts to get the roof of the house up before they departed for lunch. Ms. Tamika Johnson, future-owner of the house, took pictures with the Brothers and thanked them graciously for their volunteer efforts. She stated that the brothers of Omega Psi Phi truly made a difference in her life by helping her to achieve something that she has always wanted, "To own a house!"

## A RARITY INDEED – By: Bro. Frank Kidd -Father and Son initiated at the same time



Houma, Louisiana – There are many instances in which a father and a son have been initiated into the same chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at different times however, it is rare that a father and son are initiated into the same chapter at the same time. Such is the case for Bro. Ernest Brown Sr. and Bro Ernest Brown Jr. who were initiated into Gamma Lambda Lambda chapter on November of 2010. Bro. Brown Sr. is a 1980 graduate of Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge and Bro. Brown Jr. is a 2004 graduate of Southern University-Baton Rouge. Ernest Sr. has worked 31 years in the field of education for the Terrebonne Parish School System, currently serving as Supervisor of Child Welfare and attendance. Ernest Jr. has 5 years experience as an electrical engineer with Northrop Grumman Company.

## TEXAS

## Theta Alpha Chapter Celebrates 75 Years of Service By: Don R. Smith, II

Dallas, TX - On April 29th 1935 (Oracle, June 1935) seven professional men established the Theta Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. These seven men George L. Allen Sr, E. Homer Brown, Frank H. Jordan, Jr, William T. Burke, Charles Fields, Bernard Blackman and Rodman Doyle set the foundation for a strong graduate chapter that would celebrate 75 years of fraternal brotherhood among 300 Omega Men and guests on October 9th, 2010. Among the 300 in attendance were 13 past Theta Alpha Basilei including Immediate Past Grand Basileus Bro. Warren G. Lee along with current Basileus Bro. Zaphery L. Williams.

The celebration, "A Black Tie Affair," took place at the historic Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas and was complete with a live band and formal program hosted by none other than master of ceremony and current president of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Bro. Charles O'Neal.

Ninth (9th) District Representative Bro. Shawn Brewer spoke with masterful eloquence when praising Theta Alpha for its many achievements and efforts in the community as a chapter. As an example, Bro. Brewer highlighted Theta Alpha's mentoring efforts through the Omega Sparks program. With an emphasis on Christian Manhood, Bro. Brewer spoke of Theta Alpha as a long standing pillar in the 9th district and international body.



The chapter was presented with a gift on behalf of Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray by Bro. James W. Jordan, his Chief of Staff. The gift, the cover and pages from the June 1935 issue of the Oracle describing the organization of Theta Alpha chapter in Dallas, Texas. Gracing the cover of this issue was 15th Grand Basileus (1935 – 1937), Bro. William E. Baugh. In the article, Keeper of Records and Seal, Chas. Fillmore Fields goes on to describe the events surrounding the organization of Theta Alpha chapter at the Maria Morgan Branch of the Y.W.C.A. on Monday night April 29th, 1935.



## Psi Alpha Chapter – 70 years young – November 1, 1940- 2010 By: Bro. Scott L. Earle

On Saturday, October 30, 2010 the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter gathered to celebrate 70 years of service to the Alamo City. In 1940 eight young professional men who had become members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated during their college years, decided that the time was right to form a Graduate Chapter here in the City of San Antonio. After compiling all of the necessary information and paperwork and complying with the National Body's Guidelines the Local Chapter was chartered by the Supreme Council of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated on November 1, 1940 and given the name of Psi Alpha. Brother Doctor W. C. Hurd was the first Basileus. The Charter members were: Brothers W. C. Hurd, S. D. Kane, Dr. M. L. Preacher, Paul Chretien, Ernest M. Foxx, Valmo Bellinger, Dr. Richard Kidd, and G. P. Inge. The chapter was established as a lifetime membership chapter - a newly created tier of commitment within the fraternity.



A lifetime member demonstrated the pinnacle of commitment and dedication to the fraternity; pledging his life to being an active member of Omega Psi Phi, exhibiting its ideals and principles in all aspects of his life. A lifetime membership chapter would radiate a degree of passion, experience and vision that would be unique in the fraternity.

Since its beginning in 1940 Psi Alpha's members and programs have steadily grown. Over the past sixty years plus it has awarded scholarships to many promising college-bound students, brought over 350 men of the highest ideals and strongest character into the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and has established itself as an instrumental organization in the community service of Bexar County and surrounding counties. In 1960 the Chapter hosted the 46th National Conclave which was a great accomplishment for the Chapter.

In the late 70s Psi Alpha Chapter brothers came together to buy their first piece of real estate, establishing a Fraternity House at 342 Vine Street, San Antonio, Texas.

The commitment to achievement on the part of the brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter in the new millennium has been evidenced by the development of a community outreach Public Access Television Show called the "Omega Forum".

On February 19th, 2003 Psi Alpha Chapter purchased its 2nd Fraternity House within two decades. This time moving into a Historic residence in San Antonio, a house once owned by one of the leading citizens of San Antonio (The Rigsby Family).

The momentum of Psi Alpha continued into 2004 as the chapter garnered its first 9th District Chapter of the Year Award at the District Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Brother Greg Thompson was recognized as 9th District Omega Man of the Year and he eventually became the first Psi Alpha chapter brother to receive the coveted International Omega Man of the Year at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Grand Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri in July of 2004. Psi Alpha repeated as the Back to Back 9th District Chapter of the Year in March of 2005 at the District Meeting in Monroe, Louisiana.

At the 74th Grand Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas July 19 - 28, 2006 Psi Alpha Chapter was selected as the Fraternal Year 2004 Social Action Chapter of the Year,

Psi Alpha's successes have been numerous and far-reaching. Its future represents continued opportunities to creatively address the needs of the African American community and positively impact upon the lives of those whom it serves.

Each decade from 1930 to the present was represented at the celebration in addition to the Undergraduates of Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter which made the event special and showed why the Chapter is a success. Having so many Brothers in attendance to celebrate this milestone along with the Chapters many accomplishments showed that Psi Alpha will be around the Alamo City for decades to come.



From R-L – Brothers Warren Eusan- '39, Earl Campbell '44 and Clarence Little '52



## Omegas Look for Men to Make the Cut as Mentors By Brother Sean Smith

Big Brothers Big Sisters once again geared up for "Grooming Men of the Future," an annual barbershop recruitment challenge." In 2005, Big Brothers Big Sisters had an initiative to identify positive and caring African-American men to serve as Big Brothers for the many African-American males waiting for a mentor. There are currently 1,100 young men on the program's waiting list. The black barbershop is a staple of our community so BBBS partnered with Dallas/Fort Worth barber shops as a means to secure mentors.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have joined together nationally to meet the organization's motto of "100 Men in 2010." The Omicron Gamma Gamma & Delta Xi chapters of Omega Psi Phi are partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters in its recruitment efforts in Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan area.

The brothers of the Omicron Gamma Gamma & Delta Xi chapters visited barbershops in Arlington and Red Oak, Texas on October 30th to recruit mentors. The participating shops included The Art of Barbering in Arlington, Kut It Up Barbershop & Beauty Salon in Arlington and Greg's Unisex in Red Oak. Nine men took applications and agreed to become mentors to help make our community better. The local Omega Psi Phi chapters will continue to endorse the efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

## Assault on illiteracy - Carter G. Woodson Intermediate

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, Texas) On May 27, 2010, Rho Xi chapter was honored by Carter G. Woodson K- 8 intermediate school for its support through mentoring and readers are leaders program. The Rho Xi chapter sponsors the Carter G. Woodson intermediate school by providing a daily newspaper subscription and other reading materials to the school to get students excited about reading. The subscription allows children an opportunity to learn and understand the information within the newspaper.



## Nu Kappa Honors the Harlem Renaissance

SMU's Omega Psi Phi fraternity held a dinner Friday night honoring the Harlem Renaissance, an African-American cultural movement of the 1920s and '30s. "Hilltop Renaissance" included soul food, live jazz and poetry readings.



African-American culture entered mainstream America in the early 1900s. Black musicians, authors, playwrights and poets rose to fame during this time. To commemorate their works, the stage opened up for spoken word. "The spoken word really gave me goosebumps," freshman Jaimmy Koroma said. "I really felt what they were saying."

Held in the Hughes-Trigg Varsity, the event welcomed some 50 alumni, students and their families. The Omega Psi Phi fraternity brothers served the guests Momma O's soul food as light jazz played in the background. The small Dallas-based family business served pork chops, mashed potatoes, macaroni

and pound cake. "They had everything that we could think of and all of it was cooked to perfection," senior Omega Kyle Degroat said.

SMU alumnus Mat Houston and his band provided musical accommodations. The jazz trio played continuously for an hour and accompanied students performing during open-mike.

Students sang favorites about love and religion. "They got up and shared their creative sides with us," Degroat said.

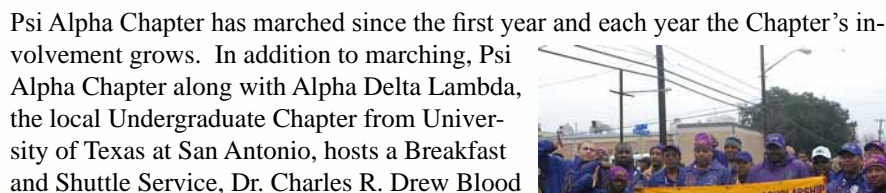
The music and food portion of the program was met by soft laughter, smiles and photo opportunities. Students wore semi-formal fashion for the "jazz club" setting.



Many people enjoyed the laid back atmosphere. The best part, according to Komora, was "the opportunity to sit [and], relax in a chill atmosphere in the celebration of the Renaissance." "When the brothers of Omega Psi Phi get together, we always have a great time," Degroat said. "Everyone's reactions were positive."

Black History Month events will be held on campus throughout the month of February. This week, National Pan-Hellenic Council will be hosting several programs for students to attend. Times, dates and locations are available in SAMSA on the 3rd floor of Hughes-Trigg.

For the past 24 years the city of San Antonio Texas has celebrated the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The march is held on the Federal Celebration of Dr. King's birth and this year over 100,000 people marched on January 12, 2011 through the streets of San Antonio. San Antonio is not known as an African-American city and when visitors learn of the size of the march they are very impressed and shocked. The city is diversely populated and the march reflects the dream of Dr. King.



Once the march ends the participants are met by two Blood Mobiles and encouraged to donate. The Dr. Charles R Drew Blood Drive is the largest African American sponsored Blood Drive in South Texas. This year we collected from 44 people which will assist 132 people in our community. In the past we had one Blood Mobile but the last two years we have been so successful the American Red Cross has sent 2 Blood Mobiles.

Nu Phi Chapter -Houston, TX, under the leadership of Basileus Bertrand “Bert” Simmons, is truly about Service and Uplift. Nu Phi has been focused on uplifting the Houston community since 1926.

On Thanksgiving, November 25, 2010, Nu Phi played an instrumental role in providing Thanksgiving dinner to 500+ senior citizens in Houston, TX. The dinners were prepared by Meal on Wheel. Brothers paired up, loaded their vehicles and went door to door to deliver these hot and health dinners to the senior citizens in the Sunnyside/South Houston.

On December 4th 2010, Nu Phi Brothers provided lunch and logistical support for 200 students at the DST Teen Summit hosted by The Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. The summit was held at Worthing High School in Houston, TX. The teens received straight answers to questions on, the pros & cons of social networking, nutrition, STDs & HIV/AIDS, teen drinking & driving, drug, tobacco & alcohol abuse, choosing the right college and career and most importantly, building self-esteem, self-worth, and self-value.

On December 11, 2010, Nu Phi Chapter provided logistic planning and manpower for the annual Phillip Cares Foundation Christmas Toy Drive at Studio Grill, Houston, TX, which targeted and served over 400 underprivileged children in the Houston area. The Phillip Cares Foundation mission is to develop a positive future for our “at risk children”.

Congresswoman Shelia J. Lee Toy Drive, December 11, 2010 George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, TX - Nu Phi brothers along with The Houston Area Coalition of Omegas were responsible for gift wrapping, set up, registration, food lines, crowd control and toy disbursements at the Sheila Jackson Lee Inter-City Children Christmas Party.

The Nu Phi Adopt a Family outreach program was December 18, 2010. Nu Phi's Vice Basileus, Bro. Marvin Alexander, was responsible for coordinating the 2010 Adopt A Family Program. Nu Phi adopted 5 families & 8



children from the CPS system. \$2015.64 in toys, gifts and food were purchased. 22 Nu Phi brothers and the CPS staff were present to greet the adopted families. Nu Phi also extends a special thanks to Quette Dee Simon for her effort. Nu Phi once again demonstrated why we are the "The Chapter of Choice".

Nu Phi Annual Clothing Drive was January 8, 2011. Nu Phi & Houston Area Coalition of Omegas met at the Nu Phi Fraternity House and prepared over 100 brown bag lunches for the Houston homeless. In preparation for this event, Nu Phi collected over 1200 pounds of clothing. Brothers endured the very cold winter weather. This event always reminds Brothers of how thankful everyone should be for their blessings. Brothers distributed 15 bags of clothing to the homeless & 8 bags to the Star of Hope Mission. Bro. Dr. Lawson Howard, 1NP03 and Bro. Courtney Miller, 5NP08 did an outstanding job with the coordination and implementation of the 2011 Nu Phi Clothing Drive!

## Delta XI and Eta Lambda Lambda Provide Meals on Wheels

The Brothers of Delta XI and Eta Lambda Lambda Chapters participated in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Meals on Wheels Achievement Week Community Service project. Brother Anthony Whitaker (Delta XI) and our very own, 9th District Director of Public Relations, Brother Van Newborn (Delta XI), Brother Eric Hilburn (Eta Lambda Lambda), Brother Terrance Scott (Eta Lambda Lambda) and Brother Troy Johnson (Eta Lambda Lambda) were all present.



They delivered hot and cold lunches to 57 senior citizens at 57 different locations throughout the southern sector of Dallas, Texas today (November 16, 2010) between 11:00am and 3:30pm. Our pickup was located at Hampton Rd. Baptist Church, Desoto, Texas. This was a "GREAT" event and our senior citizens were very happy and pleased to see Omega Men conducting this outstanding event.

## Que-Cuts 2010 – Psi Alpha Chapter assists the Youth of San Antonio with 500 Free Haircuts

San Antonio, Texas – Crowds of children excited about the upcoming school year sat patiently with family members waiting for their back to school haircut. Many take haircuts for granted but for some a free haircut assists a great deal. Since 2003 the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Psi Alpha Chapter in association with Williams Barber College have offered free haircuts to area students. In April of 2003, Psi Alpha approached Clarence Williams to discuss a program where school age students can get haircuts in preparation for Easter. The success of that first event gave us the idea to hold this event annually to be held prior to the first day of school. The idea for the haircuts came from one of Psi Alpha's member who spent a great deal of time mentoring at Carroll Elementary School and realized many of the students had not had a haircut since the beginning of the school year. The member remembered when his father took all his students to the barber and paid for haircuts to assist with their self-esteem. In addition to self-esteem the barbershop for many men is the spa, game room and psychiatrist office rolled into one and many children do not get a chance to experience the barbershop. In the past 7 years this event has cut thousands of area youth and many students return each year. Big Brothers and Big Sisters were invited this year to match youth with mentors and gave the "Big's" who mentor a chance to experience the "Barbershop". The local leadership of Big Brothers Big Sisters loved the event and have penciled in next year's event as one they must attend. This year's event was a success and the members of Psi Alpha will be back in August 2011.



## Rho Nu Chapter's Alvin Stevenson Adopt-A-School Program



Galveston, TX — On September 24, 2010, the Brothers of Rho Nu Chapter conducted their fourth annual Alvin Stevenson Adopt-A-School Program. Each year the chapter donates supplies to a designated school in Galveston Independent School District, where Brother David O'Neal is a member of the Board of Trustees. For the fourth year, L.A. Morgan Elementary served as the beneficiary. Galveston ISD is still reeling from the affects of Hurricane Ike, which forced closures of elementary schools on the island. Additional children were shifted to L. A.




The supply drive is named after Brother Alvin Stevenson, a charter member of Rho Nu who has been active in the Fraternity and Galveston for over 50 years. Bro. Alvin Stevenson was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., April 19, 1956 through Alpha Psi chapter at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Huston-Tillotson in 1958 with a B.S. degree in Biology and minor in Chemistry. After graduation, Bro. Stevenson went on to the University of Texas Medical Branch where he attained a degree in Medical Technology. He was employed by the Department of Pathology, Pathology Patient Services as a clinical chemist and supervisor of the phlebotomy service. He later transferred to the UTMB Dialysis Center for several years, then returned to the clinical labs until his retirement after 37 years of service. Bro. Stevenson also worked in the clinical labs at St. Mary's Hospital for many years and as an educator in Galveston, LaMarque and Hitchcock Independent School Districts.

The supplies came from teachers at the end of the fall semester and spring semester who were looking to get rid of supplies either because they were retiring or simply did not need the supplies anymore. Items sold were gently used pocket charts, big books, office supplies, toys, bulletin board supplies, posters, classroom management supplies, classroom decoration, r



The people in attendance showed up early for the event and we had a line before it even started. Teachers were very excited to outfit their classrooms with the materials at the sale and get the materials for a discounted price.

 This event has grown over the past few years and multiple local new stations came to cover the event, even a Spanish station. We look forward to making this event bigger and bigger and are working to get corporate sponsorships for the event. The Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter host's this event every year around the time before school starts and has proven to be a great success.

Each year many of America's youth goes to school without the proper tools to be successful. In order to do ones job you need the proper tool to do a good job. Many students go to school without supplies which places them in a situation where they are behind before they even get started start. The Brothers of Psi Alpha heard about the city's Annual Stuff the Bus campaign and offered their assistance. Stuff the Bus is a one day school supply drive where local companies partner with the largest supermarket chain in the city, HEB and park a school bus at 45 of their locations and solicit donations from 7AM to 7PM. The operation is two-fold; volunteers manage a store location soliciting donations and filling the bus with supplies while others manage a warehouse unloading the supplies and organizing the supplies for delivery. Instead of choosing one responsibility over another the Graduate Brothers of Psi Alpha partnered with the Undergraduate Brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda – University to



Texas at San Antonio to volunteer at a local store and manage the warehouse operations.

The Brothers were able to collect thousands of dollars of school supplies at their location even though it was the first year they had ever participated. The organizers stated that the Omega store was one of their most productive. Omega partnered with the Boys and Girls Club and used the opportunity to mentor while they worked. The highlight of the day at the store was when Brothers who were tired of low donations entered the store and filled carts with supplies and pushed the carts throughout the store convincing patrons to donate.

At the warehouse the Brothers were able to streamline operations where in past years it took them 1 hour to unload a van and then another hour to distribute the supplies to the correct location but it took the Brothers 15 minutes to unload the van and another 30 minutes to distribute the items. Not only did we work hard but we filled the warehouse with laughter and showed that work can be fun. The Brothers not only had fun but were able to assist the youth of the Alamo City. In twelve hours the city collected a quarter of a million dollars in supplies to assist the youth of San Antonio in having the tools needed to be successful in the classroom.



## Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter's 3rd Annual Chapter Banquet

On February 26, 2011, the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, located at the University of Texas - San Antonio (UTSA) hosted their 3rd Annual Chapter Banquet. It was held on the UTSA campus in the University Room located in the Business Building. It was a formal event opened to both students and faculty and the events purpose was to recognize people who have helped or served the ADL Chapter or Fraternity in one way or another.

The Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter is a young growing chapter that received it's Charter on February 1, 2008. Within the three years of its existence they have made a big impact not only on the campus of UTSA, but in the city of San Antonio as well. The banquet was just a small token of our appreciation to those who have helped pave the way for the Almighty ADL Chapter.

With the help of the Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter located in San Antonio, the setup for the banquet was very formal. For the table settings ADL used royal purple and old gold table clothes, and for the tables centerpieces they used handcrafted Omega letters made from wood. The room booked for the banquet was very formal all by itself. The room had big windows to the right of the building that face outward to the Northeastern part of San Antonio. As the sun went down and night fell the rooms ambiance took shape and the mood of the room was set. The food was catered by Mr. and Mrs. G Soul Food Restaurant. The ADL Chapter has always done business with the G family when they need food for either an on or off campus event. They make all their food from scratch which really gives the foods taste the true essence of real soul food. The food made for the banquet was baked chicken, macaroni, mashed potatoes and gravy, and corn bread. The active members of ADL served the food and drinks. Guest loved the food and were ready for permission to have seconds.



The events of the banquet were very well scripted and the Chapter members did a professional job. The chapter recognized important people who play or have played important roles helping the Chapter achieve the popularity and recognition it deserves. All in attendance had a great time attending this banquet. Considering the dates had to be rescheduled due to a scheduling error did not affect attendance, the room was PACKED and SOLD-OUT. The guests enjoyed the guest speaker, Brother Paul Booker who has assisted the Undergraduates of ADL from the very beginning. Brother Booker was very relaxed while at the podium because he was talking about himself. He told the audience about things that have happened in his life before and after joining the Fraternity. I feel that his presentation touched a lot of young men like myself and let them know some of the few things that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated can do to and for young men who decide to join this illustrious Fraternity.

This banquet was a great successful event that will continue for many more years to come. As it does, I am confident that the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated will have more people to show their love and appreciation to.



## Omega Psi Phi crowned Miss Omega Psi Phi at its 2011 “Essence of Omega” pageant

Sunday evening in the Hughes Trigg Ballroom.

"I loved the rush, dressing up with the girls, singing and just being on stage!" Ara said. "I still can't believe I won! I am grateful for the honor." Eight girls competed for \$1000 worth of scholarship money. Runner-ups sophomore Amie Kromis



and freshman Jackie Lowrey received a combined scholarship of \$500. "I went into the pageant not concerned about winning. Winning something made the experience even sweeter," Lowrey said.

Over 125 people, including students, family and extended fraternity members, attended. Pageant participants were required to sell a minimum of five tickets, but some sold as many as 50. "The girls did a phenomenal job with ticket sales," senior Omega Kyle Degroat said. "[It] allowed us to add more effects to the program." The girls were judged in eight sections. They conducted an interview prior to the show and modeled various attires including casual, professional, swim and formal wear. Most points were awarded during the interviews and final question.

“The Omegas came up with some hard political questions for the pageant participants,” senior Brian Quarles said.

Omega Psi Phi raised money for the scholarships through step shows, parties and fundraisers. SMU's PanHellenic Council- and Student Senate provided additional financial support.

“This year’s pageant was a better production [than] the last pageant [in] 2008,” Degroat said. Participation in the pageant also required girls to attend fitness classes lead by Omega John Niwinseyini, hours of dance rehearsal choreographed by Meadows junior Jasmine Black and weekly coaching by Boaz Hall Director Dee O’Banner.

“The fitness aspect was great. The coaching was amazing. [We had] an amazing choreographer. It was an amazing experience!” participant sophomore Shanitah Young said. The numerous hours of participation fostered a great bonding opportunity. Despite the diverse background of the contestants, they connected over the shared experience. Backstage the girls shared make-up, accessories, and laughs.

"I didn't expect to meet so many amazing people and actually become friends with them in such a short period of time. We were all in the same boat; we got through all the nerves and the excitement together," Lowrey said.

All their efforts resulted in a successful turn-out and show.

“The contestants... were beautiful, talented, and intelligent. [The pageant] really is a testament to how much effort the young ladies put forth,” Degroat said.

**Thanksgiving Baskets – Serving the Community during Founders Week - By: Bro. Scott L. Earle**

November 14-19, 2010 was very busy for Psi Alpha Chapter but it did not stop them from serving others. For the past 20 years the Chapter has sponsored families at a local school. In the past we traditionally gave 8 - 12 Baskets but this year we gave raised \$2195 in cash and in-kind donations that allowed us to donate 32 Baskets which included a complete Thanksgiving meal that were presented in a 30 gallon purple tote that the families can use around the house year round.

Basket Contents - \$25 Gift Card to HEB, 18-20 pound Turkey, Greeting Card signed by the Chapter, Turkey Pan, Stuffing, Corn Bread, Cake Mixes, Frosting, Assorted Veggies, Macaroni and Cheese, Gravy Mix and Mashed Potatoes, Yams, Cranberry Sauce





## Brothers of Delta Xi Provide a Helping Hand



Greenville, TX - In an effort to continue practicing our fourth Cardinal Principle, Uplift, the Delta Xi chapter recently initiated efforts to assist the Habitat for Humanity group based in Greenville, TX. Saturday, December 4, 2010 marked the first in what will become a signature community service project for the chapter.

While the day was cool and windy, the men were able to assist in the building of a shed as well as some roofing work. Also, the chapter assisted with efforts to make the house handicap-accessible. Upon completion, the house will provide for a family of six.

Delta Xi's goal is to use service as a vehicle to continue to bond as brothers and practice our motto of being "Rich in Friendship".

## Nu Kappa Chapter receives Community Service Award!



Undergraduate chapter in Dallas, TX receives Dallas After-School Network Award

Dallas, Texas. May 11, 2010: The Nu Kappa Chapter at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX received the "Volunteer of the Year" award for the "Afterschool Achievers" awards program. This program recognizes youths who are involved in after school programs across Dallas and who have excelled in a variety of areas.

The Chapter was nominated by the Dallas Community Lighthouse (DCL), a non-profit agency providing tutoring services to at-risk youth in Dallas serving three locations. The Chapter has been working with DCL since 2006 tutoring and mentoring students on a weekly basis. In addition to

the Chapter attending on a weekly basis, the Brothers encourage other SMU students to participate and provide transportation for those in need.

Diane Baker, Executive Director of Dallas Community Lighthouse, had this to say about the Brothers. "Sometimes we just do not say thank you enough. I can't begin to express my thanks for all [the Chapter] [does]. I hope [the Chapter] understands the impact [they] have made on [DCL] over the past 4 years. I too pray that this relationship will continue. [The Chapter] continues to give and give to these kids that we care so much about; and we want everyone to know how special each and every one of you are. I keep each of you in my prayers and also that your future brothers will continue to give as each of you have. So many people know about the brothers of Omega Psi Phi as I tell your story often. I can't help but tear up as I look at these kids and realize (let me be honest here) that you guys provide something that others just can't offer them. God works in wonderful ways and I know he led the [Chapter] to our organization 4 years ago. I am forever thankful for [the Chapter] finding us!"

## Adopt -A-Highway



Rho Xi Chapter – As part of Rho Xi chapters' effort to uplift our community the brothers of the Rho Xi actively participate in the State of Texas Adopt a Highway program. The Brothers of Rho Xi get together once per month to ensure that a two mile stretch of highway on Alameda Road between Hwy 610 and Airport blvd, Houston, Texas is free of trash and debris so that the area can be mowed and maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation.

( Front Row Left to Right: Rho Xi Chapter: Bros. Joe Washington, Nate Grace, Jakarta Edwards, Benjamin Dotson, Rear: Left to Right: Bros. Ross Cahee, Frank Watson, Omar Sesay, Harrison Hodge) Democratic Candidate for Harris County Judge Criminal Court at Law #9 Juanita Jackson-Barner



## Adopt a Spot - Psi Alpha Brothers Assist with Keeping Texas Clean

The Brothers of the Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Incorporated continues with their commitment to making the City of San Antonio Texas a better place. Continuing with an initiative that has been ongoing for many years, and after being started during the 1990's, the Chapter continues to Live Their Creed, as they work hand-in-hand with the community, family, and friends, cleaning up alongside the roadways of one of the busiest areas of the city every other month on the first Saturday. Adopt a Spot is a San Antonio Program that allows organization to take the responsibility of keeping a portion of the City clean.

Brothers not only worked their adopted area to remove debris and garbage from one of the heaviest populated areas, but just prior to the start of the lifting and moving, they met and decided to expand their area of responsibility, West to include the bridge of North New Braunfels Avenue, which encompasses the image of one of the greatest African American men of our time, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., painted and erected above the bridge. This was very fitting as we recognize the dream of one of our Pioneers of the Civil-Rights movement.

The Chapter hopes that in pushing their initiatives and the Adopt-A-Spot program to this level, others will become enthused in keeping this area, just North of downtown San Antonio a beautiful place to live and inhabit.

Immediately following the clean-up, the brothers gathered at one of the local restaurants to fellowship and continue to uplift and give back to their community.

## Que-Father's

Psi Alpha Chapter developed the Que-Fathers program in 2003 to extend friendships to the “seasoned”- citizens of the Alamo City. Many of the residents of Assisted Living facilities look forward to having visitors to talk with and watch the games. This program really took shape when our most senior member, Brother Warren “The Godfather” Eusan (Theta ‘39) moved into the Hearthstone Assisted Living Facility. Brothers from the Chapter visit with Brother Eusan often, but each quarter the Chapter visits with him along with visiting with all residents. The residents love when the Chapter comes to spend the day.

The Brothers spent hours with Brother Eusan reminding me that his work as an Omega Man will forever be remembered and taking in a lesson in true Brotherhood from one of the 9th Districts oldest living members. A gentleman with over 70 years of service to this great fraternity, Brother Eusan, affectionately known as the “Godfather” is a well respected member of Omega Psi Phi and the Hearthstone Assisted Living Facility. The brothers were observed in several mediums, discussing topics chosen by the residents.

## Star of Hope

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered shelter dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Promoting positive life changes through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse. The Brothers of Rho Xi support the mission of the Shelter by volunteering their time serving meals, hosting clothes drives and ministering to the shelters residents.



**Santa's Workshop** - By: Bro. Joe Holston

Killeen, TX- Omicron Pi, has been supporting Fort Hood's Santa Workshop since the 1990's. The chapter's support to the workshop has increased over the years. In 2009, the Omicron Pi Chapter donated 75 bicycles and over \$400.00 worth of other toys to the workshop. In 2010, in honor of our year-long celebration of the

fraternity's upcoming centennial year, the chapter's goal of donating 100 bicycles was exceeded by 18. In addition, over \$440.00 in other toys were donated to the workshop. This was in an effort to show our support to the children of needy families who serve at Fort Hood, Texas. Each year the "Hood-Ques" provide donations to this cause.





## NK remembers on of SMU's bridge builders

At 17-years-old, Anga Sanders had dreams of pursuing the kind of college experiences magazines like Seventeen displayed in its pages. However, what she found was quite different.

In the midst of the Civil Rights Movement, Sanders helped to change Southern Methodist University into the school it is today by speaking out against the injustices she witnessed everyday on campus.

"We realized that there were some things going on here on this beautiful campus that we thought could be improved," Sanders said.



Sanders, who is now CEO of Global HR Solutions, spoke Monday as part of the Nu Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi in the Hughes-Trigg Commons about her experiences at SMU. Students listened eagerly as she recounted her personal experiences at SMU, including performing a sit-in in then-President Tate's office.

Her experiences at SMU helped to shape the school into what it is today.

The 1960s marked an era of student turmoil and unrest. After years of being ignored and neglected, African American students were not going to take it anymore.

"Students had started to recognize the power that they had," Sanders said.

Power was the necessity in order for students to change things. Not only was the small population of black students offended by Kappa Alpha Order's Old South Week, which included the confederate flag being hung on campus, they were also concerned that the university did not have any black professors nor offer any sort of African American studies programs.

Despite its size, the small group of black students banded together in 1969 in order to help bridge the gap between themselves and the university.

"We were small, but we were still a part of the university," Sanders said. "We didn't come in on a discounted tuition. We were here with all the costs and all the rights, or so we thought, of any other student."

Together the group, which by 1969 included 33 students, marched down to Tate's office in order to discuss what needed to be changed at SMU.

"We were very calm. We stated the list of demands that we had and he told us, 'get out of my office, go back to class, and don't come back,'" Sanders said.

Tate's cold demeanor only made the student's more determined to fight for what they believed, inciting a sit-in in the middle of Tate's office.

"We refused to leave, he threatened to expel us, but we still refused to leave," Sanders said.

The sit-in sparked a major uproar all over campus. After five hours of negotiating with SMU officials, the students were met by a mob of people, including students, police and the FBI. No matter the reactions, Sanders as well the rest of the group knew that they were fighting for what they believed was right.

"We had support of some students and some were against us," Sanders said. "It didn't matter to us. We were determined in our goals."

Today, SMU offers a variety of diverse curriculums and activities, including ethnic studies as well as the Association of Black Students under the SAMSA organization, all of which would not have been possible without Sanders and the brave group of 33 students who took a stand against inequality.

"The fact that we did that really had less to do with what was going on with us at the time," Sanders said. "It had more to do with you, because we knew that one day you would be here."

The lasting impression of Sanders and the small group of black students who gathered in Tate's office continues to inspire students of today.

"Nowadays I feel we're comfortable where we're at," 2010 SMU graduate Virginia Brook said. "To see somebody who sparked change and wasn't afraid, you don't see that very often."

Sanders wanted to help change SMU for the future, not herself, something she urges others to continue.

"You will never make a greater impact than when you act on behalf of another person," Sanders said.



**“Big Brother Big Sisters –Magic While you Wait” - Alamo City Ques assisting OUR Community.**

For the past year each Chapter has been following the lead of our National and District leaders and has been forging a relationship with our respective Big Brother/Big Sister (BBBS) offices at the local level. Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter of San Antonio, Texas along with Alpha Delta Lambda Undergraduate Chapter at University of Texas at San Antonio have partnered with BBBS in two special ways.

The Brother of Alpha Delta Lambda volunteered to become “Big’s” and are waiting to be matched. The Brothers of Psi Alpha have been attending “Magic While you Wait Events”. These events are focused on the youth who are waiting to be matched and allows them to participate in events with BBBS until they are matched. Both Chapters joined forces and showed up with over twenty Brothers for the January 22, 2011 “Magic” event which focused on African American youth of San Antonio. The event was a success and the Brothers had a great time. Psi Alpha will host their “Magic” event in June and hope to surpass the 100 youth that BBBS tries to accommodate at each “Magic” event. Psi Alpha will host two events each year and participate in other “Magic” events throughout the year. The Brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda will bring their “Little’s” to each Matching event and together both Chapters will aide BBBS in mentoring the youth of San Antonio.

## Delta Xi and Omicron Gamma Gamma team up with AKA to support Cancer Awareness

By Bro. Charles Lovelace

Organizations ranging from the NAACP to the National Football League use the month of October to raise money to go towards cancer research as well as encourage people to get tested for cancer regularly. On October 1, 2010 Omega men from the Omicron Gamma Gamma and Delta Xi chapters teamed up with the Alpha Xi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha to fellowship, raise additional funds and encourage early screening.



Appropriately named Pink and Purple Denim day, the 2nd annual event is becoming a popular event in the Dallas area. Held at Brooklyn's Jazz Club, the event showed that both Alpha Kappa Alpha and Omega Psi Phi are dedicated to serving our communities, even in a social setting.

Avery Matthews, chairperson for the event, advised that the ultimate goal is for Pink and Purple Denim Day to become just as recognizable as other social events in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. While over \$600 was raised during the evening, showing unity while bringing awareness to this cause will have long term effects ultimately.

## 2011 Lone Star State Ques Meeting

Killeen, TX-February 112, 2011. Lone State Ques held its annual meeting at the Central Texas Home Builders Association building located at 445 E. Central Texas Expressway; Killeen, TX 76541. LSSQ's is a Texas state wide political organization within Omega whose purpose is to serve as an endorsement vehicle for District Level candidates for office.

The Meeting addressed a number of issues to include a discussion from the District Representative, Brother Shawn Brewer, on material changes to the District Website, MSP Guidelines, District Level Scholarship, Chapter Activities submission along with other pertinent topics. The District Marshal, Brother Dr. Curtis Sanders, discussed the mechanics of the Meeting scheduled from April 21 through April 24, 2011 in Monroe, LA.

Other topics discussed during the meeting included the License Plate Project, and LSSQ's sponsored scholarships. Changes to the By-Laws involved Chaplain Duties and Special Meetings scheduling.

Lone Star State Ques completed its annual election and the following Brothers are the newly elected officers for the 2011 fiscal year: Brother Benjamin Green - President, Theta Alpha Chapter; Brother Michael Stewart - V P, Rho Beta Beta Chapter; Brother Albert Black, III - Secretary, Theta Alpha Chapter; Brother Van Newborn - Treasury, Delta Xi Chapter; Brother Darrin Davis - Chaplain, Rho Beta Beta Chapter and Brother Robert Morgan - Parliamentarian, Nu Phi Chapter.



## SONS OF THE 9TH

### Bro. Torrance D. Chism International 13th District Representative

Brother Torrance D. Chism is currently the Sixth, International 13th District Representative. Brother Chism was elected July 22, 2009 at the 16th Annual Thirteenth District Meeting held in Las Vegas, NV.

Born and raised in Dallas, TX, Brother Chism was initiated at Theta Delta Chapter at Northwestern State University of Louisiana on December 11, 1993.

For over 17 years, Brother Torrance D. Chism has committed and dedicated his life to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Brother Chism is not only a Life Member, but he is also a Board Member with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union where he serves as the Second Vice President and Chairman of the Marketing Committee.



Brother Chism is an International Bridge Builder. He played a significant part in the establishment of Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter in the Middle East. In addition, he executed the movement and re-establishment of the Fraternity's presence and expansion in Canada.

For over 21 years, he served our country distinctly, beginning with his enlistment in 1989 as a Logistics Specialist. As a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army, he held a variety of leadership positions in Missile Defense and Intelligence Operations. Most notably he served as a Commander twice, in the areas of Operational Intelligence and Military Recruitment during one of the most critical and difficult periods in world history.

He is currently the President/CEO of Heritage Southern, LLC; a manufacturer of naturally-flavored, old-fashioned southern beverages which manufactures, markets, distributes beverages, and products and services identified under the Heritage Southern brand.

Brother Chism and his Quette Ramona are the proud parents of two daughters, Torii (12) and Sydney (10).

## Brother's Individual Achievements

### Omega Man Honored During Veterans Day Ceremony - By: Bro. Warren Stewart

On November 11, 2010 the Lawton/Fort Sill community gathered to observe the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Fort Sill, OK. During the ceremony the Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, MG David Halverson,



presented Bro. LTC(R) Robert Stinnett, a member of the Psi Upsilon Chapter, with a Silver Star for his gallantry actions from November 14-17, 1965 while serving in the Army as a captain in the Vietnam War. The Silver Star is the third highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces for valor in the face of the enemy. Bro. Stinnett's actions are documented in the Book "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young" as a helicopter pilot in the Ia Drang Valley. The citation on his award reads, "CPT Stinnett's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army." Information and photo taken from the Fort Sill Cannoneer, Volume 48, Number 45, dated November 18, 2010.

### Nu Phi Brother Attend Prestigious Training - By: Bro. Roger Hickson



Nu Phi Brother attends the 104th United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination Course in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Brother Lieutenant Colonel Dexter Caston attended the 104th United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination Course in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 24-29 October 2010. This course was conducted by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in partnership with the United States Southern Command (Partnering



Directorate, J9) and with the Argentine Ministry of Defense. The course was designed to train UN- Civil-Military Coordination Officers to deploy in support of complex emergencies. Its aim is to assist humanitarian and military professionals to deal with civil-military issues in a manner that respects and appropriately reflects humanitarian concerns at the strategic, operational and tactical levels in accordance with international law, standards and principles.

LTC Dexter Caston initiated in Omega-Fall '04, Nu Phi Chapter. He has 21 years in military. He has BS Univ of Southern Miss 1994, Master's in Public Administration Webster Univ 2003.

## Unselfish Living

On August 6, 2010 Brother Jimmie E. McMillion, Psi Alpha, '05 retired from the United States Air Force-Active Duty after 22 years of faithful dedication and service. The service was officiated by Brother/ Colonel Gerard Jolivet (Gamma Gamma '79). The highlight of the ceremony was the unselfish gift Brother McMillion gave to one of Psi Alpha Chapters living legends. Brother McMillion gave his retirement flag to Brother Warren "The Godfather" Eusan, Theta '39 who was an "Original Tuskegee Airman". The retirement flag is one of the greatest honors a service member receives upon retirement. The other flag that service members receive is given to their families when they pass away. Since Brother Eusan did not retire from the military he did not receive a flag and Brother McMillion wanted this Brother to receive his honors when he can enjoy it.

Brother McMillion stated that he felt Brother Eusan and other "Tuskegee Airmen" had done a great deal to help mold the modern day U.S. Air Force and by presenting Brother Eusan with his flag it was the right thing to do to honor his fraternity brother who helped pave the way for him and so many other African Americans who served in the United States Air Force. Brother McMillion was able to share his special occasion with many members of Psi Alpha Chapter who came to support him and pay tribute to Brother Eusan. There was not a dry eye and those in the audience were able to see that Friendship is Essential to the Soul.

## Brother Lonnie Williams co-edits and publishes book

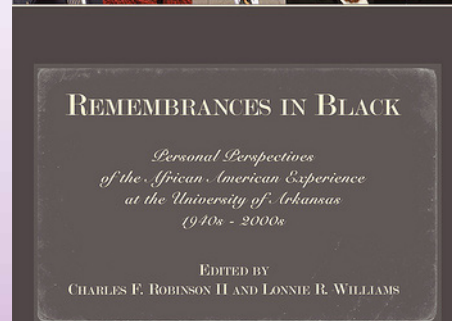


"Remembrances in black: Personal perspectives of the African American Experience at the University of Arkansas, 1940s – 2000s" is the title of a book recently published and co-edited by Charles F. Robinson II and Brother Lonnie R. Williams.

With the admittance in 1948 of Silas Hunt to the University of Arkansas Law School, the university became the first southern public institution of higher education to officially desegregate without being required to do so by court order. Other students would follow in Silas Hunt's footsteps, and they along with the university would have to grapple with the situation. Remembrances in black is an oral history that gathers the personal stories of African Americans who worked as faculty, staff, and of students who studied at the flagship institution.

These stories illustrate the anguish, struggle, and triumph of individuals who had their lives indelibly marked by their experiences at the school. This book illustrates how African Americans navigated both the evolving campus environment and that of the city of Fayetteville in their attempt to fulfill personal aspirations.

Brother Williams is a member of the Upsilon Chi Chapter of northwest Arkansas and serves as State Representative for Arkansas-North. He is also the associate vice chancellor for student affairs at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. The book can be purchased thru The University of Arkansas Press <http://www.uapress.com/titles/fa10/robinson.html>, online at Amazon or Barnes and Nobles.



## Bro. Dr. Paul Adams - Receives Honor



This past January, Bro. Dr. Paul Adams, member of the Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter in Northwest Arkansas, was honored by The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) as the Featured Scientist for the month of January, 2011. The feature can be accessed on the society's webpage at <http://www.asbmb.org/Page.aspx?id=7522&linkidentifier=id&itemi=7522>. The ASBMB Featured Scientist Profile is a mechanism





of the society to inspire, among others, minority students and postdoctoral scientists, by highlighting the careers of distinguished scientists from diverse backgrounds. It is also the goal of the feature to help the ASBMB promote diversity within the society by honoring talented and successful scientists. Bro. Adams was selected because of his achievements and expertise in the area of protein biochemistry. The feature article highlighted some of Bro. Adams's biographical information and accomplishments as a scientist at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Bro. Adams was proud to have the chance to mention our beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during his interview with ASBMB when asked about some of his non-science related interests, as well as being able to mention a distinguished brother who was also a chemist, Bro Dr. Percy Julian (Omega Chapter) as one of his heroes in chemistry. In addition, he was able to mention one of the recent books he had recently completed included "The Black Apollo of Science: The Life of Ernest Everett Just" by Kenneth R. Manning. His photograph and a link to his University of Arkansas website was also listed on the MAC website for one month. Since the one-month January 2011 feature, Bro. Adams's profile has been maintained via a permanent link in a list of all other featured scientists on the ASBMB website at the link noted above.

Kudos also go to Bro. Adams for recently being invited this past December to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Analytical and Bioanalytical Techniques (JABT) ([www.omicsonline.org](http://www.omicsonline.org)). The journal is an international, peer-reviewed journal that publishes scientific articles on a wide variety of techniques with respect to the subjects of analytical & bioanalytical chemical techniques. It is also an important goal of the journal to provide a rapid turn-around time for reviewing and publishing, and to also disseminate articles freely for research, teaching and reference purposes on the internet. Bro. Adams's expertise fits perfectly with the bioanalytical focus of the journal, and he hopes to use this editorial board appointment to assist other young scientists, particularly minority scientists in the field, with opportunities to publish sound research. Bro. Adams currently serves as Advisor to the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and as 9th District Advisor-Overseer for the State of Arkansas.

### Bro. Clarence Hill is a recognizable name at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium



Arlington, TX - Although he wears a uniform of business casual rather than shoulder pads and cleats, and he carries a pen and pad rather than a football, Hill has still managed to make a name for himself among Cowboys fans.

Hill is the Cowboys beat reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"I used to joke that one day I would be playing football in Cowboy Stadium," said Hill, 45. "I didn't realize my dream of playing for the Cowboys, but I did get to work at Cowboys stadium."

Hill, who has been covering the Cowboys since 1997, is the longest tenured reporter in the Metroplex to cover the team.

This feat is just one of many that Hill has accomplished throughout his reporting career, one of his earlier achievements having occurred in 1995 when he became the Victoria Advocate's first black reporter.

"I knew I was the only black person working there, and I was probably the first as far as writers were concerned, but I didn't feel out of place," Hill said. "It was a good place for me to go."

Hill's first foray into journalism began in high school.

The Schulenburg native wrote a sports column for his high school newspaper, The Shorthorn. Writing about sports came easy to Hill, who had grown up running track and playing tennis and football.

"Like most little boys in Texas, I wanted to grow up and be a pro-football player," he said. "The Cowboys back then were my favorite team."

Hill enrolled at The University of Texas-Austin in 1983, where he originally pursued a degree in business.

"I realized I couldn't crunch numbers for the next 20 years of my life," said Hill, as he described the epiphany that led him to switch his major to journalism. "I realized (journalism) was my calling."

While in college, he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and worked at The Daily Texan, the university's newspaper, covering UT football, as well as the Austin-American Statesman, covering high school sports.

"I was able to pursue a career in sports without having to play on the field," he said.

Hill's first official reporting job came in 1989 when he took on a position covering sports for the Kansas City Star.

After a few years on the job, however, Hill said he became disillusioned, resulting in him leaving his job to pursue other endeavors.

Just like what happened years ago, though, Hill missed reporting and was once again drawn back into the business - this time at The Victoria Advocate.

"I thought it would help me as a writer doing news there," said Hill, who worked as a county government



and health reporter. "They really supported me and tried to help me become a better writer."

Some of the biggest stories Hill reported on while at The Advocate included a controversial column on Juneteenth and a jail escape.

Also, he won an Associated Press award for his coverage of 17-year-old Albert Yancey, who was charged with murder.

While at The Advocate, Hill made a long-lasting impact on his co-workers.

"I enjoyed working with Clarence at the Advocate," said Victoria Advocate sports reporter Mike Forman. "He was a hard worker and had an infectious personality. I had no doubt that he would be successful in this business."

Hill left The Advocate after 10 months to once again pursue a career as a sports reporter.

He landed at the Fort Worth Star Telegram in 1995, covering high school sports.

Two years later, he was covering the Cowboys.

For Hill, the job has been an eye-opening experience.

"Seeing behind the scenes of football is almost like seeing how sausage is made," said Hill, who has been in attendance at every Super Bowl since he started. "The other side of the game and the athletes is not always pretty."

Additionally, the changes within the journalism industry over the last 27 years have also been challenging to deal with.

"We've all had to adjust. Coming into the 21st century, blogging and tweeting has become a part of the job," said Hill. "It's part of the business. If you want to stay in it, then you have to get with it."

Eventually, Hill said he would like to transition into becoming a full-time sports columnist, but for now, he is happy with reporting from the sidelines.

"You may not always realize the dream you set out to reach, but if you go to school and work hard, you can get your dream job so to speak," said Hill. "Covering the Cowboys is the No. 1 job in newspaper. I wouldn't do anything else."

## Bro. Rev. Darren Sophus Sr. Celebrates 8 Years of Spiritual Leadership By - Bro. Nathaniel Mitchell Sr.

New Iberia, LA -On Sunday, December 12, 2010 the Zion Hill Christian Fellowship Church Family celebrated its 8th year in existence and under the leadership of Bro. Rev. Darren M. Sophus Sr.

Brother Sophus turned to Brother Rev. Darryl C. Jones Sr., a member of Rho Nu Chapter in Galveston, TX, to deliver the message to the church. Bro. Jones accepted the invitation and joined us here in New Iberia, along with his wife and one of his children. On Saturday Brother Jones and his family enjoyed a trip to the World Famous Tabasco Plant and Jungle Gardens on Avery Island, Louisiana, home of the "Tabasco Pepper."



"On Sunday morning, after a brief fellowship with the Bruhz, Brother Jones gripped the church by presenting his theme for the day, "It's All In The Plan."

His sermon was extracted out of the Book of Habakkuk 2:1-3:

1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: through it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Standing L-R: Rev. Brother Darren M. Sophus Sr., Bro. Ruben Livingston, Bro. Jeffery Smith, Bro. Robert Pinckney, Bro. Donald Francis, Bro. Joshua Guillory, Bro. Nathaniel Mitchell Sr., Bro. Lawrence Williams, Bro. Howard Lanier, Bro. Darryl C. Jones Sr.

Seated L-R: Bro. Ramon Simon, 9th District 1-vice District Representative and Bro. Stephen Etienne, Basileus, Rho Omicron Chapter, New Iberia, LA

Brother Jones further stated that, "Vision is Taught, and not Bought." There's a Process which leads to Progress, but you Must have a Plan in order to succeed. BUT, don't rush to a quicken ending because there are times when, "The Vision have to wait on the Proper Time." Just because we have a "Vision" doesn't mean that that's the proper time for the vision to come to pass. Often to move the vision forward we must rely of Prayer, Fasting, and

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Meditation. A couple of examples can be found in Psalm: 27:14 Wait on the Lord  
Isaiah: 40:31 The who wait on the Lord

The message was truly uplifting and enjoyed by all in attendance. We were also graced with the presence of our Mighty Ninth District 1st Vice DR, Brother Ramon Simon and his lovely family. In addition to the presence of Bro. 1st Vice, also on hand were Brothers from Upsilon Rho out of Lafayette, Louisiana to celebrate this occasion, and what a Beautiful time we shared.

Anytime Brothers can come together in a Fraternal way, in the name of the Lord, it simply has to be a positive for everyone in attendance, with no exception.

Brother Simon then offered greetings to the Church on behalf of our 9th District DR, Brother Shawn Brewer and the Mighty Ninth District; afterwards Bro. Simon made a couple of presentations on behalf of the Chapter.

Brother Stephen Etienne, Basileus of Rho Omicron, along with each member of the Chapter would like to extend a hardy Thank You to even one in attendance along with an open invitation to anyone who wish to visit at any time in the future, "Friendship Is Essential To The Soul."

Come down and enjoy some of the fine things we have to offer here in South Central Louisiana, we have some of the best Fishing and Hunting going on in the United States, we have the BEST Food in the World, and we Share A Closeness to God like no other place on Earth.

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

### ΨA – “Alamo City” Ques San Antonio, Texas

Graduate Chartered November 1, 1940

[www.alamocityques.com](http://www.alamocityques.com)

1135 Virginia Blvd. San Antonio TX 78203 – Meetings 1st Saturday of each month.

Founded in 1940, the Psi Alpha Chapter has always taken enormous pride in its humanitarian efforts as an all male, African American, Greek organization. Our local Chapter plays a vital role in the advancement of the greater San Antonio-Bexar County metropolitan area, as well as in our state and nation. It provides a vast array of civic, educational, and social services that are directly aligned with our beloved fraternity's four cardinal principles – Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Our membership, through its dedicated volunteer service, each year gives assistance, encouragement and hope to thousands who are less fortunate or have special needs. It is our ultimate goal and desire to serve and uplift the entire community with a special focus on the young men of San Antonio. We have changed our strategy by extending a hand of “friendship” and partnering with other African American organizations to bring about greater and more effective change as we strive to make a significant difference in the lives of both adults and youth.

If you are ever in our city for a visit, I sincerely hope that your stay will be filled with fun, excitement as well as educational enlightenment as you take in the sights, sounds and great cuisine that make our city unique.



ΨA Pro-Ques' Adopt a very other Brothers mile and stretch of Cities street.



grams: Care Spot -Ev-month the clean a a half the Inner busiest



Que-Cuts – Each August we sponsor free haircuts to all youth of the city. We average 1100 haircuts each year.

Que-Father's – Quarterly visit to a local Senior Assisted living facility

Spiritual Wellness – Quarterly bible study

Dr. Charles R Drew Blood Drive – Annual Blood Drive which is responsible for assisting 133 people each year and the largest Minority Sponsored Blood Drive in South Texas.

MLK Jr March and Open House – Largest march in the nation and the Brothers open the house and offer a free lunch to the community.

Thanksgiving Baskets – 32 complete meals donated to local school

Holiday Ball – Annual event that thanks the community for their support all year.

Fiesta – Annual Masquerade party, and participation in the 2 Fiesta Parades

IT Committee – Omega Spotlight, email support, marketing and Chapter public relations

Psi Alpha Scholarship Foundation -Corporation was formed for the express purpose of providing scholarships to high-school seniors, and when appropriate, to provide supplementary scholarships for these

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individuals throughout their college career.

White Martini Party - Largest Greek function in South Texas that hosts over 1100 guest in a grown and sexy environment  
Many more.....

## Southwest Texas Regional Membership Selection Program Workshop

December 4, 2010

San Antonio, Texas was the site of the Southwest Texas Regional Membership Selection Program (MSP) Workshop hosted by the Southwest Texas Regional State Representative, Brother Gary L. Robinson I. The workshop was very informative and included presentations by S.W. Texas (MSP) Chairman Brother Tushon Robinson and Vice-Chairman Brother Paul Booker who provided a very detailed presentation covering the MSP program. Brother Jamal Hasty, Undergraduate Advisor for University of Texas at San Antonio, Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter provided updates on Undergraduate activities and events. Brother J.J. Johnson provided excellent and much needed information on Protocol.



In addition to the training we had presentations from our 9th District Officers - Immediate Past District Representative Brother Willie "Mercenary" Hinchey, Keeper of Finance, Brother Kenneth Terrell, and Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Patrick Smith.

Following the training the S.W. Texas Region sponsored an initiation for 12 candidates. Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter - San Antonio had 7, Alpha Delta Lambda Undergraduate Chapter - University of Texas at San Antonio had 3 and Eta Theta Undergraduate Graduate - University of Texas at Austin had 2. There were 48 Brothers in attendance to assist with making this initiation very memorable. The 12 newly initiated Brothers were able to fellowship with Brothers from their respective Chapters along with Brothers who travelled from the many Chapters in the Region to take part in this festive occasion. Both the workshop and Initiation were great a great success.

## Omega Facts

Thirskield Hall has 17 steps.

Col. Charles Young had a horse named "Dolly"

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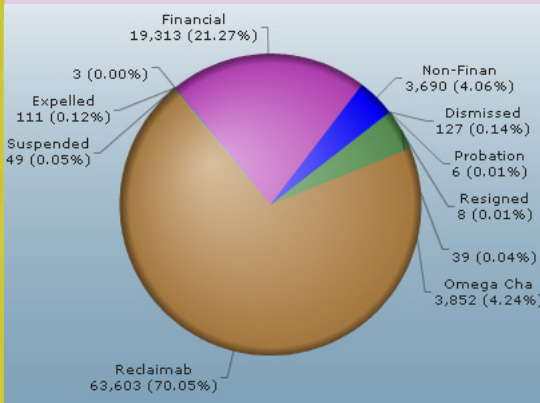
"Live Your Creed" = "Sermons We See"

**Edgar Guest wrote:**

See It Through

It Couldn't Be Done

Sermons We See



## Recent Graduates

### Fall 2010 Graduates

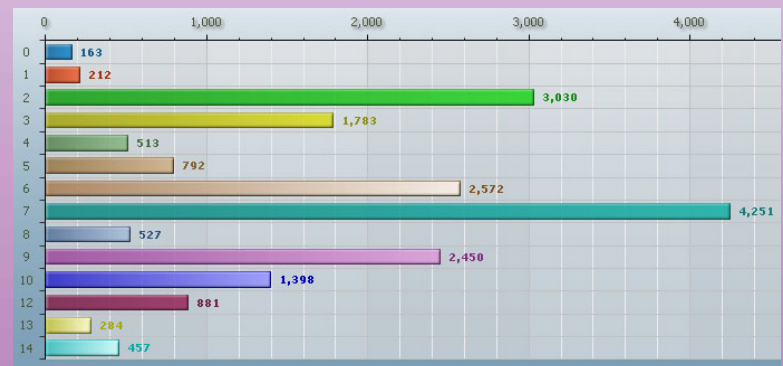
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## A BROTHER'S HEART - BY BRO. VAN NEWBORN

Brothers,

*I did not receive any submissions from brothers for a Brother's heart so i decided to bring back one of my Basileus notes that I wrote for OGG a few years ago. I believe that this is still relevant to brothers today. We were just entering the current recession when this was written. I lightly address one issue and go into full detail on another. Some may take this article negatively but as Omega men we should be able to accept criticism when its warranted. I to openly accept criticism but if I help one Brother, I feel that it's worth it.*

This month I want to address some comments and attitudes that I witnessed at last month's meeting. I want to start by asking the question, why as Omega men, Black men and College educated men, would we ever question what community we should serve. I may be a little more pro-black than most but Brothers let's not get it twisted; we are here to serve the African American community! We often try to reflect on what our founders would think and from reading early Fraternity literature; I am convinced that this organization was founded for Black men to help Black people. Brothers let's not get carried away in our political correctness and forget who we are and where we have come from.

A second and more serious matter is one that I thought I would never encounter in the Fraternity. Brothers brace yourself, Willie Lynch is alive and well in Omega! Let me tell you what I mean; I have sent out many e-mails asking Brothers of influence to help out a distressed Brother who was looking for employment. I noticed that the so called regular or everyday Brothers responded with all types of help and ideas. I wondered why the Managers, Directors, Vice-Presidents and Presidents never responded; even though they are the ones who could help the most. I had a conversation with some brothers who told me that brothers in those positions can't help out because we might mess up their reputation on their job. I have heard this from many different sources and it saddens me every time I hear it. To the Brothers who think like that, you should be ashamed and I question if you even know what this fraternity is all about. Most of the Brothers that ask for help are for one, qualified and secondly, they are someone you can trust. Brothers are not asking for a handout, just a mention of their name or a person to contact. I thought we had broken down these barriers as Omega men. If you are a true friend you would help out. I gave this example to a brother. If I forwarded a Caucasian's resume to one of these Brothers they would help them because there would be no link back to them; like being black or being in the same fraternity. If we can't help each other then why do this? What happened to He ain't heavy? I even heard about brothers that don't even speak to brothers they work with because they don't want to be associated with them. I'm offended because I know that I have been one of the best employees at every job I've been on and a Brother would not help me because I'm an Omega? I'm quite sure many of the other brothers are excellent workers also. I know we use this word loosely but if that ain't CAT then I don't know what is. When I get on, you better believe that I will be putting the Brother's on and if I can't find an Omega, I'm looking for a Delta then any African American. We are professional college educated men surviving in a world not designed for us to succeed; we need all the friends we can get because we have far too many enemies to not have to worry about the people closest to us. I will debate any Brother on any of the issues that I have expounded upon.

*The opinions expressed and the content of this article in no way reflect the opinions of the 9th District or Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The views expressed are those of the author and the author only.*

### OMEGA CHAPTER



**Bro. Herbert King - Eta Iota, 1950**

**Bro. George J. Winn III - Psi Alpha Spring 1960**

**Bro. Warren Joseph Green - Gamma Gamma, Fall 1961**

**Bro. Edward. McKeel -Gamma Eta, Fall 1974**

**Bro. Morris Sylvester - Gamma Eta, Fall 1974**

**Bro. George Saunders - Psi Alpha, Spring 1978**

**Bro. Jacquard "Jack" Clark - Gamma Eta, Fall 1993**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



Brothers! As you can see the newsletter is twice the size of the last one. I will continue to try and grow and improve this product. I welcome feedback to help insure that your newsletter is in line with your expectations.

I want to once again thank the brothers who help me edit and layout the newsletter.

Bro. Nathaniel Mitchell

Bro. Paul Adams

Bro. Avery Matthews

Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or concerns. [9thdistrictpr@oppf.org](mailto:9thdistrictpr@oppf.org) or [van@vannewborn.com](mailto:van@vannewborn.com)

In Friendship,

*Van Newborn* - Spr. 95 AA<sup>2</sup>

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