

CENTENNIAL UPDATE



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. DECEMBER, 2010 *"Friendship is Essential to the Soul."* Omega Psi Phi

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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND BASILEUS

Brothers of Omega,

Season's Greetings are extended to each of you and your families! This special time of hope and renewal reminds us that we are a Fraternity whose precepts are rooted in the principles of faith, family, and community. It is also a reminder that 2011 is almost here, and we must apply a laser-like focus to our Centennial efforts. We will begin in earnest with our January 15th kick-off celebration in the DC area.

Because this is such an important event in our history, we have taken the unprecedented step of hiring an Executive Director for the Centennial Celebration. Brother Dr. John S. Epps comes to us with a wealth of experience and organizational skills. He has already made a significant contribution to the planning process.

As you prepare yourselves for the coming New Year and the Centennial Celebration, here are a few things to keep in mind: First, the end of December means the end of the early registration fee. Effective January 1, 2011, the registration fee is \$400.00. Secondly, you must register before you can be assigned a room, and the Headquarters Hotel always fills up quickly. And finally, the Brick Project is going well. January 15, 2011 is the deadline for purchase of your brick, if you wish to have it installed by the formal dedication in July of the **Founders Brick Project Walkway**. For more information, please go to www.oppf.org.

On behalf of the leadership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the members of our Centennial Committee, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with dreams, possibilities and accomplishments.

Fraternally,

Brother Andrew A. Ray

Grand Basileus

2011 CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN DC AREA IN JANUARY

The International Centennial Committee and the local Washington, DC area Chapters under the leadership of Centennial Grand Marshall, Brother Kenny Brown, are planning a January Kick-off Celebration. A formal ball will be held the weekend prior to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. **Saturday, January 15, 2011** is the date for our event in the DC area. Our Ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, in Crystal City, VA from 7:30 to 11:30 in the evening. The format will be very similar to *"Omegas for Obama,"* our 2008 Inauguration event.

On Sunday, January 16th, we will gather for church service, and on Monday, January 17th, Omega men will support the local community service project *"We Feed Our People."* Brother Kenny Brown, has asked the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, located in Ft. Meade, Maryland to host the kick-off events. The Kick-off event will feature a formal dance, a sit-down dinner with a guest speaker, live entertainment, and dancing.

The cost of the dance is \$110.00 per person, and rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway Arlington, VA 22202. Call **(703) 418-1234** local or **(888) 591-1234** Toll Free for hotel reservations. Each District is asked to provide a link to this event on their Web sites, and each District is encouraged to place an Ad in the Souvenir booklet.

For additional information and to purchase tickets, you may go to the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter Web site: www.ques-igg.org or you may contact Brother James W. Whitehead, Jr. who is chairing the committee (jwhiteheadjr@aol.com). You may also contact the Basileus, Brother Willie Williams at (willge81@aol.com).

characters each for his brick. Bricks may be purchased at www.oppf.org.

2011 CENTENNIAL CHECK LIST

The Holidays finds us all busy with family gatherings and seasonal celebrations, making it difficult to focus on other matters. Because there are deadlines looming that you do not want to miss, we have compiled a Centennial Check List for you. For any additional information on the events listed below, please visit the OPPF Web site at www.oppf.org. Here are some important deadlines to remember:

Registration: Effective January 1, 2011, the price to register increases to \$400.00. **Full Registration includes** Conclave Reports; The Commemorative Journal; Souvenir Booklets for Salutes; 4-Meal Functions (2 Service Awards Breakfasts, Undergraduate Luncheon; Founders Banquet Reception) and the Pan-Hellenic Dance.

Hotels: Once a Brother registers, he will be eligible to obtain a hotel room. **Room rates range from \$159.00 to \$190.00 per night.** Register early at www.oppf.org to get the best choice of rooms!

Centennial Kick-off Celebration Ball: This will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, in Crystal City, VA from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on **January 15, 2011.** For more information, please visit the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter Web site: www.ques-igg.org

Salute To The Military Ball: This signature event will take place at the Washington, DC Convention Center on Wednesday evening, **July 27th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.** It will serve as the official kick-off of the Centennial Celebration. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, and they can be purchased on-line. Go to www.oppf.org. Formal attire is required.

Centennial Commemorative Book Ads: The form to purchase an ad is available at www.oppf.org. It can be **emailed**, along with a J-Peg photo of your ad, to centennialads@oppf.org. You may also mail your information to the OPPF International Headquarters: 3951 Snapfinger Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30035. **Your ad must be received on or before May 15, 2011.** The prices for members of the Fraternity are as follows: **Full Page Ad is \$500.00 - Half-page Ad is \$300.00.**

Dedication of the Founders Brick Walkway: Bricks purchased by **January 15th** will be inlaid by the walkway dedication date. This event will take place on **Saturday, July 30, 2011, at 9:00 am.** Bricks cost **\$500.00**, and a Brother is allowed four lines of 20

QUETTE'S REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES

Brothers, who will be accompanied by their Quette and child(ren), should know there is a full agenda of activities planned for their families. The deadline for early registration was December 31, 2010. This is the same deadline that Brothers faced.

Effective January 1, 2011, the registration fee for Quettes is \$350 per person. The following are included in the fee:

- Quette Souvenir Bag
- Quette Polo Shirt
- Quette Gift

The Registration Fee also entitles Quettes to take advantage of the following activities:

- Daily Theme Hospitality Room
- Fancy Hat & Gloves Luncheon
- *Quettes in Motion* Boat Ride
- Shopping Trip
- Tour of the nation's capitol.

Please note that, due to high demand, the **"Fancy Hat & Glove Luncheon"** will no longer be available after May 1, 2011. Be sure to reserve your seat before this date, because space is very limited.

The Registration form for **"QUETTES IN MOTION"** is on the official OPPF web site www.oppf.org. It must be returned with payment in full by the deadline. Your payment must be in the form of a Cashier's Check, Money Order, or Personal Check.

Effective January 1, 2011, **The Youth Early Registration Fee** is \$125 per registrant, and it includes the following: Souvenir Backpack, T-Shirt, Gifts, and the following activities: International Spy Museum, National Zoo Exploration, Fun on the National Mall and Pizza Party.

There is an additional cost for tours of Six Flags (\$35.00 per child) and the Newseum (\$25.00 per child).

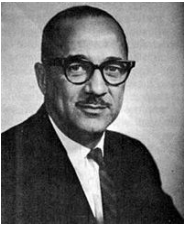
Please make all checks payable to:

Omega Wives, Inc.
P.O. Box 5137
Capitol Heights, MD 20791--5137

*Little Known Facts About
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Men
~1960 through 2000~*



Dr. Benjamin E. Mays: Respected Educator who taught at Morehouse College and, from 1940 to 1967, served as its president. He also served as Dean of the Howard University School of Religion.
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays: An Omega Man!



Judge William H. Hastie: Served as a lawyer, judge, educator, public official, and advocate for the civil rights. He was the first African-American to serve as Governor of the United States Virgin Islands.
Judge William H. Hastie: An Omega Man!



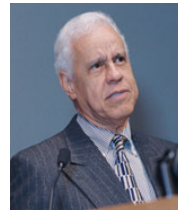
Robert C. Weaver: Appointed to serve as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from 1966 to 1968. He was the first African American to ever serve as a Cabinet member.
Robert C. Weaver: An Omega Man!



Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.: Baptist minister, politician, activist. He also founded the Rainbow/Push Coalition. Jackson ran for President in 1984 and 1988.
Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.: An Omega Man!



Togo West: The second African American to serve as Secretary Army. West was awarded Distinguished Eagle Scout status, and was awarded the U.S. Army Legion of Merit and the Defense Department Medal for Distinguished Public Service.
Togo West: An Omega Man!



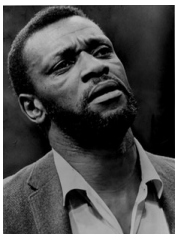
Lawrence Douglas Wilder: Became Virginia's 66th governor and the nation's first elected black governor in 1990. This grandson of slaves also became the first mayor of the city of Richmond, VA.
L. Douglas Wilder: An Omega Man!



Charles Frank "Charlie" Bolden, Jr.: This NASA Chief and retired U.S. Marine Corps major general is also a former NASA astronaut. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, and the virtual host of the Kennedy Space Center's "Shuttle Launch Experience."
Charles Frank "Charlie" Bolden, Jr.: An Omega Man!



Rep. James Enos "Jim" Clyburn: Member of Congress, and the first African American to serve as House Majority Whip. He is the third-ranking Democrat. Elected in 1992 to represent the people of South Carolina.
Rep. James Enos "Jim" Clyburn: An Omega Man!



Moses Gunn: Actor of Stage and Screen.

His career of more than three decades included powerful roles such as *Othello*. He co-founded the Negro Ensemble Company, and he received an Image Award from the NAACP for his portrayal of *Booker T. Washington*.

Moses Gunn: An Omega Man!



Earl Graves, Sr.: Publisher and author.

He is currently Founder and CEO of Earl G. Graves, Ltd., the home of *Black Enterprise*, a business magazine that reaches some 4 million readers. The company also organizes career events for black professionals.

Earl G. Graves, Sr.: An Omega Man!



Otis M. Smith: Counselor to General

Motors and a highly-respected legal mind. He was Chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission, a distinguished jurist and a member of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Otis M. Smith: An Omega Man!



Michael Jordan: Professional athlete

and successful business man. He achieved unparalleled accolades, setting many records that may never be broken. He's in the North Carolina Sports hall of fame.

Michael Jordan: An Omega Man!

OMEGA PSI PHI CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The following **Brothers** are committee members:

Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore, 34th Grand Basileus, Chairman
Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, Jr., 35th Grand Basileus, Vice- Chair
Dr. John S. Epps, Executive Director of the Centennial Conclave

Burnel E. Coulon, Co-Chair, 31st Grand Basileus
Dr. Moses C. Norman, Co-Chair, 33rd Grand Basileus
Lloyd J. Jordan, Esq., 36th Grand Basileus
George H. Grace, 37th Grand Basileus
James S. Avery, 28th Grand Basileus
Dr. Edward J. Braynon, Jr., 30th Grand Basileus
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Larry A. Brown, Secretary
Robert Littlejohn, Jr., 2nd Vice Grand Basileus
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Noah Holt, Jr., Site Selection Chair,
George A. Smith, Interim Executive Director;
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Theodore N. Greer, Immediate Past Chairman, Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.
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Donald R. Lee, Coordinator, Col. Young Ride Project
Aubrey "Nick" Pittman, Esq., Former Grand Counselor
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Dr. Adam E. McKee, Jr., Former First Vice Grand Basileus
Edgar Mathis, Former 7th District Representative
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Robert Holmes, Chair, *Salute to Business, Civic and Political Involvement*
Walter Body, Vice Chair, *Salute to Business, Civic and Political Involvement*

The Centennial Celebration is **ONLY 207** days from **January 1, 2011**. Register Now! Go to the Fraternity's website; www.oppf.org