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**Warren G. Lee, Jr. elected to second term as Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

Warren G. Lee, Jr.  
 Grand Basileus

Warren G. Lee, Jr. was elected to a second term as Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. during their biannual Grand Conclave in Birmingham Alabama. During his acceptance speech, Lee said, "Make no mistake about it: this election constitutes a "Referendum for Bigger and Better Results! Our Fraternity requires a lot of improvements...our goal is to develop and sustain a Balanced Organization." In order to assist Lee with meeting his goal, the organization voted to authorize their governing body to perform an independent Organizational Assessment and granted the authority to implement the findings.

Carl A. Blunt  
 First Vice Grand Basileus

The newly elected leadership for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are: Warren G. Lee, Jr.—38<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus, Carl A. Blunt – First Vice Grand Basileus, Jamin Powell – Second Vice Grand Basileus, Lewis Anderson – Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Antonio Knox – Grand Keeper of Finance, Michael R. D. Adams – Grand Counselor and Rev. Farrell Duncombe was appointed Grand Chaplain. These members, in addition to twelve district representatives, constitute the Supreme Council. Elected as Undergraduate Representatives to the Supreme Council were: James Swinson, Alexander Gibson and Phillip Merchant.

Brian S. Gundy  
 Second Vice Grand Basileus

Charles A. Bruce  
 Grand Keeper of Records and Seal

Antonio Knox  
 Grand Keeper of Finance

More than 10,000 members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity converged on Birmingham during the group's 75th International Grand Conclave, July 10-17.

Michael R. D. Adams  
 Grand Counselor

The Conclave kicked off on Friday, July 11 with a Career and Health Fair, and followed that evening with a musical concert featuring the artist Joe. The much-anticipated Comedy and Step Show on Saturday, July 12 was hosted by comic Rickey Smiley, who is a member of the Fraternity. During the public opening of the conclave on Sunday, July 13, Birmingham mayor, the Honorable Larry Langford, challenged the organization to increase their mentoring and community development efforts. "We must reclaim our communities, said Langford. The international Talent Hunt presentation on Sunday wrapped up the weekend's activities with a glittering array of talent.

Farrell Duncombe  
 Grand Chaplain

The Fraternity hosted a youth leadership conference which was attended by 150 high school aged young men from all over the country; and a number of community service projects throughout Birmingham including a blood drive that netted over 50 units of blood; a week's worth of groceries to more than 400 families and support for rehabilitation of three houses. On Thursday, July 17, fraternity members retraced the historic Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery. That event is part of a sponsorship with the Historic Alabama Civil Rights Tour.

Walter Body  
 Grand Marshall

Montgomery is where Rosa Parks, an unassuming seamstress, was arrested on the afternoon of Dec. 1, 1955, after she refused to give her bus seat to a white passenger.

Her gallant act of defiance is credited with starting the modern civil-rights movement. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. would soon pick up the leadership torch to galvanize efforts that eventually led to integration of the city's bus system and laid the foundation for other civil rights efforts.

On the south lawn of the State capitol in Montgomery, more than 400 Omega men showed up in the recognizable purple and gold colors and letters of a fraternity that takes great pride in economic development and community service.

Omega Psi Phi is one of the largest African American fraternities in the country was founded on Friday evening, November 17, 1911, by three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty advisor Professor Ernest E. Just. The three liberal arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "Friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. In 1914, under the laws of the District of Columbia, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was incorporated.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is an organizational Brotherhood consisting of 750 chapters and approximately 20,000 active members throughout the world. Omega Psi Phi is a unique group of men that encourage high standards; community service and assist in the building of character and leadership development among men. Members of Omega share a common foundation of comradeship that lasts a lifetime.

For more information about the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. or to locate chapters in your area, visit [www.OmegaPsiPhiFraternity.org](http://www.OmegaPsiPhiFraternity.org).

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