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Brothers,

I greet you in the name of our Supreme Basileus of the Universe and the spirit of our Insightful Founders. Let me start by saying that I am both humbled and honored to serve as the 39th Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. As we prepare to celebrate 100 years of service to our community and the world, we must set our sights on doing all that we can to move toward the next 100 years in Omega.

The existence and success of Omega has been and continues to be a result of dedication, tradition, pride, and enthusiasm. I am constantly reminded of the many sacrifices our Founders made as they created this great organization. They built a solid foundation and remained active to ensure like-minded men would represent Omega well, while uplifting their communities. As I reflect on a time I met Founders Cooper and Love, they said “...young brothers, we gave birth to Omega, but it is up to you to keep Omega alive.” I will never forget those words and the spirit and passion in which they were shared. To that end, it is our obligation to take the necessary steps to make sure Omega thrives for future generations.

While we live in a different world today, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated is as relevant today as it was in 1911. As you review the following pages, you will see that our brothers are making a difference in the world in which we live. I salute all brothers who are an asset to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In closing, I look forward to a once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Conclave celebration and seeing you in Washington, DC. Long Live Omega Psi Phi Fraternity!

Fraternally yours,

Andrew A. Ray
Dr. Andrew A. Ray
39th Grand Basileus
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Message from the Grand Chaplain

Ninety-nine years ago, I would imagine that our Founders were moved and motivated by Isaiah 61:1-5 The spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated. They will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. NIV”

“The Year of Jubilee” is a biblical Ancient Israel celebration, where every 50th year was designated as “The Year of the Lord’s Release!” During the course of that year, there were several key events that unfolded: debt was canceled; slaves were set-free; and every inheritance that was lost, was restored! As an organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has survived the test of time. Omega may not have been all that God desired, but God has allowed her to reach the centennial milestone, which is her time of “Double Jubilee.” Which means, God is ready to bring us out, over and through all the trying times we have endured; He’s going to confound our enemies and silence all of our critics.

Nobody but God could take a Shepherd’s Stick and through Moses’ hand, split the sea like a sidewalk! Nobody but God could take a rock and a slingshot, and through David’s hands, conquer a giant that nobody else was able to conquer! Nobody but God could take a Booker T. Washington with less than a chance, plant him in Tuskegee, AL and enable him to transform a wilderness into an institution of higher learning! Nobody but God could take a poor struggling Harriet Tubman with just a six-shooter to create an Underground Railroad for transporting slaves to freedom! Nobody but God could take the callous worn, tired feet of Rosa Parks, and through her sitting-down make the whole world stand-up! Nobody but God could take a Governor Douglass Wilder… and turn the dead-end streets of Virginia’s racial prejudice… into an open highway of freedom and hope! Nobody but God could take a young black, unknown charismatic, community organizer on the southside of Chicago, and get him elected as The President of the most powerful nation in the world!

It’s nobody but God who can “flip the script” and make things that were hurting us, start to help us! In fact, it’s often the will of God to speak a word to us that flows in the exact opposite of our logic and conclusions! God has the power to call those things that be not as though they are, and then use His prerogative to make them be, what He said they are! WHY, because God Is Sovereign!

And God is saying to each of us: keep moving, take the next step, don’t stop, don’t quit and don’t give-in because Omega is about to experience “Double Jubilee.” She’s coming out of any doom gloom or destruction that has plagued her. Omega’s next 100 years will be even greater than her former. The Founders are shouting from the Celestial gates in glory for us to believe this message, because we have survived the test of times. Long Live Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.!

Yours in Christ and Brotherhood,

Christopher T. Curry
Brother Rev. Dr. Christopher T. Curry
Grand Chaplain
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Executive Director Job Vacancy

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has initiated a search to fill the following full time position.

Executive Director
Interested individuals should forward their resumes electronically to: humanresources@oppf.org or send a hard copy to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 3951 Snapfinger Parkway, Suite 202, Decatur, GA 30035, Attention: Human Resources Committee.

Interested individuals should include in their cover letter, why they are interested in the Executive Director position and how they have demonstrated the required competencies of the position in the past. In your signature block, please indicate your name, current Fraternity chapter of affiliation and your control number.

All resumes must be received or postmarked no later than March 31, 2011.

Job Title: Executive Director
Location: International Headquarters, Atlanta, GA
Reports To: Grand Basileus
Annual Salary Range: $85,000 - $115,000

Position Summary

The incumbent will be responsible for the management of the staff of the International Headquarters (IHQ) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and provide leadership to the staff responsible for the processing of relevant information and meeting the needs of the membership in accordance with constitutional directives and administrative and operational requirements of the Fraternity; manage employee relations, work assignments and performance processes; ensure career development of staff by managing regular performance reviews, providing feedback and developing action plans; handle issues pertaining to employees, membership, and/or vendors; monitor staff productivity in accordance with established performance standards. It is understood that functional guidance and direction may also be provided by selected Grand Officers. He will also be responsible for internal systems such as record-keeping, Track-It and the Lock Box program to ensure efficiencies are achieved; accountable for fiscal management of IHQ related budgetary items; work effectively with the Grand Basileus and other officers and appointees on all matters as requested.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Manage the administrative processes and transactional interface of the Fraternity through the functions assigned to staff located at the International Headquarters (IHQ)
- Provide leadership and supervision to the staff of the IHQ operation. Manage the staff selection process regarding all open positions within the IHQ.
- Manage the human resources programs and processes of IHQ employees. Ensure the resolution of issues of conflict that develop between employees within the department.
- Ensure the career development of staff by establishing position objectives; conducting regular performance reviews and providing feedback and action plans for improvement.
- Handle inquiries from the Fraternity membership that are above the authority and scope of the membership staff.
- Monitor the productivity output of the membership staff in accordance with established performance goals and standards and requests made by the Supreme Council.
- Overall responsibility for record-keeping systems, chapter status and other membership related data sources to include insurance, College Endowment Fund (CEF) payments, the Track-It system and Lock Box program.
- Responsive to direction, as appropriate, from the Grand Officers regarding other functional areas within the IHQ.
- Works in concert with the Grand Basileus to ensure efficient follow-through of the Grand Officers’ directives.
- Fiscal management of the IHQ budget.
- Maintain and provide, as requested, financial reports of departmental expenditures.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the Grand Basileus or other Grand Officers as appropriate.

Desired Competencies:

- Customer Service Orientation
- Strong Business Acumen
- Quality & Process Management
- Strong Interpersonal Skills
- Cost Consciousness
- Strong Organizational Skill
- Effective Writing & Oral Skills
- Professionalism
- Effective people Managements
- Team Orientation
- Results Orientation
- Leadership Skills
- Change Management
- Computer Literate

Qualifications:

Requires a Bachelor’s degree with at least 8 years of experience in the field of administrative management. Candidate must be familiar with a variety of administrative concepts, practices and procedures. Demonstrated customer and people management; financial and budgetary skills; relies on extensive experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is expected. Quality and change management is desirable. Candidate must be a member in good standing with the Fraternity.
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Centennial Registration Form
July 27-31, 2011
Washington, DC

To COMPLETE form, carefully read all information including Rules & Regulations and the Agenda.
One form per Brother.

OMEGA MEMBER: ____________________________ CONTROL NUMBER: ______________________
Chapter: __________________________________ Location: ________________________
Home Address: ________________________________________________________________
Home Telephone: __________________ Work Telephone: _____________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________________________

# Enclosed Amount
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(2 Service Awards Breakfasts, Undergraduate Luncheon, Founders Banquet);
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Phone#(H)___________________ (Cell)_________________ (Email)________________________
Dietary/MedicalNeeds___________________________________________________________

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Gloves” Luncheon, Quettes in Motion Boat Ride, Shopping Trip, and Chocolate City Tour. *Due to high
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“Omega Kids on the Move”
Registration Form

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Youth Age_______ (must be 12 years old to attend activities w/out
parents) Tee Shirt Size___________
Omega Member's Name______________________________________
Control#__________________________________________________
Chapter Affiliation_________________________________________
Parent's Name_____________________________________________
Phone #(H)_______________________(Cell)__________________
Mailing Address___________________________________________
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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has joined forces with President Barack Obama to promote fatherhood and highlight the importance of fathers playing an active and responsible role in the lives of their children.

Chapters are asked to help raise the awareness about the importance of responsible parenting and celebrate exemplary fathers who are engaged in their children’s lives.

They also should form partnerships in their communities that support fatherhood programs.

“We have a unique opportunity to get what the Founders envisioned and give back to our communities,” said Brother Ray Johnson, Basileus of Beta Kappa Kappa Chapter in High Point, N.C. and a member of the Fatherhood Initiative Committee.

“It is important that we take that stand,” Johnson said.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is the only Greek-lettered organization to be a strategic partner in the effort, said Brother Thabiti Boone, international committee chairman.

“With the leadership of Grand Basileus Dr. Ray, the Supreme Council and the support of all Omegas, we will continue to be on the front line for President Obama, leveraging our Omega power, influence and 100 years of commitment to uplifting our people and communities,” Brother Boone said.

In June 2009, Brother Boone attended a meeting at the White House on fatherhood and mentoring. Throughout those meetings, he noticed there were no representatives from other black-Greek organizations. He then shared with those at the meetings that he was an Omega and the Fraternity may be willing to support the effort.

President Obama and his staff gladly welcomed the Fraternity to be a part of the initiative. A resolution to support the Fatherhood Initiative was approved during the 76th Grand Conclave in Raleigh, NC.

“This is an historic milestone in the history of the Fraternity,” Boone said. “Omega is a 100-year-old fraternal organization that is working side by side with an African-American president.”

Three years ago, President Obama created a national dialogue by asking fathers and families of all backgrounds to share the challenges they faced.

“I recognize and honor how critical every father is in the lives of their children...we also need fathers to realize that their responsibility does not end at conception...we need them to realize that what makes you a man is not the ability to have a child, but the courage to raise one...nowhere is father absence more critical than in the African-American community.”

President Obama has continued the dialogue through the Fatherhood Initiative. He has requested a $500 million budget for a Fatherhood, Marriage and Families Innovation Fund.

The fund would issue grants to non-profits that support fathers and families, including job training programs and economic incentives. The initiative would also make funding available for domestic violence and ex-offender programs.

Such efforts are sorely needed, Brother Boone said. According to the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC), reported that there are about 25 million children who do not live with their biological fathers.

Children without a father are at least two to three times more likely to be poor, to use drugs, to experience educational, health and emotional and behavioral problems.
They are more likely to be victims of child abuse and to engage in criminal behavior than their peers who live with their married, biological (or adoptive) parents, according to the research. Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior and avoid high-risk behaviors, the study revealed.

Brother Robert Fairchild, Former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and committee co-chair, said local chapters must play a critical role in this national effort. Chapters should find ways to work to change government policies in their communities that address the custodial rights and support projects that assist fathers.

Government agencies should be challenged to cross departmental lines to foster better communications, and create working relationships to assess and address policies that affect a father’s involvement in the lives of their children.

“The absence of a father has a significant impact on a child,” Fairchild said. “We can put our collective arms around this problem and by doing so; we can make a very powerful statement.”

Fairchild said most fathers want to be involved with their children, but are challenged by many barriers, such as child support, incarceration, unemployment, and visitation rights.

“In meetings we have held with fathers, you can see the frustrations they are experiencing,” he said. “When you see that frustration, it is evident that some men are trying to do the right thing.”

In recent years, the Fraternity has hosted forums during at the annual Congressional Black Caucus weekend in Washington, D.C.

The forums were co-sponsored by Jim Clyburn, Jesse Jackson Jr., Hank Johnson and Kendrick Meeks, who are each members of Congress and Omegas. Those sessions were packed and well received, Fairchild said.

Since the launch of the initiative, various Fraternity members have met with government officials. Brother Boone has testified at Congressional hearings in support of the Fatherhood Initiative legislation.

He also attended a town hall forum at Morehouse College that was sponsored by the White House. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder participated in the dialogue.

The Fraternity’s Fatherhood Initiative Committee has representatives from each district.

Throughout the year, Fraternity members who are fathers will be asked to sign pledge cards where they promise to be responsible fathers and play an active role in the lives of their children.

The Obama administration has launched an e-newsletter at Fatherhood.org, offering parenting advice and stressing the role of dads in families.
76th International Grand Conclave
### Talent Hunt Awards

#### 76th Grand Conclave Talent Hunt Performers (Award Recipients)

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Travis A. Melvin – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – 6th District ($6500)
Richard Way, III – Florida Memorial University – 7th District ($6500)
Reginald Stocking – Linwood University – 8th District ($6500)
MacAndrew T. Clarke – Carleton University, Canada – 13th District ($6500)

Founders’ Memorial Scholarship
Ajibola A. Fajimolu – Drake University – 8th District (Undergraduate) ($5000)
Eddie R. Cole, Jr. – Indiana University at Bloomington – 10th District (Graduate) ($5000)
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Herman Dreer Scholarship/Leadership Award
Christian D. Menefee – University of Texas at San Antonio – 9th District ($5000)

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Blair E. Alexander, Jr. – Morehouse College – 7th District ($7500)

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Jeremy L. Whidbee – Elizabeth City State University – 6th District ($6500)

Creative Research Fellowship
McKinley E. Melton – University of Massachusetts at Amherst – 1st District ($5000)

George E. Mears Scholarship
Eddie R. Cole, Jr. – Indiana University at Bloomington – 10th District ($5000)

Undergraduate / Graduate Scholarship Grant
Gavin Monroe – Iowa State University – 8th District (Undergraduate) ($5000)
Lennitt A. Bligen – Massachusetts Institute of Technology – 1st District (Graduate) ($5000)
**Alpha Nu Chapter sponsors Blood Drive**

**Stamford, CT** - Alpha Nu Chapter, in partnership with Union Baptist Church, conducted a blood drive which took place on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Thanks to the coordination and planning of Brother Mike Pollard, the Blood Bank received over 46 pints of blood.

Alpha Nu participated in several ways including blood donations, escorting donors from the donation table to recovery area, and replenishing the canteen for donors with fruit and other items. The Chapter had 10 brothers in attendance for this early fall social action activity. Alpha Nu will continue with special family projects, including the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects. The Chapter sponsors “Feed the Homeless” in the Bridgeport Connecticut area.

**Re-Activation of Gamma Chapter**

**Making a difference in the Boston Area**

**Boston, MA**—Authorized on December 13, 1916, Gamma Chapter just recently celebrated its 94th anniversary with great pride and celebration. In 1996 Gamma Chapter, like many of our Fraternity’s single letter chapters, fell inactive. Yet through the tireless efforts of many brothers, young and old, it is with great enthusiasm and uncontrollable joy, that we announce to you that Gamma Chapter has been REACTIVATED. Twelve brothers, thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit, have gained financial status in the chapter, thus lifting it out of its inactive state. The members consist of past Gamma undergraduates who were either reclaimed or transferred from their current chapter into Gamma.

Brother Claude Tolbert (Spring 1992) vigorously worked with the First District executive team, to orchestrate the path to reinstatement. It is now up to us to make sure Gamma Chapter reclaims its greatness. Our chapter mission centers around reestablishing our presence in the Boston area through planned social events and community outreach. Our intent is to restore the legacy of Gamma leadership in Boston and to attract quality undergraduate members to continue the tradition begun December 13, 1916.

As Bishop Love stated, “First and foremost a Que must be a man of sterling worth…” Bishop Love wrote this in a letter to William James on November 7, 1963. We know Bishop Love is delighted that he took the time to live unselfishly and to challenge other men to do so. If you have ever had the opportunity to visit Gamma Chapter you know our monarch “GAMMA CHAPTER, NO QUESTION!” There is no question that our beloved Founder Bishop Edgar Amos Love’s legacy continues on.
Brother John Gibbons confirmed as U. S. Marshal for Massachusetts

Agawam, MA - Brother John Gibbons was initiated into the Fraternity in 1984 at Delta Chi Chapter and is a Life Member. He has held the offices of Chapter Basileus, Chaplain and District Chaplain. Brother Gibbons is active in the community and his church, Chair of the Deacon Board at MLK Jr. Church. He holds a BS and MS from American International College and retired from the Massachusetts State Police at the rank of Detective Lt. after 20 plus years on the job.

Brother John Gibbons, 53, is a native of Newark, N.J. who currently resides in Agawam, Massachusetts. He is a former football star in both high school and college. Shelby Gibbons is his wife of more than 25 years and a college administrator at Springfield Technical Community College. Their son, Jonathon Gibbons, graduated from Sacred Heart University and is currently enrolled in a master’s program.

In July 2009, the late U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy and U.S. Senator John F. Kerry, D-Mass., recommended Brother Gibbons for the U.S. Marshal’s position for Massachusetts to President Barack H. Obama.

President Obama submitted John Gibbon’s name for confirmation in November and on December 24, 2009 the full senate voted to confirm Brother John Gibbons as the new U.S. Marshal for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With this confirmation, he became the first African-American to hold the position of U.S. Marshal for Massachusetts.

Birmingham, England—When our Founders charted the course of our beloved Fraternity almost 100 years ago, it is without question that while they sought to expand beyond the halls of Howard University as evidenced by their desire for national incorporation, they could hardly have imagined planting fraternal seeds in the United Kingdom. Building this once impossible bridge are two Omega men made in the First District: Brothers Trevor Hodge and Chris Adams.

Based in Birmingham, England, Brother Trevor Hodge arrived in the United Kingdom in September 2009. Shortly after his arrival, he connected with the Theta Rho International Chapter (European Chapter) based primarily in Germany. Since arriving there, he’s been appointed the chapter’s first ever United Kingdom Area Coordinator. Among other responsibilities, this role requires him to represent the Chapter and the Fraternity in his designated area and manage membership and social action activities.

Within the past few months, he’s spearheaded a mentoring partnership with Hamstead Hall School where mentoring and tutoring services are provided to black male students. Through Brother Hodge’s initiative, the Fraternity has established a relationship with a center that provides services to black and other minority families who are victims of domestic violence.

Brother Hodge was initiated in 2008 in the Delta Chi Chapter, Springfield, MA and is the Head of Postgraduate Recruitment at Coventry University.

Brother Chris Adams arrived in the United Kingdom in July 2010 and is based in London, England. Initiated in 2009, he brings to the UK Area, experience from (his chapter of initiation), Eta Phi, Boston, MA and more recently, through his work in Omicron Gamma Gamma, Arlington, TX. Brother Adams has been actively engaged in the making of Omega history in the United Kingdom. Specifically, he has been tasked to lead the post-initiation education process of the first ever Omega man to be made on United Kingdom soil.

Brother Adams currently works as a Fixed Income Trader with Eiger Securities of London.

Brothers Hodge and Adams are the critical conduits in the United Kingdom’s expansion of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
SECOND DISTRICT NEWS

Brother Scott Watson
Ordained to Priesthood

Rockland County, NY – On Sunday, December 5, 2010, the words Axios! Axios! Axios! (meaning “worthy” in Greek) resounded throughout the nave of Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Millville, NJ. These traditional acclamations proclaimed that Brother Irenaeus (Scott) Watson, the Chaplain of Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Rockland County, New York, had been ordained a priest in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR).

A 1981 graduate of Appalachian State University, Father Irenaeus (Scott) Watson, is a 30-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., initiated on the charter line at Appalachian State May 17, 1980. He served as Basileus of the then colony, which is now Psi Mu Chapter. During his years at Appalachian State University, he was elected to membership in the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and the Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society. Father Irenaeus is also a 1993 graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, where he served on the adjunct faculty as a Greek Teaching Fellow following his matriculation.

He has been an active Omega man in his post-undergraduate experience in Zeta Tau Chapter, Pasadena, CA; Beta Phi Chapter, Durham, NC; and presently Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Rockland County, NY. He has served as an officer in each chapter and has also been awarded the Omega Man of the Year Award in each chapter.

Father Irenaeus is one of a handful of Black clergy in ROCOR, which has traditionally been a strongly ethnic Russian Orthodox jurisdiction with services conducted in the language of Old Church Slavonic.

Father Irenaeus is a Western Rite Orthodox priest, who celebrates the Divine Liturgy according to a form of the Roman Rite. His desire is to embody true Christian manhood and shine the light of Jesus Christ in the world through the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith. Father Irenaeus will serve as priest at Saint Ambrose Orthodox Church, Putnam Valley, NY. He is married to Matushka Eudocia (Jennis) Brandon-Watson. They reside in Suffern, New York. May God grant many years to his priesthood!

Omicron Chi honors the late Baseball Legend Brother Joe Black

Plainfield, NJ -- On Saturday, September 25, 2010, the men of Omicron Chi Chapter participated in a ceremony to formally rename the Hub Stine Baseball Complex the “Joe Black Baseball Field.” Brother Black, a native of Plainfield, NJ died in 2002 at the age of 78. The late Brother Black became the first black player in Major League Baseball history to win a World Series game, when he pitched the Brooklyn Dodgers to a Game 1 victory over the New York Yankees in 1952. Brother Black earned “Rookie of the Year” honors that same year. He pitched three more seasons with the Dodgers before playing for Cincinnati and Washington.

After retiring from baseball in the late 1950s, Brother Black returned to his native Plainfield where he taught at the city’s Hubbard Middle School. The late Brother Black is believed to be the only player in Major League Baseball history to teach in a public school after retiring from baseball. After teaching, Brother Black went to work for the Greyhound Bus Co. in Arizona where he became an executive for the firm.

Plainfield city officials settled on renaming the baseball field where Brother Black once said he wanted his ashes scattered when he died----the same ball field where a Major League Baseball scout once told Black that he would never play professional baseball because of the color of his skin.

Brother Joe Black was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1946 through Pi Chapter at Morgan State University and also received Master’s Degrees from Seton Hall and Rutgers Universities.
**Omicron Chi Partners with area organizations for Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive**

Plainfield, NJ- On Wednesday June 9, 2010, the Omicron Chi Chapter hosted a community-wide blood drive. The Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive was held at the Boys and Girl Club of America in Plainfield, NJ with the primary goal of supporting the fight against Sickle Cell disease in the African-American community. The Eastern Region office of the American Red Cross facilitated and staffed the event.

Omicron Chi Chapter's blood drive was held in partnership with Mu Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Nu Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the Central New Jersey Chapter of NPHC, and Boys and Girls Club of Plainfield, NJ. The Keystone Club, the teen leadership group of the Boys and Girls Club, took lead on coordinating and advertising the blood drive to the local Plainfield community.

The event was a tremendous success with 52 donors participating throughout the day. Thirty two pints of “usable” blood were collected and immediately available for distribution by the American Red Cross.

“We certainly enjoy partnering with Omega men on the many community service projects they have!”

**Delta Upsilon Chapter hosts Annual Health and Career Fair with AKAs**

Trenton, NJ—On October 9, 2010, the Delta Upsilon Chapter, in cooperation with the Epsilon Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Institute for Wonderful Women Working for Empowerment, sponsored a community health fair in an effort to raise awareness of healthcare needs and careers in the healthcare field. Over 200 people attended and participated in a variety of health screenings and health awareness workshops.

In an interview with the Trentonian local newspaper, Brother Ron Williams, health initiatives chairperson for Delta Upsilon Chapter, said, “health and employment are major focuses for Delta Upsilon, which is why we helped organize and participated in the event.”

“For more than 60 years, Delta Upsilon Chapter has supported and participated in many events that bring health education and health awareness to the greater Trenton community,” Williams said. “Teaming with two fine organizations like the AKAs and IWWWE helps us get our message out to an even broader audience.”
Second District News

By Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel, Basileus Delta Upsilon Chapter

Trenton, NJ – October 2010 - As I meet brothers, who for one reason or another, aren’t active members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., I remind them -- as should you -- we need them!

Why? The benefits of being recognized as a fully reclaimed and active member of our beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. rests on the pedestal of our Founders. In the blind darkness of fear, tears and uncertainty, their commitment and acceptance of Omega and the good of humankind should be continued with unwavering and steadfast determination.

In my opinion, the answer to reclamation and active membership, start and end with the principal reason many of us joined the Fraternity. Whether it was during our pre- or post-college years, Omega touched our life in some significant way. For many of us, at the very core of our reason for searching and acquiring the knowledge of Omega was to be a part of an organization of like-minded men, but more importantly, many simply wanted to serve the greater good. Regardless of any other personal selfish motivation one may have had, the true underlining reason for many seeking Omega was the ideal that “collective” efforts would have a greater impact on world and life events than any individual effort going it alone.

Some of us will agree that throughout our lives, we did not become who we are by ourselves. Whether it was a spiritual epiphany or a strong neighborhood watch program or a family that was there every step of the way or another individual who was supportive and encouraging, most of us would undoubtedly agree, that we had help.

Many of us saw Omega to be that institution where collective wisdom and sweat equity could have a significant influence in addressing the social ills of our times while at the same time building the kind of positive character and lives that we wished to lead ourselves. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, through the cardinal principals, many of us continue to embrace and carry the message of work collaboration and responsibility to others. The sojourn never ends. This brings us back to the question of what benefit is derived from being a fully reclaimed and active Brother of our great Fraternity?

The answer lies not in any personal benefit that you may seek or acquire by your active participation in Omega. Rather, the real benefit comes from how much others will benefit from your active participation and involvement. By being fully reclaimed and active, you are supporting the Fraternity’s cardinal principles, programs and events through your experiences, knowledge and financial commitment, all the while helping to build a lasting legacy for those following in our path. It is the service to others that is your benefit and the feeling that as an active participant in the Omega family, something greater can be accomplished.

In reality, each individual seeking Omega has two goals. The first is to become Omega. It is a rudimentary and finite goal and whether you “pledged” or are selected, it is attained by everyone who takes our sacred oath. The second goal, however, is a loftier one and is rarely accomplished by the “TRUE” Omega Man. This goal is at the very core of Omega’s ideals and its existence. It is the goal with which our beloved Founders set for themselves and others in order to build the strong and lasting bridge known as Omega Psi Phi. It is the goal to continually serve others. It is the benefit that one receives when one is fully reclaimed and active. There is always more work to be done for those less fortunate. So embrace this benefit and join other “TRUE” Omega men in getting closer and closer to accomplishing this indefinite goal. Your benefits will be substantial. DON’T YOU JUST LOVE COOPER & COLEMAN and the principles of our beloved Fraternity?

By Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel
Basileus Delta Upsilon Chapter
Delta Upsilon Chapter & Other Greeks lend helping hands

Trenton, NJ—On Saturday September 25, 2010, Delta Upsilon brothers participated in a “Build Day” at Habitat for Humanity (HFH) -Trenton Area. The Build Day, organized by the Delta Upsilon Social Action Committee, was the second of this year and is a continuation of Delta Upsilon’s support for Habitat-Trenton’s effort in building homes for people in need.

The building project received significant and enthusiastic support from the Social Action Committee of the Trenton area alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Epsilon Xi Zeta Chapter). Our Build Day crew consisted of twelve members as follows: four (4) Delta Upsilon Brothers: Aula Sumbry (Social Action Committee Chairman), Kevin Derricotte, Charlie Williams, and Eugene Mc Cray (HFH project facilitator); Seven (7) Delta Sisters: Anita Wemple, Barrie Bullock, Jennifer Council, Kendra Basnight (Social Action Committee Chairwoman), Tywanette “Missy” Balmir, Narvis Patterson, Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (Trenton East Ward City Council Woman), Rosalind Council and Zeta Phi Beta Sister Iva McBride.

Theta Mu Mu Chapter helps students “Put Their Best Foot Forward” & Steps Out with the American Diabetes Association

Baltimore County, MD- On Sunday, August 29, 2010 brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter donated over 100 pairs of brand new shoes to Empowerment Temple A.M.E. Church’s Best Foot Forward Campaign. Rev. Dr. Jamal H. Bryant, pastor of Empowerment Temple A.M.E. Church, led efforts to collect new sneakers, hoping it would provide equal footing for students to put “their best foot forward.” Theta Mu Mu Chapter donations were acknowledged during the morning service. Over 3,000 pairs of shoes were collected and students from all over the city were able to come to the church to receive them. This is the first year the church has sponsored the event, but organizers hope it’s the first of many years to come. Students also picked up school supplies to head back to school with a bang.

Baltimore County, MD- On Saturday, October 2, 2010 brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter volunteered at the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Step Out 5K: Walk to Fight Diabetes at Rash Field in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. The ADA is the only non-profit organization supporting all 23.6 million Americans living with diabetes—including type 1 and type 2 diabetes; children and adults. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives a voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health problems the African-American community faces today. Compared to the general population, African-Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes. Brothers of Theta Mu Mu were involved with on-site registration, VIP parking, and race logistics/breakdown. Every dollar raised helps the American Diabetes Association provide education programs in our community, protect the rights of people with diabetes and fund critical research for a cure.
Prince George’s County, MD - It is the only school in the country named for Dr. Ernest Everett Just. And now, it is the only place in the country that has a statue in the likeness of the esteemed Brother Dr. E. E. Just.

On August 20, 2010, a long-time dream was realized with the ceremonial unveiling of Brother Just’s majestic statue before a large contingent of brothers and supporters. The statue in front of the Ernest Everett Just Middle School in Prince George’s County, MD, marks the historic accomplishments of an African-American scientist who achieved and excelled in the biological sciences field while breaking through many difficult racial and social barriers. For Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the bronze likeness is a testament to the timelessness of the Four Cardinal Principles and a man who helped create them. The statue will forever be a monument to Brother Dr. Just’s commitment to Scholarship.

Approximately 200 brothers from Gamma Pi Chapter and the surrounding area, along with community representatives, dedicated the statute to Brother Dr. Just at the front of the school. Numerous dignitaries attended, including U.S. Representative Donna Edwards and Brother State Senator Ulysses Currie. Kathryn Just, of Washington, D.C., a granddaughter of Brother Dr. Just, was also in attendance.

At the center of the years-long effort was the eight-year-old Ernest E. Just Foundation, which is headed by Brother Wesley Jarmon, Jr., a member of Gamma Pi. Brother Jarmon has dedicated the past several years of his life working with Maryland State officials, the Prince George’s County School Board and the Just Foundation, as well as several Just family members, to have the statue crafted and erected on the school property. Other supporters include the Omega Life Membership Foundation. Brother State Senator Ulysses Currie, who represents the local community in the State Legislature, also worked diligently on the project behind the scenes. He introduced a bill to sponsor the $150,000 funding for the project. The project got the final go-ahead in March 2009 when it was announced at the Governor’s Cabinet Meeting.

Ironically, Brother Jarmon previously served the Just Middle School as a PTA president. For years, he envisioned a statue on the school’s grounds as a tribute to Dr. Just’s work in the sciences, not to mention his legacy as a Founder of the Fraternity. Thousands of Omega men are within an hour’s drive of the statue, and hopefully every Omega man who comes to the area can make their way to this magnificent sculpture. Brother Just’s final resting place is not far from the school at the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Suitland, MD.

Brother Jarmon says the Brother Just likeness is more than just a statue, it’s also an inspiration to students at the school to develop an interest in science and excel at it as Brother Dr. Just did, even under unpleasant and trying circumstances. The inscription on the statue carries some powerful words of wisdom and challenge for a new generation of African-American scientists. It reads: “May the students that pass through these halls, find the seeds of the spirit of learning that Dr. Just planted to enhance everyone’s education.”

The statue, which stands seven-feet tall and weighs about 800 pounds, is the handiwork of world class artist Antonio “Toby” Mendez, who was commissioned in 2007 to build the bronze casting structure. Mendez is from Frederick, Maryland. The actual costs of the sculpture was $90,000 which allowed the other funds to be returned to the state.

“I really think it was very successful. The symbolism of having a statue of Dr. Just for kids to go by and see every day is so important for them to aspire to what they want to do,” said Brother Jarmon. “To know the struggles he went through to get to where he was, of course they can do the same thing. That is something that will always be there as a constant reminder of what they can do.”
Tau Pi Chapter–Mentoring 101

Columbia, MD - The brothers of Tau Pi Chapter are at it again with their latest group of mentors and mentees. Under the leadership of Brother Bart Griffin, Tau Pi's 2009 Omega Man of the Year, the mentees are learning some of life's critical lessons. First and foremost, the mentoring program serves as a catalyst to develop critical thinking and study skills, accountability, responsibility, self-worth and personal development among the young men.

This no-nonsense work environment is fully supported by the young men's parents as they provide transportation to and from an early Saturday morning session. Activities include teaching the young men how to research various topics, proper etiquette, and tying a necktie. The goal is to teach these young men in both the realms of academics and social development.

Lambda Gamma Gamma

“2010 Youth Leadership Conference”

Bowie State University, Bowie, MD – September 25, 2010, The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter presented the annual Youth Leadership Conference. The event was coordinated by Brother Lonnie McAllister II, Committee Chairman, and held at Bowie State University. The event provided an opportunity for young boys and girls from the metropolitan areas to benefit in life lessons, attitude and respect, dress to impress and motivation to reach goals. This event shows the commitment to the community from the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The conference hosted 300 youth and their parents. The age group was 12 -18 years of age. The day started out with registration for kids and parents with a light breakfast served. Registration consisted of an Uplift Foundation YLC T-shirt, raffle tickets for prizes, and tickets to the Bowie State football game later on that evening.

During the registration kids were seated in the auditorium and participated in a forum on the proper way to handle adversity. At 9:00 am, the conference started with the opening session with keynote speaker, The Honorable Brother Ronald C. Machen, Jr., the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Brother Machen shared some of his life experiences and experiences in the legal profession. The students were captivated and impressed by his professional accomplishments. Normally, they only see someone like him reaching the heights of a career they have only seen on “Law and Order.”

The students were then separated by gender and the ladies had a session on how to be a lady, how to respect oneself, and how to gain and demand respect. The young men's session was how to present oneself, how to dress and impress, and present a better attitude as a young man. LGG Basileus Brother Willie Williams praised the students and their parents for attending the sessions and investing their time for a brighter future.
Nu Nu Chapter Talent Hunt contestant wins at Second District Conference

Syracuse, NY – Ms. Jasmine Thompson, the Nu Nu Chapter Talent Hunt winner, was the winner in the Visual Arts category during the 62nd Annual Second District Conference held in Syracuse, NY. Ms. Thompson had an awesome visual display, and will be very successful in any and all future endeavors. CONGRATULATIONS, Jasmine!

Kappa Chapter– sponsors “Think Tank” to help others

Syracuse, NY (August 8, 2010). Brothers of Kappa Chapter collaborated with members of Phi Beta Sigma and the Syracuse University Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs (OMA) for a “Think Tank” with the incoming Syracuse University freshman class. The students were involved in the Summer Start program where students have an opportunity to take classes and become familiar with the campus in the summer before their first semester at Syracuse University.

The “Think Tank” is an event designed to allow black leaders on the Syracuse University campus to speak with students about issues they may encounter throughout their collegiate career. The event primarily focuses on aiding minorities in the adjustment period and raising the awareness level of diversity among college students.

The topics discussed involve; transitioning from high-school to a college environment, dealing with a possibly unfamiliar, predominantly Caucasian race dynamic in the classroom, and dealing with a more hefty workload in college. Kappa Chapter played an important role in the facilitation of the dialogue and setting the tone for topics of discussion. Approximately 70 new students participated in the event.

Kappa Chapter launches canned food drive for those in need

Syracuse, NY - On November 21, 2010 the brothers of the Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., held their annual Founders’ Week Canned Food Drive for the Syracuse University campus and the surrounding Syracuse community. The brothers and a few volunteers went door to door collecting canned food and non-perishable food items. At the conclusion of the day, approximately 500 lbs of food was collected.

A week prior to the event, brothers set up boxes to be used for donations at numerous positions around the campus. These locations included but were not limited to: fraternity and sorority houses of the IFC and Pan-Hellenic councils, dining halls, and in selected residence halls. The community’s cooperation was a tremendous asset and Kappa Chapter was able to accumulate over 500 lbs of food that was donated to the Dunbar Community Center for Children at the west side Syracuse Community.

Bro. Brandon Haye delivering canned foods and non-perishable food items to the Dunbar Center.
Pi Omega Chapter holds “Staying Alive” Community Health Fair

Baltimore, MD - (June 19, 2010). Pi Omega Chapter hosted the Pi Omega “Staying Alive Community Health Fair.” The Health Fair was the vision of Brothers John Berkley and Dwayne White. Approximately 96 African-American men had prostate screenings during the health fair.

Staff members of the Chesapeake Urology Center were impressed with the number of screenings performed. Omega men led by example and were acknowledged over the radio airwaves by Magic 95.9, who provided music for the event. Brothers Lasava Tidwell and Clarence Jeffers utilized their professional contacts, influence and expertise to implement and execute this most successful and rewarding “now” annual event. Brother William Haskett utilized his influence to donate over $6000 worth of food products which Pi Omega Chapter freely distributed to patrons during the Staying Alive Health Fair. Other health care providers gave bone density screenings, blood pressure screenings, and HIV/AIDS testing.

The neighborhood kids enjoyed book giveaways sponsored by the Enoch Pratt Library and Baltimore Reads. The Baltimore Fire Department distributed smoke detectors to the community residents and toys to the neighborhood children.

Gamma Pi Chapter’s Annual Seniors Banquet gets better each year

Prince George’s County, MD – One of the rites signaling the start of summer for many seniors in the local community is sitting down to the table with the local Omegas. Every year, senior citizens look forward to fellowship with the brothers and witnessing an entertaining and inspirational program from Gamma Pi Chapter. For many, it is simply a relaxing Saturday afternoon punctuated by a hot meal, exciting door prizes, live musical entertainment and a word from the “Good Book.” It is the chapter’s way of bringing Uplift to people who deserve it for all they have done.

Nearly 100 seniors joined the chapter for the 2010 Seniors Banquet. Among those in attendance, was State House Delegate Jolene Ivey (District 47). For many seniors attending the program, the highlight was the fellowship itself. In a world where so many seniors live alone or find themselves spending long stretches of time without companionship, the opportunity for them to come to a central location and just fellowship with others is a major attraction of the banquet. Seniors get all the attention at this event.

In addition to the fellowship, there was a stirring sermon delivered by Brother Rev. Rodney Barnes. Earlier this summer, Brother Barnes, was installed as the Assistant Pastor of Gethsemane AME Church in Landover, MD where his wife was also installed as the Senior Pastor. Brother Rev. Barnes, a police officer by day, talked to the “seasoned saints” about “living a life guided by the hand of God,” leaving many of the seniors wiping their brow and longing for more. Brother Marcus Davis and his sister, Stephanie, brought forth several musical selections and teamed with a guest musician, Brian Hill, on a soulful spiritual saxophone solo. Brother William Reese served as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Ikey Staton has become familiar to the seniors as “prize man” for leading the prize giveaways. In the tradition of powerful pulpit ministers within Gamma Pi, Chaplain Brother Dr. Gerald Folsom gave the opening prayer and also stirred souls by nearly breaking into a sermon of his own.

In a first, the chapter sponsored a very informative presentation on Stalking and Domestic Violence. Seniors are often the target of shifty schemes devised in the Digital Information Age. The presentation was given by Barbara Givens, a domestic violence support coordinator in the county and head of Seniors Against Stalking and Domestic Violence in the county.
Brother David H. Reid, Jr. celebrates 101st birthday & 83 years in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Washington, DC - Brother David H. Reid, Jr. (Upsilon, 1927) celebrated his 101st birthday on May 17, 2010. In 2009, he was feted with a grand centennial birthday celebration. Among the many accolades was a special purple and gold birthday card from the brotherhood, plus a Centennial Proclamation from Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr., 38th Grand Basileus.

Brother David H. Reid, Jr, was born in Raleigh, NC on May 17, 1909 and was first introduced to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Shaw University located in that city. At that time there were no high schools in Raleigh that African-Americans could attend. However, both Shaw and St. Augustine, the other predominantly black college in Raleigh, offered high school courses. Brother Reid was impressed with the Omega brotherhood and after his graduation from Shaw’s high school curriculum in the spring of 1926, he entered Wilberforce University of Ohio, and in the fall of that year was inducted into the Lampados Club.

A year later, on a cold and dreary day in mid-November 1927, he, along with his other two line brothers, were taken from the campus and walked a distance to what they assumed was a house. To his surprise they were led down another staircase to a sub-basement with a dirt floor, where the induction rights of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity were administered. Brother Reid and his two line brothers arose as new, proud members of the Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. His Omega brand, though faded, is still identifiable on his chest. Brother Reid returned to Raleigh, for Thanksgiving, so proud of his Omega pin, and wore it almost constantly.

During the initiation, it was revealed that the sub-basement was a station of the Underground Railroad. The house was owned by “Mother Young,” wife of the deceased Brother Colonel Charles Young, the highest ranking black officer (Lt. Colonel) in the United States Army until his death in 1922. The Colonel Charles Young house is a National Historic Landmark in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Brother Reid and other chapter brothers tutored young men in mathematics, science and English, many of whom later became Omegas. Brother Reid recollects that there were not many members of the Fraternity at Wilberforce at that time. The academic and character standards of the Fraternity were so strict that few were eligible and even fewer were chosen.

Brother Reid graduated Wilberforce in 1930, and after a year in Raleigh, entered the Howard University School of Medicine along with Brother John Oliver, a fellow member of Upsilon Chapter. He joined Alpha Omega Chapter in 1931 until 1935. He graduated from the Medical School and returned to Raleigh. Taking the North Carolina medical boards, he achieved the highest score ever recorded for the examination. There was no graduate Omega Chapter in Raleigh, but he spent much of his time with the undergraduate brothers from Shaw and St. Augustine, encouraging them to be the best they can be, and emphasized the importance of character and education.

In 1939, Brother Reid returned to Washington, DC, rejoined Alpha Omega and opened his medical practice. He served Alpha Omega in many capacities, including Keeper of Finance. He was always interested in the activities of the Alpha Chapter at Howard and offered his assistance in any way possible. His son, Dr. David H. Reid III, was initiated into Omega, through Alpha Chapter, on April 4, 1964. His lifelong companion and wife, Rachael, died in 1992.

As a word to the younger Omega brothers, “Remember the Cardinal Principles and the meaning of each of the Pearls. Walk tall, excel in education, yet be humble in the face of God.”

Brother Reid fondly remembers numerous Alpha Omega brothers: the Oliver brothers, John and Basil, Frank Page Bolden, Father H. Albion Farrell, and James Quander, founder of the Les Jeune Hommes, the Omega interest group. These are men with whom he developed special personal friendships. Not surprising, after all, “Friendship is essential to the Soul.”

By Bro. Dr. David H. Reid, III and Bro. Rohulamin Quander
Braving the sweltering heat and an impending thunderstorm, 300 hard core supporters gathered in Section Three at Arlington Cemetery on June 1, 2010 for the 97th anniversary of the burial of Colonel Charles Young who had died on January 8, 1922 while serving as Military Attaché to Liberia. Labeled “A Day of Recognition,” it became crystal clear that the gathering shared a single mission – “to secure a promotion to Brigadier General for Charles Young, the son of former slaves, who was born in Mayslick, Kentucky on March 12, 1864.” His father, Gabriel, who had served with the Fifth Regiment of the Colored Artillery (Heavy) Volunteers during the Civil War, moved his family to Ripley, Ohio where young Charles would attend an all-white school and graduate at the tender age of 16 at the top of his class. He became a teacher in the black high school in Ripley. Later he would enter a competitive examination for an appointment as a cadet at West Point. After enduring the trials and tribulations of blatant racism, he became the third black to graduate from West Point and began an illustrious career which would eventually result in his assignment and death in Nigeria.

Organized by Charles Blatcher, III and the National Veterans Coalition, with funding from the Omega Psi Phi - John H. Williams International Museum, the ceremony began with a presentation of colors by the Spingarn and Dunbar (DC) High School Junior ROTC units, followed by greetings from Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr., 38th Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in recognition of COL Young. Other comments were rendered by BG (Retired) Robert A. Cocroft, current President of the NABVETS, DC City Councilman Steven Glaude, Judge James L. Gallenstein of Kentucky, and Mae I. Gill-Hawkins of the NAACP. Justin Baker, Staff Assistant to Congresswoman Barbara Lee of California presented House Resolution 5308, which would authorize the belated promotion of Colonel Young to Brigadier General. Historical justification and a brief biography of Colonel Young was narrated by Colonel Franklin J. Henderson (Ret-USA), who had journeyed from Los Angeles to make his appeal to Congress.

Despite the ever-present heat, the participants from 12 states and the District of Columbia weathered a thunderstorm to hear Lt. General Arthur J. Gregg (USA-Retired) and Mr. Blatcher present excerpts from the eulogies by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (1921-1924) and W.E.B. Du-Bois, Founder of the NAACP and Editor of the Crisis. Mr. Roosevelt, son of the famed Rough Rider and President, stated, “No man ever more truly deserved the high repose in which he was held, for by sheer force of character he overcame prejudices which would have discouraged many a lesser man.” Mr. Blatcher concluded with DuBois’ poetic words, “He is dead. But the heart of the Great Black Race, the Ancient of Days, the undying and Eternal - rises and salutes his shining memory: Well done! Charles Young, Soldier and Man and unswerving Friend.”

The ceremony appropriately ended with a reception, hosted by Congresswoman Lee, in the Caucus Room of the House of Representatives where the Baltimore and DC Chapters of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Calvary Association stressed the urgency of securing wide-spread support for House Resolution 5308. The reception was sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi- John H. Williams International Museum.
Brother Ralph McGhee (Nu Psi 1938) presented 70-Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Headquarters

Newport News, VA - Brother Ralph W. McGhee was presented his 70-year award from the national headquarters by the Basileus of Alpha Alpha Chapter. Brother McGhee was born on June 14, 1916 and was initiated at Nu Psi Chapter at Virginia State College in 1938.

Brother McGhee received his master’s degree from Hampton Institute (University) and taught Industrial Arts at Huntington High School in Newport News for over 25 years. He later taught at Menchville High School until his retirement in 1980.

After retirement, Brother McGhee traveled extensively to Europe, the Caribbean, Asia, Canada and many of the cities in the United States. He was also active in his bowling league until his 90th birthday. Brother McGhee is a member of Trinity Baptist Church and serves as a church trustee. He also enjoys fishing, photography, listening to jazz and spending time with family (his wife Gwen, four children, Miriam, Janet, Cynthia and Ralph Jr, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren). Brother McGhee has held many leadership positions in Alpha Alpha Chapter.

Pi Gamma Chapter raises Norfolk State University Scholarship Endowment Fund to $72,000

Norfolk, VA — The Pi Gamma Chapter recently raised its scholarship endowment fund for undergraduates of Pi Gamma at Norfolk State University to $72,380. The name of the account is The Pi Gamma Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Student Leaders Memorial Scholarship Endowment Account. A check was presented to key leadership at Norfolk State University on October 23, 2010, during halftime of NSU’s homecoming football game in front of 25,000 fans.

The fund is expected to provide two $500 scholarships per semester for an undergraduate who is active in the Pi Gamma Chapter, demonstrates financial need, and is involved in student activities on campus at NSU. The chapter and Chapter Advisor, Dr. Leroy Hamilton, will vote to select scholarship recipients. The funds will be returned to the account if there is no applicant. The endowment account will remain at $72,380 or above.

The graduate brothers and alumni of NSU who participated are to be commended for their financial support and their enthusiasm toward completing this phase for the account. The next phase is to surpass the $100,000 mark in 2011. Pi Gamma alumni will continue to give back to NSU and especially to PG. This account recognizes Pi Gamma’s Brothers of the past, present and future. According to Louis Wright, Executive Director of Development, “Pi Gamma Chapter’s Alumni set the standard for all other Greek organizations to follow at NSU.”

The brothers of Pi Gamma Chapter would like to thank Louis Wright and Phillip Adams at NSU for their continued support in this project.
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Mu Iota donates $1,325.00 to American Red Cross of Greater Columbus

Columbus, OH - Mu Iota Chapter was already in the process of preparing for its 2010 Talent Hunt when the earthquake unfortunately struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. Fortunately since the Chapter’s Talent Hunt Program had three corporate sponsors to underwrite this year’s event. The Talent Hunt Committee, along with the Mu Iota Chapter, decided to donate the proceeds from the Talent Hunt ticket donations to the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus.

On April 7, 2010, members of Mu Iota Chapter presented a check in the amount of $1,325.00 to the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus. Michele B. Cenci, Director of Financial Development and Read G. Harris Chief Services Officer were very impressed with the organization and efforts of Mu Iota Chapter and look forward to partnering with the Chapter on future endeavors such as the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive, Disaster Relief and Preparedness, CPR and First Aid Training and Community Transportation.

Xi Iota Iota Chapter awards $8,000 to local high school students

Piqua, OH – Xi Iota Iota Chapter honors four as students of the year in their respective cities of Piqua, Sidney, Troy, and Lima. The students were selected for their academic and extracurricular activities.

Ryan Covington, Sidney High School – Ryan Covington is the son of Teresa Covington. Ryan has a 3.85 GPA and has had high honors since he was a freshman. Ryan is the lead bass drummer in the Sidney High School marching band and has been a band member since the fifth grade. After graduating, Ryan plans to attend the Culinary Institute of America and major in culinary arts. His career goal is to open multiple successful restaurants.

Adrian Hutchins, Lima Senior High School – Adrian Hutchins is a senior at Lima Senior Performance Based School where he ranks 16th in his class with a 3.6579 GPA. He is the youngest of eight children and defines himself as determined. Adrian is undecided as to which college he will attend but plans to major in Business Administration or Education because of his love for Marketing and DECA. He has high hopes for his future and his involvement with DECA has started his road to success.

Aaron Johnson, Troy High School – Aaron Johnson is a senior at Troy High School, attending the Upper Valley JVS in the Teacher Academy Program. Aaron currently maintains a 3.3GPA. He is a member of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Troy, Ohio. Aaron plans on attending a university on a track scholarship and major in Secondary education, and become a high school math teacher and coach.

Dre Michael, Piqua High School – Dre Michael is a senior at Piqua High School. He has maintained a cumulative 3.5GPA while taking a blend of college preparatory and advance placement courses. After graduating high school with honors, Dre would like to attend a prestigious university in an urban city. Presently, he has pursued colleges like the University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, and The Ohio State University.

Congratulations to All!!!
Cincinnati, OH - The Greater Cincinnati African American Scholarship Fund (GCAASF), under the leadership of Brother Carlos Miller, held a unified fundraising and scholarship award ceremony at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. The ceremony included the president of Wilberforce University Dr. Patricia L. Hardaway, Dr. Mitchel D. Livingston, Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer for the University of Cincinnati and Dr. James C. Renick, Senior Advisor to the President Of Central State University. During this joint ceremony and fundraising event, over $120,000 was raised in scholarship funds and over $80,000 confirmed awards were given to 22 local students.

“Giving back to the community involves more than one's time. It also requires one's resources and special gifts.” Brother Carlos Miller lives these principles and believes in them each day of his life. Brother Miller is the General Manager for Commercial Licensing for General Electric Aviation. Brother Miller’s professional life drives contract negotiations, branding of service solutions and setting new channel distributions for General Electric products and services. Continuously improving these skills, Brother Miller has used that drive to facilitate scholarship awards and other significant efforts by chairing the GCAASF for over three years.

The mission of the GCAASF is “to provide educational scholarships and promote career development opportunities for area African American students by partnering with Greater Cincinnati businesses.” Through the combined efforts of several local businesses and the leadership of Brother Miller, the GCAASF has assisted over 150 local students from more than 30 different local high schools in their pursuit of a college education. The collective efforts have allowed GCAASF to provide these students with more than $600,000 in financial and in-kind scholarships at more than 40 colleges and universities across the nation.

More importantly, Brother Miller’s continued commitment to his local community has enabled many to make continued strides towards the GCAASF's long-term strategy of building great scholars and leaders from Greater Cincinnati while building a pipeline of great talent for corporations around the world.

"In today’s tough economic environment, it is even more important for companies and individuals that have to step up to the plate and make a way for those behind us. Today, we see 22 of the best, brightest and most promising that our communities have to offer. Not only is it my honor, but it is my obligation and duty to help you succeed with your higher education.” said Brother Miller.

The GCAASF does not stop at scholarships, each awardees is required to participate in College 101 preparation class. CP 101 is a model what is expect when the Awardees leave home and go to college. Awardees are paired with a mentor from several local Cincinnati based businesses, these relationships are meant to foster growth and flourish over the next 4-5 years while the student is in college an after. GCAASF also sponsors annual meetings of mentors and awardees to ensure that the relationship continues to grow and develop.
Theta Omega Chapter sponsors fundraiser to support St. Joseph Children's Home

Louisville, KY - Basileus Michael Lee and organizers, Marcus & Misty Withers, award Mr. Risimini of St. Joseph Children’s Home with a donation from Theta Omega Chapter. The grant concluded the exclusive All White Affair held recently at Club Envy. Other portions of the proceeds will fund the Fraternity’s scholarship program for fiscal 2011.

The St. Joseph Children’s Home and Child Development Center (CDC) in Louisville, KY is a non-profit child care facility governed by the St. Joseph Catholic Orphan Society. St. Joseph accepts children of any race, creed or religion and is licensed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources.

Knoxville Park named after Brother Thomas Strickland

Knoxville, TN – Iota Alpha Chapter’s long time Knox County Commissioner Brother Thomas “Tank” Strickland (Iota Beta 1972) has devoted many years of his life as a community activist and leader within the East Knoxville community. Brother Strickland has served as the Community Relations Director and Special Assistant to the Mayor for the City of Knoxville. In 2004 and 2008 respectively, Brother Strickland served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the full Knoxville County Commission while representing the interest of the people in his district.

On August 23, 2010, the people and leaders of both the city and county of Knoxville honored Brother Strickland for his commitment to service and tenacity for uplifting others. The newly named and opened Thomas “Tank” Strickland Park located at 4618 Ashville Highway, Knoxville, TN is a one-acre pearl of green space that boasts a playground, an amphitheater with grass seating, a shaded arbor, a stream, and a walking trail. Long live the excellence of Omega and the spirit of service!

Lexington, KY - Psi Tau Chapter provided for the second year in a row, non-perishable food items to the men and women at the Frankfort Soup Kitchen for an October 2010 Fall Fest. The recipients were very appreciative of the donations collected during the Franklin County High School Flyer Band Food Drive. The director of the program shared that donations have been lower than usual in recent months so any assistance is always greatly appreciated. Many expressed thanks for the acts of kindness as Omega’s good name goes forth, and the men and women at the Frankfort Center reflect on the act of generosity during the days to come. This effort has enabled the youth and Band members within the community to also observe the good will of Omega.
Recognizing Colonel Charles Young’s extraordinary accomplishments

Lexington, KY - On Sunday, September 19, 2010, Brother L. Rodney Bennett, Psi Tau Basileus and Pastor of Second Baptist Church May’s Lick in Mason County, KY (where esteemed Brother Colonel Charles Young was born), and several Mason County officials joined with Mr. Charles Blatcher III, chairman of The National Veterans Coalition, and representatives from the American Legion Cook-Nelson Post No. 20 to tour his birthplace. Blatcher presented the county with a copy of a painting by Kevin A. Johnson depicting Brother Young as he travelled to Washington, D.C., and said now would be a perfect time for Mason County to pursue a national historic register designation for Brother Young’s birthplace and funding to preserve and restore the log cabin.

Among the current efforts to honor Young, who was the highest-ranking African-American man in the U.S. military at the time of his death, is one to posthumously promote him to the rank of brigadier general. In addition to legislation in support of the promotion, two house resolutions are also pending - one to designate a trail in California traveled by Young and the Buffalo soldiers as a historical trail and the other to bestow a historical landmark designation on Young’s home in Ohio. Brother Young was born to former slaves in 1864 and became the third black man to graduate from West Point Military Academy in 1889.

Brother Young served as a military attache to Haiti and Liberia. He was also the first black superintendent of a national park and the first black man to reach the rank of lieutenant colonel and colonel. Long live the spirit of our esteemed Brother Colonel Charles Young.

Three local youth win 2010 Psi Tau Talent Competition

Lexington, KY - Mr. Jordan Williams, Miss Surya Green and Mr. Dylan Harrison were awarded the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners by a panel of judges in the Psi Tau Chapter Talent competition. The competition was conducted on Monday, November 15, 2010, before an audience at Transylvania University. The winners were selected from 16 highly talented contestants who performed in areas ranging from theater, voice, piano, instrumental and poetry. Mr. Williams, a junior at Bourbon County High School, sang “How great is our God.” Miss Green, a junior at Tates Creek High School, presented a selection of poems by Langston Hughes. Mr. Harrison, a senior at East Jessamine High School, sang Ralph Vaughan Williams “The Vagabond.” Cash awards were made to the three winners.

The Psi Tau Chapter’s Talent Hunt committee functions as a subcommittee of the committee on Scholarship to showcase local students performance excellence in the fine arts pursuant to the guidelines set forth by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The competition was initiated in 1945 and has continued unabated for 65 years as a mandated program for all Fraternity chapters. The 1st place regional winner will then compete for scholarships later in the year at the 63rd district meeting that will be held in Louisville, KY.

Psi Tau Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was formed to bring about a union of college men of similar high ideals of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift along with one guiding principle, Friendship is essential to the soul. Consistent with biblical teachings, those guiding principles are dedicated to the preservation of the sanctity of the home, the protection of women and the sanctity of the human soul.
The Centennial Grand Conclave is almost upon us! Since 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!

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

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. 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:


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
Brother Venning named NPHC Fraternity Man of the Year

Washington, D.C. - May 15, 2010, Brother Isaiah Venning was named the National Pan-Hellenic Council's Outstanding Fraternity Man of the Year during the Council's 80th National Convention. Venning was recognized because he truly exemplifies the ideals of the National Pan-Hellenic Council: (education, politics, health, environment, & economics). He regularly attends school board meetings and city council meetings. He organizes voter registration drives and chapter economic empowerment workshops for the public. He has held several offices for the Rock Hill NPHC serving as Vice President and Treasurer.

Brother Venning serves on the City of Rock Hill’s “No Room for Racism” board. This committee fosters relationships among persons of diverse social, cultural, and racial backgrounds and celebrates our common interests in order to create a community where citizens work to overcome racism.

Brother Venning, a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi, was initiated Spring 1996. He currently serves as the Keeper of Finance and Social Action Chair for Kappa Alpha. Last year, he received the Superior Service Award and was named KA's Omega Man of the Year in 2000 and 2001.

Isaiah is married to Krystal Venning, Delta Sigma Theta, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Isaiah, two years old and Langston, one year old.

Brother Dr. Jim Harper named 2010 Man of the Year in Education by Spectacular Magazine

Durham, NC - Spectacular Magazine in conjunction with Triangle Cultural Awareness Foundation, recognized and honored the achievements of African-American men with the Spectacular Magazine Man of the Year Awards. Brother Dr. Jim C. Harper, II was named the 2010 Man of the Year in Education by Spectacular Magazine.

Brother Harper holds degrees from North Carolina Central University and Howard University. Currently, he is employed as an Associate Professor at North Carolina Central University.

He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society and Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and the African Studies Association.

As an active member of the Beta Phi Chapter, Brother Harper was recently elected as First Vice Basileus and serves as the Chair of the Achievement Week Committee. He was elected as the Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal for the Sixth District in April 2010. He has received several awards for his service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. including Superior Service Award, Omega Man of the Year for Beta Phi, and Omega Man of the Year for the Sixth District (2009). Brother Harper is committed to teaching and mentoring young men and women at the university, the greater Durham community and the Mighty Sixth District.

Brother Michael A. Boykin elected to the Omega Life Member Foundation

Raleigh, NC – While the 76th Grand Conclave proved to be a venue filled with many candidates seeking office on the international level, there were also elections for the Omega Life Membership Foundation that were not so highly publicized. The Life Membership Foundation, which is comprised of all Life Members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held elections for two Director At-Large positions. The Board of Directors manages the multi-million dollar assets of the Foundation and serves as the governing body.

Brother Boykin, Life Member # 3883, of Iota Iota Chapter was elected at the Life Members Annual Corporate Meeting on Saturday, July 24, 2010. Brother Boykin's term of office on the Omega Life Membership Foundation runs from 2010 – 2013.

Brother Boykin, Former Sixth District Director of Public Relations, will serve as the Public Relations Chairman for the Life Membership Foundation. He has implemented a new publication for the Foundation called The Life Membership Journal, which is designed to keep Life Members connected and informed about activities related to the Omega Life Membership Foundation.
South Carolina Legislature Names Interchange for Brother Rep. Floyd Breeland (ret.)

Charleston, SC - Brother Floyd Breeland, a 33-year public educator and 16-year State House lawmaker, said having a road interchange named in his honor is one of the most meaningful gestures of his life. A ceremony held on September 19, 2010 at Burke High School recognized Brother Breeland’s work. The Legislature designated the interchange at exit 219 A on Interstate 26 in Charleston, SC be named for him. The exit leads to The Citadel on Rutledge Avenue.

“It’s the best thing that ever happened to me,” Brother Breeland said. "It means a great deal." Brother Breeland, 77, retired from the State House of Representatives in 2008, after having represented District 111 since 1992. He is a retired teacher and school administrator. He currently works as the program director for “Call Me MISTER” at the College of Charleston, a recruitment program aimed at increasing the number of black male teachers.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in English at Allen University and a master’s degree in secondary school administration at Indiana University. He served two years in the military. As a lawmaker, he received the Legislator of the Year Award from Coastal Center Parents and Guardians Association and the Extraordinary Service Award from the South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation, among other honors.

Rep. David Mack, D-North Charleston, said the event Sunday is a chance for the community to thank Breeland for all he has contributed. "Rep. Breeland is such a quality guy," Mack said. "He totally understands what it is to serve the public. He’s always worked for the betterment of all of South Carolina, which is a special quality that I wish more elected officials had.”

Brother Breeland and his wife, Felicia, have a son, LeVanza Floyd.

COL Conrado B. Morgan receives Founders Award at the 76th Grand Conclave

Raleigh, NC - Brother (Colonel) Conrado B. Morgan, Life Member # 1980, was awarded the Founders Award at the Closing Banquet, 76th International Grand Conclave, held in Raleigh, NC on July 28, 2010, which also happens to be his birthday. This is the second international award Brother Morgan has received. He received the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award for Omega Year 2006. It was presented at the 75th International Grand Conclave in Birmingham, Alabama in 2008. Brother Morgan was the featured guest speaker for the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. luncheon on July 24, 2010.

Brother Morgan was initiated in the Pi Gamma Chapter, Norfolk State University in the Spring 1982. He received a B.S. Degree in Industrial Education from Norfolk State University and a Master of Arts degree in Management from Webster University. He was inducted into the Army ROTC Hall of Fame at Norfolk State University in 2004.

Brother Morgan has served the nation as a military officer for 28 years. He received the Bronze Star Medal while serving as a Battalion Commander in combat in Iraq. He served in combat in Saudi Arabia in Operations Desert Shield/Storms and in Somalia in Operations Continue Hope. He is a paratrooper and a paratrooper rigger. He currently serves as the Director of Operations, J3, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. He directed the dedication of Abraham Lincoln Hall which President Barack H. Obama gave the dedication speech on March 12, 2009.

In addition to being a life member with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., he is a life member of the NAACP, the Norfolk State University Alumni Association Military Alumni Chapter, the Association of Quartermasters, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

He is married to Dr. Phyllis Morgan and they have one daughter, Ms. Cayla Morgan.
Gamma Iota Chapter hosts 19th Annual Boys Camp

**Sumter, SC** - The Gamma Iota Chapter held its 19th annual Camp A.M.I.G.O at Mill Creek State Park near Remini, S.C. The camp is for boys ages 8 – 14 and was held June 20 – 25, 2010.

The acronym AMIGO stands for Acquiring Motivational Ideas and Goals to Seize Opportunities. It was created by the late Brother William Blanding (whom our mentorship program is named after). Brother Blanding was tired of the brotherhood talking about the plight of our young black males. He challenged the chapter to be the one to help mentor, encourage and hopefully change our young men so they will not become unproductive men later in life.

The camp is part of the ongoing effort of community service in Sumter and the surrounding areas. With this vision, a camp was formed to do just that. Participants learn many principles of life during the camp including Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, the cornerstone of our beloved Fraternity.

In addition to the swimming, bowling and campfires, we took the boys to Charleston, SC to tour the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon. The campers finished their day in Charleston by visiting the Splash Zone Water Park.

Many of our campers have gone on to become doctors, engineers, and artists. Some have become members of our Fraternity. We really enjoy spending time nurturing and mentoring these young men as they enriched our lives as well.

This year we lost one of the founders of Camp AMIGO, Brother Robert R. Hooper. Many of the campers attended Brother Hooper’s funeral. We dedicated the camp and this article in his memory.

Sixth District International Undergraduate Scholars recognized

**Raleigh, NC** - Two undergraduates from the Sixth District were recognized at the 76th International Grand Conclave on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. Brother Jeremy Whidbee of the Lambda Gamma chapter at Elizabeth City State University and Brother Travis Melvin of the Psi Delta chapter at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill were recognized by the International Scholarship Commission for outstanding academic achievement and community service.

Brother Whidbee received the Grand Basileus Award, given in recognition of the former Grand Basilei of the Fraternity. The Grand Basileus Award was established to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and are seeking post-graduate degrees immediately after the completion of undergraduate studies. Brother Whidbee is a 3.94 graduate of ECSU and will continue his post-baccalaureate studies at Campbell University in the Pharmacy program, Fall 2010. He received $1000 as the District Grand Basileus winner and received an additional $6500 from the International Scholarship Commission.

Brother Melvin is an undergraduate scholar at University of NC pursing a degree in business administration. During the time of the conclave, Brother Melvin was participating in the Study Abroad program in China. As a means of stimulating scholarship among undergraduate members of the Fraternity, a District Scholar of the Year Award was created to recognize an undergraduate student who has displayed academic excellence. The award is given to one undergraduate Brother in each District annually. Brother Melvin also received $1000 from the Sixth District and additional $6500 from the International Scholarship Commission.

We congratulate Brothers Whidbee and Melvin on their academic achievements and international scholarship awards.
Eta Omicron & Chi Epsilon Chapters honor Brother Arthur Douglas

Albany, GA— Omega Men of Eta Omicron and Chi Epsilon Chapters gathered on August 21, 2010 at the fraternity house at 1620 West Oakridge Drive in Albany, GA to dedicate the driveway to Brother Douglas and erect a monument in his honor. When Eta Omicron purchased the house, Brother Douglas was well into his 80s, but it was his vision that a circular driveway and appropriate lighting be a part of the house’s entrance and exit, and went about, on a daily basis, cutting a pathway that would eventually become the driveway currently present at the house. For lighting, Brother Douglas also single-handedly trenched 100 yards from the house to the roadway to install lighting with the use of his pick axe and Perseverance.

Brother Douglas, entered Omega through Rho Psi Chapter, Tennessee State University, in the Spring of 1934 where he lettered in football as the Tigers’ starting quarterback.

Several family members and friends joined the brothers of Eta Omicron and Chi Epsilon Chapters in honoring Brother Douglas who was pleasantly surprised by the event. Brother Wilbur Carver, Immediate Past GA State Representative, whose vision it was to honor Brother Douglas and chaired the event said: “the work of Brother Douglas is a true testimony to one of the Fraternity’s four Cardinal Principles, Perseverance.”

Phi Kappa Kappa holds Annual Talent Hunt Program

East Point, GA- Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter held its Annual Talent Hunt on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Sixteen young contestants maintained their composure as the program started in the Performing Arts Center.

“By allowing and encouraging these students to participate on a public program such as this allows them to be better speakers, musicians, and importantly students within their local schools,” said Brother Eric Coe, Chapter Basileus. With a chance to win a free trip to the upcoming Georgia State Workshop to be held in October 2010. Each contestant put on their best performance. As if that was not enough incentive, the chapter promised cash prizes of $1,025, $400, and $200 to the first – third place winners respectfully, as well as trophies, eight hours of recording time in a local studio, and an open date plane ticket. “Even though some of you will not make the top three spots, all of you are winners in our eyes,” said Brother Oliver Barker, Committee Chairman for the event.

As the judges tallied up their respective score cards, the second place winner was made aware that if the first place winner could not attend the State Workshop then she would be able to go in her place. As the official score cards were handed to Brothers Audwin Jones and Barker, the contestants gathered and held hands hoping to hear their name called as one of the winners. When they announced that Ms. Alexandria Payne was chosen as the first place winner a big round of applause was given to her by the audience. “I have now set my goals to win on the state, district and national levels,” said Alexandria to her family members. This group photo includes all contestants along with Brothers Barker and Doug Stewart (kneeling) and Coe standing in the right rear corner.
The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently honored the Zeta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. with its “Outstanding Mentor Program of the Year Award” for their Jr. Lamp Lighters Mentoring Program at Sunland Park Elementary School. The chapter received the award at the School Board of Broward County Annual Community Involvement Awards Brunch on April 28, 2010 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center.

Ms. Shawn Allen, Principal of Sunland Park and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., graciously thanked the chapter for its continued commitment to improving the lives of young people in the Ft. Lauderdale area.

The Jr. Lamp Lighters Club at Sunland Park Elementary School is a mentorship program designed to stimulate success in young black males by developing positive relationships with caring and professional black men. Consistent with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, this program seeks to utilize the positive presence and guidance of Omega men to encourage young black males to be responsible, intelligent, committed, and helpful at home, in school, and within their communities.

The Jr. Lamp Lighters are an elementary school version of Zeta Chi Chapter’s original Lamp Lighters Mentoring Program, which consists of young men enrolled in grades 6 - 12. Since its inception in 2007, the Lamp Lighters Program has become a model for similar mentorship groups throughout South Florida.

This is a unique accomplishment and evidence of the great work Zeta Chi Chapter is doing in its local community. Special congratulations to Sunland Park Elementary Lamp Lighters Program coordinators Brothers Anthony Wright, Michael Jenkins, Efrem Crenshaw, Robert McKenzie, Ron Osborne-Williams, Anthony Williams and Brian C. Johnson.

Members of Zeta Chi Chapter’s Lamplighters Mentorship Program at a Health Fair hosted by the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Gainesville, FL – September 17, 2010 - The audience, collectively, went wide-eyed as 17 year-old Julissa Cuthbert sashayed to the center point of the stage. For a second or two, she held a dancer’s pose. But, soon she moved and her grace continued to hold the attention of the more than 100 people in the audience. As a jazzy selection filled the room, Julissa danced. The high school student was representing the Psi Chi Chapter (Ocala) at the 2010 Talent Hunt Program of the Florida Statewide Organization, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 36th Annual Statewide Workshop held in Gainesville, FL.

Julissa gracefully moved about the stage in a truly precious tribute to the art form. Julissa’s dance routine won the competition. She’s been dancing since the age of three. Julissa attends East Ridge High School and is a student in Shooting Stars School of Performing Arts in Clermont, Florida where she has been training for 10 years. Also, Julissa trained for six weeks with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Summer Intensive program in New York.

“It was her entire presentation,” said Rodney E. Rocker Sr., 1st Vice State Representative. “As soon as she hit the stage, they (the audience) were hooked.”

Psi Chi is a small chapter with 20 active members. The chapter sponsored Julissa for the Talent Hunt Program. “I’ve been to every State meeting and this is the first time Psi Chi has won,” said State Advisor Brother Edmond Fordham.

Julissa has a passion for dance and loves performing. She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars with a 3.6 GPA, and finds 25 hours each week for her competitive dance company and teaches dance five days a week.

Brother Ramon Harewood was initiated into Psi Chapter (Morehouse College) Spring 2008. Exemplifying the Cardinal Principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, Brother Harewood is a young man of many talents.

In the spring of 2006, the 6-foot-6, 340-pound Harewood enrolled into Morehouse on an academic scholarship. At Morehouse, Brother Harewood had immediate success making the Dean’s List every semester earning better than a 3.0 grade-point-average. While maintaining stellar grades in college Brother Harewood, who had never played American football prior to 2006, didn’t experience the same immediate success on the football field.

“I didn’t immediately fall in love with football,” Brother Harewood said. “My first year was a little bit tough trying to get adapted to the sport. I didn’t really know too much about football.”

In April 2010, Brother Harewood was selected in the sixth round of the 2010 NFL Draft to the Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens realize Harewood has a lot to learn, but his potential is endless and they are looking forward to the success that Harewood can bring to the offensive side of the ball.

Brother Harewood was born and raised in Barbados, West Indies. He was also named the Seventh District’s Undergraduate of the Month for May 2010.
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!
Jefferson City, MO—On Saturday, April 10, 2010, during the 8th Annual President’s Awards and Recognition Gala, Brother Dr. Nathan H. Cook, retired Lincoln University Professor, was awarded Professor Emeritus status in recognition of his distinguished service. Brother Cook holds both a B.S. and a M.A. degree from North Carolina Central University, as well as a Ph.D. in zoology from Oklahoma State University. Dr. Cook began his tenure at Lincoln University in 1971 and before his retirement in 2002, he would hold a dozen teaching and administrative positions, including University Marshall; Professor of Biology; Head of the Department of Biology; Acting Coordinator of Academic Affairs; Dean of Graduate Studies; and Vice President of Administration and Finance to name just a few. Brother Cook was initiated into the fold of Omega through the auspices of the Tau Psi Chapter in 1960. He continues to be an active member of the Eta Alpha Chapter and currently serves as Keeper of Records and Seal.

Brother Mario Rudolph was recently featured in an April 2010 Jefferson City News Tribune article highlighting the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Rudolph, who is a recent Lincoln University graduate and current University of Missouri-Columbia graduate student, realized a need for adult mentors within the program while conducting research for community service ideas. He soon signed up as a mentor. “This is something I could do to really have an impact on the community,” he said. Brother Rudolph, as one of the youngest members of the Eta Alpha Chapter, is a living breathing contradiction to the gloom and doom prognosticators have predicted for the future of our great Fraternity.

Friday, October 8, 2010, was marked by a very special dedication ceremony commemorating the renaming of the Lincoln University Printing Center in honor of Brother Lucius Jones. For 40 years Brother Jones rendered extraordinary service to the university as a production printer and instructor in the Department of Technology and Industrial Education. Even after retiring in 1988, he continued to support Lincoln University as a member of the Athletics Advisory Committee and as homecoming parade marshal. In 1946 Brother Jones was duly initiated into the Fraternity by the Xi Omega Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Shortly thereafter, he transferred his membership to the Eta Alpha Chapter in Jefferson City, Missouri and remained an active member until his death in 2008.

Eta Alpha Brothers receive several honors
Brother Curtis Whitten, a native and resident of Wichita, formerly worked for the state corrections department as a court service officer and for the federal Drug Enforcement Administration as a criminal investigator. He is now president of a private security company.

Brother Whitten was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Epsilon Psi Chapter at Wichita State University in 1983. He is currently an active member of Gamma Upsilon in Wichita. As Juvenile Justice Authority Commissioner, Brother Whitten oversees all three juvenile correctional complexes in Kansas, where offenders between age 10 through 17 are detained and treated.

Prior to his appointment, Brother Whitten worked as president and CEO of VendTech Enterprise, which provides security for commercial and government facilities, does background checks and private investigations and serves subpoenas.

As Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) Commissioner, Whitten would be instrumental in helping fight crime and stop marriage discrimination, but his role goes further than that, Governor Sam Brownback said. Governor Brownback appointed Brother Whitten to this post.

"It also means working with children in detention to grow into productive members of society who can someday raise children of their own," Brownback said in a statement. "We want to provide him and his family the tools he needs to get back on the right path and not commit another crime that lands him back in trouble. Curtis Whitten will do that."

The JJA runs centers for young offenders and has an operating budget of $99 million and a staff of 540. Brother Whitten has spent his entire career in law enforcement, having worked with the Kansas Department of Corrections, and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. He also serves on the Kansas African-American Affairs Commission and the governor's task force on racial profiling.
Rho Nu Chapter conducts 4th Annual Adopt-a-School Program

Galveston, TX — On September 24, 2010, Rho Nu Chapter conducted its 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. Morgan, increasing the need for school supplies.

To support this program, the brothers of Rho Nu held a school supply drive at their annual Friends and Family Picnic on August 21, 2010. The chapter also received donations from Boeing, which has participated in the drive for the last 3 years. In total, a donation of $2,300 worth of supplies was made to the school. L.A. Morgan Elementary has transitioned to a science and engineering academy, which focuses on challenging children intellectually, growing them socially, and guiding them towards independent thinking and problem solving.

Psi Alpha and Alpha Delta Lambda “Stuff the Bus”

San Antonio, TX — Each year many of America’s youth go to school without the proper tools to be successful. The brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter 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 schoolbus 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, brothers of Psi Alpha partnered with the undergraduates of Alpha Delta Lambda – University of Texas at San Antonio, to volunteer at a local store and manage the warehouse operations.

The brothers were able to collect thousands of dollars in school supplies at their location. 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.

“Que-Cuts 2010” – Psi Alpha Chapter assists the youth of San Antonio with 500 free haircuts

San Antonio, TX – 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 means a great deal.

Since 2003, 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 could get haircuts in preparation for Easter. The success of that first event gave us the idea to hold this event annually, 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. He realized many of the students had not had a haircut since the beginning of the school year. He remembered when his father took all his students to the barber and paid for haircuts to assist with their self-esteem. In the past seven years, thousands of area youth and benefited from this event.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters were invited this year to match youth with mentors and gave the “Bigs” 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.
Brother Dr. L. R. Williams receives the Silas Hunt Legacy Award

Fayetteville, AR - Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams, who serves as the Arkansas State Representative-North for the 9th District, serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He also serves as Advisor to the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi at ASU.

Brother Dr. Williams received the Silas Hunt Legacy Award from the University of Arkansas, which recognizes African-Americans who are/were, affiliated with the University of Arkansas, and who have established prolific careers that have helped contribute to their communities, the state, and the nation.

The Silas Hunt Legacy Award was created by the University in 2005 and first awarded in 2006. This year's recipients were nominated by the public and selected by a volunteer selection committee of University of Arkansas alumni, friends, faculty, students and staff.

In 2008, Brother Williams was presented with the Thomas E. “Pat” Patterson Education Award, presented by the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus to an individual who fights for equality of educational opportunity for students and education of employees of color and those who are poor.

Brother Williams was initiated into the Fraternity in 1974 as a charter member of the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Gamma Eta Brother P. White receives Student Leader Medal

Fayetteville, AR - Brother Philip White of the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas was recognized as a Graduating Student Leader by the University’s Division of Student Affairs at a recognition breakfast, held on Saturday, May 8, 2010. This annual event recognizes graduating student leaders on the University of Arkansas campus. The Division of Student Affairs created the Graduating Student Leaders Recognition Breakfast nine years ago to honor those who have excelled as leaders in student organizations and/or programs during their academic careers.

Brother White was honored for his contributions in demonstrating the cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi on campus in his duties as KRS. After breakfast, Brother White was presented with a medallion by the Dean of Students. As an additional special honor, all recipients were granted permission, by the Dean’s Council, for their medallions to be worn over the robes during commencement.

Congratulations to Brother White on receiving his Bachelor’s of Science degree in Business Management from the Sam Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas and his recognition as an outstanding Graduating Student Leader.

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The retirement flag is one of the greatest honors a service member receives upon ending a successful military career. 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 Brother Eusan to receive his honors while 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. Brother McMillion presented Brother Eusan with his flag, and indicated 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 J. McMillion retires after 22 years of service

On August 6, 2010 Brother Jimmie E. McMillion, Psi Alpha (2005) 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 Jolivette (Gamma Gamma 1979). The highlight of the ceremony was the unselfish gift Brother McMillion gave to one of Psi Alpha Chapter’s living legends. Brother McMillion gave his retirement flag to Brother Warren “The Godfather” Eusan, (Theta 1939) who was an “Original Tuskegee Airman.”
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Psi Upsilon Chapter presents scholarships to local high school seniors

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The chapter also presented the Oliver Jenkins Scholarship Award to Jacquelyn S. Smith, a senior at Eisenhower High School, during their annual awards day program on May 28, 2010. Jacquelyn will attend the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK this fall and major in fashion design. Each year Psi Upsilon Chapter provides $500 scholarships to deserving seniors from each of the local high schools in the Lawton/Fort Sill, OK community.

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Brother Rev. G. Stanley Lewis receives Lifetime Achievement Honors

Natchitoches, LA – On April 17, 2010 Brother Rev. G. Stanley Lewis was honored by more than 200 people for his contributions to the community, the University and the Fraternity. The evening consisted of a tribute program honoring Brother Lewis. The black-tie banquet was hosted by alumni members of Theta Delta Chapter and various other members of the Fraternity. Brother Lewis received tribute form numerous brothers, including 13th District Representative Torrance Chism, 9th District Representative Shawn Brewer and 31st Grand Basileus Brother Burnel Coulon. Brothers Rudolph White and LaVelle Dickens also gave stirring tributes.

Alpha Iota Iota Chapter holds 2010 Scholarship Luncheon

Plano, TX—On Saturday, April 24, 2010, Alpha Iota Iota Chapter conducted its annual scholarship luncheon at the Plano Housing Authority Community Room in Plano, TX. The luncheon is held in honor of the Fraternity’s mandated program of scholarship. The scholarship program is intended to promote academic excellence among the undergraduate members of the Fraternity. Graduate chapters are expected to provide financial assistance to student members and non-members of the Fraternity. On the International level, a portion of the Fraternity’s international budget is allocated to scholarship through the Charles R. Drew Scholarship Commission.

A total of $6,000.00 in scholarships was awarded by Alpha Iota Iota Chapter to qualified students in the Plano, TX area for 2010. There were seven recipients to include: Tristen Yvette Beeler of Allen High School, Monica Chapman of Rowlett High School, Marissa Naomi Davis of Plano East Senior High School, Paige Yvette Davis of McKinney Boyd High School, Danarian Gant of Allen High School, Kiara Rolyce Taylor of Plano West Senior High School and Teressa Waits of Lancaster High School.
Lambda Alpha Chapter helps distribute over 2,100 books for Reading Program

Baton Rouge, LA - On Saturday August 7, 2010, the Lambda Alpha Chapter partnered with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office and community leaders in a grass-roots effort to inspire local school children, at-risk youth and parents to focus on education. The event was held at Alsen Park and featured free food and entertainment. With temperatures in the high 90s and a heat index of 104 degrees, snow cones and water kept the event fun and enjoyable for all. Over 2,100 books were distributed to school children and parents in an effort to encourage a spirit of reading, education and academic excellence.

Brother Calvin E. Beal, Basileus, declared, “Lambda Alpha Chapter will continue to be at the forefront of making our community a place where are youth are inspired to achieve greatness. By distributing these books and being present at such a large community event, children, parents and grandparents see first hand that we care about them. This is an extraordinary event and we look forward to more events in the effort to eradicate illiteracy.”

Nu Kappa Chapter receives “Volunteer of the Year” Award

Dallas, TX—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, expressed her sincere appreciation for the mentoring and volunteer efforts of the chapter members. God works in wonderful ways and I know he led these young men to our organization 4 years ago. I am forever thankful for them finding us!”

Pi Omicron’s Protest Against Prostate Cancer Campaign

Little Rock, AR - The men of Pi Omicron Chapter 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 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.

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 one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, but only one man in 34 will die of it. A little over 1.8 million men in the United States are survivors of prostate cancer.
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.

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 Man appointed President of Detroit Medical Centers

Detroit, MI - Congratulations to Brother Reginald J. Eadie, M.D., who was appointed President of Detroit Medical Centers (DMC) Detroit Receiving Hospital. Dr. Eadie, a board certified emergency medicine physician, assumed his new role in July 2010, making him the youngest president in the history of the DMC.

The Detroit Medical Center operates ten hospitals and institutes, including Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University Hospital, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Hutzel Women's Hospital, DMC Cardiovascular Institute, Kresge Eye Institute, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Sinai-Grace Hospital, and DMC Surgery Hospital, as well as being the Official Healthcare Services Provider of the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons.

“Dr. Eadie's background in emergency medicine and his impressive leadership capabilities make him a natural fit to lead Detroit Receiving, which houses one of our busiest emergency departments,” said Michael E. Duggan, President and CEO, Detroit Medical Center.

Upon graduating from Detroit's Cass Technical High School in 1986, Dr. Eadie attended South Carolina State University, where he was duly initiated into the Xi Psi Chapter in 1988.

In addition to Dr. Eadie's acclaimed accomplishments administratively, for the last 15 years he has dedicated his time and research to addressing challenges facing inner city youth, and eradicating overweight and obesity within the state of Michigan.

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Nu Chi Chapter sponsors Big Brothers Big Sisters Program

East St. Louis, IL - For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers (“Bigs”) and children (“Littles”), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. The program promises to develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Members of the Nu Chi Chapter actively participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Brother Andrew Bailey, an adult volunteer of BBBS, visited the St. Clair County fair in Illinois with little brother Cody Mason. This was Cody's first time to the fair and the first time to view farm animals. The evening spent with Cody was full of excitement and proved to be very informative to both Cody and his birth brother D'Angelo, who happened to tag along.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to help children reach their potential through one-on-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable impact on youth. The Big Brothers Big Sisters vision is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all.

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Brother Corey W. Holmes –
Ambassador on a mission through Manhood and Scholarship

Southfield, MI – Brother Corey Holmes always has been passionate about working with businesses to help them grow, develop, and sustain profitability. In his professional career, he has had the opportunity to work for large international corporations, start his own businesses, work for international nonprofits, and as a consultant, work with other entrepreneurs to develop their businesses. Recently, Brother Holmes decided to relocate to South Africa for a year to work with nonprofits and learn about business in other countries.

Brother Holmes’ first assignment was to work with Enablis where he facilitated sustainable growth, expansion, or joint ventures, through one-on-one counseling; implemented business development programs; and gave presentations to small and medium sized business owners. He supported more than 100 member-entrepreneurs by providing personalized business recommendations.

After Enablis, Brother Holmes found himself working as a management consultant to the Randburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry to implement strategic initiatives that build and develop the existing membership base. He served as a delegate to India with South African President Jacob Zuma on his bilateral state visit to develop relationships with Indian businesses and learn more about opportunities for collaboration between the two countries. He is also passionate about building mutually beneficial business relationships with others in countries like India, China, and Brazil.

Brother Holmes has been accepted at The University of Nottingham in London where he plans to return overseas and pursue his Doctorate of Business Administration. He also plans to create his own nonprofit dedicated to international economic development initiatives. Brother Holmes has an MBA from the University of Phoenix with a concentration in Global Management and a BS in Business Administration from Clark University with a concentration in accounting. He is a member of the National Black MBA Association and an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter, Southfield, MI.

Centenarian Omega Man Honored by Detroit City Council

Detroit, MI - On June 29, 2010 the Detroit City Council paid tribute to Brother Spearman B. Jones by passing a resolution highlighting his lifetime commitment to his family and community. Brother Jones was presented the resolution by Councilman Andre Spivey, who is also an Omega man. Brother Jones was born on June 30, 1910 in Coffeeville, Mississippi. Upon graduating from high school he went on to receive his degree from Knoxville College.

Brother Jones is a World War II veteran and retired from the United States Postal Service. He has been recognized many times for his various contributions to society. Knoxville College awarded Brother Jones the Outstanding Service Award. He is a charter member of Nu Sigma undergraduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Brother Jones remains an active member of Nu Omega Chapter, Detroit, MI.

Brother Jones fulfilled his lifetime dream by becoming a poet in his 80’s. He published “POEMS” in 2002, his first book. Brother Jones was a recipient of the Editor’s Choice Award by the International Library of Poetry.
Kappa Phi Community Service

Milwaukee, WI - For the second time in 2010, the Kappa Phi Chapter helped facilitate a very successful blood drive. Brothers remark that it is always important to recognize Brother Dr. Charles Drew’s great contribution to the world and the health field. The brothers of Kappa Phi Chapter also performed one of the newest mandated programs when they exercised their civic duty in adopting a three-ward voting poll for the September 2010 primary elections. The voting poll had to be staffed with three election inspectors and three chief inspectors for each polling site. Each election inspector had to attend a two hour training session, and the chief inspectors a five hour training session, prior to working the election polls. The voting poll had to be opened at 7am sharp and closed at 8pm in the evening, so the brothers had a full day performing their civic duty.

Zeta Phi Chapter Walks for Youth and Health

Indianapolis, IN – On Saturday, September 25, 2010, Zeta Phi Chapter’s social action committee joined the Greek community, the NAACP, and other community organizations to support the CLD Youth Empowerment Walk. The Center for Leadership Development’s mission is to foster the advancement of minority youth in Central Indiana as future professionals, business leaders and community leaders by providing experiences that encourage personal development and educational attainment.

Under the leadership of social action chairman, Brother Anthony Scott, the chapter has maintained an active monthly involvement in the Indianapolis community. The social action committee is committed to uplifting the communities with more signature events.

Today’s Leaders Awarded

Detroit, MI - The Detroit Omega Foundation, Inc. (DOFI) continued its tradition of awarding college scholarships to deserving students leaders who will be enrolling this fall 2010 at a historically black college or university. A successful academic record along with evidence of community service, letters of recommendation and financial need are the basis of awarding the scholarships. Each scholarship is valued at $5,000 and is renewable over four years if scholars maintain full-time status along with a mentoring relationship with a DOFI board member and a former DOFI Scholar to ensure success.

"DOFI is committed to the legacy of Bill McGill and helping students during these tough economic times is what we do,” said Charles E. Allen, Board Chairman for DOFI. “This class has some of the most diverse academic talent and community service oriented leaders in some time,” said Henry R. McKee, Scholarship Chairman.

The 2010 DOFI Scholars are Blake Bufford, Jobari Mathews and Micomis Miner, all honors graduates.

“We continue to attract the best and brightest academic talent to our scholarship program. Many of these families need this type of financial help and that makes a tremendous difference. Scholarship is a Cardinal Principle that we make a priority, so we award today’s leaders for tomorrow’s world,” said Medgar Clark, Executive Director.

Members of the Nu Omega Graduate Chapter established Detroit Omega Foundation, Inc. in 1982 as their social action charitable arm. The Detroit Omega Foundation, Inc. has awarded in excess of $300,000 throughout the years.
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Zeta Phi Chapter celebrates 85th Anniversary

Indianapolis, IN – On Saturday, June 12, 2010, members of Zeta Phi Chapter gathered inside the Grand Hall Building on the grounds of the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, IN, to begin a year-long commemoration of the chapter’s 85th anniversary. The day began with a seniors breakfast that brought together more than 50 Omega Men representing three generations from around the country to recall and recount the rich history of the chapter.

Zeta Phi has produced three past Grand Basilei (and later became home to another), more than any other single chapter since it was chartered in April 29, 1925, including the 31st Grand Basileus, Brother Burnel E. Coulon.

Brother Burnel E. Coulon (Lambda Epsilon, Winter 1950) was in attendance, and blessed the brothers with tremendous words of wisdom and encouragement, as did Brothers Charles E. Harry, IV (Zeta Phi, Spring 1948) and William Malone (Zeta Phi, Spring 1949), all of whom shared history of the Chapter and our beloved Fraternity from the perspective of their combined 183 years in Omega.

Later that evening, many Greeks and non-Greeks in Indianapolis came out to help Zeta Phi celebrate its 85th anniversary by attending a soirée also held in the Grand Hall.

In the Chicago area…
“Ques Got Sole!”

Chicago, IL – During this year’s Chicago Football Classic Tailgate, held Saturday, September 18, 2010, brothers did more than just fellowship. That’s because the yearly classic was transformed into a Social Action event supporting the “Share Your Soles” organization.

While in the South Parking Lot of Soldiers Field, brothers collected an estimated 500 pounds of donated shoes. The shoes will be cleaned and shipped to a needy third world country. Share Your Soles (http://www.shareyoursoles.org/) has partnered with this annual effort, which is a joint effort and dubbed as a “Party with a Purpose” event.

The 2010 neophytes stepped up and put in the work needed throughout the day. It was great seeing the neophytes working together from the different Chicago-area chapters and sharing the load. General (Brother) Mandel “Hustle Man” Williams out-did himself this year with the fanfare, decorations, and music line-up including an all Omega DJ lineup.
A good day in Englewood . . .

Englewood, IL - The community of Englewood has had some terrible news of crime and violence in 2010, but Saturday, August 28, 2010 had positive news. The great thing is that the positive news involved positive black men and the Englewood Back to School Parade.

The Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter has been involved with the Englewood Back to School Parade for over 20 years. Brother Lionel Pittman works with the Parade Committee and is the emcee of the event every year.

The brothers are always multitasking during this event. They are parade marshals, crowd management, food servers, chair & table movers, role models, and school supply deliverers. Since school will begin in two weeks for the remainders of the Chicago Public School students, these Omega Men look forward to assisting as many of the needy families as possible with book bags (filled with school supplies).

School supplies are essential to a student starting off the school year properly. With that in mind, the Omegas come up with a plan to purchase book bags and school supplies every year. Last year, the goal was 500 and this year’s goal was 750. This year’s goal was not met (possibly due to the harsh economy), but there was a valiant effort made to achieve that goal.

Even though the goal was not met, Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter truly appreciates those who made an effort to achieve that goal. A special thanks to New Faith Baptist Church (Matteson, IL), Sigma Omega & Mu Xi Chapters (Omega Psi Phi), and State Farm, who had a special appearance by the Good Neighbor Bear. Brother Michael Johnson, the Social Action Chair, did a great job coordinating the book bag packing and distribution. The 2010 Rho Gamma Gamma neophytes showed up and got right to work as well. This was a good day in Englewood.

Tau Kappa Kappa commits the summer to service

Southfield, MI – The brothers of Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter committed the summer of 2010 to a duty to serve. On June 19, 2010, the brothers of TKK and Nu Omega (Detroit) Chapters partnered with the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life” to fight cancer. Through the support and hard work of the brotherhood, TEAM OMEGA raised a total of $3,352 towards this year’s grand total of $91,597. The show of enthusiasm, hospitality, and true commitment to uplift the community earned them the ACS “Most Spirited Award”!

On Saturday, July 31st the brothers of Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter conducted Operation Omega Uplift at the Children's Center Child Welfare & Foster Care Center. The mission was to help support the event cook-out from 9 am to 3 pm. Brothers started the set-up around 9:45 am helping the center get everything in place and by the end of the day the center had about 150+ kids and adults come out to the event.

Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter also conducted its 2nd Annual Operation Omega School Supply Giveaway and Back To School Fair on Friday, August 20th at the Children’s Center to support the kids (K-12th Grade). The chapter supplied enough school supplies for 90+ kids to better prepare them for the upcoming school year. The brothers also assisted the Children’s Center staff/volunteers with games, arts and crafts, petting zoo, and food. The Children's Center staff were extremely glad to have TKK's presence at the event.
Brother James E. Clyburn:  
“Omega Representative of America”

Phoenix, AZ - August 29, 2010. Members of Phi Iota Chapter in conjunction with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority recognized Brother James E. Clyburn as “Omega Representative of America.” The event took place at the Fountain of Life Church in Scottsdale, AZ.

Brother Clyburn was the House Majority Whip, U.S. House of Representatives for the 6th Congressional District, South Carolina. On behalf of Phi Iota, for being the highest-ranking African-American in the United States Congress, Brother Charles C. Peevy presented Brother Clyburn with a plaque. Brother Clyburn is the first South Carolinian and the second African-American to ascend to this prestigious position in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Brother Clyburn was also made an honorary member of the 12th District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Phi Iota Chapter:  
American Diabetes Walk 2010

Phoenix, AZ - September 18, 2010. Brothers from Phi Iota Chapter and the 12th District, aided by members of the National Pan Hellenic Council, volunteered and assisted with several key responsibilities associated with the Annual American Diabetes Association (ADA) Walk around the Rawhide facility located in Chandler, Arizona.

Over 1,000 men, women and children “Stepped Out” and walked or jogged the one mile or 5k course. Walkers and runners were cheered on by an army supporters involved in a wide assortment of entertaining activities.

An impressive total of $53,888 dollars has been raised with donations continuing to be received by this annual ADA fundraiser and public awareness effort. The brothers of Phi Iota Chapter are proud to be recognized as diligent and consistently reliable partners in the fight against diabetes by the American Diabetes Association.
Pasadena Unified School District’s College Fair

Pasadena, CA - Saturday, October 16, 2010 – Overcast skies and light precipitation greeted Zeta Tau Chapter brothers and other Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities as they presented information regarding scholarship possibilities and information about the national essay contest for high school graduating seniors at Pasadena City College during Pasadena Unified School District’s (PUSD) 7th annual college fair.

The brothers were pleasantly surprised to have a distant relative of one of the Fraternity’s Founders in attendance. Ms Yasmin Just Delahoussaye, a distant cousin of Founder Dr. Ernest E Just, greeted the brothers and thanked them for continuing to be engaged in community-based activities.

Students and their parents from the San Gabriel Valley community attended the event and visited with college and university admissions officers and representatives from California and from across the nation. Each year, the PUSD College fair attracts a variety of colleges and universities, public and private, small and large.

Zeta Tau Chapter Brothers Gene Quishenberry and Harold Reese were kept busy talking to students and their parents about opportunities to attend colleges of their choice. Students were also given information about the Omega Psi Phi national essay contest as well as the availability to compete for a scholarship offered by the Zeta Tau Chapter. Representatives from other Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities were present handing out material and information about scholarships for high school graduating seniors that go unnoticed or unclaimed each year.

University admission representatives from Fisk, Howard, Morgan State, Southern and Tuskegee University were on hand for the event. This appeared to be one of the largest college fairs hosted by PUSD and its community-based partnerships in the area.

Omicron Nu Chapter Youth Talent Show

Seaside, CA- Omicron Nu Chapter, March 13, 2010. The brothers of Omicron Nu Chapter co-sponsored a youth talent show with the City of Seaside. The event was held at the Oldemeyer Center in Seaside, California and showcased the talents of the youth in the surrounding area. It was a great outlet for the youth to showcase their talents and gain support and encouragement. The brothers of Omicron Nu supported the event by participating as judges, main auditorium security, back-stage managers, co-master of ceremonies, and audience participants. They even set up and sold food and refreshments in the lobby of the Oldemeyer center during the event.

In addition to all participants receiving trophies, the Omicron Nu Chapter presented three additional trophies to the stars among the stars to keep the youngsters striving for excellence while having fun along the way. It was a very successful show that grows stronger each year and is in the best tradition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. community service efforts.

Good work Omicron Nu brothers! Let us make next year’s talent show an even bigger success!
Tau Tau Chapter
2010 Youth Leadership Conference
Compton, CA
Compton, CA - Saturday, October 23, 2010 – After 17 years, Tau Tau Chapter’s program of molding and shaping young boys ages 8 to 18 into men, continues through its Youth Leadership Conference (YLC).

But is the program really working? If mothers are to be the judges of what Tau Tau Chapter and other brothers of Omega Psi Phi are doing in Southern California, the verdict is in.

Tau Tau Chapter is working hard to transform the lives of young men in the Los Angeles area. The YLC continues to positively impact the lives of young Black boys. Their mothers want to see more being done to help them raise “boyz” from South Los Angeles. They have said repeatedly to Tau Tau Chapter that they need the help of Omega men to inspire their sons to begin thinking great thoughts and doing great deeds.

One mother sent a note to Brother Ricky Lewis, program coordinator of the YLC, that described her emotions about her son’s experience attending the YLC: “Not since the day of the 2009 Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama have I been so overwhelmingly moved and so proud of the collective efforts of our strong black men.”

She didn’t stop with that comment. She told of a tragedy that her son witnessed that had affected him deeply; he saw his dad being arrested and subsequently incarcerated. Nonetheless, she has given in neither to fear nor has she surrendered her son to the streets of Los Angeles. Instead, she has hope.

In a note to Brother Lewis, she said: “Just watching and seeing how so many successful black fathers, sons, businessmen, community leaders, professionals, Christians, self-proclaimed comedians, and downright good and very real people came together to mentor, give back, and help shape the lives of so many young boys like mine literally pierced my soul.”

This sentiment was expressed time and again by parents, especially mothers of young growing males. Dr. Anthony B. Maddox, professor of clinical education at the University of Southern California, coordinated the parent program on behalf of the Fraternity.

An expert in the fields of computational linguistics research, computer engineering and visioning research, Dr. Maddox, teaches and conducts research in areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. He has a particular interest in the teaching and learning process. He is especially adept at teaching parents the how-to-knowledge of being better educational role models for their sons.

Prior to his appointment at USC, Dr. Maddox was Chief of Staff and Interim Chief Neighborhood Officer with the Los Angeles Urban League. According to Dr. Maddox, who is a community informatics, and social cognition specialist, “nearly 70% of Black families are headed by single mothers.” He says that many Black children are raised by mothers without men as part of a nuclear family and that “a majority of black girls and boys grow up to manage their own...
health, housing, employment, education, and safety. Circumstances considering, I consider this successful without consistent male influence,” he said.

Dr. Maddox is not discouraged by these facts, however. Though some research and experience suggest that having Black men involved in teaching young Black males to be men is preferable, Black women, he asserts, “are successful when such preferences cannot be achieved.”

When asked about issues that concerned parents the most about their young boys growing up in Los Angeles, Dr. Maddox said, “We have learned that parents need uplift, which is one of our Cardinal Principles.” Dr. Maddox believes that parents need at least one program segment during the conference that focuses exclusively on them, “and a space for them to share.” He believes an intensive and exclusive parent-to-parent time slot will be helpful in further strengthening the role and place of YLC in educating young Black men.

So, what does it take for the program to go year-after-year? The founding director, Brother Ricky Lewis, was up and present at the YLC site by 6:30 a.m. the morning of the event going over the program and making certain that it would function as planned. He acknowledged the YLC has been growing each year. Last October in Compton, the conference saw a record number of men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., actively engaged and a record high attendance of parents engaged with their sons at the conference.

Brother Lewis was most impressed by this year’s activity. Even in the rainy fall weather in what is normally “sunny southern California” the turn out of parents and Omega men was impressive. “In the rain, 265 young men and over 100 parents and over 130 OMÉGA men showed up,” he said with pride.

Looking forward, Brother Lewis has two great wishes for the YLC. He is optimistic that “more Omega men will show up and develop a more one-on-one relationship with the young men” that they teach in the conference and that the YLC “will grow to top 1000 young men” and that the YLC will gain “one or two major sponsors.” Brother Lewis is committed to continuing to do whatever it takes to reach these goals and he believes that with “consistent growth and parental support” they will get there.

Brother Lewis was asked how other Chapters in other cities might do what they have been successful in doing here in Los Angeles. “We are replicating and duplicating the YLC already” he said. He mentioned Eta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in Pomona, CA. Eta Alpha Alpha is having its 2nd YLC, and other chapters are having YLC’s around the country,” said Brother Lewis. The program coordinator of the Eta Alpha Alpha Chapter’s YLC is Brother Jim Wilson.

Brother Wilson acknowledged that Tau Tau Chapter’s YLC served as the model for the program in the Inland Empire. He said that his chapter had noticed a general decline in academic focus among Black students in the Pomona School District. “Not a single Black male high school student that graduated from Pomona High School in 2008 attended College.”

He further said that his chapter had noticed a general lack of identity among Black high school students and that most of the scholarships given out at the school were awarded to Asian and Hispanic students. He wondered what Omega men might do to ameliorate the condition to the benefit of young Black male students.

Thus, the idea of promoting a Youth Leadership Conference in Pomona was born. Eta Alpha Alpha’s 2nd annual YLC is scheduled to take place in March 2011. Brother Wilson is hoping that through the efforts of Eta Alpha Alpha Chapter in Pomona, the Men of Omega Psi Phi will refocus the attention of young Black male students on the value of getting a first class education while in high school.
Lambda Beta Beta Chapter active in the local Hawaiian community

Honolulu, HI - The Lambda Beta Beta Chapter of Honolulu, Hawaii continues to spread community service and health awareness throughout the Hawaiian Community. On 18 April 2010, Lambda Beta Beta Chapter participated in the 19th Annual Honolulu Aids Walk held at Kapiolani Park located in Waikiki, HI.

The event attracted an estimated 4,000 participants and 200 volunteers, and raised more than $165,000 to support Life Foundation. Lambda Beta Beta made a vigorous effort to collect over $1,100 through generous donations on the “Tropic Lightning Ques” Life Foundation on-line website and Facebook ads. All proceeds will go to helping Life Foundation provide free HIV testing and education to the public, as well direct services to individuals on Oahu living with HIV/AIDS.

Over the past three years Lambda Beta Beta has made the Honolulu Aids walk an intricate part of their Social Action and Health Awareness Program. Each year their fund raising efforts and participation continues to grow. This year alone, Lambda Beta Beta collected more donations than previous years and the amount of participation increased. About 30 Omega men their Families supported the Life Foundation Aids Walk to continue their efforts support the need of people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter have committed themselves to continued support of the Life Foundation in a conscious effort to stop the spread of HIV in Hawaii through education and HIV testing. Currently, about 60% of all HIV-positive men, women and children receiving case management assistance in Hawaii are helped by the Life Foundation’s client services program. The nearly 700 current clients are representative of just about every racial and ethnic group in the nation’s most diverse state. Ever dollar counts. Every Dollar helps. Donations can be made online at www.lifefoundation.org, or via mail at Life Foundation, 677 Ala Moana Blvd. Suite 226, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. For more information, visit Life Foundation’s website or call 808-521-AIDS.


Brothers and Families of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter.
Baghdad, Iraq—One of the worst things that a military person has to overcome is the sense of separation that occurs when the time for deployment arrives. While the members of a military unit tend to gravitate to a level of closeness that resembles family, there is no replacement for those people a Soldier has known and grown to love over a lifetime.

The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter honor our Omega Military Men level of commitment and are receptive to the needs of those who are deployed. In an effort to support our brothers, Lambda Beta Beta Chapter has developed a care package program for chapter brothers who are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Care packages that are sent to Chapter Brothers from those left at home can mean more than any words could ever describe and provide simple comforts that are generally not available in a combat situation. A care package gives an emotional lifeline to our brothers in a brutal and harsh situation, and can reinforce the best attributes of humanity in uncomfortable circumstances.

Currently, we have four Brothers from Lambda Beta Beta Chapter currently deployed; LCDR Keith Major (Iraq), MAJ Lawrence White (Iraq), MAJ Courtney Henderson (Iraq), SSG Henry Thompson (Afghanistan). Lambda Beta Beta Chapter support and honor our brothers that are deployed. Their duty and service to our nation contributes to the liberties and freedom that are ever meaningful in our everyday lives as Americans.
Alpha Delta Xi Chapter continues to make Omega history

76th Grand Conclave (Raleigh, NC)—The undergraduate chapter of Ottawa, Canada continues to develop and mature while making its own impressions within the Fraternity. On Tuesday July 27, 2010 the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity witnessed the first winner ever from the 13th District for the International Scholar of the Year Award.

Brother MacAndrew Clarke, who was born in Montreal, Quebec, (which is where the first Canadian graduate chapter was established in Canada in 1923), won the highest award for scholarship that can be presented to any member of the Fraternity. In addition to this, Brother Clarke also won the 13th District Scholar of the Year Award, and the Founders Memorial Scholarship Award. The combined monetary value for all of these accolades amounted to $21,500. Brother Clarke is a full-time student studying in a Bachelor of Arts Honors program for Political Science, with a concentration in North American Politics, at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. He has been a member of the Fraternity since November 20, 2009 and is currently the Keeper of Records and Seal for the Alpha Delta Xi Chapter.

Brother Clarke grew up in the borough of LaSalle which is known as being one of the trouble areas amongst other neighboring boroughs for the Southwest of Montreal. However, Brother Clarke said that he saw a wealth of opportunities once he was able to look beyond his socio-economic barriers. “I had to believe that I am more than my circumstances... the brotherhood furthered my motivation to reach higher and to be a better man.”

(Pictured left to right) 38th Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee, Brother MacAndrew Clarke (scholarship recipient), Brother Theodore Greer, Chairman Omega Life Member Foundation, 13th District Representative Brother Torrance Chism, 76th Grand Conclave Marshal Brother Michael Morgan.
Alpha Delta Xi Chapter: well represented at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

Ottawa, Canada—Since the charter-ship of Alpha Delta Xi in June 2008, the brothers have always made a concerted effort to be visible within the campus. Brother Christopher Infantry, (who some may remember as being the first undergraduate recipient for the 13th District Scholar of the Year award in 2009), has been working hard within Carleton University. His most recent achievement was being elected as the Vice-President for Student Life for the Carleton University Students Associations, (CUSA). His role is to support and promote various activities that will engage students to become more involved in the university life.

Brother Marc Proctor is another member who recognizes the importance of being involved at school. Since 2009, he has been serving as the Co-ordinator of the Race Ethnicity and Culture Hall, (REC Hall). REC Hall is one of the 9 service centers managed by CUSA. REC Hall strives to ensure an all inclusive and interactive environment promoting the respect, recognition, and appreciation of racial, ethnic and cultural differences of the student body.

In addition, Brother Kenneth Wiafe provides the entertainment atmosphere as the official deejay for the campus pub; Oliver’s. Oliver’s is a student run business that is also overseen by CUSA. His skills as a deejay have been recognized throughout the campus, and when Oliver’s was looking for a new deejay for this scholastic year, Brother Wiafe, (Ken L. Jones), not only gained the approval of CUSA but also by his peers when he showcased his talent in front of 700+ students during a live competition.
Revelation 7:15-17

And He said,
“...these are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, ‘they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’
Brother Lamar Abel:
*Univ. of Florida Student*

Gainesville, FL - Born January 15, 1989 in Long Island, New York and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Lamar Abel graduated from Blanche Ely High School in 2007 and began his studies at the University of Florida in the following summer. A 6-2, 260-pounder who played high school football at Blanche Ely High, Lamar became a walk-on at the University of Florida before the 2007 season. Lamar dressed out with the team for the 2007 football season and saw action in 5 games during the 2008 season including the Gators 2008 National Championship game against Oklahoma. Abel was awarded the Scout Team Player of the Week award before the game against South Carolina in 2008 by Coach Urban Meyer.

Brother Abel was initiated into Omicron Zeta Chapter (University of Florida) in the Spring 2009, where he served as Vice Basileus. Brother Abel also served on the Board for the Black Male Development Institute, as Membership Chair for the Gator Chapter of the NAACP, and as a founder of R.C.P. (Respect Yourself, Check Yourself, Protect Yourself) Chapter, an organization dedicated to educating students about HIV/AIDS.

On May 23, 2010 while participating at a roadside cleanup with his chapter, Brother Abel fell ill and had to be taken to Shands Hospital in Gainesville where he entered Omega Chapter due to heart failure. Brother Lamar Abel will be greatly missed.

Brother John E. Anthony, Jr.:
*Financial Analyst*

Louisville, KY – Brother John (Junie) E. Anthony, Jr. entered Omega Chapter August 23, 2010. Brother Anthony graduated from Male High School, Louisville, KY in 1989. At Male, he excelled in athletics and academic studies. He was awarded an academic 4-year scholarship to St. Joseph College in northern Indiana. At St. Joseph, Brother Anthony continued his athletic and academic prowess and graduated summa cum laude in 3½ years with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Brother Anthony was initiated through Theta Omega Chapter (Louisville, KY). As a young adult, he was active at Canaan Christian Church; where he served as Director of the Sunday school. He was active in the Louisville community as a youth mentor for the Louisville YMCA, Jefferson County Public Schools, and the Louisville Urban League. He was a youth football, baseball, tennis, and golf coach. He subscribed to the philosophy that “To achieve something great; you must attempt something great. And only what you do for others will last.”

He was a financial analyst with PNC bank, worked in media and marketing sales for a major Radio enterprise (13 years), then relocated to Atlanta Ga. where he incorporated his personal consulting and real estate investing firms. Brother Anthony is survived by his wife, Dana, three children, two brothers, four sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. As a parting gift to humanity, Brother Anthony donated his eyes to give sight to those who otherwise would not see.

Brother Dr. Alvin M. Brown:
*Retired Physician*

Nashville, TN – Brother Alvin M. “Boo” Brown, M.D. was a native of Petersburg, VA. Brother Brown became a member of the Fraternity, Inc. in 1945 at Pi Chapter at Morgan State University. Brother Brown was well respected and served Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc for over 55 years. He entered Omega Chapter on September 24, 2010, at the age of 86.

Brother Brown coached for 10 years, holding appointments at Winston Salem State College, Arkansas A&M College and Morgan State College. He enjoyed a long and rewarding career as a physician and as Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, holding appointments at several prestigious hospitals. He served as Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital and Medical Center from 1971-1982.

He was co-founder of American Medical Evaluation (AMEI) in Southfield, Michigan where he worked for 27 years. Dr. Brown was Secretary, Treasurer and President of the State of Michigan Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He served on the board of Trustees and the Board of Management at Meharry Medical College. He is survived by his children, Rite Brown Cross, Dr. Anthony C. Pitts, Pamela D. Pitts, Esq. and Charlotte Pitts.
Brother Ralph Campbell:  
First Black State Auditor for NC

Raleigh, NC—Brother Ralph Campbell departed this walk of life on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 after 64 years. Brother Campbell was a devoted Son of Omega for 29 years.

Initiated through the Iota Iota Chapter in Raleigh, NC on May 1st, 1981, he was honored as the Omega Man of the Year in 1984. Most recently, Brother Campbell served as the inaugural Chairman of the 76th Grand Conclave Executive Committee for the City of Raleigh. Brother Campbell (a collector of vintage cars) led the 1st Grand Conclave parade driving Grand Basileus Warren Lee.

He graduated St. Augustine’s College in Raleigh, with a BA in Business Administration, 1968. He served in the US Army Reserves prior to entering city and state government which includes the NC Department of Revenue, NC State Health Benefits Office, Raleigh City Council for six years including 2 years as Mayor Pro Tem., and the NC Department of Insurance. Brother Campbell campaigned and became the first African-American in North Carolina to win a state-wide, elected constitutional office with his election as the North Carolina State Auditor in 1992 where he would serve three four-year terms until 2004.

Brother Anthony Cary, Sr.:  
Retired Social Worker

Plainfield, NJ—Brother Anthony Cary, Sr. entered Omega Chapter on June 30, 2010. Brother Cary was a member of the Fraternity for 62 years. He was born on June 12, 1923.

Brother Cary served his country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He had an outstanding professional career which included retiring as a Social Worker from the Union County New Jersey Welfare Department after 30 years of service.

As an undergraduate student, Brother Cary graduated from Central State University in Wilberforce, OH graduating with a degree in Social Work. He was initiated on February 24, 1948 through Upsilon Chapter at Wilberforce University.

In 1955, Brother Cary became a founding member of the Omicron Chi Chapter in Plainfield, NJ. During his time with Omicron Chi Chapter, Brother Anthony served in multiple leadership roles and most recently served on the Social Action and Housing committees.

Brother Cary received his 60th anniversary pin from the Fraternity in 2008. In 2009, Anthony received the “Perseverance Award” for his lifetime achievements and commitment to the Omicron Chi Chapter.

Brother Anthony was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Cary, and three wonderful sons, Charles, Jeffery, and Wyman II Cary. Bro. Cary leaves behind his grandson, two great grandchildren, daughter-in-law, brother, and sister in law.

Brother Dr. E.V. Davidson:  
Physician

Knoxville, TN – Iota Alpha Chapter - Dr. E.V. Davidson (Beta, 1947), a Buffalo Soldier, teacher, Knoxville resident and community volunteer, advocated for quality health care and racial equality both in his medical practice and throughout Tennessee, passed on July 6, 2010.

Born on Long Island, N.Y., Davidson was a student at Lincoln University in Lincoln, Pa., before joining the Army where he was part of the African-American, horse calvary – the Buffalo Soldiers. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his role in a counterattack of Italian and German troops in the Alps. He was honorably discharged in 1949.

Brother Davidson completed his education at Lincoln and enrolled at Meharry Medical College in Nashville where he met his wife, Esther Johnson. During his medical residency, Dr. Davidson cared for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. after King was stabbed at a book signing in N.Y. The meeting with King influenced Davidson’s views on nonviolence

Brother Davidson, was the first African-American emergency room physician and surgeon at Oak Ridge Hospital, in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He opened his own practice in 1959 in Knoxville. He served as assistant professor of surgery at the UT’s Graduate School of Medicine, and as chief of surgery at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital. After retiring in 1991, Davidson was dedicated to serving the community, his church, and spending time with his three children, Pamela Chesney, Dr. Evelyne and Elvyn II, and their families. In 2005, Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam dedicated the former Eastside YMCA in honor of Davidson’s service to the city. In 2010, AT&T honored Dr. Davidson by placing him in the African American History Calendar for the year 2011.
Brother James Dowdell:  
**Educator/Coach**

Gary, IN—Bro. James Dowdell entered Omega Chapter Thursday, September 16, 2010. He was initiated into our beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on November 13, 1948 through Zeta Epsilon Chapter located at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

After graduating from high school, Brother James served in the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged. He then attended Indiana University where he earned a B.S. and Master's degrees in education. In 1951, Brother James began a 38-year labor of love at Roosevelt High School, where he served admirably as a teacher and coach. In 1953, Brother Dowdell, along with 16 other brothers chartered Alpha Chi Chapter in Gary, Indiana.

Brother Dowdell served as the chapter’s first Keeper of Records and Seal. Throughout the years, he served the chapter in numerous capacities.  
Brother Dowdell was a devoted educator serving the community as teacher, coach and athletic director. He was above all, a husband and proud father of three children.

He leaves his wife, Harriet, and children Anna Marie Anderson, Byron Dowdell, and Lillian Drakeford and the Brothers of Alpha Chi Chapter to continue his legacy. The Brothers of Alpha Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. salute Brother James Dowdell, the last of the Alpha Chi Chapter Founders.

Brother Dr. Henry M. Eldridge:  
**Retired Professor**

Fayetteville, NC—Brother Henry M. (Hank) Eldridge entered Omega Chapter on August 9th, 2010. He received a B.S. degree in mathematics from Alabama State University and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Brother Eldridge was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Alabama State University in 1946; where he served as Keeper of Records and Seal and Basileus. He continued his academic excellence by receiving his Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh.  
Upon arriving at Fayetteville State University, he established the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1951, the first Greek letter organization on campus.
He has received many awards and special recognitions such as: Fayetteville State University renaming the math department, “The Henry M. Eldridge Department of Mathematics and Computer Science,” and establishing a scholarship in his name. The city of Fayetteville named a street in his honor.

Brother Eldridge along with 13 other brothers chartered Beta Chi in 1953. He served as Basileus of Beta Chi from 1956-1958 and in many other capacities throughout the years.

Brother Robert Faulkner:  
**Educator/Coach**

Charlotte, NC – Brother Robert Faulkner entered Omega Chapter Saturday, April 10, 2010. Growing up in Charlotte, NC, Brother Faulkner was educated in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He was awarded a four-year scholarship at North Carolina A&T State University where he lettered in football and baseball. He helped lead the Aggies to two CIAA division football championships in 1958 and 1959. He graduated from A&T with a bachelor's of science in Physical Education and later received a master's degree in Education and a master's degree in Administration.

He was inducted into the North Carolina A&T State University Sports Hall of Fame in 1980. Upon graduation from A&T, Brother Faulkner was employed by Coca-Cola Bottling Company. He went on to become employed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools as a teacher, coach and athletic director. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church – West. He was also a member of the Unique Lodge No. 85, F. & A. M. Prince Hall Affiliated and member of the Pi Phi Chapter in Charlotte, NC.

Brother Faulkner is survived by his wife, Betty Crockett Faulkner; three daughters and sons-in-law: Jacqueline (Otis) Yelverton; Demetria (Christopher) Welch and Lisa (Mack) Jones.
Brother Charles H. Gillespie

Charlotte, NC – Brother Charles Henry Gillespie entered Omega Chapter Wednesday, April 14, 2010. He was educated at the Clear Creek High School, Second Ward High School and graduated from West Charlotte High School in 1949. Upon graduation he attended North Carolina A&T State University for one year. In 1950, Charles joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in San Bernardino, California until he was sent to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. After four years of service, Henry later moved to Charlotte, NC where he received his AA degree from Carver College and his BA degree from Johnson C. Smith University. He began his early Christian training at St. Paul Presbyterian Church and later was an active and devoted member of Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church since 1965. He was an elder, trustee and also sang in two choirs during this time.

Brother Gillespie was a current member of the Pi Phi Chapter in Charlotte, NC. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Loretta Bell Gillespie; one daughter, Linda Gillespie Nunez; on son, Geoffery W. Gillespie; one grandson, Angelo R. Nunez; one granddaughter, Brandi N. Nunez; one sister, Thelma H. Miller (Rev. Laurence) of Beaufort, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Brother Rev. Robert R. Hooper

Pastor

Sumter, SC - Brother Rev. Robert R. Hooper entered Omega Chapter on Thursday, May 27, 2010. He was initiated at Rho Sigma Chapter and later became a member of Gamma Iota Chapter in Sumter, SC.

He received a B.S. degree from Purdue University and a Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. Brother Hooper was a pastor in the cities of Spartanburg, Laurens, and Marion and was presently serving at St. Luke AME in Sumter, SC.

Brother Hooper served the Fraternity for more than 40 years in various capacities. Where ever needed, he always filled in. He was the chapter's Keeper of Finance was selected as the Gamma Iota Omega Man of the Year.

He leaves to celebrate his life; his wife of 32 years, C. LaVerne Alston-Hooper; three children, Robert Hooper, II; Reverend Sandra Hooper-Clark; Reverend Dr. Christine Hooper; a brother, Horace Hooper, Jr. and a host of other relatives and friends. Brother Hooper was 67 years old.

Brother Christopher C. Lee

Milford, VA. - Brother Christopher Columbus Lee of Milford, VA entered Omega Chapter on May 18, 2009 at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond, VA.

He was initiated into Zeta Chapter, Virginia Union University on April 13, 1949. Upon graduation he affiliated with the Delta Omega Chapter in Petersburg, VA and is a charter member of Tau Rho, Fredericksburg, VA. He served the Fraternity and Tau Rho Chapter in various capacities over the years receiving recognition as Chapter Omega Man of The Year in 1975 and proudly received his 40 Year Service Pin in 1990.

As the first in his family to attend college, he earned a B. S. degree in Biology from Virginia Union University in 1951 and continued his graduate studies at Virginia State University. He began his professional career in Caroline County as a science and mathematics teacher at Union High School for 18 years. He received the calling to preach the gospel, was ordained, and initially served as associate pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Milford, VA. He later served as assistant to the pastor of Mt. Salem Baptist Church for six
years and pastor of Oxford Mt. Zion Baptist Church for 15 years.

A devoted husband and father, Bro. Lee is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jeanetta R. Lee; three devoted sons, Brother Dr. Christopher M. Lee, Colonel Retired Irvin B. Lee, U.S. Air Force, Brother Colonel Terry M. Lee, U.S. Army; and a loving daughter, Minister Jeanetta L. Lee; seven grandchildren, to include Brother Christopher M. Lee, Jr; and a host of other devoted relatives and friends.

Brother John W. Lykes:  
_Educator_

Greenville, SC - Brother John W. Lykes entered Omega Chapter on October 14, 2010 at Saint Francis Hospital in Greenville, SC.

He attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA for one year before being called to serve in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After serving in the United States Army from 1953 - 1955, he returned to receive his BS degree in Industrial Education from South Carolina State College in 1958 and then his Masters degree in Industrial Arts from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 1972.

He began an education career in the Anderson County school system at Wren High School.

In 1961, Brother Lykes was initiated into Phi Alpha Chapter in Anderson, SC. During his years of affiliation with Phi Alpha, he served as Basileus on several occasions and was named Omega Man of the Year in 1986. Brother Lykes was a Life Member of the Fraternity and received his 40-year service award at the 72nd Grand Conclave in 2002.

Brother Lykes was a member of Allen Temple A. M. E. Church. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Winifred Anderson Lykes; one daughter and son-in-law, Carole Lykes Williams and Reginald C. Williams of Kennesaw, GA; and three sisters, Mary L. Patterson, Carrie L. Rogers, and Arnetta Darden.

Brother Ernest L. McKinney

Jonesborough, TN – Brother Ernest L. “Fess” McKinney entered Omega Chapter on Monday, November 30, 2009. He was initiated through Rho Psi Chapter, Tennessee A & I State College in 1947. He was a charter member of Phi Tau Chapter in Johnson City, TN and helped to charter Theta Zeta Chapter at East Tennessee State University. In June 1947, he graduated from Tennessee A & I State College in Nashville, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He later earned his Master of Arts in Education in August 1994 and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree of the letters of humanities in May 2006, both from East Tennessee State University.

Brother McKinney retired from the Johnson City Public Schools as a Vice Principal at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, TN. He served the Fraternity for more than 50 years in various capacities. He served as Keeper of Records and Seal of Phi Tau Chapter and the 5th District Keeper of Records and Seal for over 17 years. He was Life Member #1112. Brother McKinney was awarded Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year at the chapter and district level on several occasions. He was a member of the Prince Hall Mason Prospect 54 Lodge. Brother McKinney was a member and Elder of Bethel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Jonesborough, TN.

Brother Daniel McLaurin, Jr.

Charlotte, NC – Brother Daniel McLaurin, Jr. entered Omega Chapter Tuesday, March 23, 2010. A native of Laurinburg, NC, Brother McLaurin graduated from Laurinburg Institute in 1935. Following graduation he worked in several family businesses in Laurinburg, NC and Reidsville, NC. He assisted in establishing the McLaurin Funeral Home in the 30's and 40's before and after his collegiate career.

He matriculated to the Agricultural & Technical College known now as North Carolina A&T State University in 1937. Brother McLaurin was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. by Mu Psi Chapter in 1948. From 1943 to 1946, Brother McLaurin served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He was a radar operator for the United States Marine Corp.

Brother McLaurin was a member of the Pi Phi Chapter in Charlotte, NC. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty, and daughter Danette.
Brother Kenneth W. Saffold:  
**Attorney**

Minneapolis, MN – Brother Kenneth Wayne Saffold, Esq., entered Omega Chapter on Monday October 11, 2010. Brother Saffold was born May 30, 1952 and graduated with honors from Virginia Union University, and Howard University School of Law in Washington D.C. Brother Saffold was initiated into Omega while at Virginia Union through Zeta Chapter in 1971.

After Law School, Brother Saffold worked at the Attorney General’s office and Western Life American Investments and worked as the 1st black officer in history of the United States Attorney's Office. Brother Saffold was the founder and partner at Blackwell, Igbanugo, Engen & Saffold – the largest Black-controlled law firm in the country and started Saffold & Behrenbrinker in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Saffold was General Counsel for the Office of the Monitor in the Pigford v. Vilsack, the African American Farmer class-action lawsuit, which is the largest settlement in civil rights history.

Brother Saffold also led and participated in community service activities as a mentor, advisor, volunteer, and financial supporter for organizations such as the Boy Scouts, United Negro College fund and various Black Colleges. Brother Saffold was active in his church, Pilgrim Baptist, where he was the Chairman of the Deacon Board, a Trustee, and a star in the choir.

Brother Saffold was most recently an active member of Epsilon Rho Chapter in the Twin Cities. Brother Saffold was married to the Reverend Stephanie C. Burroughs for 34 years and from this blessed union leaves three children a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Dr. James Sanders, Sr.

Gaffney, SC - Dr. James William Sanders, Sr. entered Omega Chapter on July 7th, 2010. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Benedict College, Master’s of Science from North Carolina A&T University. A Doctor of Divinity Degree was bestowed upon him by Friendship College in Rock Hill, SC and a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree by Morris College in Sumter, SC.

Brother Sanders was initiated in Phi Alpha Chapter in Greenville, SC

As an educator, he was the former Vice-Principal of Sims High School in Union, SC. His last appointment was by Governor Mark Sanford to the Board of Directors to the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

He was the beloved Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Gaffney, SC for 61 years and the Pastor of Island Creek Baptist Church for 38 years.

He was a former member of the Morris College Trustee Board, and most recently served as Vice-Chairman of the Trustee board of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC.

Brother Sanders was presented by the Governor of the State of South Carolina the Order of the Palmetto Gentleman Award. (This is the highest award that can be given to a citizen of the State).

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife Ms. Rubye Corry Sanders, His son, Dr. James W. Sanders, Jr. of Duncan, SC. His two daughters: Mrs. Jewette S. Patterson (Roger Sr.) Gaffney, SC; Ruzlin S. Smith (Leroy Sr.) Gaffney, SC, along with many other friends and relatives.
Brother Lloyd “Sodie” White

Baltimore, MD— Brother Lloyd “Sodie” White was a member of the Fraternity for 75 years. He was initiated into the Gamma Psi Chapter at Talladega College in Alabama on November 28, 1934. He completed his bachelors degree from Talladega and then a master’s degree from Teachers University at Columbia in New York City in 1955. Brother White had a 36-year career as a high school coach, teacher and administrator.

Born in Mississippi in 1913, Brother White took his first teaching job at Douglass High School in 1941. He was there for one year before moving to the Vocational School at Carrollton and Lafayette Avenues.

In his 22 years of coaching at Carver, Brother White won a state championship in basketball in 1959 and the basketball and football titles in 1973. These championships were won with Carver as part of the integrated Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA). Prior to the integration of black students with white students, in 1954. Brother Lloyd’s teams won championships within Black conferences at the time in football in 1947 and 1948. As a coach, Brother White valued the athlete’s individual success in life over his wins and losses as a coach. He retired from Carver in 1977. As a tribute to his dedication, one of the athletic fields at Carver High School was named in his honor.

Brother White valued the uplift of the Baltimore community. He was an ideal role model. Brother White was a member of Pi Omega Chapter since 1941.

Brother Larry “Sheriff” Williams

Orangeburg, SC- Bro. Larry “Sheriff” Dalton Williams entered Omega Chapter Tuesday September 21, 2010. He completed his secondary education in the public schools of Branchville, SC and began his post-secondary education at South Carolina State College. He later graduated magna cum laude from Claflin College in Orangeburg, SC, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Brother Dalton was initiated Spring 2008 at Epsilon Omega Chapter in Orangeburg, SC.

Brother Williams’ law enforcement career began in 1977 as a police officer with the Orangeburg City Police Department, and two years later he was hired by the Orangeburg County Sheriff’s Office. His commitment and devotion to law enforcement earned him many certifications, certificates and awards in preparation for top level management, which led to his election as Sheriff of Orangeburg County in 2000.

In 2007, Williams was awarded the prestigious Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement and was appointed to the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Board of Directors.

He was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Branchville and an honorary member of First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia, SC.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted fiancé, Ivasella Walters; a son, Demond Baxter; and a host of loving sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Brother Andrew H. “Salt” Williams

Elizabeth City, NC – Brother Andrew H. Williams entered Omega Chapter on November 13, 2010. Williams attended Elizabeth City State Teachers College for three years but was drafted into the United States Army. He served with the famed 332nd Fighter Group from 1942 until 1946. Following his service, Williams received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Carolina Central University. He was initiated into the Tau Psi Chapter on February 4, 1949.

He began his career as an educator and coach at P.W. Moore High School. Williams later served as the Principal at Annie E. Jones and Central Elementary Schools. He was the first Associate Principal at Northeastern High School.

Brother Williams was a member of the NC Retired Teachers Association, the Northeastern North Carolina School Masters Club, 32nd Degree Prince Hall Mason, ECSU Board of Trustees, and Pasquotank County Magistrate Court judge.

He is survived by his wife, Rubenia Williams, daughters, Marlene W. Holley and husband Pedro, and Dr. Andrea R. Williams. He is the grandfather of Oliver A. Holley, Lambda Gamma Chapter 1999, and Pedro Holley, II, Delta Iota Chapter 2004.
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