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Second District Representatives Message

Greetings My Second District Brethren and Guests,



It is my sincere pleasure to continue to serve as your 34th 2nd District Representative. As we enter the 105 year I have several areas of thoughts for consideration

Thanks for the love shown to me on the Passing of My Mother

My Brothers, as you know my Mother, Elnora M. Harrison, passed on December 24, 2015 at the age of 96 years. Even though it was an extremely sad time for the family, I want to thank you all for the love shown to my family. From the 7 brothers that showed at the funeral home the day before the funeral, including the current and immediate past leadership of Pi Omega Chapter and the Brothers initiated in Gamma Kappa Chapter, to the 37 Brothers from all district and country that showed at the funeral, THANK YOU. Thank you also for the 20 floral arrangements, plans,

and monetary donations. My family was so impressed by the love shown that they understand why I love Omega Psi Phi so much.

Need for a Rededication to the Survival of Omega

Brothers, some of you know that we are still dealing with hazing and other issues in the District and, unfortunately, we are becoming known for problems in this area instead of the Leadership that we should be known for. Please be aware that we are taking actions to protect the organization and punish the perpetrators. We are very much now in a zero tolerance mode for violations.

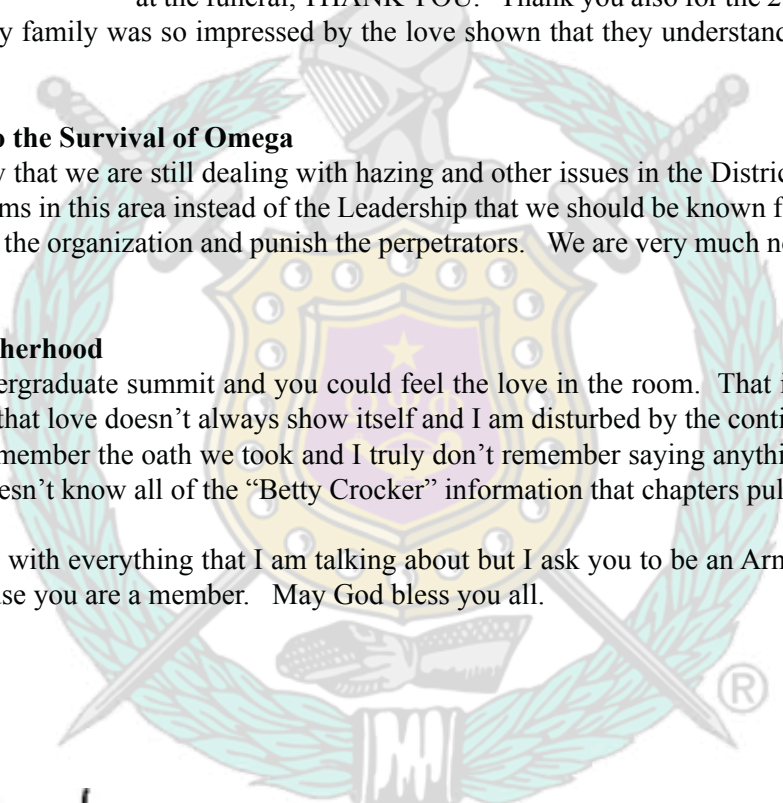
Need for Unity in the Brotherhood

We had an outstanding undergraduate summit and you could feel the love in the room. That is what we have to continue to be about. Unfortunately that love doesn't always show itself and I am disturbed by the continued need to show violence to each other. Let us all remember the oath we took and I truly don't remember saying anything about "taking each other to the green" if a brother doesn't know all of the "Betty Crocker" information that chapters pull together and/or make up.

I know you might not agree with everything that I am talking about but I ask you to be an Army of one and work to make this Fraternity greater because you are a member. May God bless you all.

IYours in Omega,

**Milton D. Harrison LM#4068
34th 2nd District Representative
January 2016**





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Montgomery County, Maryland



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Robert J. Jamison Jr.
District Marshal

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Note: Your Registration Fee Includes: District Conference Gift and Registration Package and admission of (1) with badge to: **March Down/Dance Combo -- Friday; Undergraduate Luncheon, Founders' Banquet and All Black Party - Saturday**

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Life Membership Luncheon (Friday Noon)		\$50.00	
Dr. Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Luncheon (Saturday noon)		\$50.00	
Founders' Banquet (Saturday Evening)		\$75.00	
All Black Party (Saturday Evening) (\$30.00 at door)		\$25.00	
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Dear Members, Businesses, Friends, and Patrons,

On behalf of the Second District Representative, Brother Milton D. Harrison, and all The Men of the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., I humbly greet you in the name of friendship and community. The purpose of this letter is to solicit your support by asking you to purchase an ad in Our 68th Second District Conference Souvenir Journal. The Second District will host its 68th Second District Conference at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, MD, from April 28 through May 1, 2016.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., a nonprofit, international organization, was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1911 with a commitment to service for the betterment of all mankind. The Fraternity, with over 125,000 members, has over 700 chapters across the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as abroad in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Japan, Korea, the United Kingdom, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Africa.

The Second District alone boasts more than 2,700 in 84 chapters – 62 graduate and 22 undergraduate – in the five states of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Approximately 700-800 Second District members are expected to register for the 68th Second District Conference with an additional draw of more than 2,000 Fraternity members from the D.C. Metropolitan area and other states, as well as their families, and the general public in Montgomery County and surrounding areas of MD, D.C. and VA over the duration of the 4-day conference.

In an effort to provide continual support and services to the communities of the five states comprising the Second District (Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York) and to help in sustaining the productive lives of our youth, please consider supporting this worthy effort by purchasing an ad in the 68th Second District Conference Souvenir Journal. Your ad will also provide a source of advertisement of your products and services to the more than 3000 professionals in the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and their families and friends. Through the efforts of the Second District and your support, we are able to remain steadfast in making a positive impact in the communities in which we live and serve.

We thank you in advance for your time, consideration and support.

Please see the attached page for instructions on placing ads and submitting payments. For any additional information, please contact Samuel Spann at (301) 675-6315 or Kelvin Ampofo at (202) 497-5258.

Sincerely,

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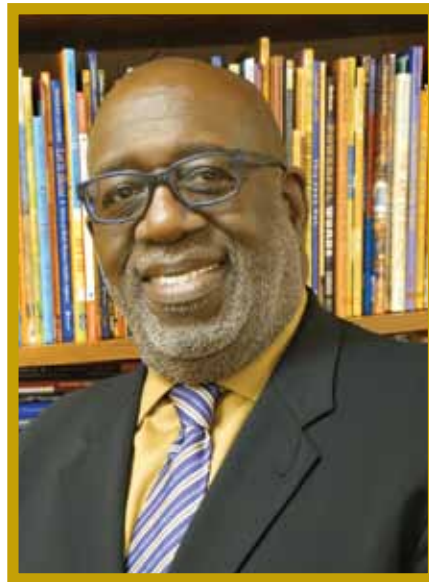
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Kappa Eta Chapter, Seton Hall University New Jersey 4-23-1980 Life Member 3263

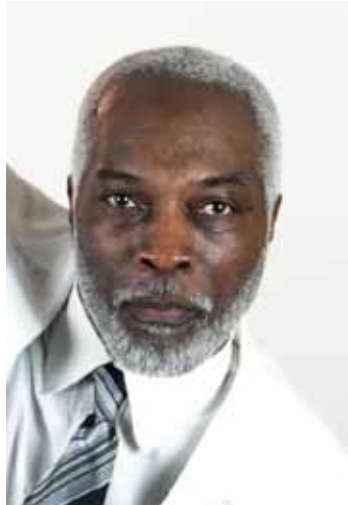
2016 Candidate for District Representative

Cell: 862-247-1010 website: <http://www.turn-info.com/ash4dr>

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Personal Information

- Kappa Eta Chapter, Seton Hall University 4-23-1980
- Life Member: 3263
- Seton Hall University; Bachelor of Science, Computer Science
- Columbia University; Master of Science, Urban Planning



Experience

- **Corridor IV Representative**
- **2002-2006, 2008-2012**
- Represented four District Representatives in writing and in person when communicating with School Administrators, Parents, Basilei and Chapters.
- Conducted over sixty Membership Selection Programs.
- Managed 18 to 24 Chapters.
- Life Membership Chairman
- 2006-2008
- Initiated “Thank You” souvenir pins and newsletter for attendees.
- District Marshal 1998
- Initiated 50th Second District Website

Professional Achievements

- Certified Technical Trainer
- Comptia A+, Network+, Adobe and Microsoft software certified trainer
- Paterson Parking Authority Commissioner 2010 - present

My Platform:

Partnership Revenue History Recognition

What I am going to do:

1. Innovatively Increase the District and Corridors’ Revenue Streams
2. Revise Fee Planning for 50+ Year and Life Members
3. Renew Commitment to the Documentation of Our District’s History (With a Distinct Emphasis on Our District’s 50 Year Plus Members, Luminaries, Leaders Past and Present)

How am I going to do it:

- 1). Utilize Proven District Talent Currently Equipped With Resources, a Track Record of Revenue Innovation and Creation
- 2). Appeal to the Willingness of Our District’s Chapter Leaders to CHANGE

Message From The
2nd District
Retention Chairman



William "Bucky" Dent
Second District Retention Chair

First and Foremost, I greet you in name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe as well as in the spirit of the Founding Fathers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Over the past several years, many of our newly initiated brothers are straying away from the brotherhood very early in their life in as an Omega man. By abandoning the fraternity shortly after initiation, these brothers are not absorbing the real benefits of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and end up unfilled as it relates to the true Brotherhood.

Developing our newly initiated brothers is needed to ensure the fraternity's rich traditions and profound history does not perish. As a solution to our difficulties in

retaining newly initiated brothers, I have conceived of a program that has been on my mind and heart for some time now, the "Shadow Que"

the chapter should prepare a list of active brothers willing to participate in the program.

"These times demand clean men, of clear vision, of straight thinking, of unselfish doing. And every Omega man must accept this challenge.

Out of the groups like ours, men who know and feel the utmost Fidelity, Liberty and Fraternity, must come to the world absolution.

Only by the bonds of brotherhood, stronger than life or death, which shall grip harder and more securely as ever greater numbers feel the tie, shall the world at last stand unfettered of evil, because chained in real fraternity."

*Dr. Ernest Everett Just
The Challenge
June 1919 Oracle*

program.

What is the "Shadow Que" Program?

The "Shadow Que" program is a new initiative to retain neophyte brothers by offering the opportunity to follow an active brother through his chapter, district or national activities in Omega. Participants will interact together with the intent they grow to know each other and bond in the true Omega Spirit. The shadow period is suggested for three years.

For chapters interested in participating in the program, the process should begin when the chapter votes to conduct the Membership Selection Process (MSP) and has submitted the proper documentation to its corridor team. After a chapter is cleared to conduct an intake process, the executive committee and retention chair for

The brothers being shadowed should have at least 7 years of fully financial and active fraternity membership. Brothers that are being shadowed do not have to be the sponsor of the neophyte. Reclaimed brothers can also participate in the program. Chapters should be willing to commit to shadowing assignments for at least 3 years. Also, brothers should be willing to bond with neophytes outside of fraternity meetings and events.

Once a chapter is cleared for intake, the Executive Committee and the Retention Chairman for participating chapters will match the brother with the newly initiated brother before their first chapter meeting. If the chapter of the newly initiated brother does not have enough brothers to participate in the program, the chapter Retention Chairman can contact the District and a brother will be identified to work with the new brother.

Goals of the Shadow Que Program

1. Track the participation of newly initiated brothers
2. Teach new members how to be accountable to their Omega oath.
3. Develop and train brothers for leadership in their chapter and beyond.
4. Ensure brothers become fully knowledgeable of the fraternity's committees and committee functions.
5. Learn from the perspective of fully financial and active brother.
6. Understand the roles within the local, District and National levels of the fraternity.
7. To strengthen the bond of brotherhood within chapters and ultimately in our fraternity.
8. To brothers keep a direct line of communication with the Retention Chairman of their chapter and the Basileus regarding participation in the fraternity.

Currently, Corridor 3 is serving as the testing ground for this program. If successful, the program will be rolled out throughout the entire Second District. The ultimate goal is for the Shadow Que program to become a national level program for all undergraduate and graduate chapters.

All financial brothers, regardless of age are encouraged to participate. If you are interested, please submit your name to you chapter Reclamation Chair. Once we have identified the brothers that wish to be shadowed, we will match them with the newly initiated brothers that will shadow them. If you have questions about the program, please reach out to me by phone at (267) 625-5108, or by e-mail at William.Dent@dla.mil.

We as a brotherhood must take an aggressive stand to make sure that our Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will last another 100 years. Participants of "Shadow Que" will restore the

brotherhood of this fraternity and fortify us for the next hundred years. If we implement "Shadow Que" properly, the program will be a strong source in keeping Omega first among all Greek letter organizations.

Fraternally,

William L. Dent III
Second District
Retention Chairman

Alpha Lambda Lambda 15th Anniversary Gala



Alpha Lambda Lambda Brothers at the 15th Anniversary Gala

Frederick, Maryland. November 14, 2015. The Brothers of the Alpha Lambda Lambda (ALL) Chapter, along with 250 patrons, gathered at the Frederick Holiday Inn to celebrate their 15th Anniversary with a Gala in recognition of the tireless works and efforts of members of the Fraternity and the community. The celebration was also attended by special guests Brother Curtis Baylor, Former Grand KRS, Brother Milton Harrison, 2nd District Representative and the chapter was especially thrilled that Brother Lee Bernard, 27th 2d District Representative took time from his busy schedule to fly in from Mississippi to be a part of the celebration; Brother Bernard performed the chapters' Chartering Ceremony in October 2000. This show of support to honor the chapter's contributions to the Fraternity and the Frederick community is a shining example of the True Omega spirit. In deference to Omega's second Cardinal Principle, three high school seniors, Mr. Nathan Bartlett, Ms. Amani McCauley and Mr. Zachary Reid were each presented with the Brother Cornelius "Corky" Turner

(Gamma Epsilon 50) Memorial Scholarship award for their excellence in academic studies and community service. Each student will receive a scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000 each, upon their entrance into the college of their choice. Additionally, in keeping with our fourth Cardinal Principle of Uplift, Dr. Olivia White, ALL 2015 Citizen of the Year, was presented with the 2nd District Citizen of the Year Award by the 2nd District Representative, Brother Milton Harrison. This year's Gala marked the capstone event for the Chapter where the following Brothers were honored for exceptional service: Omega Man of the Year—Brother Thaddious Goodman (Pi Gamma 68) Citizen of the Year—Brother Theodore Luck (Omicron Gamma 70) Superior Service Award—Brother Meredith Hudson (Xi Psi 68) Special Basileus Award—Brother Irving Duhart (Alpha Lambda Lambda 13) In addition to the aforementioned awards, Quettes Diann Goodman was presented with the Basileus Award for Hospitality, and Terri Coles was presented with the Basileus Award for Exhibiting the True Omega Spirit.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Christmas Social Action



Alpha Lambda Lambda Brothers celebrate Christmas with Lincoln community residents

Frederick, Maryland, 14 Dec 15. The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda chapter celebrated its annual Christmas party with the residents of the Lincoln Housing Community. Families and friends joined together for food, fellowship, and gift giving. This annual event has been conducted for 15 years wherein the Lincoln community welcomed the brothers to its neighborhood; in exchange many of the chapters' social action endeavors are coordinated within it. The Social Action Committee Chairman, Brother Thad Good-

man (Pi Gamma 68) spearheaded the event with community leaders which included the Frederick City Chief of Police. The successful event culminated with gift cards given to the children as well as the brothers delivering turkey's to residents in the community. The Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter continues to uplift the Lincoln Housing Community through its visibility as positive role models and social action endeavors that give back to those less fortunate.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Thanksgiving Social Action

Frederick, Maryland, 24 Nov 2015. Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter Thanksgiving Turkey distribution to the Lincoln Housing Community. There aren't enough words in the dictionary to describe the significance of giving back. Even the simplest acts of benevolence, the ones we think of as "random acts of kindness" or "no big deal" are actually incredibly important, particularly to those that are less fortunate. Volunteering in all forms strengthens our communities, brings people together and provides us with valuable experiences and insight. The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda (ALL) chapter believe in giving back to the community in which they live. On November 24, 2015 at 6:30 pm, the brothers gathered together for their annual turkey distribution to the residents of the Lincoln Housing Community. The brothers collected 35 turkeys and went door to door greeting residents and handing them out, and at the same time gaining a sense of human compassion. The brothers have conducted this social action endeavor twice a year (Thanksgiving and Christmas) for 15 years. As the brothers walked through the neighborhood, the impact of this gesture of kindness could be felt, as well as seen as the residents greeted the

brothers with open arms and warm smiles displayed on their faces. The Social Action Committee Chairman Bro. Thaddious Goodman (Pi Gamma 68), along with 15 brothers, to include visiting brothers Troy Priest (Theta Mu 87), Walter Swanson (Kappa Kappa 08) and Eddie Nuwaba (Kappa 15) dedicated their time and efforts to uplift this community. Brothers of ALL know there is something so different, so unique that comes with giving back to one's community. Maybe it's the altruistic satisfaction of helping those who may otherwise receive less help; or maybe it's seeing people from all different races, and backgrounds display a smile of appreciation and gratitude. The vision of our Founders was that through service, a difference would be made in the lives of people and the communities in which we live.



Alpha Lambda Lambda World AIDS Day Social Action

Frederick, Md. December 1, 2015. The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda chapter in partnership with the Frederick HIV/AIDS coalition conducted and observed the 27th World Aids Day Program at Dublin Roaster in Frederick, MD with 33 people in attendance. The world is now in its 34th year of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic, and as a nation, we are still struggling to make progress in decreasing the numbers of individuals becoming infected by the disease. For this reason, organizations, agencies, and churches from all over Frederick County joined together to develop a strategy to address the epidemic in our own community. July 2015, President Obama signed the second National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The goals of the newly forming Frederick county coalition will align closely with this national strategy:

1. Reduce New HIV Infections, 2. Increase Access to Care and Improve Health Outcomes for People Living with HIV, and 3. Reduce HIV- Related Health Disparities. Other goals of the coalition will address the social and spiritual needs of people living with HIV infection. The guest speaker for the event was Ms. Debbie Anne, Registered Nurse from the Frederick, Maryland Health Department in support of HIV. The event is a new health initiative for the chapter. The Brothers in attendance were Torrance Beck (LBB 08), Larnell Simpson (ALL 15) and Paul Flemings (ALL 15). Through Service, Alpha Lambda Lambda continues in the vision of the Founders that a difference would be made in the lives of people and the communities in which we live.

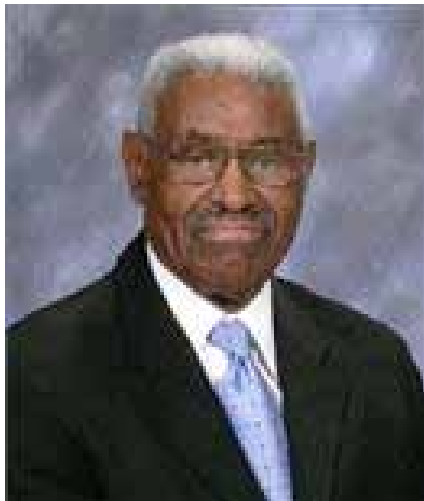


Alpha Lambda Lambda Brothers with the Frederick HIV/AIDS Coalition at the 27th World AIDS Day Observance Program

When We Wear the Gloves Manhood.....laid low



Bro. William Bishop - Omega Chapter



Trenton, NJ. William Oliver Bishop, 89, entered into Omega Chapter on July 29, 2015, in Dalton, GA. Born in Trenton, Bill was educated in the Bayonne and Trenton public school systems. After graduating from Trenton Central High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served for two years during World War II. During his military career, he earned the American Theater Medal and the Victory Medal, and was selected for the Navy Boxing Team. He then attended Morgan State College and later transferred to Central State University (Xenia, Ohio), where he received his bachelor's degree in secondary education.

While matriculating Central State University Brother Bishop was initiated into the Fraternity in 1952 through Eta Gamma Chapter. He became an active member of Delta Upsilon Chapter in Trenton, NJ in 1955. Brother Bishop has served on numerous committees and was a consummate promoter of the Cardinal Principals; Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. He was a mentor to many neophytes who crossed the sands at Delta Upsilon Chapter. William began his career in New York City as a recreation director and was later hired by the Trenton Board of Education in 1953. His tenure as an educator would span 34 years, with 17 years spent as a teacher at Grant School, followed by another 17 years as an administrator in Trenton's elementary and junior high schools. Bill was baptized and was a lifelong member of Union Baptist Church, where he served on many ministries, including Elite Ushers, Men's Chorus, Chancellor Choir, trustee, 1993 Men's Day Chairman, and the Youth Ministry. He was predeceased by his wife, Madelyn Lewis Bishop; Bill is survived by his daughter, Andrea Bishop-Marbury (Joseph); son, William A. Bishop; brother, Robert Bishop (Lydia); sister, Bernice Haywood, and granddaughter, Cortney Marbury

Brother Siafa Lavalala- Omega Chapter



Silver Spring, MD. Brother Siafa Lavalala entered Omega Chapter Monday November 23, 2015 at the youthful age of 28.. He was born on May 17, 1987 and graduated from Spring Brook High School in 2005. After graduating high school, he briefly attended Pasadena City College, CA before transferring to Saint Francis University, PA on a football scholarship. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems (MIS) in 2010. Siafa was an avid lover of football; He starred as an all-County strong safety for the Spring Brook "Blue Devils" from 2001-2005 and all-conference strong safety for Saint Francis "Red Flash" from 2007-2010.

Bro. Lavalala was initiated as 1-2009-Iota Lambda Lambda (State College, PA). He served as the Mu Nu Chapter Chaplain (2013 – 2014), Assistant Keeper of Records & Seal (2014 – 2015), Talent Hunt Committee Chairman (Omega Year 2013 – 2015). Bro. Lavalala served as an active volunteer for the George B. Thomas Learning Academy Paint Branch High School Saturday School Program and an active volunteer for the annual Game Changer Conference for Young Males Bro. Bro. Lavalala participated in multiple Social Action programs developed to mentor the youth of Montgomery County. In addition to the Fraternity, He was faithful and dedicated to doing the Lord's work. Siafa was a spiritual, and very active member of Reid Temple AME church. He was involved in many church activities including the Men's Ministry, Boys to Men mentoring program and Church choir. Siafa Lavalala is survived by his loving mother, Comfort Arku; his siblings James Lavalala Jr. (Hope), Ernest A. Jenkins (Small G.I.), Charles A. Dundas (Chucky) (Peggy Dundas) Kezelebah Lavalala, Zizi Bestman, Okemia Mitchell Porch (Dennis Porch), Kezele Mitchell & Ma-Wubu Lavalala; his nieces & nephew, Claire Dundas, Sydney and Xavier Porch.; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, friends in Liberia, The United States, and brothers from Iota Lambda Lambda, Mu Nu Chapter, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls

When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



Bro. Adedire Olanrewaju Ososanya - Omega Chapter



Prince Georges County, MD. December 17, 2017 Brother Adedire Olanrewaju Ososanya, 20 years of age, affectionately known as, "Dire" transitioned to Omega Chapter on December 17, 2015, in a fatal car accident. Initiated into the Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. chartered at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland on November 14th, 2015, Brother Ososanya was a "devoted son, to his parents and grandparents, loved by his younger brother and sister, and a role model to his family, his friends, and fraternity brothers. Educated in the Prince George's County Public School System, Dire attended Largo High School located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Coming to Morgan State University He was a business marketing major in the Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management and always kept his GPA well above a 3.0. Honored as Mr. Sophomore, Mr. Junior and aspiring to be Mr. Morgan State University, he was also very active in the Morgan community and interactive with the entire student body Number six (6) on the line of The 8 Everlasting Elements of Alchemy, Dire served as the Social Action Chair of Pi Chapter in 2015, almost immediately demonstrating his leadership and high aspirations for service in our Fraternity. Always a humanitarian and a humble young man with a bright future ahead of him, he loved people and had a passion for photography. His pictures spoke volumes and he was a genius when it came to delivering a message through one single snap shot. Very involved in our community service events and he loved talking to kids. Even for his young age, he knew so much and had so much to give back to his community!

When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls

"The Omega Type . . . "

By CHARLES E. KING

The use of the expression "the Omega type" is widely known wherever Omega is known. A prospective "lamp" is either referred to as being the Omega type or not the Omega type. There is great probability that the expression of "the Omega type" is often used without very much meaning. It is most important that "type" be given consideration for it is the "type" that makes Omega Omega, but we should be clear in our minds about what the type should manifest.

The "type" should exhibit the qualities of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. In exhibiting manhood he should be a gentleman, but none-the-less a man. He should be reliable, self-confident, able to have convictions of his own, fair in his dealings with others, have respect for authority, but not the type to cringe before or court favor with authority. In exhibiting scholarship grades alone cannot be used as the criterion of measurement. The type should exhibit this quality further by showing the ability to master facts and interpret them into application for practical situations. Perseverance should be exhibited by the tendency of plugging ahead in face of obstacles. The tendency to keep pushing forward despite difficulties until the aims have been accomplished. The type should show the quality of

uplift by having interest in any activity that tends to make for the improvement of the well being of individuals and society.

The fraternity does not make men. Men make Omega. Therefore it is imperative that careful observation be undertaken before a prospect be taken "across the burning sands to the mystic shrine of Omega". The fraternity can never be better than its constituents. If the fraternity is to promote manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, the type of men taken into it must possess these qualities and it is up to the Omega men to see to it that these men are the possessors of these qualities before they are made into the fraternity for once he is made there is no "turning out."

If brotherhood is to be made realistic in the realm of Omega it must recruit men who have the trait of open-fair-mindedness and a desire and appreciation of fellowship.

The Omega type is not something to be loosely considered, but rather something that must gain our most serious attention. We must keep the standards of Omega high; we must keep Omega meaning something. Therefore it is essential that we determine if the prospect is the type that will build Omega to be what we want it to be.

Alpha Upsilon Male Mentoring Program



Alpha Upsilon Brothers with Participants in the Male Mentoring Program

Brooklyn, New York- October 26, 2015. The Alpha Upsilon Project O.A.S.I.S. Male Mentoring session started off the new school with a bang. The Brothers escorted 10 boys and two staff members from Junius Temporary Shelter Home to a Brooklyn Nets pre-season game on October 5th @ 7:30 p.m. A good time was enjoyed by all. Tickets were awarded to us by our participation in the Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance. Bro Hayden (Tau Psi '71) has been the main contact person for our participation in their raffle. The committee thanks him for his due diligence in commitment to the program.

Bro Hayden (Tau Psi '71) and Bro Wilkinson (Nu Tau '92) were joined by Bro Keston Frank (Alpha Upsilon '14) who took pictures that will be posted on the website (www.brooklynomega.org.) Project O.A.S.I.S (Omega Assisting Scholars Improve Society) is a social action umbrella program within the chapter that addresses issues confronting school, youths, and community. The male mentoring session operates on the Second and Fourth Mondays of the months from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Brothers participation is always welcomed.

Alpha Upsilon Rugby Social Action Program

Randall's Island, MY, June 6, 2015, the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter, "Brooklyn Omega", sponsored the Park Slope School 282 - Brooklyn, NY - Flag Rugby Program for the Play Rugby USA New York City Rugby Cup tournament. The Park Slope School 282 Flag Rugby Program is coached by Brother Kyle Plant and Mr. Zebulon Alexander - both teachers at the school. Brother Keston Frank, began working with the Program this year, and is an integral part of the staff. Brother Plant and Mr. Alexander introduced the game of Rugby to their students in 2011, and have qualified teams to play in the New York City Rugby Cup Finals in four out of five years, bringing home four NYC Rugby Cup Championships with their Elementary, Middle School and All Girls teams. This year at the 2015 NYC Rugby Cup, Park Slope School 282 was the first Program in tournament history to qualify for the finals in all three divisions - finishing 2nd in the Elementary and Middle School brackets, while earning their first All Girls City Championship for the school. In addition to their current players, the 282 Program had four alumni players on Championship teams in both the high school Girls and Boys divisions, and two other players participating in tackle Rugby State Championships this same weekend. Brother Plant is quoted as saying "the unintended consequences of introducing Rugby to our students five years ago are absolutely mind blowing. We thought we were merely introducing a new activity to keep our students engaged and plugged into school, when in all actuality we have helped to introduce a culture and a way of life, while creating another high school/college scholarship vehicle for our students - our Cardinal Principals are on full display through the work we do with these young people." The Men of Alpha Upsilon are proud to be associated with



Park Slope Alumni 282 Girls with the NYC Rugby Championship Trophy

this noble endeavor, and look forward to continued opportunities to Uplift our Community. We thank our Basileus, Bro Glenn Chapman for allowing the Chapter branch out into uncharted territory, and continue to do the good work of Our Omega Dear!

Beta Chapter Pink Paws 5K Race



Beta Brothers with participants at the Pink Paws 5K Race

Lincoln University, PA. October 25th, 2015. The Brothers of Beta chapter hosted their Second Annual Pink Paws 5k race, and fun walk in partnership with the non-profit organization “Living Beyond Breast Cancer”. Living Beyond Breast Cancer is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to help people whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. The race was held on the campus of The Lincoln University, which also drew participation from the Lincoln University community. The brothers sought to increase participation in the 2nd year therefore they partnered with various female organization on campus such as the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, S.T.A.R.S

(sisters that are respected seriously), H.B.M (higher better movement), N.C.N.W (national council of negro women) the ladies of R.H.A (residence hall association), and all the beautiful women who participated around campus. The winners of the race were Desmond Bowser, and Brandon Chinke who both finished the race in less than 30 minutes. The winners of the race received trophies for their accomplishment, and the brothers of Beta chapter were able to raise and donate over \$300 dollars to Living beyond Breast Cancer. The brothers of Beta chapter continue to be instrumental by uplifting the Lincoln University community.

Beta Gamma 65th Anniversary Gala

Philadelphia, PA. December 5, 2015. Beta Gamma Chapter Cheyney University, celebrated 65 years of “Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service”. The Beta Gamma Foundation kicked off its annual signature weekend event at the Philadelphia Airport Doubletree Hilton Hotel on Friday evening December 4, 2015 with its Scholarship Comedy Series show. On Saturday, the Chapters 65th anniversary celebration continued with their Scholarship luncheon concluding Saturday evening with fine dining, dancing and fellowship with the foundation’s formal Scholarship honors Gala. Brothers and guest packed the ballroom with Fraternities dignitaries from all over the Mighty Second District and beyond to help raise money for Scholarships for worthy Cheyney University Students. As part of the weekend, Gala each year the Beta Gamma Foundation honors past generations of BG pledge lines on their anniversary of initiation into our beloved fraternity as an undergraduate at Cheyney. This year the following initiated lines was honored 1955(60 years) 1964 (50years), 1975 (40 years) and 1985 (30 years) and lastly 1995 with 20 years. This memorable weekend was the celebration of the Beta Gamma Foun-

-dations five years of incorporation and the Chapters 65th Anniversary. The keynote speaker for the luncheon and formal Honors Banquet was Omega Psi Phi’s 40th International Grand Basileus Antonio F Knox Sr. Grand Basileus Knox set the stage by opening his remarks at the foundations luncheon that it was an honor for him to have this opportunity to celebrate with Beta Gamma on their 65 years of outstanding service to the Fraternity. Bro. Knox encouraged the brothers to be the exception rather than the rule. He told the Brothers “Strive to be the ultimate believe that we can be great” we should do more not less as Omega men if we are to remain relevant in today’s society. Society has raised the bar to what is acceptable, and we must rise to the occasion. Omega needs only the best of men, men of good will and character who can stand up to prejudice and Police injustice. The Grand’s message at the formal evening Gala to the brotherhood and guest was to continue to be of service to humanity as the Founders has designed through the Cardinal Principle of Uplift and don’t look at what you are doing with your service as a sacrifice, but as an investment in our communities

Corridor IV Licence Plate Raffle

Willingboro NJ 08046, November 17, 2015. The Brothers of NU NU, in conjunction with the Corridor IV NJ chapters held the drawing for the Corridor IV NJ Omega Licenses Plate Raffle at the JFK Center. Total Sales were \$8160.00. Half the prize money of \$4080.00 was divided among 20 winners. Kyra Price the Willingboro vicinity Branch President of the NAACP, drew all the winning tickets. Chi Upsilon, Omicron Chi, Pi Kappa Kappa, NU NU, Upsilon Phi, and Lambda Upsilon all had winners sold by their chapter members.



Brother Tyson and contesteant draw the winning ticket for the raffle

Chi Pi Christmas Social Action



Chi Pi Brothers Toys For Tots Christmas Toy Program

Syracuse NY, December 2016. Each year the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Chi Pi Chapter, participate in the “Toys for Tots” program. The objectives of “Toys” for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to the betterment of communities in the future. Chi Pi Chapter partners with the Marine Corps program which aligns with our mission of community Service. The Brothers select a community based organization or school to which the toys are distributed. Van Duyn Elementary School in the Syracuse City School District (NY) was selected this year. The school is located in a

neighborhood where 77% of the students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. In order to be a contender for the toys, students were required to have 100% attendance (neither late nor leave early) for the month of December and exhibit CHAMPS behavior (Courageous, Hardworking, Motivated, Persistent, Scholarly and Safe). On Tuesday, December 22nd, every hour or so Mrs. Williams pulled the names of deserving students over the school’s PA (public announcement system). Students whose names were chosen were invited to the Conference Room which was transformed into the PBIS CHAMPS Holiday House to select a toy/gift of their choice. To make the day even more magical, Santa and Jingles the Elf appeared at Van Duyn Elementary. Needless to say the event was a tremendous success for the Brothers and the Students!

Delta Mu holds Discussion on College Dating



Delta Mu Brothers and participants at the College Dating Discussion

Ithaca, NY, October 29, 2015. At Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC), as part of their Omega Week, the Brothers engaged with the community on college dating culture. We watched a ted talk on hookup culture and a video of students giving their thoughts on the hookup culture at their respective schools. This was a discussion that gave students a chance to give their opinions on the topic and learn from others. This event started at 7:00pm and concluded at 9:00pm. The event also had polls where people were able to voice their opinions on the questions asked. We asked the audience questions such as “what is considered dating” “how many times have you been on a date?” And “what is con-

sidered cheating?” . This was great because it allowed students to give their true opinions without feeling ostracized by the community. We had many interesting comments from the students that helped build greater understanding within the audience. Towards the end of the event, we gave statistics on the hookup culture and how it has changed over the years due to social media. We also gave tips on hooking up in college and ensuring physical and mental safety. We had over 40 students in attendance. Students were happy with the event; one said “this was great just to be able to have a candid conversation on this topic was great”.

Chi Rho 50 Year Anniversary Celebration



Chi Rho Brothers with the District Representative and the Grand Basileus at the 50th Year Anniversary

North Babylon, N.Y. October 3rd, 2015 The Brothers of the Chi Rho Chapter held a celebration, in honor of 50th years of service and duty. Chi Rho was established August 11th, 1965, in North Babylon, N.Y. and has served Long Island since. The event was graced by the presence of the Grand Basileus, Anthony Knox, Sr., the 2nd District Representative, Milton Harrison, and the 4th District Representative, Daryl Cameron. Numerous other brothers and dignitaries were in attendance, making for a memorable night of fellowship and celebration. Chi Rho was chartered during a pivotal point in our nation. In 1965, this country was in the midst of the civil rights movement. In fact, on Aug 6th of that year, the Voting Rights Act was passed, which finally eliminated discriminatory voting requirements, which deprived the majority of Afro-Americans of their fundamental right to elect their own

majority of Afro-Americans of their fundamental right to elect their own leaders. 8 Omega men had the foresight and devotion to bring together all the brothers across the area, during these trying times. Together they built a foundation that would help culture generations of youth across Long Island, a place in dire need of a strong minority presence. Over these 50th years, the chapter has leaned on the guidance of our sole surviving charter member, Brother Ercell Williams. He has maintained an active hand throughout the evolution of the chapter. This event was a celebration his legacy and a culmination of all his efforts. He was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by our newly elected Basileus Donald McCarthy. The chapter is grateful to all of our guests, honorees and award recipients for helping make the celebration a success. God willing, the chapter will ride this momentum through the next 50 years of excellence and achievement.

Delta Mu Devine Jeopardy



Delta Mu Brothers and participants at the Divine Jeopardy Event

Ithaca, NY- Friday October 27, 2015. During Omega week, the Brothers hosted a community event called “Divine Jeopardy”. The contest was held in Robert Purcell Community, where one member from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Sorority, Inc. competed to answer questions on various topics regarding black people. The categories included black musicians, black activities, famous black

Greeks, black movies and a mystery category. This was a great way for the community to be entertained by some of the Greeks on campus. This also served as a learning experience for spectators and contestants who learned information about certain topics. The event lasted from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and over 40 people came out to support the event. Noelani Gabriel of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was the winner.

Delta Mu Activities

Delta Mu Study Break Sigma Lambda Upsilon

Ithaca NY- Friday December 11th 2015. The Brothers of the Delta Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated collaborated with the Iota Chapter of Sigma lambda Upsilon Senioritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. (SLU) had a study break during finals week for the Cornell Community at Ujamaa Residential College. The event started at 6:00pm and concluded at 8:00pm. As Cornell is considered on the most stressful schools in America, the Brothers thought it would be a great idea to provide an outlet for students to relax. With collaboration with SLU, we were able to get together and make the study break happen. This gave a chance for students to unwind for a couple hours with food and board games. Over 50 students attended the event.



Delta Mu Brothers and Sigma Lambda Upsilon Girls

Delta Mu Pumpkin Carving Social Action

Ithaca, NY. Friday October 30, 2015. The Brothers of Delta Mu had an event for the Ithaca community, which consisted of Pumpkin Carving and Trick or Treating. They invited children from Ithaca schools to enjoy their Halloween's Eve with the Brothers on a college campus. The pumpkin carving and trick or treating occurred at Ujamaa Residential College, college dormitory. The kids participated in pumpkin carving first with their parents, then they went throughout the building as students waited at their doors to give candy to the kids. Many children came in costumes such as a princess, ironman, a pimp, a lion and a police officer. Many parents also came, as they loved the idea of their child interacting with college student. The purpose of this event was for children of color to see that there are people that look like them that are in college. There were over 50 people in attendance.



Delta Mu Brother and students at the Pumpkin Carving event

Delta Mu Founders Day Celebration



Delta Mu Brothers at the Founders Day Dinner

Ithaca NY. November 17th, 2015 the Brothers of Delta Mu celebrated this by having a founders day dinner with the rest of the Brothers in the Ithaca community. The dinner occurred at 114 Heights court where the Delta Mu Brothers all live. The dinner menu included Macaroni and

Cheese, Grilled Chicken, collard greens and steak. This was the Brothers Reclamation and Retention, which is one of the Fraternities, mandated programs. Also we thought it would be a great opportunity for the men of Omega to come together and fellowship to celebrate our glorious fraternity.

Delta Mu Gospel Explosion



Cornell Community at the Gospel Explosion

Ithaca, NY. Sunday November 1, 2015. The Brothers of Delta Mu Chapter organized a gospel event for the Cornell community. On Sunday, people typically attend a local church in Ithaca so the Brothers wanted to bring the church to the students. The event consisted of many Cornell students/organizations that performed poetry, spoken word, sang, or danced. The event started at 2 pm and concluded at 4 pm. It occurred at the Robert Purcell Community Center. All of the performers were Cornell

students and many students came to support their friends. We also had a licensed minister give a sermon to the audience. The minister talked about his life and how God has helped him get to where he is today. It was also parents' weekend at Cornell so many parents came to the event and loved it. One parent told us, "This was so great. I'm so glad you all had this event!" One student said, "Please continue this for years to come. I truly loved this". The event had over 50 people in attendance..

Eta Mu Mu Youth Step USA Competition In Brooklyn, NY



Eta Mu Mu Brothers with with kids at the Youth USA Competition

New York, January 17th, 2016. New Year... New Show for 2016! The Youth Step teams of Brooklyn collided to compete for which High School and Middle School teams are on their way to Harrisburg, Pa. The Brothers of Eta Mu Nu chapter judged this year's event. Teams will be judged on complexity, creativity, synchronization, transitions, show introduction, show exit, enthusiasm, vocal clarity, precision and overall performance.

"What makes a great routine is when a team is very creative and exciting to watch," said Brother Garrett Hall, Basileus, Eta Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. "They make you feel like you're part of their team, and their overall performance sets themselves apart from the others." Youth Step USA empowers young people to see themselves as positive members of their schools and/or communities.

Gamma Pi Achievement Week Celebration



Gamma Pi Basileus gives award to Bro. Dr. George Thomas



Robert Alvarezz (seated) Gamma Pi Student Athlete of the Year

Prince George's County, Md., November 20, 2015 - Every year, Achievement Week is celebrated as Omega Psi Phi's way of recognizing the contributions of the community within the framework of formally observing Omega's own founding and history. And every year, Gamma Pi chapter manages to give it a fresh new spin. This year the Super Chapter chose the Greenbelt community to anchor its official program for 2015, highlighting educational achievement. The chapter's keynote speaker, Brother Dr. George Thomas, Sr., of Montgomery County, Md., is a noted Washington-area educator and educational entrepreneur. Brother Thomas is currently President and Chairman of the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc., a nonprofit community-based tutoring and mentoring program he founded along with Mu Nu chapter in Montgomery County. The Learning Academy's signature program, Saturday School, is a strategic partner with Montgomery County Public Schools. In leading Achievement Week, Bro. Dr. Thomas helped the Super Chapter promote the importance of innovation and diversity in ensuring a quality education for all youth, especially disadvantaged youth, in the greater Washington area. The program attracted a full house to the Greenbelt Public Library to hear stirring remarks from Brother Dr. Thomas, Sr., who was also the 2008 Washingtonian of the Year. Through his talk, he shared his story and his passion for young people that led to the founding of The Learning Academy. He

also talked about partnerships and parental involvement in education. He was introduced at the podium by Brother Reginald Thomas of Gamma Pi. Achievement Week is also a time to recognize community and Fraternity contributions. Community awards were highlighted by Carolyn Washington (Sisters for Sisters) named Citizen of the Year, Young Robert Alvarezz, son of Gamma Pi's Brother Ian Alvarezz, was named Student Athlete of the Year. Brother Willie Hines, director of Gamma Pi's Project ENRICH program, was named Omega Man of the Year. Other Brothers who received awards were Dr. Harrison Foy, DVM, Founders' Award, Brother Marcus Davis, Educator of the Year, Brother Elder Brian King, Religious Leader of the Year, and Brother Jams Alexander, Superior Service. Thanks to Brothers William Reese and Fowler, Jr. for organizing the outstanding program. This year's theme was "Omega at the Forefront: Fulfilling Its Legacy."

The night before the program, Gamma Pi chapter members gathered for their annual Brothers Only Dinner at the officers Club at Andrews Air Force Base. Each year, the chapter invites Omega men from all over the area to attend the dinner program. Rand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Kenneth Rodgers, gave the keynote this year. Brother Rodgers is a former three-term Basileus of Gamma Pi and the 32nd Second District Representative. The dinner is always a sociable event for Omega men to share Fraternity challenges and priorities and to set the stage for the communitywide Achievement Week program.

Bro. Dr. Franklin Chambers SUNY Oneonta VP of Student Affairs



Bro. Dr. Franklin Chambers

Prince George's County, Md January 1, 2016 -- Congratulations to Brother Dr. Franklin Chambers, who last summer relocated from the Washington, D.C. suburbs in Maryland and ventured upstate New York to join the administration at SUNY Oneonta as vice president for student development. He started the new position on July 1, 2015. Brother Dr. Chambers gets to remain in the Second District, but simply changes corridors as a longtime member and son of Gamma Pi chapter in Prince George's County, Md. Brother Dr. Chambers has more than 20 years of experience working in higher education, most recently as vice president for student affairs at Coppin State University in Baltimore. Prior to his position at Coppin, Brother Dr. Chambers served in a number of student services positions at Howard University in Washington, D.C., including vice provost for student affairs, interim director for intercollegiate athletics, interim dean for residence life, special assistant to the president and associate director of student activities. Brother Dr. Chambers, who was initiated into the Fraternity at Gamma Pi in the Spring of 1992, has long been sought after for his expertise in some impressive academic circles, including serving as a panelist for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and as a presenter and panelist at the Second National Summit on Black Greek-Letter Organizations. Brother Dr. Chambers earned a bachelor's degree in political science from California State University at Northridge, and a master's in educational administration and Ph.D. in organizational communications from Howard University.

Gamma Pi Highlights Its Own Soldiers During Veterans Day Event



Gamma Pi Veterans Panel address youth at QueKidzDaze Veterans Day Event

Prince George's County, Md., November 14, 2015 – Members of Gamma Pi chapter brought home the meaning of Veterans Day to a group of eager and curious youngsters from the underserved Kentland Community during a special forum held on Saturday, November 14, at the Kentland Community Center in Prince George's County. In a town hall-style forum, the chapter defined "veterans", explained the role of the military and held an open discussion with local youth. The event was held as part of the chapter's popular QueKidzDayz youth enrichment program held monthly at the Kentland Community Center for disadvantaged children who live nearby. QueKidzDayz is a relatively new, innovative program from Gamma Pi that focuses on wholesome, educational and fun activities for pre-teenage youth from at-risk communities. Once a month on Saturdays, members of the Gamma Pi chapter who work with the program visit with the youth at the Kentland Community Center for a morning of exciting activities. Sometimes the day includes a field trip. Other times, it involves something as simple as sitting in a circle and playing games that challenge the young mind and boost the children's confidence. It also involves talks about issues like manners and behavior and healthy eating. It may also involve learning a non-traditional sport, like tennis, or even teach young boys how to tie a necktie. The Veterans Day educational event featured chapter members who served in the Armed Forces talking about their experiences and answering questions from the youth about their military service.

"Although our children learn about Veterans Day in school, it means a lot more in their understanding of it and of U.S. history, when they can meet and talk to real Veterans who bring the observance to life for them," said Gamma Pi Basileus Brother Brian K. Long. Brothers also used the occasion to instruct the youth on how to pose intelligent questions in a public setting and on developing public speaking skills, regardless of the topic or occasion. Youth were encouraged to "speak up" and project and think through their questions before answering them. It was a great exercise in boosting the young children's analytical and academic skills development. Participating on the panel were Brothers COL (ret.) James Wyatt, Marc Ellington, Clinton Green, Terry Rogers, Greg Crawley and Greg Gaines. Each of the veteran Brothers gave a synopsis of their military career and made presentations using military artifacts for a "show and tell" segment of the town hall forum. It was a unique and interesting way for the kids to learn about the meaning of the Veterans Day holiday and to see what it means to serve one's country. For many of the children who participated, the forum was their first opportunity to meet and talk to real soldiers who have served the United States, and it brought home the history lessons in class and the numerous events held around the country in honor of our nation's veterans. The event also helped many youths connect the African American experience to Veterans Day. Thanks to Brothers Orlando McDowell and Darryl Thompson for organizing the program

Gamma Pi Holiday Uplift

Prince George's County, MD. December 31, 2015. Gamma Pi Brothers were on the move during the Holiday Season helping bring good cheer and tangible holiday gifts to some of Prince George's County's most needy residents in communities where the chapter has anchored much of its work. The work began on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 24, with the delivery of close to 100 complete turkey dinners to seniors in the Windsor Crossing complex in Suitland, Md. Each dinner consisted of a 12-14 pound turkey, mixed vegetables, green beans, candied yam patties, and a sweet potato pie. The Brothers of the Super Chapter were joined by Friendship Charities Foundation, the Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter and local students. One cannot imagine the looks on the faces of residents who answered the knock at their door to large packages of Thanksgiving meals ready-to-cook. Because the turkeys are purchased frozen, the two-day lead time was perfect for the seniors to prepare their Thanksgiving dinner. Precisely a week later, Gamma Pi Brothers helped get families ready for Christmas by sponsoring the annual Christmas Toy Drive for the Suitland community, held December 1 at Suitland Elementary School. Again, Gamma Pi joined forces with Lambda Gamma Gamma and the Friendship Charities Foundation to give away some 100 toys for boys and girls between the ages of three and 13. As many people know, Royal Purple and Old Gold are the colors representing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. For this reason, the only

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Gamma Pi feeding residents during the holiday

red and white in the house was that worn by Santa Claus, who, as always, delighted the youth by making his list and checking it twice with the young children who shared their Christmas Wish Lists with him. In a show of community solidarity, Prince George's County's top law enforcement leaders, Police Chief Mark Magaw and Sheriff Melvin High, joined the chapters for the event, each greeting the community and helping pass out the toys to the children. It was an opportunity for Gamma Pi chapter to play a role in forging good police-community relations throughout the county during a time when police-minority community relations are strained.

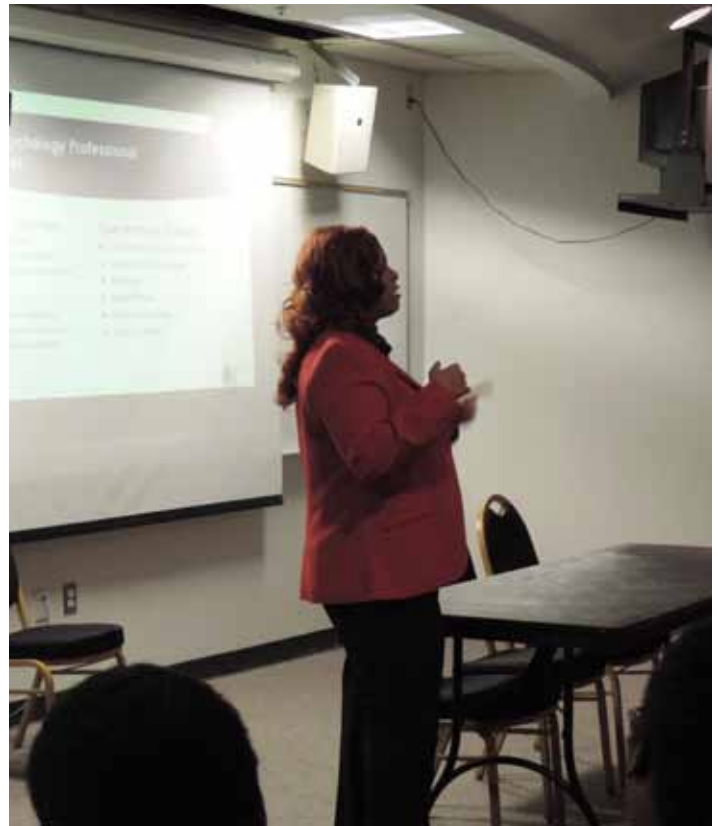
Gamma Pi & LGG Toy Give Away at Suitland Elementary



Gamma Pi, Lambda Gamma Gamma and Friendship Charities Volunteers at Suitland Elementary Christmas Toy Giveaway

Gamma Pi Career Day Social Action

Prince George’s County, Md. January 9, 2016 -- For the men of Gamma Pi chapter, nothing could be more about Scholarship and Uplift than reaching out personally to young students in our middle and high schools. Whether through the chapter’s flagship educational program, Project ENRICH, or through request by local schools for the men to come do Career Day or to talk to young black males about success and achievement, the chapter relishes such opportunities. Gamma Pi combined those opportunities over the holidays when it participated in a local school Career Day and also sponsored the annual Career Showcase during a recent Project ENRICH. The first event was held on December 3, when a contingent of Brothers from The Super Chapter visited with students at the high school level at Riverdale Baptist School in Upper Marlboro, Md. for a “Career Day” presentation. With a group of Brothers representing a diverse group of career backgrounds, from education to business to government, law and medicine, the Super Chapter has an excellent stable of men who all serve as positive career role models for today’s students. Among those presenting was Brother Anthony Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of Stewart Financial Services. Brother Stewart is a state-wide business star, having been named one of Maryland’s Most Admired CEO’s this summer by The Daily Record, a business and legal publication. His focus was relaying to the students how he developed his financial and entrepreneurial expertise, encouraging them to aim higher in the same vein. The young students also heard from chapter members who are experts in veterinary medicine, sale and marketing, education, real estate and business and other entrepreneurs. Right after the holiday, the Brothers kicked off the New Year with the annual Career Showcase sponsored by the chapter’s Project ENRICH program. Held at Bowie State once a month, the program helps prepare students and families over a four-year period (ninth through 12th grades) for careers in college. On January 9, the chapter organized the annual Career Showcase. Several professionals from the community joined with Fraternity members in presenting a half-day look at various career options and the educational requirements for those jobs. The project ENRICH students heard from an actuary, a health care services administrator, an FBI special agent, an IT Auditor for the Federal Reserve Board, a management consultant and a forensic psychologist. As exciting as the various careers sounded, it was all about preparation. What courses do you take in college? What do you do in high school to get prepared? How much money can you earn? How many years of schooling are required to



Health Care Administrator shares her career experiences with youth

enter various career fields? How much travel is involved? How do you get internship experience? Brother Willie Hines is director of the program. “When it comes to our young people and the Cardinal Principle of Scholarship, nothing could be more important than helping guide the talents and interests of our young people into productive, well-paying careers,” said Gamma Pi Basileus Brother Brian K. Long. “Ultimately that is the goal we all share in promoting Scholarship not only in Gamma Pi, but in the entire Fraternity

Lambda Gamma Gamma Achievement Activities



Lambda Gamma Gamma at the Brotherhood Luncheon

Ft. Meade, MD. November 17, 2015. Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter (“LGG”) successfully completed their annual Achievement Week activities at Howard University, the birthplace of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The week of activities began on Saturday, November 7, 2015 with the Royal Purple and Old Gold Ball, which was held at The Camelot by Martin’s in Upper Marlboro, MD. The guest performers for the Ball were the LGG Talent Hunt and 2nd District Talent Hunt winner, Malik Arnett, and his group, MLA Mime. The group performed their act to a song entitled “Wave of Glory.” Bro. Reggie Vance, Ph.D., was the MC for the evening and Bro. Chaplain, Wonzie Gardner, delivered an inspirational message and provided “food for thought” during the meal. The 2nd District Representative, Bro. Milton Harrison, swore in the newly elected officers. LGG’s Achievement Week Awards were also presented. The recipients were as follows: Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Tommie Bennett, Founders Lifelong Service Award: Bro. Michael Jackson, Superior Service Award: Bro. Cedric Guyton, Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award: Bro. Donovan Oubre, Citizen of the Year: Bro. Corey Jennings, Bridge Builder: Bro. Benson Macon, Basileus Special Bridge Builder Award: Antonio Ferguson, Committee Chairman of the Year: Bro. Rob Lavender, Area Coordinator of the Year: Bro. Jamal Miles, Area 3, Founder Stand-Ins: Bro. Aaron Combs, Bro. Moses Whitehurst, Jr., Bro. Cedric Guyton, Bro. Yahari Butler. LGG Officers sworn in for the 2015 - 2016 service year were as follows:

Brother Micheal Parham, Jr., Basileus, Brother Michael Coward, Vice Basileus, Brother Reggie Vance, Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Eric Watson, Keeper of Finance, Brother DeAnte Byrd, Keeper of Peace, Brother Marc Pina, Editor to the Oracle, Brother Wonzie Gardner, Chaplain. Achievement Week activities continued on Sunday, November 8th, where the Brotherhood worshiped together at Ft. George G. Meade’s Argonne Hills Chapel. A dynamic message of forgiveness was delivered by Bro. (Rev.) Blair Alexander. On Wednesday, the actual observance of Veterans Day, the brotherhood visited the veterans who reside at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC and also played several games of bingo. Prizes were awarded to the winners of each game. On Thursday, November 12th, we hosted our Brotherhood Luncheon at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling where Brigadier General Bro. Kenneth Hubbard was the guest speaker. His topic was “leading by example,” which all Omega men should do. On Friday, November 13th, we hosted Reclamation Night to reach out and bring wayward brothers back into the fold. After Reclamation, on Saturday, November 14th, the Brotherhood hosted our signature Birthday Bash at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City where over 800 patrons turned out to dance and fraternize to the tunes of DJ Kid Capri, The Fix and LGG’s own DJ P-Knock. The culminating event was Alpha Chapter’s Rededication Ceremony on Howard University at Cramton Auditorium where we all retook our Oath



LGG Brings Thanksgiving and Christmas to Those in Need

Washington, DC November 23 and December 1, 2015. In 1984, Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter’s original philanthropic event was Aid to an Indigent Family. The Brothers have upheld that tradition of Uplift for over 30 years and continued it in 2015 as they fed those in need during the holidays and provided toys to children. Bro. Johnny Sidbury was once again the chair of this year’s event and he was aided by Bro. Ronnie Winston. They worked with Brothers in the chapter and those in the community, including school and church officials, to identify families who needed a little help to make the holidays special and to bring smiles to their children. This year featured a three-pronged endeavor as the Brothers, with the help of their mentees from Charles Herbert Flowers High School, delivered food arrangements to seniors at Windsor Crossing in Suitland, MD. The second part of the endeavor

or was a special visit from Santa Claus at Suitland Elementary School. Santa zoomed in with a police escort and provided joy and presents to the elementary school children. While at Suitland Elementary, over 40 Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter and Gamma Pi Chapter gathered for the 13th year to sing Christmas carols with the children and assist with passing out food to the attendees. Lastly, several Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter went out into the community to deliver turkeys and toys to families in need. Some of these families were local church parishioners and others were members of the U.S. military. As Bro. Sidbury stated, “We do this each year because this is what the Founders would want. How can we sit idly by while so many deserving families are in need?” He went on to state that he wants to find more families in need so that we can continue to bring holiday cheer throughout the DC area.

Assistant Head Coach Bro. Erick Tyrone Helps Lead Wise High School to the Championship



Bro. Erick Tyrone with Wise High Championship Football Players

Baltimore, MD. December 4, 2015. Big congratulations are in order for Bro. Erick Tyrone, Assistant Offensive Line Coach and Head Defensive Line Coach, for his amazing football season at Henry H. Wise High School in Upper Marlboro, Md. Brother Erick Tyrone and the Wise football staff have put in hundreds of hours this football season to get these young men ready to be successful on and off the football field. Those hours resulted in a magical season culminating in a 55-6 victory over the undefeated Howard Lions at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, MD. The Pumas finished undefeated with a record of 14-0. Brother Tyrone states that “the Pumas had a really balanced attack this year, finishing the season having scored 576 points and only allowing 76 total points all year, including the playoffs. That’s the equivalent of Wise averaging

42 points per game and only allowing 5. That sort of domination is truly remarkable. Brother Tyrone is certain that a great number of the players will go on to play football in college, which was one of his goals. This season is Brother Tyrone’s 7th year coaching at Wise and the 4th time they have made it to the state game. It’s the second time they’ve won the state game in the school’s 10-year existence. Brother Tyrone’s tenure at Wise High School traces back to a phone call from Brother John Archield in 2009. At that time, Brother Archield was the ROTC Commander at the school and he strongly urged Brother Tyrone to throw his hat into the ring. Brother Stuart Broome is also on the coaching staff at Wise football team serving as the Running Backs Coach.

Brother Wonzie Gardner Promoted to Senior Executive Service



Bro. Erick Tyrone with Wise High Championship Football Players

Arlington, VA. November 10, 2015. Honorable Patricia Campbell-Smith, Chief Judge, US Court of Federal Claims administered the Oath of Office to Brother Wonzie Gardner on November 10, 2015 for his promotion to Senior Executive Service. Brother. Wonzie L. Gardner, Jr. is the current Acting Director of the Division of Administrative Services at the National Science Foundation in Arlington,

Virginia. The NSF mission is to promote the progress of science; advances in national health, prosperity, and welfare; and securing national defense. As the Acting Director of Administrative Services, he directs and facilitates the acquisition of property and/or its disposal, planning and overseeing building work and renovation, lease management, allocating and managing space within buildings, managing building maintenance activities, coordinating cleaning, parking services, organizing security and general administrative services, ensuring NSF’s facilities meet government regulations, and environmental, health and security standards. In addition, he supervises a multi-disciplinary team of logistics, security, facilities, safety and emergency management professionals, information technology specialists and meeting and event professionals supporting NSF’s Programs Offices’ ability to provide grants and awards to “Scientist Working on Tomorrow Today.” Prior to joining NFS Mr. Gardner served as the Director of the Office of Logistics and Facilities Management, Food Consumer Services Agency, United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Gardner also served as Chief, Logistics Readiness & Helicopter Maintenance Division for the Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) at Joint Base Andrews and was responsible for overall logistics activities through subordinate units to HQ USAF, DoD and other National Capital Region organizations. Wonzie transitioned to civil service in March 2011 after retiring from the United States Air Force in the grade of Colonel with 27 years of faithful and honorable military service. “Wonzie” was initiated at the Psi Alpha Chapter “Alamo City Ques” of Omega Psi Phi in 1990. He is married to the lovely Mrs. Vanessa Gardner. They are the proud parents of two adult children and two grandsons. Brother Gardner currently serves as the Chaplain for LGG.

LGG’s Annual Youth Leadership Conference



Youth attending Lambda Gamma Gamma Youth Leadership Conference

Springdale, MD. October 17, 2015. Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter, in conjunction with the Uplift Foundation, held their annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Charles Herbert Flowers High School. The 2015 LGG Chapter & Uplift Foundation Youth Leadership Conference was presented on the theme of “Getting on the Grind, Getting to Success” and the operational motto was “Leaders plan and planners lead.” This motto served as the basis for conducting the three track conference break-out approach: Academic, Business

and Entrepreneurial and Student Athlete. The students chose a single track based on their particular academic and athletic interests. The YLC began with a plenary session facilitated by nationally-known and acclaimed motivational speaker, Bro. Brian Heat. Bro. Heat began by getting the students awake and engaged promptly at 8:00 am. The keynote presentation of Bro. Heat worked well to set the tone for the remainder of the conference for the 86 student participants. The conference was chaired by Bro. Lloyd Davis and he was assisted by Brothers Corey Sanders and Lonnie McAllister.

Bowie State Head Football Coach Damon Wilson Has History-Making Season



Bro. Damon Wilson

Bowie, MD. December 7, 2015. Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter’s Coach Damon Wilson, head football coach of the Bowie State Bulldogs, was selected CIAA Coach of the Week two times during the 2015 football season. At the team level, it was also impressive that the Bulldogs’ 57-3 win over Lincoln brought Bowie State into the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coaches’ Top 25 Pool for just the first time since the program’s inception. Coach Wilson’s meteoric rise this season is nothing less than remarkable given all the adversity he and his team faced. The biggest loss, arguably, was in his starting roster. The Bulldogs lost their starting quarterback, back-up quarterback, 3 starting linebackers, 2 starting safeties and numerous other players on the offensive and defensive lines. Commenting on the losses due to injuries, Coach Wilson stated that “We have been operating on a next man up mentality and we will figure it out. We have had to play freshman that we didn’t plan on playing, but it’s a ‘trial by fire’ thing for the guys.” He went on to say that “It tests the whole team and as a result the team makes up and covers each other. They really drive each other. Hats off to the guys. They’re some of the most talented guys I have coached.” Despite the season-ending loss against Assumption in the NCAA Super Region One quarterfinals, Coach Wilson’s accomplishments will go down in the CIAA record books for years to come. Head Coach Damon Wilson has resurrected a once written off program, with perseverance and dedication and he eagerly anticipates another record-breaking season in 2016.

Iota Nu Achievement Week Luncheon



Iota Nu Brothers at Achievement Week Luncheon

Harford County, MD. November 22, 2015. Iota Nu Chapter, an unincorporated Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. which serves the Harford and Cecil Counties, held its annual Achievement Week Luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, MD. The luncheon was held to honor the accomplishments of the members of the Chapter and local community leaders, and award the winner of the National High School Essay Contest. The week began with a celebration of the Fraternity's Founders Day on Tuesday, November 17th. Then the members distributed 20 Thanksgiving baskets at the Boys and Girls Clubs at Aberdeen and Havre de Grace, and culminated with the awards ceremony on Sunday. The keynote speaker was Sherman Charles who spoke on the subject,

Omega at the Forefront: Fulfilling Its Legacy. This year's National High School Essay Contest winner is Genae Hatcher, a senior at Patterson Mill High School. Ms. Hatcher read her essay to a standing ovation by attendees. Mark Thomas, Basileus of Iota Nu, Charles Alston, Charter member of Iota Nu, and Judah Hatcher, Achievement Week Chairman handed out awards. Award recipients this year were Gene Pettiford, Founders Award, Dione Alston, Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award, Melvin Adderley, Superior Service Award, Dr. John Sampson, Basileus Award, and Dwayne Adams, Omega Man of the Year Award. The Citizen of the Year award recipient was Dr. Sylvia Bryant, Associate Pastor of New Destiny Evangelistic Church.



Basileus Mark Thomas, Founders Award Recipient Gene Pettiford, and Bro. Charles Alston



Basileus Mark Thomas, Citizen Of The Year Recipient Dr Sylvia Bryant and Bro. Charles Alston



Iota Nu Achievement Week Keynote Speaker Bro. Sherman Charles

Iota Nu Feeds Families for the Holidays

Aberdeen, Maryland. November 2016. The Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter donated 45 turkey dinners during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Working in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford and Cecil Counties, the Brothers provided 20 dinners each to the Aberdeen and Havre de Grace Boys and Girls Club, and an additional five meals to the outlying Cecil County Boys and Girls Club during the holiday season. The dinners were purchased using proceeds from the Chapters All-White Affair fundraiser in August. This is an annual event for the Chapter. The holiday meals were delivered on both 19 November and 17 December for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Brother Melvin Adderley, Social Action Chair coordinated the event with help from Bro. Anthony Harris who was responsible for food purchase and distribution. Chapter Brothers supported the effort by helping deliver the meals to the various locations.



Iota Nu Brothers and volunteers with bags of food for delivery to needy families

Iota Nu Habitat for Humanity Social Action



Iota Nu Brother volunteers at Habitat for Humanity event

Aberdeen, MD. October 2015. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in volunteer service with Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, broke ground on what will be Harford and Cecil counties' first ever "ReStore". Brianne Young, Volunteer & Community Engagement Coordinator for the Susquehanna branch of Habitat for Humanity stated, "The organization's mission is to create affordable housing opportunities throughout Harford and Cecil counties by building, renovating, and repairing homes and other structures in partnership with the community." Shortly after dawn on a chilly Saturday morning in October, brothers from Iota Nu began demolishing concrete walls, clearing mounds of rubble, and loading large dumpsters with debris in preparation for the grand opening of the ReStore in May 2016. ReStores are home improvement stores and resale centers that sell donated new and gently-used furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The funds raised by the ReStore will go towards the building, rehabilitation, and repair of homes for low-income families in the Harford and Cecil areas. Iota Nu routinely dedicates its time and efforts in support of Habitat for Humanity. The volunteer work that the chapter, families, and community members provide is essential in the process of building the ReStore facility. Little, if any, funding is allotted to the organization for building renovations, so much of the work falls on the volunteer initiatives of Iota Nu and other members of the community. Without the volunteer efforts, many of the homes and buildings that Habitat for Humanity provides would not be possible. We can all do our part to make our communities stronger," said Iota Nu Vice Basileus, Melvin Adderley, knowing that we are supporting an organization that allows people to put in their own effort to become homeowners' makes me proud to give of my own time to help with those endeavors. Limited donations will begin as early as November 2015 with several drop-off locations to follow starting in January 2016.

Iota Nu Charles Drew Blood Drive

Edgewood, Maryland, December 23, 2015. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated collaborated with the Red Cross of Harford County to host a blood drive in honor of Brother Charles Drew at the Richland Ballroom, Edgewood, Maryland. Brother Dr. John Sampson, 3-10-IN, coordinated the event with the Red Cross of Harford County and 15 units of blood was collected. Blood transfusions can be life-saving and with this valuable resource costing an average of \$1,000 per unit of blood. The blood drive was successful with over a dozen donors successfully contributing in honor of blood storage pioneer and former chairman of the Howard University Hospital Surgery department Dr. Charles Drew.



Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. Dr. John Sampson, Basileus Mark Thomas at the Iota Nu Charles Drew Blood Drive

Iota Nu Partners with We Cancerve Movement to Feed Homeless and Give Christmas Toys for the Holidays

Harford Countym MD. October 16, 2015. The Iota Nu Chapter, Harford and Cecil County Maryland, has joined a partnership with the non-profit, We Cancerve Movement, to help the homeless in Harford County. We Cancerve, founded by 11-year-old Miss Grace Callwood, a pediatric cancer survivor, “creates giving opportunities that can be supported by the community to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children”. The Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter were asked to assist with setting up two apartments for homeless families. Brothers Anthony Dorsey, 3-11-IN, and Michael Bennett, 1-14-IN answered the call and on Friday October 16, 2015 they assisted the We Cancerve volunteers. Two apartments were cleaned and furnished for two different single moms and their children. Impressed with the work of the We Can Serve, Brothers Bennett and Dorsey asked how Omega could continue to assist the organization. Brother Bennett gave an inspiring presentation to the Brothers at the November chapter meeting, where it was agreed to assist We Cancerve with a sock drive. The need for socks is great for the homeless, as most organizations focus on food and clothes, but socks are a need which is overlooked. So the Brothers of Iota Nu decided to add the sock donation to its annual Toys-For-Tots Christmas collection. The sock donation was a success!! “The initial goal was to collect 200 pairs of socks but we think that because the Omegas joined our effort, we collected five times more than that,” said Callwood, a fifth grade honor student. The Iota Nu Chapter donated more than 434 pairs of socks and delivered to the We Cancerve organization and on 18 December 2015, 124 pair were delivered to the Harford House, with further donations to other homeless shelters during the Christmas Holidays. Through this partnership, more than 1,118 pairs of socks



Iota Nu Brothers with Grace Callwood with clothing for the Homeless

were delivered to four homeless shelters including an emergency shelter in Havre de Grace that opens only during freezing weather conditions.

Iota Nu Bow Tie Social for Toys for Tots



Iota Nu Brothers collect toys for Toys for Tots at the Bow Tie Social event

Harford County, MD. December 11, 2015. The Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter hosted its annual Bow-Tie Social at the Mountain Branch Golf Course. The event is open to the public with the purpose of socialization with a worthy cause. Toys for Tots is a program run by

distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks. This year the Brothers collected 5 bicycles and over 100 toys.

Kappa Chapter Syracuse University 2nd District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year 2015



l-r Drew Jenkins, Bryan Cash, 2nd District Representative Milton Harrison, Grand Basileus Tony Knox, Leroy Antoine, Imm. Past Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew A. Ray, Grad. Advisor Ben Jeffers, 2nd VDR Jamaul Jerido, Achievement Week Chair Eric Harley

Kappa Chapter In Justice For All



Brother Benjamin Crump, Fredricka Whitfield, Brother Dr. Andrew Ray, Sunny Hostin, Brother Ben Jeffers. Second row: Brother Larry Pough, Brother George Kilpatrick, Brother James "Scrap" Jordan, Brother David L. Jackson

Syracuse, NY. October 28th, 2015. Syracuse University Students enjoyed a panel hosted by the NPHC, titled "(In) Justice for All". Brothers of Kappa Chapter actively help transcend ideas on a panel created as an approach to highlight racialized issues of Police brutality in the United States, using those who have been directly involved. The Event included Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown,

and Sybrina Fulton, the mother of Trayvon Martin, National Bar Association President Bro. Benjamin Crump, CNN legal analyst Sunny Hostin, CNN anchor Fredricka Whitfield and Department of Public Safety Chief Bobby Maldonado. Brother Crump credited much of his success to the fraternity, while acknowledging Immediate Past Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray for his strides in bettering our fraternity.

Kappa Chapter Host State of the Black Union Town Hall Meeting

Syracuse, NY. November 2, 2015. Bro. David L. Jackson, President of The Black Student Union, hosted a town hall meeting to discuss the safety of students on the campus of Syracuse University. The event featured Syracuse Chief of Police, and The Chief of Campus safety. During the Conversation Bro. Jackson moved dialogue, to focus directly on the concerns of the Black Body. From the Event students were able to take away new rules, and regulations in regards to campus governance. Students concluded the town hall meeting with a picture to signify unity on Black Solidary day.



Bro. David L. Jackson front row, alongside students who participated at the Town Hall Meeting.

Kappa Chapter Founder’s Day Uplift

Syracuse, NY. November 17, 2015. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter teamed with the Brothers of the Chi Pi Grad Chapter on founder’s day, for an afternoon of black male empowerment. The afternoon consist of a workshop put together to stress the importance of responsibility, and respect within the Black community. During the workshop students used the fraternity’s cardinal principals of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift as parameters to plan future success. The workshop took place, at Danforth middle school one of the lowest performing middle schools in the Syracuse city school district. As the workshop closed students enjoyed a “real talk” candidate session with the Brothers of Kappa Chapter, and Chi Pi. Followed by a march by Bro. David L. Jackson, Bro. Justin Alvarez, and Bro. Edward Nwaba.



Bro. David L. Jackson (Kappa Chapter) and Bro. Alton Hicks (Chi Pi) presenting to middle school young men, on Founders Day

Kappa Chapter Founder’s Day Project Curb Local Hunger



Bro. Alton Hicks (Chi Pi), Bro. Justin Alvarez, Bro. David L. Jackson, Brother Edward Nwaba at the Project Curb Hunger event

Syracuse, NY. November 17, 2015. Starting November 2nd, 2015 running until November 16th 2015, Brothers of Kappa Chapter hosted their annual can food drive. Brothers conducted an all-out campus, and community canvas with volunteers from the Project Grind mentoring program,

and the National Association of Black Engineers. Brothers collected over 1000 can goods, and nonperishable items. All proceeds were donated to the newly reopen Dunbar community center, the food will be distrusted to low income families in an effort to better their holiday experience.

Kappa Chapter Youth Recreation Program

Syracuse, NY. September-December 2015. Throughout the Fall 2015 semester, brothers of Kappa Chapter have volunteered at the Neighborhood Youth Recreation Program at Syracuse University. The NYRP was created to give youth in the Syracuse community the chance, regardless of where they stand financially, to engage in organized recreational activities. The program also offers classes that both children and their parents can participate in as well such as salsa dancing and yoga. Brothers participated in a range of activities with the kids such as basketball and soccer. This program is very vital for the youth in the Syracuse community, because not only are they learning the fundamentals of activities like basketball, but they are also gaining interpersonal skills that will benefit them in life on and off the courts.



Bro. David L. Jackson—now works as a supervisor for the program ensuring student safety is up to gym standards, and also recruiter for the program.

Kappa Chapter Manhood Redefined: Masculinity 2.0



l-r Bro. Terry Woodfork, Kenny Carter, Bro. George Kilpatrick, Bro. Derrick Carr, Bro. Tony Cherebin, Bro. Edward Nwaba, Bro. Justin Alvarez, Bro. Kevin Barnett, Amir Stephens

Syracuse, NY. October 17, 2015. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the 100 Black Men of Syracuse Inc., as well as the Vera House put on a workshop at the Syracuse Education Opportunity Center about masculinity and its role in domestic violence. Masculinity 2.0: Manhood Redefined was a workshop that was designed to get African American men and boys involved in the many issues that evolve around domestic violence such as the trauma, masculinity, and misogyny in hip hop culture. Samuel Simmons Jr., Licensed Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselor

and Hasan Stephens, CEO of Good Life Foundation, were the two speakers at the event. Simmons Jr. mainly focused on the historical trauma that leads to domestic violence within the African American community. Stephens on the other hand focused on how hip-hop further perpetuated ideals of sexual abuse against women. The workshop concluded with a debrief of how men could incorporate healthy masculinity into their lives and also become more aware of the responsibility they have as a male in terms of domestic violence.

Kappa Chapter Animal Instinct Conversation

Syracuse, NY. October 1, 2015. On Thursday, October 1st, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. put on a forum called Animal Instinct in Hall of Language Room 215. The forum included a healthy discussion about protecting the black body within the most critical times within an individual's life. The forum took a look at some of the greatest black individuals in our society and how they were able to maintain their healthy when in crisis situations. Bro. David L. Jackson was on hand and helped lead the open dialogue.



Bro. David L. Jackson And participants at the Animal Instinct Conversation

Kappa Chapter Voter Education Seminar

Syracuse, NY. September 28, 2015. The Student African American Society (Syracuse’s Black Student Union) and NANBPWC held an interactive voter education seminar in Schine Student Center. President of SAS, Bro. David L. Jackson, led the workshop and gave a brief background on voting, the disenfranchisement of the black vote over the years and the power the black vote holds. The event continued with a mock candidate platform, which highlighted the viewpoints of the potential 2016 presidential candidates. When the event came to a close, people that attended were not only more informed about the voting process, but they were also able to register to vote in their presiding districts.



Bro. David L. Jackson, Bro. Edward Nwaba, the Student African American Society and NANBPWC at the Voter Education Seminar

Kappa Chapter Voter Mobilization and Literature Drop



Bro. Edward Nwaba and Bro. Justin Alvarez along with other volunteers stand along side Minister Mark Muhammad, at the Voter Mobilization and Literature Drop event.

Syracuse, NY. October 31, 2015. 1199 SEIU Central New York Headquarters held its annual voter mobilization and literature drop event on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Volunteers were asked to go door to door on the Southside of Syracuse and drop off voter door hangers, and voter

literacy cards for Pam Hunter, New York State Assembly hopeful, and Minister Mark Muhammad, Board of Education hopeful. Amongst the volunteers were Bro. Justin Alvarez and Bro. Edward Nwaba.

Kappa Chapter Backpack Drive



Bro. Benjamin Jeffers, Bro. Alton Hicks, Bro. David L. Jackson, and Bro. Edward Nwaba handout backpacks to the students

Syracuse, NY. September 8, 2015. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in conjunction with the Student African American Society at Syracuse University, gathered together on September 3rd, 2015 to have a backpack drive for the students of a local Syracuse city school. Students of SU went out into the community and gathered school supplies from multiple people. 70 students including Bro. Bryan Cash and Bro. David L. Jackson, alongside Graduate Advisor Bro. Ben Jeffers gathered inside of Schine Student Center’s Jabberwocky café to fill 144 bookbags with

pens, pencils, binders, and a plethora of other school supplies. On Tuesday, September 8th, 2015, the first day of the public school year, Bro. Benjamin Jeffers, Bro. Alton Hicks, Bro. David L. Jackson, and Edward Nwaba went to Van Duyn elementary School to hand out the bookbags to young children. The Brothers of both Kappa Chapter and Chi Pi chapter were able to help children who were in need of backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming academic year.

Bro. Jerry Mackey Gives The John Mackey Award to the Best NCAA Division 1 Tight End at the National College Football Awards



Brother Jerry Mackey presenting The John Mackey Award to Hunter Henry of the University of Arkansas for Best Tight End in NCAA Division 1 Football at the ESPN National College Football Awards



Atlanta, GA. December 10, 2015. Brother Jerry Mackey (Chairman of the John Mackey Award) presenting the John Mackey Award to the best Tight End in the Nation Hunter Henry of the University of Arkansas at the Home Depot College Football Award Show on ESPN. The John Mackey Award is given to the collegiate tight end who best exemplifies the play, sportsmanship, academics, and community values of NFL Hall of Fame Tight End John Mackey. The 2015 John Mackey Award recipient

was determined by confidential balloting of the John Mackey Selection Committee. The John Mackey Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The John Mackey Award presented since 2000, recognizes thirteen alumni that have played in the NFL. www.johnmackeyaward.com.

Bro. Bakari G. Lee, Esq. Is Elected Chair-Elect of the Association of Community College Trustees

Bro. Bakari G. Lee, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees, was elected Chair-Elect of the Association of Community College Trustees' Board of Directors at that organization's Annual Leadership Congress on Friday, Oct. 16 in San Diego, California. Bro. Lee will become national chair next year. In 2013, Bro. Lee was elected to the Executive Committee in the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Founded in 1972, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is the nonprofit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees of community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. ACCT's purpose is to strengthen the capacity of community, technical, and junior colleges and to foster the realization of their missions through effective board leadership at local, state, and national levels.

Bro. Lee, a partner with the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, was appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees in 2006. He was elected to the ACCT Board of Directors and the office of Northeast Region Chair in 2011. Prior to that, he served as Associate Member of the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee, and he has served on several ad hoc committees. In his role as Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Lee also chaired ACCT's Finance and Audit Committee. Bro. Lee has also served as chair of the ACCT Member Communications and Education Committee.

Bro. Lee served as the Chairman of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (Council) for three years, with his service concluding in November 2014. Prior to serving as Chairman, he chaired the Council's Legislative Committee. Bro. Lee continues to serve as a Trustee Ambassador

or the Council and on the Council's Executive Committee.

A graduate of Florida A&M University, Bro. Lee earned his Juris Doctorate from the Rutgers University School of Law-Newark. He was admitted into the practice of law in the State of New Jersey and the United States District Court of New Jersey in 2004, and in the State of New York in 2007.

Before joining McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Bro. Lee served as a law clerk for the Honorable Darryl Dean Donohue of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands - St. Croix Division. Bro. Lee was a Senior Business Analyst in the Animal Health Division of Pfizer, supporting the Division's business development and strategic planning initiatives.

Bro. Lee is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., having previously served as President of the Jersey City graduate chapter. Bro. Lee's other community service initiatives include his rites of passage program targeted at socio-economically disadvantaged youth in Morristown, New Jersey; a mentorship program for African-American middle school children in Newark, New Jersey; and a scholarship program for high achieving African-American males in northern New Jersey, which currently counts students attending Princeton University, Harvard University, and Montclair State University among its scholars. The inaugural program celebrated its first scholar from Rutgers University in May 2015.

Bro. Lee is also the proud recipient of the 2015 Boy Scouts of America Whitney M. Young Service Award. This award recognizes outstanding service by an adult individual or by an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds

Mu Omega 95th Anniversary

Philadelphia, PA. October 24, 2015. The Mu Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., celebrated nearly a century of service at its elegant 95th Anniversary Gala on Oct. 24. Hundreds attended the black-tie dinner dance at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott Hotel. The gala followed the previous night's upbeat "QUE Party" with radio celebrity host Lady B and legendary DJ Gary O together with great music to kick the off the festivities. Mu Omega Basileus, Garfield L. Jackson Sr., remarked, "Tonight we are observing 95 years of friendship, achievement, leadership and commitment to excellence. We are the second oldest graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. During these last nine-and-a-half decades there have been many changes and transitions in this country and throughout the world. Mu Omega Chapter has been strong and able to maintain and live our motto that "Friendship is Essential to the Soul." Mu Omega Chapter has always and will continue to stand steadfast to our commitment of enhancing the quality of life for those in need. We remain dedicated to our Fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift." Brother Barry Jones Sr. served as 95th Anniversary Gala Chairman. Jones did a spectacular job with co-chairs Chimdi Mbonu, Darwin Beauvais and the 95th Gala Committee members under the leadership of Basileus Garfield Jackson. Michael Littlejohn, 2nd District Keeper of Records & Seal, represented the 2nd District Representative, Milton D. Harrison, acknowledging the District's recognition of Mu Omega's 95th Anniversary, its outstanding members and contributions the chapter has made to the community throughout its 95-year history. Harrison said, "I have the distinct honor of representing Pi Omega Chapter, Baltimore, MD., home of Omega founder Bishop Edgar A. Love, and Mu Omega Chapter, home of Omega founder Dr. Oscar J. Cooper. No other district in the fraternity can claim two of Omega's four founders. The history of our fraternity's founding is well known. A fact that is perhaps lesser known is the role of Philadelphia in the history of Black Greek Letter Organizations [BGLOs]. It was in Philadelphia that the first Black fraternity was

founded, Sigma Pi Phi in 1904. By early 1911, Sigma Pi Phi established its fifth chapter in Washington, D.C. and among its charter members was Ernest Everett Just, one of the founders of our esteemed organization. "Since 1904, Philadelphia has played a part in history story of all BGLOs and the formation of Mu Omega as the second graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi in 1920 has certainly been a contributor to this legacy." Educational activities include programs such as scholarship awards through the Mu Omega Foundation and participation in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Inc., mentoring programs. The chapter has also set high standards for involvement in the community with the Mu Omega's Charles Drew Blood Drive and the James Minton Food Drive. One of the fraternity's key international mandated programs is the Talent Hunt. This dynamic program was established in 1945 and is implemented worldwide annually. Highlights of this memorable evening included well-known radio personality and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., member Doug Henderson Jr. as the celebration's host and master of ceremonies. Chapter member the Rev. Richard F. Norris II offered the blessing before a sumptuous five-course dinner. The Sounds of Sandstorm Band and DJ Jazzy Joe kept the beautifully attired ladies and proud gentlemen on the dance floor. A silent auction with enticing items was also featured and all funds were designated for scholarships. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded in 1911, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., as a fraternal organization of African-American college men whose mission is community service. Mu Omega was founded in 1920 as a graduate chapter in Philadelphia, PA. The chapter was originally designated as Mu Chapter. In 1923, the undergraduate chapter was founded at the University of Pennsylvania. Mu was the designation given to the new undergraduate chapter and Mu Omega was given to the graduate chapter. Mu Omega, when founded, was the second graduate chapter in the fraternity with 10 other undergraduate chapters. Mu Omega's membership has a host accomplished men of character.



Mu Omega Basileus Garfield Jackson, Sr., and Mrs Doris M. Jackson



Former Grand KRS Terrel Paris and Mrs. Deborah Paris

Mu Omega 95th Anniversary



Mu Omega Basileus, Bro. Garfield Jackson, Sr., address audience



Brothers Dr. David Max, Mike littlejohn, Jon Younge, Mike Horsey, and Darrel German



Ms. Kinda Diggs., Bro. COL Robert Manning, and Ms. Donna Hayes-Arbur



Brothers. Gerald Bruce, Al Junius, Van Brown, and Andre Ficher



Cathy and Elmore Billups with Judy and David Benson



Guest in attendance at the Mu Omega's 95th Assniversary

Mu Omega 2015 Achievement Week

Philadelphia, PA. November 15, 2015. Mu Omega Chapter's Annual Achievement Week Program was held at Grace Baptist Church, 25 West Johnson St., Philadelphia, PA 19144, Sunday, November 15, 2015, 3:00 pm.

The keynote Speaker was Harold T. Epps, Vice Chairman of the Board, PRWT Services, Inc., Philadelphia, PA. Harold T. Epps, is a 43-year and Life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and a financial member of Mu Omega Chapter. Harold T. Epps, is a Board member of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and is Board Chairman of the African American Museum In Philadelphia

The Citizen of the Year was Brother Michael G. Horsey, CPA, a member of Mu Omega Chapter, and Managing General Partner of the Philadelphia Office of Mitchell & Titus, LLP, a member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited. He is the Market Leader for the firm's Private Client Services Practice. Michael has over 35 years experience in audit, taxation and

financial analysis. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), the Pennsylvania Institute of Public Accountants (PACPA), The Virginia Society of CPAs, the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), The Union League of Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Society, and, The Forum.

Mu Omega Chapter was founded in 1920 as a graduate college chapter in Philadelphia, PA. The Achievement Week Program is one of the "mandated programs" of the Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Inc., implemented during the 1920s by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an honorary

Fraternity member and founder of Black History Week. Omegas Achievement Week's key

purpose is to identify, acknowledge, and honor individuals who've made significant impact and contributions in their various fields of endeavor, and, to the service of African American Communities.



L-r., Bro. Robert Manning, Ph.D., Bro. Byron Golson, Bro. Lawrence Smallwood, Jr., Bro. Michael Andrews, Bro. Leonard Heard; Seated, l-r., Bro. Robert Coleman, Dr. Karen Dunkley, Principal, Philadelphia Center City Parkway High School, recipient, Mu Omega Educator of the Year Award Philadelphia Councilwoman Cindy Bass, recipient, Mu Omega Community Service Award,



L-r., Bro. Derek Redcross, CPA, Bro. Andre Fisher, Bro. Benjamin F. Gilbert, III, DDS., Bro. Henry Martin, Presenter Seated: Bro. Harold T. Epps, VP, PRWT Services, Inc., Mrs. Epps, Mrs. Michael G. Horsey, Bro. Michael G. Horsey.



Brother Michael G. Horsey, Managing General Partner, Mitchel & Titus, EY Global, Ltd., Citizen of the Year seated with Mrs. Horsey



Bro. Garfield Jackson, Sr., Basileus, Mu Omega Chapter, Bro. Byron Golson, Bro. Charles Shirley, Bro. Sidney Estes and event guest.

Mu Omega Golf Tournament



Participants at the Mu Omega Golf Tournament,

Cheltenham, PA. September 14, 2015. Mu Omega Foundation of Delaware Valley, Inc. held its Eighth Annual (8th) Golf Tournament, September 14, 2015, at the J.C. Melrose Country Club, 76 Tookany Creek Parkway, Cheltenham, PA.

This year's Signature Foundation program, saw \$8,000 generated for local high school scholarships. Since its beginning, the Foundation has raised over \$100,000 for deserving and needy students. Chairing the 2015 Tourney, was Mu Omega Chapter's Michael Horsey, CPA, and Managing Partner of the Philadelphia Office of Mitchell & Titus, LLP, the nation's largest African American Accounting firm. Mitchell & Titus was the Tournament's GOLD Sponsor.

Brothers from throughout the Philadelphia region participated, including

members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

First Place Finishers were Bro. Oliver Thornton, Jerry Spaulding, Ted Pendergrass.

Second Place Finishers were Bro. Darrell German, Bro. Howard Brown, Bro. Charlie Brown, Guy Williams.

Third Place Finishers were Bro. Michael Horsey, Bro. Darwin Beauvais, Wesley Applegate, Thomas Coleman, III, Wayne Harris.

Closest to the Pin: was Bro. Oliver Thornton, Longest Driving Range was Kyle Spaulding

Corporate Sponsors were MITCHELL & TITUS, LLP, PRWT SERVICES, Inc., WELLS FARGO BANK, and GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Nu Nu Thanksgiving Uplift



l-r Bro. Tyson, Bro. Byron, BJs store manager, and Bro. Franklin receiving donated turkeys from BJs

Willingboro, NJ. November 20, 2015. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter prepared Thanksgiving baskets for the needy at the JFK Center in Willingboro, NJ.. The Brothers of Nu Nu provided a complete thanksgiving meal including a whole turkey to 20 needy families in Burlington County. Nu Nu chapter would also like to sincerely thank BJs for generously do-

nating 20 turkeys. Bro Brian Young Byron from BJs was instrumental in securing the donation. Each family was delivered a basket that only required cooking and seasoning. This is an annual effort by Nu Nu Chapter to assist the less fortunate at Thanksgiving.

Nu Nu 2015 Achievement Week



Nu Nu 2015 Omega Man of the Year Bro. Darrell McMillon



Nu Nu Citizen of the Year Bishop Anthony Hardy

Westhampton, NJ. November 14, 2015. Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their Achievement Week breakfast at Hilton Garden Inn, Westhampton, NJ. The chapter recognized Nu Nu Chapter Brothers and community leaders, for their outstanding efforts, the new officers received their Oath of Office. The Joseph Washington Basileus award was presented to Bro. Edward Tyson. The Colonel George Waters Superior Service award was presented to Brothers Sylvester Wilkins and Theodore Cannon. The Arthur Frank Brown 2015 Leadership and Inspiration award was presented to Brothers Nathaniel Anderson and Sean Hoggs. The Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership award was presented to Bro. Major Paul G. Otto. Lt.

Colonel Theodore Cannon 2013 Citizen of the Year award was presented to Bishop Anthony J. Hardy of Lighthouse of deliverance Gospel Church. Bishop Hardy has a prison ministry, teaches in Africa, has a 95 child day care center, shelters the homeless, and wants to bring generations together. The 2015 Omega Man of the Year award was presented to Bro. Darrell McMillon. The Founders Award was presented to Brothers Mike E. Brown, Mamon Bey, Jarrod Flowers, and Ron Moffitt. New Officers are as follows: Bro. Eric Dennis - Basileus, Bro. Edward Tyson Sr. - Vice Basileus, Bro. Jarrod Flowers - Keeper of Records and Seals, Bro. Bill Mcloughlin - Keeper of Finance, Bro. Jeffery J. Cole - Director of Public Relations and Bro. Michael E. Brown - Chaplain.



Nu Nu Executive Committee receiving their Oath of Office



Nu Nu Founders Award recipients

Nu Omicron Celebrates Black History while “Fulfilling Its Legacy” during 2015 Achievement Week

Queens, NY. December 5, 2015. The Brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter held its Annual Achievement Week Dinner on the campus of St. Johns University located in Queens, NY. The theme of this year’s program was “Omega at the Forefront: Fulfilling Its Legacy”. The event was attended by students and faculty of St. John’s University as well as brothers from various chapters, their guests and families. The Citizen of the Year, and keynote speaker was Bro. Willie E. Cooper, Tau Psi (’62), a noted historian and author. His books, *The Forgotten Legacy* and *The Forgotten 14: The Civil War Heroes*, cover the history and stories of African American soldiers in the U.S. Civil War. In addition, he regaled the audience with his stories of becoming an Omega Man and college life in the early 60’s. The occasion was extra special because the Nu Omicron Achievement Week chairman is his son, Bro. William Cooper (Gamma Epsilon, ’93). The other recipients were Bro. William Mingo (Nu Omicron, Spr. ’98) who received the Dr. Edgar Amos Love Award and Bro. Dr. Edward Thomas (Nu Omicron, Spr. ’98) received the Superior Service Award. The Co- Citizen of the Year Award was Bro. Richard Burnside (Zeta Psi 1952) who plays in a Jazz Quartet and performs not just in various venues in NYC, but also plays for residents in various senior living facilities. The Omega Man of the Year Award recipient was Bro. Robert Stevens (Gamma Epsilon ’90) who told those in attendance to find their passions and use it to give back to humanity. The event wrapped up with closing remarks from the basileus of Nu Omicron, Dr. James Bethea, a professor at St. John’s followed by dinner provided by the chapter.



Achievement Week Chair, Bro. Wm . Ccooper, Nu Omicron Omega Man of the Year, Bro.Robt Stevens, Bro. Dr. James Bethea, and Bro.Les Myers

Nu Omicron Kings of Queens Who Cook



NuOmicron Bros. serving guest and playing games.

Queens, NY, March 14, 2015 The Brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter of Queens, NY hosted their 2nd Annual “The Kings of Queens Who Cook”. It was held at Nu Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi phi Fraternity Inc. Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) which was included and was followed by a game night. The event was family and friends of the brothers in the chapter, brothers from various chapters as well as community leaders and members of other organizations. Brothers contributed various dishes which included Salmon Rockefeller, Various Chili Dishes, Chicken, Lasagna and various other dishes including vegan. Brother’s also contributed desserts and more. Brothers even made sure vegan dishes were prepared. Several brothers from various chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as well as members of other organizations in the metro NYC attended the event. In addition, family and friends also attended. “The event was a good opportunity the brothers to Nu Omicron to show off their culinary skills, re-connect, as well as to meet and mingle with the children and the parents of ECEC.” Said Chairman, Bro. Robert Stevens. Funds raised will benefit the ECEC as well as the chapter’s philanthropic efforts. Brothers look forward to having this event regularly and are already planning for the 3rd annual event next year.

Nu Omicron’s Early Childhood Education Center

Queens, NY. September 3, 2015. The Brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter collected school supplies and resources for the children enrolled in the Nu Omicron Chapter Early Childhood Education Center, in Jamaica Queens, NY. The brothers solicited, collected and donated book bags and various schools supplies for the deserving children. The center serves approximately 75 pre-school from the neighborhood. According to the school’s director, Ms. Connie Wilson, enough supplies we collected to last the entire school year. The event chairman, Bro. Robert Stevens, hopes this becomes a yearly tradition to help the children and their parents.



The awning above the front door of the NuOmicron Early Childhood Education Center

Nu Omicron Celebrates 45th Annual Que-Festival “Purple Tie” Ball



Keynote Speaker Councilman Bro. Robert Corney with Bro. Dr. James Bethea



QueFestival registration bags donated by Saks Fifth Avenue

Queens, NY. May 16, 2015. The Nu Omicron Chapter of Queens NY hosted its 45th Semi Annual Que-Festival (Quefest) Dinner Dance at the LaGuardia Airport Marriott in Queens.

The proceeds from the event benefit the chapter scholarship and philanthropy efforts. It was attended by almost 200 brothers, their spouses, friends and dignitaries.

The event was hosted by comedian and Omega Man Mike Britt (Xi Phi, Harlem Spr. 90). Mike B as he is also known. He has performed all over the world as well has headline with the Bad Boys of Comedy. He can currently be seen in episodes of Netflix’s “The Unbreakable Kimmie Schmidt”.

They keynote speaker of the event was Councilman, Bro. Robert Corney of Brooklyn (Alpha Upsilon/Brooklyn Spr. ’07). He addressed several key issues facing the black community today. Corney, a NY native, played for St. Johns University’s basketball team in the 80s.

The Renegade Band out of Queens performed throughout the dinner, and DJs Oskeeno and NP3 (Bros. Orville Martin, Omicron Iota, Fall ‘11 and Bro. Nate Patillo, Zeta Psi Spr. ’02 respectively).

The chairman, Bro. Rob Stevens’ (Gamma Epsilon, Spr. ’90) goal was to capture the essence of NYC by adding the city flare with comedy, Live Jazz and R&B, Live DJ’s to round out the night. All while bringing brothers together from all chapters in the area. In addition, Nu Omicron acknowledged brothers celebrating their 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 year anniversaries with certificates from the chapter. Brothers from over 10 chapters (and sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) nationwide were present to celebrate their Silver Anniversaries. Nu Omicron chapter also gave a special recognition to Corridor V Rep. Bro. Kevin Woodhouse (Nu Psi, Virginia St.) who celebrated 40 years in the fraternity. Then the brothers presented Bro. Ron McCain (Gamma Epsilon, Spr. ’65) who celebrated his 50th Anniversary in Omega with a special award. Bro McCain He is currently in Kappa Omicron Chapter in Harlem/Bronx.

Several vendors were at the event including Traci Lynn Jewelers rep. Dana Thornbourne, and Donors such as Saks Fifth Ave. donated some wonderful gift bags. “Hopefully next year we can build on this event my making it a series of events like the “Quefest” used to be during its inception and early years.” Says Bro. Stevens

Nu Omicron Presents BLAQ Saturday



Guest partying at the BLAQ Saturday event



New York, NY. November 29 2014. The Brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter of NY hosted its second “BLAQ SATURDAY: a New ThanksQiving Tradition” Day- Party. It was held at Redemption NYC (Sportsbar), in midtown Manhattan from 6-10PM

The event was attended by various chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the metro NYC area and as well as surrounding areas. In ad-

dition, it was attended by various other organizations, family and friends. Proceeds from the event went toward Nu Omicron’s work in the Queens community and it’s Early Childhood Education Center. This includes helping providing scholarships for high school seniors, funding future events, community service projects, and other philanthropic efforts.

Nu Upsilon’s Corporate Partnership Takes Toys for Tots Program to Next Level

Wilmington, DE. December 19, 2015. The Nu Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Discover Bank and Kingswood Community Center on Saturday, December 19, 2015, to serve the community at its Annual Toys for Tots – Breakfast with Santa event at the Kingswood Community Center, in Wilmington, Delaware. “Working with Discover has allowed us to help the community in an even bigger way this year,” said Bro. Lamont Murray, chairman of the Toys for Tots Committee.

Through donations by Nu Upsilon’s non-profit affiliate, NUFO and the Discover Bank, eighty-five children were able to enjoy: a breakfast buffet, various arts and craft activities, their choice of children’s books representing different genres of literature, balloons formed to the children’s request, and a chance to win one of fifteen bikes raffled off at the end of the event. With music provided by DJ Tim Dogg and food provided by the chapter, this annual event catered to children ranging from three to fourteen years old at no cost.

In total, fourteen Discover Bank volunteers and thirty-two Omega men worked to make this event a success, reaching out to even more families of the community than the year prior. Ending the day by awarding all participants a \$5 McDonald’s gift card and a photo with Santa, Nu Upsilon once again proved its unwavering commitment serving and uplifting the community and the City of Wilmington (DE).



Nu Upsilon’s Toys for Tots event

Omega Delta Delta Manhood Monday



Omega Delta Delta Brothers donate suits to Temple U. students

Philadelphia, PA. November 16, 2015. The Brothers of Omega Delta Delta, Temple University, hosted Manhood Monday, as part of the QDD Achievement Week Kickoff Celebration and social action program. The Chapter garnered the support of three licensed barbers, who volunteered their time to give free haircuts for Temple students and members of the neighboring community.

There were giveaways for the students and the many visitors from the local community who attended. Free gift bags, with gift cards from Sneaker Villa and Kicks USA, and various deodorants and cosmetic products, were distributed. The highlight of the program was the donation of free suits, ties, and dress shirts by the local Graduate Chapters, in support of Omega Delta Delta, for the men of Temple University.

Shamir Morgan, Chapter Basileus, said, “It was a fun and heartwarming experience and our uplift to the Temple campus will continue to flourish and will be a priority as we expose Omega Psi Phi to the broader community.”

Zeta Iota Iota Achievement Week Dinner and Awards Program

Philadelphia, PA. November 15, 2015. As part of the Chapter’s Achievement Week Activities, The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota chapter hosted their annual Achievement Week Dinner and Awards recognizing the Omega Man of The Year, Brother Kennon Jenkins; Omega Citizen of The Year, Brother Bryant Greene of Always Best Care; 35 Year Distinguished Service Awardees Bros. Damaas Stephens, David Thomas and Qasim Rashad; 40 Year Distinguished Service Awardee Bro. Ivan Kimble and 45 Year Distinguished Service Awardee Bro. Gerald Price; The 2015 Basileus Award went to Bro. K. Walter Wilkie; The 2015 Founder’s Award went to Bro. Bertrand Harry. Second District Officers present were 1st Vice District Representative Bro. Carlton Lampkins and District Counselor Brother Bertrand Harry at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, PA,



Bro. Bryant Greene receiving ZII Citizen of the Year Award

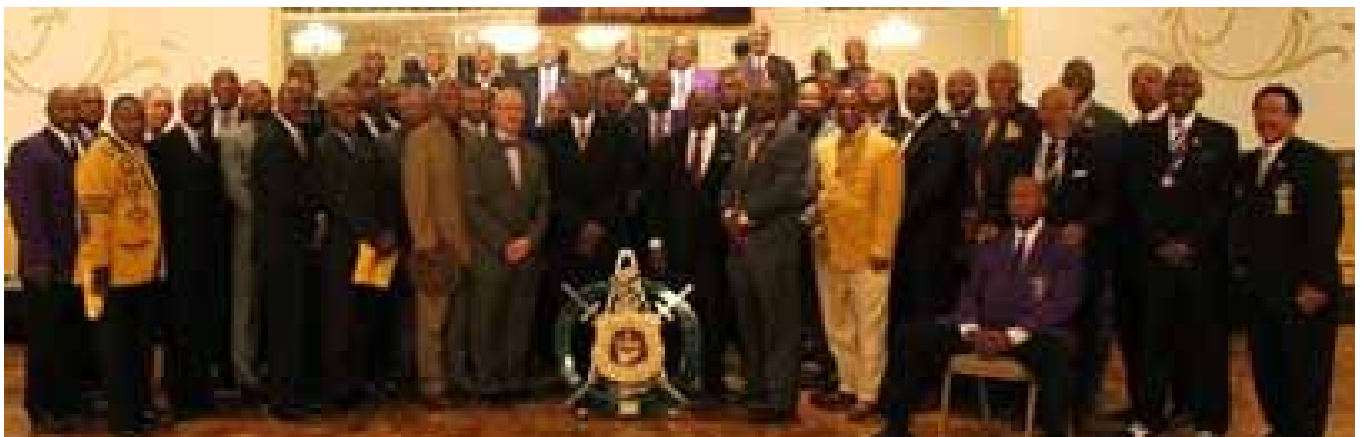
Pi Omega 2015 Rededication and Reclamation Activities

Washington D.C. November 17, 2015. On the 104th Anniversary of the Founding of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Omega Chapter chartered a 55 passenger bus for its membership sojourn to the Annual Omega Psi Phi Rededication Ceremony held in Washington D.C., at Howard University's Crampton Auditorium.

Grand Basileus Antonio Knox was the keynote speaker and gave a phenomenal address and charge to the Brotherhood to be agents of change to make a positive difference wherever our chapters are chartered and Brothers assemble. He charged that we, as Omega Men, stand at the vanguard of addressing critical issues including but not limited to mentorship, poverty, economic inclusion, and social and political change. As Omegas, we join the vociferous chant for improved relations between police and the minority community. Critical to our influence are police chiefs and safety force administrators that are Omega men. Moreover, our fraternal and sorority partners within the "Divine Nine" echo Omega's clarion call for justice.

All in attendance were treated to be rededicated to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity by reciting the ritualistic oath and the administration of rededication ceremony by our 39th Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew A. Ray. The manner in which Brother Ray conducts the ceremony is truly a site to behold and all Brothers were blessed to be in attendance. After the rededication ceremony, Brothers processed to the Omega Monument, sang the Omega Hymn and celebrated in true and customary Omega tradition.

Baltimore, MD. November 19, 2015. Pi Omega Chapter Reclamation Committee, under the leadership of former 12th District Representative and Pi Omega Reclamation Chairman Keith Neal, held its 2015 Founders Week Reclamation Event at the Easterwood Recreation Center. Brothers came out and enjoyed fellowship, food, libations and an unbelievable feeling of brotherhood. Unattached area Brothers were invited to return to the fold, as stories were shared, past conquests embellished and the true sense of Brotherhood was celebrated by Pi Omega Chapter, Pearl of the 2nd District, Charm City Ques.



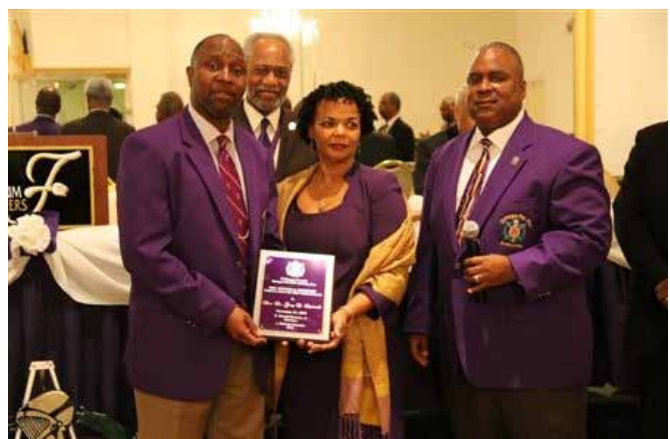
Pi Omega Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week/ Founders Day Ceremony

Baltimore, MD. November 21, 2015. On Saturday, November 21, 2015 Pi Omega Chapter held its Annual Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week/ Founders Day Ceremony at the Forum Caterers. Baltimore City Fire Chief, Brother Niles Ford, was the keynote speaker. 2nd District Representative Milton Harrison addressed the audience and Brother Arthur W. Lambert was the Master of Ceremonies. Pi Omega Basileus, C. Donald Bowser, Jr. presented the 2015 Pi Omega George K. McKinney - Omega Man of the Year Award to Dr. Gary Rodwell.

Other awards presented at the ceremony were as follows: Howard L. Cornish Award recipients: Brother D. Danard Smith, Brother Terrence Smith, Joel Gamble and Kibwe Shelton. Brother Eric "Moby" Brown received the National Superior Service Award and the Founders Award recipient was Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr. The Citizen of the Year was awarded to Ms. Monica Mitchell. Pi Omega Essay Contest winner was Ms. Niara

Robinson, from the Bryn Mawr School and Pi Omega 2105 Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Julian Cuffie, who will attend North Carolina A&T University. Ms. Jasmine Robinson, Pi Omega 2014 Scholarship Awardee, currently attending Howard University and the Queen of Alpha Chapter's court, thanked the brotherhood for the scholarship and its impact on her college experience.

During the ceremony, Brother T. Russell Hopewell led a responsive reading of the Litany of Rededication authored by the late George K McKinney. Prior to the final remarks given by the Basileus, Achievement Week Committee Chairman, Charles Summers asked all Omega men in attendance to toast the event reciting the Omega Toast. Benediction was given by Chaplin, Aaron Von Moore and ending the event, the Omega Hymn was sung in true and customary Omega tradition.



Pi Omega Brothers Receive “Men of Valor” Award from The Untied Baptist College & Seminar



Bro. Larry Briscoe and Bro. Lamonte Tyler (with awards) surrounded by Pi Omega Brothers at the Forum Caterers

Baltimore, MD. November 24, 2015. On November 20, 2015, Brothers Lamonte Tyler and Larry Briscoe both received an award “Men of Valor” during a ceremony held by The Untied Baptist College & Seminar at the Forum Caterers in Baltimore, MD. Brother Tyler received his award based off of his community involvement, women self-defense and his donations throughout the years to help combat breast cancer research. Brother Briscoe award came from his work with the Deacon’s Ministry, Trustee’s Ministry, Snow Removal Team, Landscape Ministry, Building Services, Pastor’s Chauffeur, and Greeter’s Ministry. The Untied Baptist College & Seminar is committed to preparing believ-

ers to answer the call of Christ our Lord when He commissioned the saints to: “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing then in the name of the Father, and if the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever U have commanded you... (Mathew 28:19-20).”

The Untied Baptist College & Seminar is a small urban religious institution, dedicated to the proliferation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which resets on the scriptural foundation. The school has been in existence since 1989, and has graduated many distinguished scholars, ministers, and community leaders, many of whom have shared their spiritual skills, nationally and internationally

Pi Omega Putting Baltimore Residents to Work

Baltimore, MD. November 2015. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated has a rich tradition of identifying societal ills and providing meaningful solutions that uplift our collective communities. The unrest that erupted in West Baltimore provided a sobering window into the frustration and resentment of the perceived lack of employment opportunities, social injustice, and inadequate reforms to the City’s educational system. For this reason, on November 13, 2015, Antonio F. Knox, Sr.-40th Grand Basileus authorized the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated to collaborate with the Center for Urban Families (CFUF), The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Baltimore Integration Partnership (BIP), The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), Promise Heights Initiative (PHI), and the Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School to kick off the Anchor Institution Workforce Development Initiative (AIWD). This monumental initiative is a new partnership with universities and hospitals in the Baltimore metropolitan area to provide services that encourage employment and economic stability. The Anchor Institution Workforce Development Initiative (AIWD), is co-located at the Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School (HSCT) in the Upton/Druid Heights neighborhood of Baltimore City.

The goal of this two-year pilot program is to connect parents and community residents of the elementary school to entry and mid-level employment opportunities and career pathways that are most likely to yield viable employment and upward mobility opportunities. CFUF has developed and/or aligned itself with occupational skills trainings that lead to industry-recognized credentials in occupations within key growth sectors in Baltimore – construction, healthcare, technology, and manufacturing. This intervention will provide interested participants with the job readiness and occupational skills training, coaching, and wrap-around services needed to help eliminate professional and personal barriers. HSCT serves over 450 families (Pre-kindergarten through 5th grade), all of whom have great needs.

In cooperation with UMB, CFUF applied to the Association of Baltimore Area Grant Makers (ABAG)/Baltimore Integration Partnership (BIP) and was awarded a six-month first-phase planning grant. Since January of 2015, CFUF, UMB, PHI, HSCT and other AIWD implementing partners have coalesced to jointly design and implement a two-year intervention by leveraging existing resources to maximize service-delivery to parents and community residents in a holistic and effective manner.

Pi Omega Capital MMA and Elite Fitness Scholarship Donation

Takoma Park, MD. December 15, 2015. On December 14, 2015, the Brothers of Pi Omega were asked if we knew of a way to raise money to donate to one deserving martial arts student at Capital MMA and Elite Fitness. Capital MMA & Elite Fitness is located 6836 New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park, MD. We were able to raise a total \$1050 in 3 months. The cost to the chapter was zero.

The money was divided amongst 4 individuals. One youth, high schooler, and college kid received a portion of the scholarship. The 4th check went to a deserving student. How were the students determined to win the scholarship? The youth and high schooler had to bring their report cards in and the student in those 2 categories with the highest GPA received the check. The college student was based on their performance and GPA. The deserving student was determined because the father of 4 lost his job and home. I've been ask how does a scholarship help a grade schooler. I

know in Baltimore, children have to wear uniforms. This can help offset the cost. Also, this can help offset the cost of a computer.

The mission at Capital MMA & Elite Fitness is to provide a friendly, safe and fun training environment for proven martial art classes. Capital delivers the most effective Washington DC self-defense program. CMMA&EF has the only Maryland Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belts under the first Ultimate Fighting Champion (UFC) and UFC Hall of Famer, Royce Gracie. The Takoma Park mixed martial arts (MMA) programs also include authentic Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Muay Thai Kickboxing, and Judo.

The Kids MMA members benefit from knowledgeable and committed Takoma Park MMA instructors. The instructors frequently hear stories from parents who children have gained self-confidence, self-esteem, became more fit and set achievement goals, including belt promotions and tournaments.



Bro. Lamonte Tyler with instructors and kids at the Capitol MMA and Elite Fitness Center

Pi Omega Christmas Feeding and Donation

Baltimore, MD. December 28, 2015. On December 25, 2015, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the 1st Annual 4th of Christmas Feeding and donation. The brothers provided chicken noodle soup, water and snacks to the homeless community. We also provided 50 pairs of winter gloves, hats, toys and several bags of clothes. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish is administrated by the Congregation of the Mission – Western Province, also known as the Vincentian priests and

brothers. The Vincentians were founded by Saint Vincent de Paul in 1625 and have served in the Lincoln Park neighborhood since 1875.

The Phoenix Shot Tower, also known as the Old Baltimore Shot Tower, located near the downtown, Jonestown, and Little Italy communities of East Baltimore, in Maryland. When it was completed in 1828 it was the tallest structure in the United States. The tower was originally known as the “Phoenix Shot Tower”, then the “Merchants’ Shot Tower”, and now is also sometimes called the “Old Baltimore Shot Tower”. It was designated a National Historic Landmark on November 11, 1971.

Pi Omega Founder’s Day Homeless Feeding at Union Station

Washington, DC. November 17, 2015. On November 17, 2015, Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter participated in the Founder’s Day Homeless Feeding at Union Station located 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC. Brothers provided brand new t-shirts as well as purchased enough chicken and biscuits from Bojangles’ Famous Chicken ‘n Biscuits to feed 20 homeless men and women. The cost to the chapter was zero.

“Union Station is a major train station, transportation hub, and leisure destination in Washington, D.C. Visited by over 40 million people a year, Union Station is one of the busiest train stations and shopping destina-

tions in the country and is served by Amtrak, MARC and VRE commuter rail services, the Washington Metro, and buses. It is also the headquarters for Amtrak. The station opened in 1907 and at its height during World War II some 200,000 people passed through it every day. “

“Bojangles’ Famous Chicken ‘n Biscuits is a Southeastern regional chain of fast food restaurants based in Charlotte, North Carolina, specializing in spicy, “Cajun” fried chicken and buttermilk biscuits. The company was founded in Charlotte, in 1977 by Jack Fulk and Richard Thomas.”

Pi Omega Govans Career Day



Bro. Dwayne K. Johnson explains IT engineering careers to kids at Govans Elementary

Baltimore, MD. November 24, 2015. On November 20, 2015, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Govans Career Day. This year, during American Education Week, November 16 – 20, Govans Elementary School (GES) paused and honored the role that educators play in the lives of children and celebrated public education in our country. They invited brothers to share in this celebration as well.

On Wednesday, November 18 Govans Elementary School hosted Govans Career Day from 9am to 12pm. GES asked that brothers take some time to share our professional knowledge and experiences with the students. Each presentation lasted about 15 minutes. It was suggested that the first 10 minutes be an explanation of our work and how our education has helped us in our job. The final 5 minutes was for an opportunity for the students to ask questions. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Govans Elementary, which was facing state takeover as a failing school is failing no more. A combined 85.4 percent of third, fourth and fifth graders

scored in the proficient or advanced range on state-mandated reading assessment tests in 2013, up more than 3 percent from 2012.

In math, they scored even higher last year, 86.7 percent, though that was down about 3 percent from 89.5 percent in 2012.

Now, the school may be headed in a new direction that could benefit students even more. It may become a charter school.

With the support of the Principal, the Baltimore Curriculum Project, a charter school operator, is applying to make Govans Elementary a conversion charter school starting in the 2015-16 school year, subject to the Baltimore school board's approval.

Govans Elementary, with 385 students, would retain its status as a neighborhood public school funded by the school system, but would be privately run. The move is expected to bring the school more individual attention, and could create partnerships and much-needed funding.

Pi Omega Book Donation

Baltimore, MD. December 13, 2015. On November 25, 2015, Greater St. John's Full Gospel Church, located at 1806 N Patterson Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213, asked for book donations. The Brothers of Pi Omega donated 100 books which was given out during the eve of Thanksgiving. Their goal is to supply books for local orphanages throughout Baltimore City. The cost to the chapter was zero.



Bro. Lamonte Tyler & Bro. Clifton Sherrard deliver books to Greater St John Full Gospel Church

Pi Omega Donation to the Homeless

Washington, DC. December 13, 2015. On December 12, 2015, the brother of Pi Omega donated 20 t-shirts to the homeless community located at the stairs of The National Postal Museum. The National Postal Museum, 3700 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20011, located opposite Union Station in Washington, D.C., USA, was established through joint agreement between the United States Postal Service and the Smithsonian Institution and opened in 1993. The museum is located across the street from Union Station, in the building that once served as the Main Post Office of Washington, D.C. from 1914, when it was constructed, until 1986. The building was designed by the Graham and Burnham architectural firm, which was led by Ernest Graham following the death of Daniel Burnham in 1912. The museum houses many interactive displays about the history of the United States Postal Service and of mail service around the world. Also on display is a vast collection of stamps. The cost to the chapter was zero.



“Brother You’re On My Mind” Shirtsleeve Conference Presentation

Rochester, NY. September 11, 2015. Bro. Jeffery Sealy presented at the 2015 Shirtsleeve Conference hosted by the Theta Omicron chapter in Rochester, NY. The topic of the presentation was, “Brother You’re On My Mind: Changing the Dialogue about African American Men and Mental Health.”

The conference was attended by the Brothers of the 2nd District including members of the 2nd District Council. The “Brother, You’re On My Mind: Changing the Dialogue about African American Men and Mental Health” initiative seeks to raise awareness about bullying and depression affecting African American men, their families, and underserved communities. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has partnered with the National Institutes of Health on an initiative to collaborate on an educational outreach initiative to raise awareness about mental health conditions affecting African

American men. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has taken the lead in educating its members and the public about the facts regarding mental health amongst the African-American male population, and to raise awareness that there is help and treatment available so that no one has to suffer to silence.

Bro. Jeff Sealy, Vice Basileus of Sigma Beta Beta, said, “It is important that the Brothers of Omega learn the truth about the most common mental health myths while at the same time sharing this information with family, friends and the public. The “Brother, You’re on My Mind” (BYOM) Signature Program for this administration will help bring awareness to mental health issues and concerns while celebrating and sharing the good news that mental illness can be treated and managed properly.”

Sigma Beta Beta 2015 Salvation Army Kettle Drive



SBB Brothers at the Salvation Army Kettle Bell Project

Dec. 24, 2015, Garden City, NY. For years, the Brothers of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., from November 26th to December 24th, volunteer their time to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Roosevelt Field Mall in Garden City, NY.

The purpose of the red kettle drive is to collect donations for underserved families in Nassau County. The Sigma Beta Beta chapter has been dedicated to helping the organization raise funds to help those less fortunate. “Our brothers are not only helping people in the community,” Bernard Eyssalenne, chapter Basileus said. “But we are also showing the community that Omega Psi Phi cares.”

Sigma Beta Beta 2015 Toy Donation Project



Bro. Jeff Sealy at the Toy Donation Project

Wantagh NY. December, 30, 2015. In an effort to share the Christmas spirit with children less fortunate, the Brothers of Sigma Beta Beta donated toys and games to underserved families in Nassau County.

The chapter was able to donate toys and video games to the John Theissen Children’s Foundation of Wantagh, N.Y. Since 1992, JTCF has collected over 920,000 new toys and have donated them to sick and underprivileged children in hospitals and child-care facilities. JTCF also donates therapeutic and recreational equipment. Through donations like those given by the brothers of Sigma Beta Beta, the organization was able to provide televisions, video game systems, electronics, arts & crafts supplies and more.

Sigma Beta Beta 2015 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Jones Beach, NY. October 18, 2015. The Brothers of Sigma Beta Beta participated in the “Making Strides” Long Island Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at Jones Beach, NY. The American Cancer Society is the leader in helping to finish the fight against breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer

some time during her life is about 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 37. Breast cancer death rates have been going down. This is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and better treatment. Right now there are more than 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. As event facilitator, Bro. Bill Cherry said, “The walk is a good cause and awareness should be spread not only today but every day.”

Tau Pi Chapter 2015 Achievement Week



Bro. Marty Harlee receiving the Tau Pi Founders Award



Tau Pi 2015 Omega Man of the Year Bro. David K. Charon

November 12, 2015. Community Service/Omega Feeds Brothers served Spaghetti Dinners at Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, 6700 Freetown Rd, Columbia, MD 21044. The Emergency Center is the only one in existence in Howard County. It shelters homeless men, women, and families.

November 13, 2015. Reclamation Event . Aroma Cigar Lounge, Laurel, MD

November, 15, 2015. Sunday Morning Worship. Brothers worshipped at St. Johns Baptist Church located 9055 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045. St. John Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner who for many years served as the Master of Ceremony for our Gospel Concert.

November 17, 2015. Re-Dedication Ceremony at Howard University. Chapter rents a bus each year to transport brothers from Columbia, MD to Cramton Auditorium. This has been a great way to bring to a crescendo the Achievement Week. On the bus we eat, enjoy libations, and talk plenty of “smack”. This is a convenient mode to travel – safety, parking, and convenience.

November 21, 2015. Founders Day Banquet. Bro. Dr. Marco Clark well respected author, public speaker, and veteran in the world of urban educa-

-tion. He is the Founder and CEO of the Richard Wright Public Charter School in Washington, DC. He provided a rousing speech utilizing his personal life experience by being classified as a functional illiterate to motivate him to succeed in his academic and professional careers. Acknowledgement and recognition was given to Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield for the celebration of 75 years in Omega..

Tributes to Founders

- Hon. Bro. Oscar J. Cooper** **Bro. Eric Hebron**
- Hon. Bro. Edgar A. Love** **Bro. Anthony Hebron**
- Hon. Bro. Frank Coleman** **Bro. Ronald Connelly**
- Hon. Bro. Ernest E. Just** **Bro. Alfred Bates**

Awards Presentation

- Citizen of the Year** **United Sortation Solutions**
- Superior Service** **Bro. Jerry Watkins**
- Founders Award** **Bro. Marty Harlee**
- Omega Man of the Year** **Bro. David K. Charon**
- Basileus Awards –** **Bro. Frank Miles, Bro. Jon Thomas,**
- Bro. Steve Grice, and Bro. Charles R. Mitchell**

Tau Pi Community Service Initiative

Columbia, MD –December 29, 2015. As part of its Community Service Initiative, Tau Pi Chapter has been conducting a Christmas Door Decorating Contest at Harmony Hall for the last seven years. Harmony Hall is an assisted living community in Columbia Maryland. The facility consists of over 254 units of independent and assisted living seniors.

With a goal of providing each resident with an opportunity to show and share their Christmas spirit with fellow residents, Tau Pi Chapter held its annual door decorating ceremony on Tuesday, December 29, 2015. Residents had been notified of the dates to decorate their doors. This year we used six of our Mentees from our High School mentoring group as judges. For their services, the mentees are able to receive Community Service points at their respective Howard County High School.

On Saturday, December 26, 2015 the mentees were provided with evaluation forms and required to visit each door. Forms were completed and returned to Bro. Frank Miles for review, tabulation and a determination of winners. The top ten were presented with a Certificate of Performance and a gift card to the local Giant Food Store at the Tuesday ceremony.

In addition to the Door Decoration Contest Ceremony, the residents were treated to an outstanding Kwanzaa presentation by Delta Sigma Theta soror Ms. Michelle Davis. As a former educator and extremely knowledgeable person of Kwanzaa history, she was able to engage and heighten the attention of the mostly Caucasians senior residents.

The event was filled with excitement and much applause from the attendees. After the celebration, many residents stated how pleased they

were with the Kwanzaa presentation and the door decorating contest, and hoped Tau Pi would come back again next year. Bro. Frank Miles and Bro. Jerry Watkins, co-Chairman of the Mentoring Committee coordinated this annual and successful event.



Tau Pi High School Mentees serving as judges for the Harmony Hall residents door decorations contest

Tau Pi 7th Annual Christmas Eve Gift Giving

Columbia, MD. December 24, 2015. Bro. Shawn Lamb, Bro. Anthony R. Yates, Bro. Philip N. Anderson III, and Bro. Richard A. Negri of the Tau Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated helped organize and host the Annual Christmas Eve Gift Giving held on December 24, 2015 at the St. John's Baptist Church in Columbia, MD. This is the 7th year that the chapter has aided in this Social Action effort to provide gifts to needy families in the Howard County Community.

Due to the unfortunate nature of our economy in recent years, the number of needy families has increased each year. This year, over 100 gift bags were prepared for distribution and delivery to families in need. During the event, many families within the Howard County Community, who were not able to purchase Christmas gifts for their children this holiday season had arrived to pick-up their gifts from gracious donors; while others received their donated gifts via delivery.

Many men representing various Maryland chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fra-

ternity Incorporated and others had volunteered their time to ensure the effort was completed smoothly. Some of the chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated represented at the event were the Beta Kappa Chapter at Frostburg University; Chi Delta Chapter at the University of Maryland College Park, Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Bowie State University and Pi Chapter at Morgan State University.

The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated believe whole heartedly in the need for charity and benevolence, a creed that they live out not only during the holiday season, but in their day-to-day lives. The belief being, if they can help one or any person, it can change the direction of their life, hopefully for the better. The Tau Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated continues to be a positive influence and presence in the Howard County Community. No work or cost is too much when making strides towards improving the lives of those in the Howard County Community.

Tau Pi Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield 75 Years of Service to Omega



Bro. Gerald Greenfield receives his 75 year Service Award at the Fall District Council Meeting

Columbia, MD. November 7, 2015. District Representative Milton Harrison presented Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield his 75 Year Service Award at the Fall Council Meeting held at Altholton High School in Columbia, MD. Bro. Greenfield due to age and physical health was unable to attend the Leadership Conference held in Jacksonville, FL. during July. Since Tau Pi Chapter was hosting the Fall Council Meeting, a request was made to the DR to have him present Bro. Greenfield this prestigious milestone achievement. The presentation award ceremony was a true demonstration of Omega Uplift. Since the number of Brothers who achieve this milestone is minimal, the fraternal gift is a Certificate, lapel pin and matching cufflinks each engraved with 75 years.

Bro. Greenfield was initiated on December 16, 1940 into Rho Psi Chapter, Tennessee State, on a line of 15 Lampados. He later became a Charter member of Theta Rho in 1965 (Germany) and Tau Pi in 1975 (Columbia, MD). He served as Tau Pi first Vice Basileus. He represented the chapter very well by attending and being a Delegate at Conclaves and District Conferences. He is a Life Member and proudly shares with anyone who will listen that he has been financial since 1940. One of his most noble contributions has been his personal involvement with the Tau Pi Foundation. Each year he has donated an additional scholarship of \$1,000.00 to the best applicant recommended by the Scholarship Committee.

As with most African American males during his era, he entered into the Armed Forces since he was only able to get menial employment after

graduating from Tennessee State. He enlisted in 1943 but was denied to attend Officer Candidate School. Unfazed, he saw it through and attained the rank of Master Sergeant. To fulfill his dream he later enrolled in graduate school at the University of Denver. This required him to drive 65 miles each way three nights per week. He successfully earned a Master Degree in Social Work in 1957. After over 20 years he was eventually recommended for OCS and successfully obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He bravely served in WWII, Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. Subsequently, he obtained his Honorable Discharge after 30 years of dedicated and commendable service.

Bro. Greenfield penchant to stay active led him to a position of Social Worker with the Department of Social Services in Baltimore, MD. He later transferred to the Veteran Administration at the Virginia Hospital and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, DC. Finally at the tender age of 72, he retired.

Today, he is an active member of Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church in Columbia, MD. He served on a number of committees including Stewardship, Finance, Lay Organization, and the Senior Ministry. His first wife Dorothy has transition to Glory, but from this union came two sons, Gerald Quentin and Damion. In 2010 at the 76th Conclave in Raleigh, NC, Bro. Greenfield was due to receive his 70th year Service Award. However, he was unable to attend because he was on his honeymoon with his lovely wife Blanche.

Tau Pi Holiday with Omega



Bro. Pete Higginbotham, Event Chairman and Committee

Columbia, MD. December 12, 2015. Holiday with Omega (HWO) is Tau Pi Chapter’s signature event usually held on the second Saturday of each December. The date this year was December 12, 2015 held at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel in Baltimore, MD. Bro. Peter Higginbotham, Event Chairman and his committee did a yeomen’s job implementing the Black Tie gala. Proceeds from the event fund the chapter’s programming and community service initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year. April 19, 2015, Tau Pi Chapter celebrated its 40th Anniversary. Over the years, the chapter has generated more than \$250,000.00 in scholarships

for high school seniors; funded the mentoring program; supported their Senior Citizen programs; plus enabled sharing with those in need of a helping hand. All is possible with the patronage of their guests; vendors; advertising in the Souvenir Journal; and other heartfelt generous gifts. Mano Swartz has donated a fur coat to be raffled off to one lucky guest for over two decades. In addition, a 50/50 raffle is held with half of the proceeds directly supporting the Mentoring Program. Music was provided by the extraordinary Panama Band.

Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative an STEM Program

Columbia, MD. December 19, 2015. One of the main focuses of Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative has been the introduction and participation of its mentees in the STEM Environment. In support of its focus on STEM, Tau Pi has provided it mentees with current electronic devices. We purchased tablets for elementary mentees and laptops for middle and high school mentees, which are being used by their peers in the County Educational Environment.

To assist the mentees in becoming competent in the use of their electronic devices, the Mentoring Committee held a Computer Camp on December 19, 2015. The mentees were given instructions on the use of their devices by Mr. TaVonne Wilkinson, Microsoft Expert, of Best Buy. His instructions covered internet searching, use of devices writing applications, saving data, and printing reports. Mentees were also taught to send emails with attachments. Mentees will be tasked with development of Black History Reports and other assignments requiring the use of their devices. Tau Pi has been mentoring in Howard County since 1994 and presently has 34 mentees ranging from 3rd to 11th grades.



Standing Bro. Rashaun Bass, sitting Bro. George Franklin and Bro. Anthony Yates, Adult Mentor Mr. Vernon Curry with STEM mentees

Tau Pi Puzzles Enriching Aspiring Kids (P.E.A.K)

Columbia, MD. December 21, 2015. Over the past 6 years, the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter have been making annual donations of puzzles to the children enrolled in the Howard County Head Start Program. Bros. David Charon and Mike Currie have taken on the role as Santa’s Helpers to distribute the puzzles. This year, puzzles were handed out on December 21 and 22, 2015 at the four Head Start program. The locations are Dasher Green, Ellicott City, First Presbyterian and Old Cedar Lane.

These puzzles are welcomed by the instructors as help to build effective motor and critical thinking skills while also providing a little holiday spirit to the kids. As expected, the kids are so excited to get their puzzles and the smile on their faces is living proof.



Bro. David Charon with PEAK Kids

Tau Pi's Bro. John Brown Induced to Benedict College Hall of Fame



Bro. John R. Brown

Columbia SC. October 15, 2015. Bro. John R. Brown was inducted into the Benedict College Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 15, 2015 at the Double Tree by Hilton, 2100 Bush River Road in Columbia, SC. A Hall of Fame college tennis player, he is an accomplished technologist, entrepreneur, business consultant and speaker. He is founder of JR Brown & Associates, LLC, a business consulting firm that focuses on small technology company's growth strategies. His leadership, consulting and business

experience is based upon over 40 years with a major corporation and government. He has lead multiple organizations specializing in business and product development, program management, and strategic planning in field of electronic systems. John has over 25 years in young adult mentoring and leadership coaching, both in the church, colleges and universities, business and STEM programs. Mr. Brown has also demonstrated his commitment to challenges facing small minority-owned companies by providing innovative growth strategies.

Bro. Brown graduated from Benedict College, with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics. He earned his Masters of Administrative Science in Management from Johns Hopkins University. He also holds a certificate of Executive Leadership education from UCLA Anderson School of Management. Prior to starting his own company, he had a long and success career with Westinghouse Electric and Northrop Grumman Corporations.

Bro. Brown is a passionate and committed leader who has given his time and energy helping education institutions, civic and business entities fulfill their vision by serving on numerous boards. Some of these boards include Advisory Board for Amos Tuck School of Business MBE programs at Dartmouth College, the Bowie State University, College of Business and Entrepreneurship Academy Council, and the Howard County (Maryland) Economic Development Council. He has held membership in several professional organizations including, American Management Association, American Society of Manufacturing Engineer, and Society of Black Engineer. He is also a life member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Tau Pi Thanksgiving Dinner Basket



Bro. Mike Curry, State Delegate Bro. Frank Turner, Bro. Jerry Watkins with Howard County Exec. Alan Kittleman, State Delegate Guy Guzzone, Councilwoman Mary Sigaty and volunteers at the event

Columbia, MD. November 2015. The Brothers of Tau Pi chapter supported this year's Howard County Community Action Council (CAC) Thanksgiving Turkey distribution event held on November 24, 2015 with the purchase of 9 full Turkey Dinner boxes. These dinner boxes were distributed to pre-selected families whose sons participate in the Chapter Mentorship program that takes place at Guilford Elementary School located in Columbia, MD. The chapter has established a strong relationship with Bitu Dayhoff, President of CAC, over the years and supports several other CAC programs throughout the year.

The Thanksgiving Turkey distribution event is held annually by CAC for eligible Howard County families and this year's event was provided in partnership with Wegmans and their "Care for Hunger" campaign. The distribution took place at St. John Baptist Church, 9055 Tamar Drive,

Columbia, MD and supported eligible Howard County families who receive a turkey and other food items such as yams, apples, green beans, potatoes, cranberry sauce, and stuffing mix. 100% of the funds raised are used to help Howard County families who are food insecure

This program is well supported by Tau Pi Brothers, Maryland State Delegate Frank Turner. Bro. Turner, a Democrat has worked in the State House since 1995. Supporting and spearheading the effort is Tau Pi Social Action Chair, Bro. U. Michael Currie.

Bro. Jerry Watkins loaded the nine Turkey Dinners into his vehicle and delivered to Guilford ES Coordinator Tanya Holland. Ms. Holland and assistant Wanda McDonald coordinated the pick up by the families.

This year, as shown in the picture, are Howard County Executive Alan Kittleman, State Delegate Guy Guzzone and Councilwoman Mary Sigaty.

Theta Mu Mu 2015 Achievement Week Luncheon

Linthicum Heights, November 14, 2015. It was standing room only at the BWI Marriot hotel to witness the 2015 Achievement Week celebration of Brothers and Community patrons of Theta Mu Mu Chapter. The Chapter that prides itself as “Not Your Daddy’s Grad Chapter” had two keynote speakers Brother John Skip Victor and the 31st District Representative James Scrappy Jordan. Both brothers challenged the audience to make their mark on society and to do it profoundly. Elijah Eugene Cummings the U.S. Representative for Maryland’s 7th Congressional District, made a riveting speech that encourage all that was in the room to continue the long fight for social justice. The Omega Man of the Year Bro. Evan Murray delivered a passionate speech about his drive and why

working for Omega is his mission. The highlight of the afternoon was when Timothy Dashiell the Essay Contest winner proclaimed to all that was in the house what his parent met to him. His speech was so moving there was not a dry eye in the house. This day was going down in the history of the chapter as one of its finest moments. The awardees of the day were: Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Evan Murray, Superior Service Award: Bro. Jeff Givens, Lifetime Achievement/Founders Award: Bro. Ed Hill, Col. Charles Young Award: Bro. Morgan Hall, Citizen of the Year Award: Bro Eric Ravenell and Bro. Eric West, Ira Lynch Humanitarian Awardees: Rep Elijah Cummings, Dr. Marco Clark, Off. Betty Covington, Mr. Patrick Johnson. Ms. Rhonda Mclean and Ms. Latasha Peele.



Bro. Evan Murray receives TMM Omega Man of the Year Award at TMM Achievement Week Luncheon



Timothy Dashielle receives TMM Essay Contest Award from TMM Basileus Lawrence Willams and Bro Stacy Carver

Theta Mu Mu Chapter Contributes to Night of Peace Family Shelter



l-r Chair Eric Ravennell and Jerome Myers bottom L to R Morgan Hall and Curtis Davis

Baltimore County, MD, December, 2015. The second year in a row the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Theta Mu Mu Chapter in Baltimore County called into action to help support the shelter with necessities needed to supply the residents. At the December chapter meeting brothers brought in a variety of items requested by the organization. Items such as Laundry detergent, toilet paper, wash cloths, envelopes are just a few of the items that were provided. On December 19th the brothers delivered the items to the shelter and presented them to the staff and residents.

Night of Peace Family Shelter, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting homeless families with children. Opening our doors

in 2005, Night of Peace homeless shelter is the only homeless shelter in Baltimore County that is located in a church.

All families who stay at the shelter stay for an average of three months. Annually, we serve over 50 families, nearly 170 individuals and we continue to grow as the need for shelter increases.

Night of Peace mission is to provide year round emergency shelter for homeless families with children. Their goal is to provide food, shelter and support in a safe environment while families work to transition into permanent housing.

Theta Mu Mu under the direction of their Social Action Chair Eric Ravennell has made a commitment to support the families at this shelter.

“Tau Lambda Lambda Honors Local Citizens for Service to the Community”

Waldorf, MD. November 27, 2015. On Saturday, November 21st at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center in Waldorf, the men of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc celebrated their Eleventh Annual Achievement Week Founders’ Day (AWFD) Awards Banquet.

The awards banquet is the culmination of Omega Psi Phi’s Achievement Week, a mandated week of events with the purpose of promoting to promote the study of African-American life and history. Inspired by fraternity member Carter G. Woodson in the 1920s, the week is used to recognize those individuals at the local and national levels who have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for African-Americans.

This year, TLL created a legacy award in honor of charter member Glenn White who passed due to heart attack in June 2015. He had been instrumental in the formation and development of chapter programs throughout the tri-county region. The award was accepted on posthumously by his wife (Gloria) and son (Glen White).

Bro. Anthony Zanfordino was honored as the 2015 Omega Man of the Year award. Zanfordino, who received his 25 year pin earlier this year, stated that “there are two men in this chapter that I would like to thank, Bros. Luther Clark and Winston Lewis. I look to them for the example of high standards and what an Omega man should be.” He also spoke on the importance of the Fraternity’s cardinal principles and how they have positively affected his life through the years

The Citizen of the Year award was given to three honorees from the Tri-county area for their notable achievements and service to Southern Maryland.

Calvert County’s award winner was county native Pamela Cousins, a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran. In 2014, she was elected to one of two at-large seats on the Calvert County Board of Education. Ms. Cousins serves as an Executive Board Member for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern MD. (BGCSM), as a member of the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County (CBW), and as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In 2014, she helped BGCSM and CBW raise a combined total of over \$20K to bolster youth programs and scholarships for high school seniors.

Charles County’s award winner was Vedia La’Tanya Barnett, a disabled Air Force veteran and founder of Forever Free Books. Forever Free Books develops programs to decrease the achievement gap of low income children through literacy events. One such event is Books, Boys, n’Cuts, a program that supports President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative, to bring free books, story time and African American men into



Tony Zanfordino receives TLL Omega Man of the Year from TLL Basileus Jake Prater

Charles County barbershops to encourage reading in African American boys. Mrs. Barnett is a member of the outreach ministry at her church, a Girl Scout troop leader the treasurer of the Charles County Commission for Women, member of the Waldorf Kiwanis, member of the Education Committee of Charles County NAACP, member of the legislative committee of the People For Change Coalition and a member of the DC-Metro Black Child Development Institute.

The St. Mary’s County awardee was Nathaniel Scroggins; a retired U.S. Navy veteran. Mr. Scroggins has served as President of the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions since 2009. They were instrumental in 2012 to bring to St. Mary’s County the United States Colored Troop Memorial Monument in Lexington Park, MD. A memorial dedicated to over 700 soldiers and sailors, who were sons of St. Mary’s county and served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. Mr. Scroggins is the current director of the Minority Outreach Coalition of St. Mary’s Inc., 501C3 entity which continues to help aid and assist the minority community through the St. Mary’s Health Department, Med-Star Hospital and St. Mary’s Health Connection. He has been appointed the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance representative for St. Mary’s County by the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene in Baltimore, MD.

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter awards winners: Basileus Award, Stephon Cunningham; Superior Service Award, Tommy Thomas; and Founders’ Award, Harrel Watts;

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda programs and activities, please visit www.southernmdques.org

The Omega Brand

25-Word (Elevator) Positioning Statement:

OPPF is a historically Black fraternal organization that provides and promotes programs of social-, cultural- and economic uplift to the communities we serve. For over a century, we have recruited, trained and deployed men of color for leadership roles in service to humanity.

50-Word Positioning Statement:

Our social action programs touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of families and individuals each year. Whether our efforts result in entertaining an audience, educating a group of young people; or simply helping those in need, we have developed a reputation for delivering programs and projects that make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

100+ Word Positioning Statement:

A partial list of social action initiatives includes: scholarships for deserving students, mentoring programs for disadvantaged youth, leadership development and training in partnership with GE, health and wellness prevention through partnerships with State Farm and American Cancer Society.

If your company is looking to move from “success” to “significance” as a corporate neighbor, let’s have a conversation! Our aim is to make you feel welcome, respected and well served!



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



The Meaning of Friendship: Live It, Cherish It, Protect It

Some of the most profound and deepest lessons about Friendship come many years after we have been in Omega. For some of us, it becomes crystal clear as we move about the country and in and out of different communities meeting Omega men from all walks of life, instantly bonding and being there for one another as if we have been Friends since birth. For others, the true meaning of Friendship comes when, at the first sign of trouble, the first person knocking at your door to offer support is another Omega Man. And for others, lessons about Friendship come through traumatic and challenging times, like the loss of a Brother to Omega Chapter. In Gamma Pi Chapter, some of the starkest lessons about Friendship came through a series of unexpected and jarring losses in our chapter that spanned the period from Thanksgiving through New Year's. We found ourselves standing shoulder to shoulder, solemnly and solidly, conducting Omega services for Brothers four times in that short span. It seemed like a recurring bad dream. How could it be? Are we here again? Weren't we here last week?

I looked into Brothers' faces during this painful period in our chapter's history and I believe all of us, no matter the length of our Omega careers, were reminded by the sobering event of the transition to Omega chapter just what Friendship is really all about. The meaning of Friendship in Omega is as deep as the oceans and must be protected and preserved by each and every one of us at all times. No matter where our individual

relationships with one another go in the course of our lives, our Omega relationships must never leave the boundaries of Friendship.

In the course of doing Dear Omega's business, we may disagree over politics, or we may argue with one another -- as brothers do -- about everything from petty differences to major philosophical points. Sometimes, unfortunately, we will unintentionally show disrespect or exasperation with one of our own. We are still only human. But we are asset apart because at the end of the day, we remain Friends. We must never let that Friendship dwindle out of existence. We never know when Brothers -- our true Friends -- will be standing guard over us or when we will be standing guard over another of our Brothers again. What draws us together in times like those is our Friendship bond. It transcends even death.

It would be wonderful if we could all be 100% healthy, avoid tragedies and live forever, never having an appointment with The Supreme Basileus of the Universe. But as we all know, no man has that promise. The one promise that we all do have as Omega men is the promise of Friendship -- for life. Let's not lose sight of that ever.

*Brother Brian K. Long
Basileus, Gamma Pi Chapter*

What Makes Me an Omega?

What makes me an Omega? I pondered the question after a very short Facebook exchange of words between a slightly older Brother in the fraternity and myself. The older Brother stated that I didn't know the importance of discretion. This being told to me after he posted the issue all over Facebook for everyone to see. In my learnings of the fraternity I tried to call and discuss the situation and see how the Brother felt I had wronged him. With no success in getting in contact with the Brother, I posted the statement "there is no need to make a mountain out of an ant hill about the situation". The Brother later came back blasting me about knowing ritualistic information, that my position in the fraternity meant nothing, and stated that I wasn't OWT, while at the same time calling me "Brother". When in the fraternity did the term "Brother" become such a derogatory term? So am I to believe that being "my Brother's keeper" is now a disparaging thing? Is it a Bruh-hood or a Brotherhood?

What makes me an Omega? So the first question that came to mind is what is being OWT? How would being OWT make me an Omega? I wondered if it was possible to be OWT and not financial all at the same time. Sure you can be OWT and not financial, but are you upholding the standards of Omega. Are you supporting her cause?

The term "Peek-a-boo" came to mind at that point. It was a term I heard while participating in the Membership Selection Process (MSP) in person training a few weeks ago. The speaker stated that a Peek-a-boo QUE is a Brother who was usually never financial but is present at every event being OWT. This QUE is clueless as to what is actually going on in the fraternity. They are always running around questioning everyone else as to the latest information concerning the fraternity".

What makes me an Omega? Does receiving the Omega Man of the Year

Award or the Superior Service Award make you an Omega? I was told the day I crossed the burning sands that I should never make the work of Omega about myself. If for some reason I do, I would have lost the true purpose and meaning of what Omega stands for.

What makes me an Omega? Does becoming Vice Basileus of your chapter or Social Action Chairman make you an Omega? Being elected or appointed to any position in any chapter should make an Omega feel proud to know that his peers have enough confidence in him to hold that position. In no way does it make you an Omega. Does seeking knowledge or knowing the entire ritual make you an Omega? I think not, knowing your ritual and seeking knowledge will make you a more informed and knowledgeable Omega Man nonetheless not an Omega.

What makes me an Omega? Does "going to the green" make me an Omega? I can definitely answer that in the negative. I've gone to the "green", lost got up brushed myself off but maintained the title of Omega still. By the way it was my own line brother who took me there, but that is neither here nor there. Does my process make me an Omega? I would say my process helped make me a better Omega but nevertheless not an Omega.

What makes me an Omega? Simply put, my obligation to the oath I took is what makes me an Omega, and to support the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

*Brother Melvin E. Adderley
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What's On the Minds of Omega Men Opinion/Editorial Section



Urban Schools: Many Paths to Success

It is becoming increasingly apparent there is a disconnection in the American educational system. Black and Hispanic males drop out of school in huge numbers, leading to high incarceration rates. The schools-to-prison pipeline begins before many children even begin school when little tots are given toys and educational devices when they should be read to and given books. Parents and teachers in early childhood education must realize that before the age of eight, children should learn to read. After eight years of age students should read to learn.

Meanwhile, the schools impose a one-size-fits-all curriculum that envisions four-year college as a universal goal and marginalizes and minimizes alternative career paths.

It's time to connect the dots. Real reform, especially in large urban school districts and with black and Hispanic male students, cannot occur until we recognize the reality that many students will not attend a four-year college—and provide alternative avenues to success for those students.

In President's Barack Obama's first speech to Congress he correctly noted, "The U.S. has one of the highest dropout rates of any industrialized nation," and said, "Our children will not compete for jobs in a global economy that too many of our schools do not prepare them for." He recommended that students must "commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training." These are noble goals indeed—but first things first. Students need to graduate from high school before they can aspire to anything grander.

"The dropout rate is driving the nation's prison population, and it's a drag on American's competitiveness," according to Marc H. Morial, the former New Orleans mayor who is president of the National Urban League. According to researchers at Northwestern University the picture is even bleaker for African Americans, with one in four young black male dropouts incarcerated. And a study by the Brookings Institution's Hamilton Project found there is a 70 percent chance that a black male without a high school diploma will end up in jail by his mid-30s.

Harry Holzer, an economist at Georgetown University, believes that joblessness is largely a result of weak schooling; a lack of reading skills at a time when such skills are increasingly required, even for blue-collar jobs; and the poverty of black neighborhoods. When black or Hispanic males drop out of school, many have no other choice than to turn to illegal activity such as drugs for income. As a result, this group is primarily responsible for the high homicide rate in urban cities. Schools should help prepare them for responsible citizenship which include legal employment along with preparing all students to be good parents.

School districts in the U.S. generally have a uniform curriculum and a one-size-fits-all attitude whereby students are not treated as individuals. Urban education is doomed unless it can adapt to the needs of children in

cities. The adaptation must take place by professionalizing the curriculum and allowing urban students to succeed by offering them a choice of career paths. All students do not have the same aspirations, nor do they learn the same materials in the same way or at the same pace. The U.S. curriculum, and testing in general, is geared for "left brain" rather than "right brain" processing. As such Caucasians and Asians have benefited more so than African Americans and Hispanics. Educators should consider exposing students to career options as early as first grade, and giving them career-interest surveys in the fifth or sixth grade to ascertain their interest and how they relate to academic subjects. Vocational classes need to be restored in middle schools, and technical and health-career classes must be offered.

Whatever happened to Home Economics? Comprehensive high schools should be built, that is they should ensure training in alternative careers for the global economy in addition to preparing students for careers requiring a four-year college degree.

Although a four-year college education increases a person's earning potential, it is not the only reliable path to well-paid and rewarding work. Michael Farr and Laurence Shatkin's 300

Best Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree and Harlow G. Unger's But What If I Don't Want to Go to College? offer advice on careers ranging from surveying technician and dental hygienist to radiation therapist and air traffic controller, the highest paying job not requiring a college degree.

These books should not be unknown reference materials in urban school libraries and guidance offices.

Finally all urban teachers must be trained to teach and raise students through multi-faceted curricula that lead to employment and responsible citizenship—defined as respect for humankind,

legal employment, family values and charity. Booker T. Washington said it most appropriately for the true educators of urban educational reform: "Call education what you will; unless it benefits the masses, it fall sort of its highest end." More personal and prophetic Dr. Carter G. Woodson wrote in his seminal work, *The Mis-education of the Negro*, "The world does not want and will never have the heroes and heroines of the past. What this age needs is an enlightened youth...to imbibe the spirit of these great men and answer the present call of duty with equal nobleness of soul."

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Brother You Are On My Mind



What's On the Minds of Omega Men Opinion/Editorial Section



Got Black History?

In this global economy of marketing and advertising we are often exposed to numerous phrases and slogans to sell a product or service. African Americans have been engaged with this continuous onslaught of commercials, product promotions and other innovative methods of encouraging us to spend our money. In an article published in Black Enterprise Magazine, entitled: "African American Consumers: Still Vital, Still Growing" by the Nielsen Company; there are some promising statistics highlighted. It was projected that by 2015, African Americans' buying power would reach \$1.1 trillion. African Americans are the second largest racial minority in the country. There are 43 million African Americans in the U.S., we are 13.7% of the total population. Calvin Harris, Jr., President, CEO of the National Association of Black Accountants, stated that: 'The Nielsen Report is very encouraging because it shows that the African American population is a tremendous financial asset to this country's economic recovery'. If we were to retrace the footprints of our African American journey we will find other examples of some very compelling statistics.

During the 1790's the slave population in the American colonies reached a maximum of about ¼ of a million. The number of slaves was dramatically reduced as the result of the Revolutionary War. With the invention of the cotton gin in 1793, which allowed the harvesting of both short-staple cotton, which was full of seeds, and high quality long-staple cotton; the country realized the potential for an increased economic profit. This translated into the need for more slaves to harvest this crop. From then until the Civil War, the slave population increased to the incredible level of 4 million.

During this same time, Britain was experiencing a rapid growth in its industrial revolution. The focus was on textiles, therefore cotton was in great demand. After 1810, in the United States, New England's emerging textile mills produced a heavy demand for cotton. By 1820, over 250,000 bales of cotton were exported to Europe, with a value of \$22 million. By 1840, exports reached 1.5 million bales, valued at \$64million, this represented two-thirds of all American exports. Cotton prices continued to soar as the South maintained its status as the chief supplier of cotton to the world. By 1860, COTTON WAS KING! , with the U.S. shipping 3.5million bales

valued at \$192 million. According to the consumer price index calculations, \$192 million in 1860, would equal \$ 5.46 billion today!

This is just one example of how African Americans have significantly contributed to the economy of the United States, then and now. We African Americans must realize our positive power to influence the economic landscape of our nation and be creative in using this power to build our communities. It is equally important that we maintain an active consciousness of our African American history. It was during the early years of the twentieth century that Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson recognized that the depiction of African American life was characterized in very demeaning terms. He made it his life's work to research and identify those accurate and positive aspects of our history, and the global contributions that persons of African descent made to the world. He founded, what is now known as: The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH), on September 9, 1915. Over the past one hundred years, ASALH has been at the forefront of Black History Month themes, celebrations; and an African American historical academic resource repository. Today, we must accept the obvious challenge of insisting that the next generation discover and learn to appreciate our history. We should not allow persons from other cultures and to have more knowledge about our history than we do. While we often focus on purchasing such items as: flat screen televisions, golf clubs, clothes, smartphones, cars; and oh, yeah, don't forget the milk! We need to also make it part of our routine to 'get black history' – which simply means to expose ourselves and our love ones to cultural activities that would enhance our knowledge and give us pride as it relates to African American history. Our history is our heritage, it does not cost us anything, it is in our DNA –it is the very essence of who we are as a people. Remember- we must demonstrate that our history and self-worth matters to us, in order for us to matter to others.

Brother Andre M. Lee

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Pi Omega Chapter Member

Baltimore: The Reality Show That Is On Constant Rerun.

I was very young when the riots kicked off in Baltimore in April of 1968. That was when Rev. Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated. I can remember my mother going to the bedroom window to see what was going on. My Dad told her to back away, because it was a very dangerous time. There was lots of looting and unrest throughout the Inner city. Many properties were burned down. In 1968, Baltimore was very segregated. When the 1968 riots started, it began on the Eastside and spread outward. After 4 nights over a 1,000 businesses had been looted, damaged or burned down. A total of 6 people died and well over 700 were injured. Let's fast forward to 2015. We witnessed another round of rioting, because of Freddie Gray's death. This case has not been tried at this time. I pray that the outcome of the trial does not set off any additional. The riots for Freddie Gray did not last as long as 1968's. Most of the injuries were to Police officers. 2015's riot started out on the Westside. Same results. Burning down of property in the Inner city. The Inner Harbor was kept safe though, Thank goodness! The number of business affected did not reach into the 1,000's by any stretch, but it still happened where we live. In the Black community. It hurt us and it took some jobs away from people in that community. Freddie Gray's tragic death was a tipping point for the city. I for one do not think the riots were all about Freddie

Gray. I think this was something within the city that had been coming to a head for a long time. Frustrations from the past, murders, unemployment, wealth gap widening, etc. The riots arrived. They even brought Prince to town.

There are multiple deaths everyday it seems in Baltimore. Baltimore Homicides are happening at an alarming rate. 2015 (274 and counting), 2014 (211), 2013 (235), 2012 (217). Those stats are all from Baltimore Sun's website. As you can see murders are on the rise again and we just secured our interim Police Chief Kevin Davis to a new deal. Hmmm.

We have a Mayoral Election coming up and Omega Psi Phi's own Nick Mosby (Pi Omega) has just thrown his hat into the race along with a field that includes Sheila Dixon. I will be listening to see what new ideas this group of candidates will be bringing to this reality show. I for one am hoping for new episodes. New Episodes with a plot that is centered on real solutions and hope for our Youth and City.

Brother Jon White

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Xi Lambda Lambda Domestic Violence



l-r Bro. Michael Peterson, Bro. T. Ed McBride, Basileus Bro. Floyd Long, Bro. Tyrone Bailey, Bro. Rob Stevens

Suffern, New York. October 27, 2015. On the campus of Rockland Community College, State University of New York, in Suffern, New York the Brothers of the Mighty Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter brethren together in unity with the student body participated in their annual “Domestic Violence Walk”. The Brothers along with the students and some faculty staff, assembled at the Student Union Building where posters were created regarding the severity of domestic violence. We conducted a silent walk (“SILENCE IS GOLDEN”) throughout the campus and walking through

academic buildings with our posters held high letting everyone know this violence must stop immediately. At the completion of the silent walk, we headed back to the Student Union Building and participated in a Domestic Violence Program that was spearheaded by Ms. Tammy Richardson (Director of Student Involvement). There was some faculty staff that was courageous enough to talk and share their personal experience about Domestic Violence.

Xi Lambda Lambda Salvation Army Donation



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers at the Salvation Army donation

Rockland County, NY. November 21, 2015. The Brothers of the Xi Lambda Lambda chapter (The Rockland Ques) donated turkey baskets to ten (10) low income families in the Spring Valley, New York community. The donation was made at the local Salvation Army. Each basket (plastic bins were used) donated included a turkey, canned vegetables, brownie mix, stuffing, boxed rice & mashed potatoes. The Spring Valley Salva-

tion Army under the leadership of Major Marcus Jugenheimer provided the families we made the donations to. The event allowed the chapter to continue its commitment to the Rockland community. The brothers in attendance were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love shown to us by the recipients families especially when the mother of one presented us with a card thanking us for the donation.

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John Walter Wayland

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