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Brother Kenneth Rodgers
32nd Second District Representative

My Brothers,

On the evening of November 17, 2011, the occasion of the Rededication, at the Birthplace of our beloved Fraternity, on the campus of Howard University, the Second District experienced yet another high moment in the History of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. I hope that each of you enjoyed the 100th Anniversary of our illustrious fraternity With approximately 4,000 brothers

convening on campus, there was a sea of purple and gold. As your District Representative, I can't begin to express how proud I am of the Second District. Each time that we have called upon you -- you have delivered. I estimate there were nearly 2000 brothers present from the Second District alone. I could not maintain my composure upon hearing the cheers and applause as the Second District was recognized during the Supreme Council introduction. It was a moment that highlights all of the accomplishments that we as a District have been able to achieve during the past 17 months.

I was especially pleased to see so many of our former District Representatives in attendance. Among those present were Brothers Norman Johnson, Ted Greer, George McKinney, Dave Wharton, Terrell Parris, Ben Jeffers, Greg Ackles, and Marvin Dillard. I also recognized Brother Sylvester Wilkins, who currently resides in the Second District. Let me thank those of

you who traveled from afar. Your presence did not go unnoticed.

Our own Brother Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, delivered a mesmerizing presentation that surely infiltrated the very fiber of every brother in the building. It was a message of hope, aspiration, friendship, and commitment. He encouraged brothers to be ready for the handoff as it is time to pick up the baton and run the next leg of the race. Brothers, I am humbled and grateful that our District is filled with men of like ideals who are striving to keep the bushel burning.

May God continue to Bless this fraternity with His care.

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Scenes from the Centennial Rededication



February is NAACP Support Month

Brothers, your support and participation are requested to complete this internationally mandated activity as set-out in Chapter IV, Article I, District Programs and Celebrations, Section 1(c) : NAACP Support: The month of February is set apart as NAACP Support Month. Brothers, we are seeing a resurgence of overt behavior that appears to again produce real and potential adverse impact on people of color. We need to have an impact on our communities in terms of legal defense/redress; voter education/registration and voter mobilization; economic advancement; and strongly resisting ongoing activity aimed at voter suppression. These are among the activities that the NAACP undertakes on our behalf, but the ability to do this is grounded in having members to carry out these programs. Membership is thus the lifeline of the NAACP. Brothers, you are very much needed to step up, become a member, and do some serious community UPLIFT.

In keeping with our longstanding Fraternity mandated program that each District and Chapter maintain an annual supportive membership in the NAACP, the Committee is requesting the

following information from each active 2nd District Chapter:

1. Confirmation, for the 2011 Fraternity year, that each Chapter had a Silver Life Membership (Fully Paid or Subscribing) in the NAACP. If not, did the Chapter have at least a 2011 Annual NAACP membership?

2. Certification that each Chapter will have a (2012) Fully Paid Silver Life Membership in the NAACP (\$750.00) or a Silver Life-Subscribing membership (\$75.00 per year for 10 years). If not, will the Chapter commit to having, as a minimum, a 2012 Annual NAACP Membership (\$30.00)?

If needed, technical assistance for this activity may be obtained from your local NAACP Branch's membership chair or by contacting the NAACP National Office, Membership Department, 4805 Mount Hope Drive, Baltimore MD 21215. Memberships may also be purchased on-line at www.naacp.org. For more information, you may call (NAACP National Office) toll free at 866.636.2227 or Brother McCottry, NAACP Comm. Chair @ cell: 202.549.8639; or voicemail: 301.352.2973.

2nd District at the NAACP & CEF Stand for Freedom March

New York, N.Y. December 10, 2011. The 2nd District NAACP & CEF Committee and over 100 civil rights organizations marched from 61st St. and Madison Ave., the Koch brothers' NYC office, to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at 47th St. and 2nd Ave., across from the United Nations. We came from all over the tri-state area and beyond. Protesters led by NAACP President Ben Jealous, UFT President Michael Mulgrew, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Gresham and NAACP New York President Hazel Dukes marched on Madison Avenue south to the plaza near the United Nations in honor of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, passed on Dec. 10, 1948. The civil rights and union leaders spoke out against what the NAACP calls an aggressive attack against voting rights across the country. Many laws that were either proposed or adopted were written to require prospective voters to provide extensive documentation in order to get a voter ID card. In more than a dozen states around the country laws are being passed requiring photo IDs at the ballot box and making it harder to vote absentee and vote early. Union lead-

ers, community activists, immigrant groups and elected officials assembled near the headquarters of Koch Industries. Many protestors stated that the Koch brothers have donated millions of dollars toward efforts across the United States to change voter identification requirements, bans on the formerly incarcerated and early voting periods.

According to many organizers of the march and rally, voting rights for minorities and the poor are under siege. It was estimated that over 25,000 protestors participated in the march and rally. The coalition that starting the event included organizations such as National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Urban League, Service Employees International Union Local 1199, and the American Civil Liberties Union. At the rally other civil rights leaders as well as politicians expressed their support to stop voter suppression. These dignitaries included Senator Charles Schumer, and John Payton, President-NAACP Legal Defense Funds



2nd District NAACP Protesters at the March for Freedom March to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, NY.

Second District Pin

August 3, 2011

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Johns Hopkins School of Education Creates a Fellowship in Honor of Former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Dr. Walter G. Amprey



The Walter G. Amprey Legacy

“Public education in America needs to be re-invented!”
[Walter G. Amprey, EdD](#)

The Johns Hopkins School of Education has made its mission to confront the 21st century challenges in American education by becoming an incubator for new ideas and utilizing expertise from across the university, the education sector and beyond! One of the key components in this transformative initiative will be *The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellows Program*

The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellows Program

To achieve its mission, the School of Education will partner with peer education institutions and progressive organizations that share our commitment to innovation and transformational leadership in education. Out of these unique partnerships from both the private and public sectors, the School of Education will recruit innovative and distinguished leaders for *The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellows Program*.

The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellows, named in honor of Walter G. Amprey, EdD—former Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Baltimore City Public Schools, nationally renowned urban education reformer and esteemed School of Education 1977 alumnus—will be invited to collaborate with faculty during a year-long fellowship. Each fellow will examine the most relevant issues in education reform such as teacher recruitment, training, assessment and retention; online learning; community school development; and closing the achievement gap. Inspired by Dr. Amprey’s deep engagement with and commitment to his community, this new generation of education reformers will disseminate their innovative ideas and research through local professional development presentations and symposium, as well as nationally distributed e-publications.

The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellows Fund

The School of Education’s ultimate fundraising goal is to establish a \$500,000 endowment for *The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellows Fund*, to defray the costs for the Fellows’ travel and living expenses.

The Walter G. Amprey Legacy Reception

The Johns Hopkins School of Education’s Dean David W. Andrews & The Walter G. Amprey Host Committee will like to invite you to the Legacy Reception in honor of Dr. Walter Amprey, SOE ’77, and his lifetime of service as our distinguished alumnus, national education reformer and superintendent of the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[Martin's West](#), 6821 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Reserve Your Tickets

If you will like to purchase tickets to The Walter G. Amprey Legacy Reception, please contact Brother Zanes Cypress at 2ndDistrictPR@opff.org or 410-365-2186

For additional information, please contact Lisa Danaczko, Development Coordinator, at lisa.danaczko@jhu.edu or 410-516-6617.

City of Baltimore Approves Pi Omega Chapter Management and Operation of Recreation Center plus \$50,000 Seed Money Award

Baltimore, MD. December 2012. On December 21, 2011 the Baltimore City Board of Estimates, which is comprised of the Mayor, City Council President, Director Of Public Works, City Solicitor, and City Controller, approved the Management and Operation of the Easterwood Recreation Center with a seed money award of \$50,000 to the Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (Omega Baltimore) in response to the City of Baltimore's Request for Proposal for Management and Operation of City Recreation Centers B:50002071. Omega Baltimore will partner with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) by assuming the management and operation of the Easterwood Recreation Center located on 1530 North Bentalou Street in Baltimore, Maryland 21216.

Our proposal demonstrated organizational viability to provide custom programming to meet the needs of the Coppin Heights/Ash-Co-East community. A partnership with BCRP through the acquisition of the Easterwood Recreation Center fits well within our Omegas Uplifting Baltimore project. The goal of Omegas Uplifting Baltimore is to execute a community-based social program with specific emphasis on youth development and healthy

and active aging for older adults. The Youth Development Initiative will create a safe and fun environment that fosters physical activity and educational growth while providing valuable life skills. The Healthy and Active Aging Initiative will focus on providing opportunities for physical fitness, continued learning, and intergenerational interaction for older adults.

The youth and aging populations are some of the most vulnerable members within our community; therefore, they deserve the best efforts that can be achieved through innovative public-private partnerships. As college educated African-American men, our organization has a longstanding track record of providing scholarships to city high school students as well as a variety of social action services supporting the Greater Baltimore Community. Our proposal demonstrated a commitment to develop a formal partnership with the City of Baltimore by re-establishing a vibrant and active recreational presence at the Easterwood site.

Omega Baltimore is a 501c (3) nonprofit organization formed to assist the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter in servicing the community.



Baltimore City Board of Estimates



Pi Omega Basileus, Zanes Cypress, (center) stands before the Baltimore City Board of Estimates



Pi Omega Brothers in attendance at the Baltimore City Board of Estimates Meeting

Pi Omega Chapter 90th Anniversary Celebration



Pi Omega Chapter Brothers in attendance at the 90th Anniversary Celebration

Baltimore, MD. November 12, 2011. On November 12, 2011 The Men of Pi Omega Chapter held the 90th Anniversary Celebration Dance commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Pi Omega Chapter. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Dr. Walter G. Amprey, former Grand Keeper of Records Seal, and Committee Chairman, Ron Thompson, presented citations given to Pi Omega Chapter from Congress, the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore. Pi Omega Basileus, Zanes E. Cypress, Jr. was the keynote speaker and George K. McKinney, Omega Inspector General, delivered a

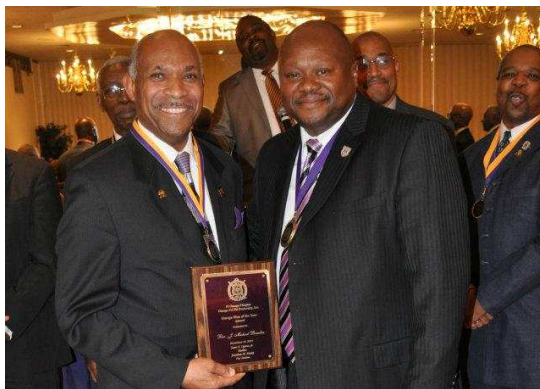
historical perspective of the chapter to the audience of over 300 patrons. In recognition of Pi Omega Wives and Sweethearts the Brothers surrounded all wives and sweethearts in the middle of the dance floor, gave each a yellow rose and sung in unison the Omega Sweetheart Song. Each guest received an outstanding Souvenir Journal listing the of Pi Omega Chapter History, District and International Leadership, Men of the Year, Past Basilei, the Sons of Pi Omega (a listing of each line made at Pi Omega Chapter) and Brothers with over 50 years of Service to Omega.

PI Omega Achievement Week /Founders Day Observance

Baltimore, Md. November 2012. On Saturday, November 19, 2011 Pi Omega Chapter held its Achievement Week Founder’s Day Observance at the Forum Caterers. This is the observance honoring our Founders by acknowledging the achievements of individuals, organizations, and institutions that have made significant contributions to the lives of the citizens of Baltimore. In addition Pi Omega Chapter awarded a scholarship to an outstanding high school senior seeking to attend a Historically Black College or University, honored Omega Men who have made exceptional contributions in their respective fields uplifting the human condition and presented its Man of the Year Award.

Committee Chairman, Charles Summers introduced the Master of Ceremonies for the event, Bro. Arthur W. Lambert. A welcome was

given by Pi Omega Basileus, Zanes E. Cypress, Jr. 2nd District Representative Kenneth Rodgers was the Keynote Speaker. The Pi Omega Scholarship was awarded to Luther Westbrook, III; he will attend Morgan State University. The Howard Lee Cornish Humanitarian Award recipients were Betty Keogh, Bro. William Haskett, Bro. Michael Bell, the Urban Leadership Institute and the Baltimore Youth Alliance. The National Superior Service was awarded to Bro. Jamal Parker. Pi Omega’s Founders Award was awarded to Bro Dwayne White and Michelle Huggins received its Citizen of the Year Award. Dr. Benjamin Whitten received the Pi Omega Legacy Award for 71 years of Service to Omega and the 2011 Pi Omega Man of the Year was awarded to Pi Omega Keeper of Record and Seal, Bro. J. Michael Breeden.



J. Michael Breeden presented Pi Omega Man of the Year award from Basileus, Zanes Cypress, Jr.



Achievement Week Chairman, Charles Summers displays Pi Omega Legacy Award presented to Bro. Benjamin Whitten for 71 yrs of Service to Omega

Pi Omega Chapter Conducts 21 Social Action Projects from November 2011 thru January 2012

BALTIMORE READS (November 2011)

In 1992, Baltimore Reads created a Book Bank to collect, house, and distribute **for free**, thousands of new and gently used children's books. Books of all kinds are donated to the Book Bank. The Book bank augments school libraries, and opens its doors to teachers, families, churches, Head Start programs, shelters, children's shelters and other community establishments. To date, Baltimore Reads have provided over 1.3 million books to Baltimore area teachers and disadvantaged families. Pi Omega Chapter collected and donated 500 books to the Baltimore Reads Book Bank

HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE (November 2011)

The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter in collaboration with the Commission for Baltimore City on HIV/AIDS embarked on an education and awareness campaign to inform Baltimore about the plight of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community. The Brothers distributed brochures and condoms at various and diverse venues.

THANKSGIVING FEAST PROJECT (November 2011)

Since 2000, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter have traditionally held a Thanksgiving Day Feast at the Fraternity Center. The feast is held to feed the indigent and shut-in who live in the neighborhood surrounding the Fraternity Center. Since its inception, Pi Omega has fed over five hundred residents in the community. Last year the Brothers of Pi Omega fed between 150-160 residents. Assisting with the serving of food and drinks were the families and friends of the Brothers. This year the Brothers fed over four hundred (400) people. The cost to the chapter was \$1,379.00 (The caterer traditionally prepares food for more than 100 residents.)

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DONATION (November 2011)

The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated turkeys to the Thanksgiving Loving Arms, Inc. and the Humanitarian, Inc. The turkeys are to feed the residents of the McCulloh

Homes Housing Project and the residents of the Zion Towers Senior Building. This effort is the result of collaboration between Pi Omega Chapter and the Cherry Hill Development Corporation.

AFRO MRS. SANTA CAMPAIGN (December 2011)

Since 1988, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter has contributed bicycles, can goods, and money to the Afro-American Newspaper's Afro Mrs. Santa Campaign. The Afro Mrs. Santa Campaign provides food, clothes, toys, and funds to indigent families in the Baltimore community. This year Pi Omega Chapter gave Afro Mrs. Santa 27 bicycles. The cost to the Chapter was \$1,000.00

BALTIMORE STATION-BAKER STREET (December 2011)

The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated packages of toothpaste, lotion, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, and razors to the Baltimore Station at Baker Street. The Baltimore Station is a place where veterans find the structure and living environment that speaks to their needs. Most of the counseling staff are veterans, which provides them with the knowledge and experience to serve the special needs of homeless vets who often use drugs to "quiet" the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The residents of the Baltimore Station include veterans from Vietnam and the Gulf War, as well as veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS (December 2011)

Since 1984, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter have distributed Christmas baskets of food to the residents who live around the Fraternity Center. The original concept was to target families whose children attended Mathew Henson Elementary School. The school identified the families that had fallen on hard times during the holiday season. Over the years, the program has expanded to include any family living around the Fraternity Center. The Brothers fed 30 families from the school. The cost to the Chapter was \$564.00.

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRISTOPHER'S PLACE (December 2011)

The Brother of Pi Omega Chapter participated in the 5th Annual Christmas of Christopher's Place. The purpose of the event is to help indigent fathers provide a Christmas for their children. Pi Omega's contribution to the event was to provide the wrapping paper, tape, and ribbons for all the gifts. The gift wrapping party was held at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum.

JUNGLE BELL RUN/WALK FOR ARTHRITIS (December 2011)

The Brother of Pi Omega Chapter participated in the Jungle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. This event is a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation. Arthritis effect men, women, and children of all ages. The event raised \$65,000 for arthritis research.

KAMI'S JAMMIES (December 2011)

Kami's Jammies fits the mission of the Casey Cares Foundation, which provides uplifting programs with a special touch to critically ill children and their families. To help brighten their day and make hospital stays more comfortable; the Kami's Jammies Program provides pajamas, robes, slippers and monthly themed pajama parties to young inpatients in the pediatric department at area hospitals. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated over 20 pairs of pajamas for this most worthy program. The cost to the Chapter was \$285.00

LOVING ARMS. INCORPORATED (December 2011)

The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated toys to Loving arms, Incorporated. Loving Arms, Incorporated is non-profit organization that provides hope and shelter to homeless, runaway youth.

Pi Omega Chapter 21 Social Action Projects (cont.)

MARYLAND FOOD BANK (December 2011)

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Pi Omega Chapter donated can goods and foodstuffs to the Maryland Food Bank. The Maryland Food Bank is an affiliate of Feeding America. The Maryland Food Bank provides nearly 14 million tons of food annually to 1,000 Network Partners – including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, low-income daycare centers after school programs, senior centers, rehabilitation centers, and other feeding programs. The Maryland Food Bank operates two facilities: one in Baltimore, serving central Maryland and one in Salisbury, serving the Eastern Shore.

MECU CLOTHING DRIVE

(December 2010)

The Municipal Employees Credit Union (MECU) sponsored a clothing drive to collect hats, coats, gloves, and scarves for St. Vincent DePaul of Baltimore. The purpose of the clothing drive was to provide warm clothing for indigent families in Baltimore City. The Brother of Pi Omega collected and donated 42 coats for the clothing drive.

MY SISTER'S PLACE

(December 2011)

Each morning when My Sister's Place opens its door, homeless women and their children in Baltimore City know they have a safe and supportive environment where they can spend their day. My Sister's Place provides shower and laundry facilities, case management, life skills workshops, parenting classes, GED preparation, breakfast and a light dinner. Even more importantly, My Sister's Place provides resources and direct services to women who need to begin the transition back to residential stability and self-sufficiency. Each day is an opportunity for My Sister's Place to help the homeless believe in themselves and explore new horizons.

The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter and employees of Motor Vehicle Administration assisted My Sister's Place in helping the homeless ladies by providing cases of laundry detergent and bleach so the ladies could clean their clothes.

QUES COATS FOR KIDS (December 2011)

Pi Omega Chapter collected, cleaned, and distributed coats, hats, and gloves to elementary school age children. The purpose of the clothing drive is to collect coats for children who may not be able to afford a coat to attend school in the winter. Pi Omega Chapter collected fifty (11) coats, fifteen (15) hats and fifteen (15) pairs of gloves. The items were presented to the Baltimore County Infant and Toddler Program.

RADIO ONE TOYS, TEDDY BEAR, & CLOTHING DRIVE

(December 2011)

Under the direction of Dr. Cathy Hughes, Radio One Incorporated sponsors an annual toys, teddy bear, and clothing drive. The purpose of the event is to solicit gifts for indigent families in the Baltimore community. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter assisted in this effort by providing bicycles and toys for this most worthy cause.

THE READING TREE

(December 2011)

The Reading Tree is a non-profit organization that supports children's literacy by getting books into the hands of children. Its mission are to keep books from contributing to the saturation of our nation's landfills and to collect from families who no longer want them, and deliver them to children, families, schools, and libraries that desperately need books. The outreach of the Reading Tree extends to local schools and libraries in the United States. Some books are sent overseas to libraries and schools in developing countries such as India, Nigeria, Kenya, and the Philippines. The Brothers of Pi Omega collected and donated 500 children's books to The Reading Tree.

SARAH'S HOPE

(December 2011)

Sarah's Hope, Mount Street provides 24-hour emergency shelter, case management and other support services for homeless women and children in the Sandtown-Winchester area of Baltimore City. On-site services include: intensive

case management, meals, service linkage, life skills training, parenting classes, employment readiness, health screenings, public school enrollment, child and youth services and activities.

Pi Omega Chapter, in conjunction with St. Gregory Church, sponsored a Christmas party for the children at Sarah's Hope. Pi Omega Chapter contributed the toys for the project.

The cost to the Chapter was \$ 585.00.

ST. VERONICA CLOTHING DRIVE

(December 2011)

The brother of Pi Omega Chapter donated men, women, and children clothing to the St. Veronica Church Clothing Drive. The clothing drive was an initiative by the church to provide clothes for the people residing in the Cherry Hill community.

TOYS FOR TOTAL HEALTH CARE

(December 2011)

The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated toys to Total Health care (THC). THC is Maryland's largest minority operated nonprofit, tax-exempt community health center. THC provides medical assistance, medical services, and medical programs that include HIV, substance abuse, and nutritional services.

PROLOGUE, INCORPORATED

(January 2012)

Last year the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter provided a microwave oven, a 72 piece dinnerware set, pots and pans, toaster, an eight piece cook set and can goods to Prologue, Incorporated. Prologue, Inc. is a community mental health program that strives to offer the best option for recovery from mental illness through services provided in the least restrictive setting. Prologue Inc. aims to restore an individual's ability for independent living, socialization and managing one's symptoms in a cost-effective way. Prologue Inc. offers skill training and basic education courses geared to people with psychiatric disabilities to prepare them for employment and self-sufficiency.

Scenes from Pi Omega Social Action Projects



Pi Chapter Host R.U.L.E.S. for Black Men Symposium

Baltimore, MD. November 19, 2011. The Brothers of Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated hosted the 2nd Annual Restoring-Uplifting-Leadership-Education-Success (R.U.L.E.S.) For Black Men Symposium. This monumental event was held on the campus of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference was designed to help young men rise above negative stereotypes and become productive assets to their respective communities. The day long male-only event aims to empower underrepresented male groups through collaborative learning, group building and most paramount and brotherhood. The symposium tackles specific issues and concerns affecting African-American males by way of

panel discussions, age-focused workshops, and themed breakout sessions such as the Fatherhood Initiative agenda created by President Obama. With an attendance of over three hundred males ranging from nine years and older, the Brothers of Pi Chapter strive to guarantee that the next generation of male leaders is well-equipped with the tools needed for great success. R.U.L.E.S won the Program of the Year Award in 2010 and we were asked by Morgan State Administration to turn the program into an annual conference due to the success of the event and positive feedback. Our goal is to not only continue uplifting the surrounding Baltimore community, but to expand and raise awareness throughout the state.

Scenes from the Pi Chapter R.U.L.E.S. Symposium



Gamma Pi 's "QUE KIDZ DAZE" Program

Landover, Md. December 2011 - It was early in the morning of December 20, 2011, around 9 a.m., when they heard Omega Calling. A total of 20 Brothers (what a coincidence!), thoroughly immersed with true Omega Spirit, descended upon Kentland Community Center in Landover under the Leadership of Brother Orlando McDowell to do what all good Omega Men do and joyously participate in - yet another of Gamma Pi Chapter's many community service projects. On that day, it was *Uplift* of our youth through *Que Kidz Daze*, a relatively new youth-oriented program of Gamma Pi chapter.

No stockings were being hung. No chimney for Santa. Just the joyous spirit of giving, love and support for the 27 children as the chapter helped them get ready for Christmas.

Activities included breakfast, a Kwanza Celebration, lunch, Secret Santa and "stepping" which kept them all busy up until 1 p.m. Smiles filled the room, as the Brothers served and the Children ate and told the Brothers about their Christmas wishes, grades and their fantastic dreams for their future.

Brothers Darrell Dreher and Marcus Whitfield set up the Kwanza Celebration Display, while Brother Whitfield made the presentation.

The food was good and abundant. As a surprise, the Brothers provided the children with presents and played "Secret Santa". Brother Roderick Lawrence (Rod #6 Genesis 10)

displayed his Omega Talent by controlling 27 children while they negotiated (or "fought" maybe?) over all the great gifts. Other than not having enough footballs, all went extremely well.

In true Omega tradition, the event started off strong with food and closed out strong by teaching the QueKidz how to "step". Brothers Whitfield and Anthony Kelly served as the "instructors."



Gamma Pi's Que Kidz Daze Program

Gamma Pi 2011 Thanksgiving Project

Suitland, MD. November 2011. On Day Five of the next 100 years, you could find the Brothers of Gamma Pi chapter along with other local Omega men serving the local community, in this case passing out 17-pound Thanksgiving turkeys with all the fixings to the seniors of Windsor Crossing apartments in Suitland, Md. on Tuesday, November 22. Participating in the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway with the hard working men of Omega were the Prince George's chapter of the Boys Scouts, as well as the Walker Mill High School girls basketball team. The energy was high and recipients very appreciative as they opened their doors in anticipation of receiving what one said, "was a blessing."

One occupant walking from her apartment could be heard stating, "I love the men of Omega Psi Phi, they are such a blessing." Afterwards, the gathered Men of Omega and the participating volunteers gathered in the vestibule for pictures and fellowship. With this project, the chapter got the next 100 years off to a great start. Brothers were thankful and honored to be a part of the occasion.

Gamma Pi Chapter joined other Brothers from the Metro Washington, D.C region to put *Uplift* on display by taking part in the annual WHUR "Food2Feed" Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Gamma Pi chapter led the way by inviting its members as well as members of area chapters to join at the event on

Thursday, November 17, at the Old Post Office Pavilion on Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C, from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Popular WHUR radio personality Renee Nash was on hand and on-air during the 12-hour event to give the Fraternity a special "shout out" during the day for bringing "Que Manpower" to the event.

"This event was a major factor in ensuring that our less fortunate citizens are able to enjoy a holiday meal during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season," said Bro. Terry Rogers, Social Action Co-Chair for Gamma Pi. Bro. Rogers and Co-Chair Bro. Keith Keemer worked hard recruiting members for the project.



Gamma Pi Brothers and volunteers assembling Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution to needy families

Gamma Pi Achievement Week

Springdale, MD. November 2011. Gamma Pi chapter put the exclamation point on its Centennial Year observance with a powerful Achievement Week program hosted on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at the Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, Md. Gamma Pi's program was highlighted by the presence of two key local elected officials —U.S. Rep. Donna Edwards (D-4th) and Brother Rushern Baker, the newly elected Prince George's County Executive who was initiated at Alpha Chapter nearly 30 years ago as one of 19.

In the shadow of Omega Psi Phi's 100th Anniversary being celebrated just a few miles away in Washington, D.C., Gamma Pi's two-hour Achievement Week program underscored the chapter's own achievements as a source of *Uplift* for nearly four decades in the local area.. To help mark the occasion, Congresswoman Edwards was presented with the chapter's prestigious Citizens of the Year Award and Bro. County Executive Baker brought a stirring Key-note Address connecting the Four Cardinal Principles to the chapter's work in the community. The chapter was chartered in March 1973

Even the location of the program was historic for Omega Psi Phi. The school is named for Brother Charles H. Flowers, now in Omega chapter and a former Tuskegee Airman. Brother Flowers entered Omega chapter in 2011. It was fitting that the chapter chose the Centennial Year to move the annual program to Bro. Flowers' namesake high school.

"I am really honored to be here today and I have to tell you that in the time that I have been in Congress, there is hardly an activity or community event that I go to that I don't see someone from this Super Chapter right there in the stead, filling in the gap and taking care of our communities," said Rep. Edwards, in receiving the award from Brother Basileus Gordon Everett, Sr. and Achievement Week Chairman Brother William Smith. In turn, she presented the chapter with a Recognition Certificate from Congress for the achievements of the first 100 years of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and for "achievements to come" in the next 100 years.

Recalling the "collective vision, hard work and struggle" of the members of his Alpha chapter Line as they pursued Omega, Brother Baker related that experience to the future of Omega Psi Phi as the Founders called on their *Manhood*, their *Scholarship*, their *Perseverance* and their commitment to *Uplift* to start and maintain the Fraternity in the face of resistance in its early days. "These young men and their adviser wanted to come together to not only change heir lives, but to change the life of this nation. If we are to

move into the future, it is taking their *perseverance*, their *uplift* and their *scholarship* and molding the next round of leaders, because that's really what omega is about and that's what this chapter is about." Achievement Week is also about honoring our own, and Gamma Pi recognized the following Brothers for their distinguished service in the previous year: Ian Alvarez (Omega Man of the year); Second District Chaplain Dr. Gerald Folsom (Founders' Award); Lucius Toney (Superior Service Award); and Wesley Jarmon for his work as head of the Ernest E. Just Foundation. These Brothers were also honroed at the annual Brothers-Only Dinner held by Gamma Pi every Achievement Week at Andrews Air Force Base.

The chapter also recognized students receiving more than \$20,000 in scholarship monies in 2012 from the Charles Drew Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Speaking of students, a Soul-stirring gospel performance was rendered by the Surrattville (Md.) High School choir under the direction of Brother Marcus Davis, of Gamma Pi.

Video clips from the Achievement Week program — including Brother Baker's speech and Rep. Edwards' acceptance remarks -- are available for viewing on Gamma Pi's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/gammapichapter.



Gamma Pi 2011 Man of the Year Ian Alvarez

Chi Rho 2011 Achievement Week

November 13, 2011, Central Islip, NY. Chi Rho Chapter held its annual Achievement Program at St. Mark Remnant Ministries, Inc. on the Campus of New York Institute of Technology in Central Islip. The Senior Pastor of the Church is Rev. Roderick Pearson. The Master of Ceremony as well as the co-chairman of the Achievement Program was Bro. Donald C. McCarthy. Co-chairman Bro. Louis "Stonie" Hertzog assisted with giving out the awards. The Keeper of Finance Bro. Donald G. Bentley provided the opening prayer. Bro. Jason F. Callahan, Basileus gave a brief history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter, and the Achievement Program. Yvonne Francis received the Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding work as President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Suffolk County Alumni Chapter as well as her work as an Assistant District Attorney for the Integrity Bureau. Elder Roderick Pearson also



Achievement Week Chair, Bro. Donald McCarthy, Co-Omega men of the Year, Bro. Donald Bentley and Bro. William Tyson, Bro. Louis "Stonie" Hertzog and Bro. Jason Callahan, Chi Rho Basileus

received the Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding work as President of the Islip Town Branch of the NAACP as well as community leader through St. Mark Remnant Ministries. The Founders Award went to Bro. Oliver P. Coutrier. The Co-Superior Service Awards went to Bro. Leroy Grant, Jr., and Benjamin S. Kizer. Co-Omega Man of the Year Awards went Bro. Donald

G. Bentley and William G. Tyson. The Centennial Award went to Bro. Ercell Williams (Rho Psi Chapter 1950, Tennessee State University). Bro Ercell was the first chapter editor when the chapter was founded August 11, 1965. These brothers were and are committed to serving the communities throughout Suffolk County Long Island.

Chi Rho Participates in 27th Annual MLK Breakfast

January 16, 2012, Islandia, N.Y. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter participated in the 27th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. The event took place at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch Hotel in Islandia, N.Y. Presenting the M.L.K. Memorial Breakfast were the M.L.K. Memorial Breakfast Committee and the First Baptist Church of Riverhead. Rev. Bro. Charles A. Coverdale, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Riverhead and Chi Rho Chapter Chaplain, introduced the keynote speaker Bro. Frederick K. Brewington, ESQ.

Bro. Brewington is a prominent civil rights attorney and community advocate in the Town of Hempstead. He successfully challenged the voting system in the Town of Hempstead and has worked on preventing future unconstitutional and discriminatory voter suppression practices. Through litigation at his private practice, and lecturing Bro. Brewington continues to challenge discriminatory practices throughout Long Island.

Carolyn B. Bentley, wife of Chapter K.F. Bro. Donald Bentley, was presented with Meritorious Award for work as a commu-



Front row- Charles Ogletree, Bro. Rev Charles Cloverdale, Bro. Frederick K. Brewington, ESQ. surrounded by Chi Rho Brothers at the 27th Annual MLK Breakfast

nity activist and youth advocate. Carolyn Bentley currently holds the position of Associate Chief Nurse of Medical-Surgical Nursing at the Northport Veterans Administration Medical Center. Bro. and Professor Rupert Campbell was also presented with the award for his work as an Associate Chair of Organization Management and activist for Minority Students at St. Joseph's College.

The proceeds from this event will directly assist in the building of the Family Commu-

nity Life Center, Inc. This 501(c)(3) agency will house a comprehensive non-sectarian, intergenerational community, education, sports, entertainment, and recreation complex. Through the agency's cultural programs, FCLC will promote quality family life and a greater sense of community among the residents in Riverhead and neighboring districts of Suffolk County, Long Island.

Chi Rho Adopt a Family at Christmas Social Action



*Bro. William Tyson, Viola Green, Joseclynn, Jaylynn and Brother Jermaine Taylor
Social Action Chair Betty Miller and Chi Rho Basileus, Jason Callahan*

Bay Shore , N.Y. December 18, 2012, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Suffolk County Alumni Chapter partnered together to adopt a family at Christmas. Social Action Chairman Brother William Tyson of Chi Rho and Social Action Chair Soror Betty Miller of Suffolk County Alumni Chapter chose a very special family to assist this holiday season.

Viola Green is not just any foster parent. For the past 30 years she has taken in over 250 foster children with varying needs and abilities. This past year Ms. Green was blessed to open up her home to three foster siblings; twins Joseclynn and Jaylynn Taylor, and younger brother Jermaine. According to Ms. Green the children were in need of temporary housing because they could no longer live in their home. Unlike other foster children the

Taylor children were allowed to stay together and Ms. Green was more than happy to keep them under one roof. Ms. Green along with the children's social worker are applying to extend the temporary housing situation since according to Ms. Green, the children seem to be adjusting well.

Bro. Tyson and Soror Miller decided that the chapters would give clothing and gift certificates to the children. The event took place at the First Baptist Church of Bay Shore. Soror Leila Holmes who is also a member of DSTSCAC, the church trustee and pianist opened up the doors of the church for the chapters to bless the children with gifts. But the children blessed us more with their gratitude, appreciation and joy. The day was made more special by the fact that it was Joseclynn and Jaylynn's birthdays.

Chi Rho Mentoring Program

Central Islip, N.Y. October 20, 2011

The Brothers of Chi Rho Chapter participated in the Men of the Future Consortium mentoring program, located at Central Islip High School. The program is geared toward male students of color from grades 9 to 12, running from October to May. Now in its third year of existence the program commenced in October with the first lesson dealing with education and development. The aim of this module was to assist the students with character development.

Chi Rho Chapter along with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Suffolk County Alumni Chapter, and the Suffolk County Links, Inc., assisted the students with developing character through strengths and personal skills. We ask the students a series of self assessment questions. For example the students were asked to write three things they liked about them selves. We also asked the students to share their lists of things they like about each other. These and other self assessment question



Chi Rho Mentoring Program participants at Central Islip High School

exercises will be conducted on a regular basis, especially during times of celebration and acknowledgment. Program volunteers did their own assessment of male participants 'character in various contexts.

The volunteers helped the students identify specific ways they could build upon these strengths of character or other things they might be good at doing as a result of

these skills. The volunteers reviewed the list with the male students and discussed how their qualities and accomplishments may serve as assets in the future. Students also identified academic and character choices that may be applicable to their displayed qualities and achievements of the students.

Chi Rho Annual Scholarship Program

Brentwood, New York, July 7, 2011. Chi Rho Chapter held its Annual Scholarship Program at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood N.Y. Five high school seniors from around Suffolk County Long Island were given scholarships based on their academic, athletic and charitable endeavors. The scholarship winners were Davida Bynum (Chi Rho Scholarship), Natalie James (Chi Rho Scholarship), Deidre Carter (Louis Hertzog Jr., Grant), Shelly-Ann Billingham (Louis Hertzog Jr., Grant), Ryan Satchell (Louis Hertzog Jr., Grant), and Vincent McNuff (Carnell Adams Award). The master of ceremony and chairman was Vice- Basileus Bro. Leonard W. Wright, III. Basilues Bro. Jason F. Callahan conducted the opening and closing prayers as well as the giving a brief history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Chi Rho Chapter. In total \$2,500 in scholarship funds were given to the students for to assist with their college expenses. The program was well attended by the parents of the students as well as the Chi Rho Chapter Brothers. Davida Bynum who graduated from Longwood High School will be attending Howard University. Natalie James who graduated from North Babylon High School,



Chi Rho Scholarship Committee with Scholarship Recipients

will be attending South Eastern University. Vincent McNuff who graduated from Deer Park High School will be attending Delaware State University.

Chi Rho Domestic 3rd Annual Violence Walk a Thon

Deer Park, New York, October 1, 2011. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter hosted their 3rd annual Purple Footsteps Against Domestic Violence Walk A Thon. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness against domestic violence in our communities throughout Suffolk County, Long Island. Funds raised from the event will be used to support programs and organizations that assist domestic violence victims. These programs include but are not limited to The Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Chi Rho Development Corporation.

Domestic violence is a huge problem in our communities and is especially increasing among our adolescent population. The funds will also go toward building programs exclusively geared towards families and teenagers to teach preventative measures, coping skills, anger management and group therapy in eliminating violent behavior- physical and non-physical that result in domestic violence.

This year Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Suffolk County Alumni Chapter participated in large numbers and helped them raise over \$1,500.00 in pledges. The event started at 9:a.m. and the day was

filled with information from advocates and community based organizations. The information provided solutions to end the tide of domestic violence in Suffolk County. Before the walk, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Suffolk County Alumni Chapter, presented Chi Rho Chapter with a proclamation from Congressman Steve Israel congratulating our Fraternity for 100 years of service. They were also given the American Flag that was raised at the Capital Building during the Fraternity's Centennial Celebration that took place in July. The committee chairman Bro. Hukm Moore and Bro. Bilal Browne organized the event and walk which took place in the beautiful Heartland Business District of Deer Park. Bro. Basileus Jason Callahan, and Bro. Hukm Moore gave opening remarks and thanked everyone for their pledges and participation. Soror, President Yvonne Francis and Aliya Holmes of Delta Sigma Theta also gave remarks and appreciated being part of the social action program.



Chi Rho Domestic Violence Walk a Thon participants

Chi Rho Gets Life Membership to NAACP in Brentwood, NY

Brentwood, New York.. November 16, 2011. Chi Rho Chapter completed one of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. mandates by becoming a life member at large through the Islip Town Branch to the NAACP. The event took place at the Brentwood Library in during the NAACP's branch meeting in Brentwood, New York. Rev. Roderick Pearson, branch president, was pleased upon receiving the application and check for \$750.00 and hopes that this is the beginning of great partnership in Suffolk County Long Island. One of the first issues that Chi Rho Chapter will assist the NAACP Islip Branch with is voter suppression. Another pressing issue on the agenda in the coming months will be the development of adolescence boys of color into men.



Rev Roderick Pearson receives Chi Rho Life membership payment

Novo Nordisk Partners with Omicron Chi and Nu Lambda Lambda Brothers on Youth Mentoring Initiative



Brother Tom Joyner takes a photo with Bros. David Fields (hat), Tyrone Rose, Delrecole Gales, Da Lon Whigham and the young men sponsored by Nova Nordisk at the Whitney Young Football Classic

Meadowlands, NJ. September 24, 2011. Novo Nordisk hosted 20 boys from Plainfield and New Brunswick, New Jersey, at the New York Urban League's Whitney Young Football Classic. The boys watched the game from the corporate suite at Met Life Stadium, which is home of the NFL Jets and Giants. Tom Joyner of the Tom Joyner morning show, which is sponsored by Novo Nordisk, surprised the children and also served as Master of Ceremonies at the game. Proceeds from the Whitney Young Football Classic went to fund scholarships at historically black colleges and universities.

The event was organized by David Fields, Director, Sales Force Degludec, with chaperone help from members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. "It's terrific to extend social responsibility to the

things that are important in our personal lives," David noted. "Novo Nordisk continues to demonstrate its commitment to the communities in which we live. A core principal for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is Uplift, and we are willing to work with any company that embraces the belief that we are all responsible for making the world a better place, and that every child deserves an opportunity in life. We will continue to seek corporate partnerships as we conduct the business of Omega." Bros. Tyrone Rose and Delrecole Gales from Nu Lambda Lambda joined David Fields and Bro. DaLon Whigham. of Omicron Chi to do a tremendous job with the young men.

Epsilon Chapter supports Brooklyn's Youth and Seniors with Community Service Activities

New York, NY. October 2011. On Saturday, October 1st the Brothers went to the Marcus Garvey Rehab Pavillion in Crown Heights and hosted a Game Day event with the seniors, playing bingo, dominoes, and cards with the residents while feeding them snacks and having lunch with them. The brothers followed up the next day by supporting the Mo' Betta Jaguars Pop Warner youth football program out of Brownsville during their weekly games.

The Mo' Betta Jaguars is a Pop Warner football program based in Brownsville that allows young men ages 7-14 the opportunity to learn the game of football while traveling and playing competitively against other national programs. Mo' Betta was co-founded in the mid-90's by Ervin C. Roberson, a member of Epsilon Chapter. On Sunday, the Omegas worked the chains, provided water, and gave pep talks to the young student-athletes. Though it was a hectic schedule throughout the weekend, the chapter took the opportunity to serve very seriously.

"Our Fraternity has four cardinal principles that we live by." Epsilon Chapter president Charles Coleman Jr. said. "Uplift is the one of the principles and we take it very seriously. The service we perform is intended to support all aspects of our community and try to show folks a different side of the Fraternity so they can understand that we do more than just step and party. We've been serving our communities for nearly 100 years now."

The message was well received by both the residents at Marcus Garvey and the young men of Mo' Betta. Brunette Allen, Director of Activities at the Marcus Garvey Pavillion, spoke highly of Epsilon Chapter's work on the day. "It really is wonderful to have a group of dedicated men from the community to come out and spend time with our residents" Allen said. "They really appreciate it and if more people made just a little more time for service like this, they have no idea how much of an impact it would have."

Cheryl Ray, director of operations at Mo' Betta shared similar sentiments. "It was really great for our kids to see such positive images of black men supporting them out on the field today," Ray said. "The boys loved seeing the Ques and it was a great experience for them to be around and see working examples of black men interacting positively with one another. This is exactly the type of thing they need."

Coleman said that the Chapter was equally as excited to hang out with the young men and watch them on the gridiron because many members of the chapter were inspired by seeing the young men claim victory over both difficult personal challenges as well as their opponents on the field. "To see these young men coming out of one of the toughest neighborhoods not only in Brooklyn, but in all of New York, and understanding the importance of teamwork, respect, education, and hard work is really something special. It was really energizing to be a part of something special like this."

While Epsilon doesn't keep as busy a schedule every weekend, they have chosen to direct a strong focus of their upcoming events on community service with a Domestic Violence program and free Halloween costume party for kids all planned for later this month.

Foday Kenneh, Vice-President of Epsilon Chapter summed up the spirit of service in the chapter. "As Ques," he said, "we hold ourselves to a high standard of service to others. That service is a labor of love to the community. We are a group of professional black men who are just trying to do our part and give back." Epsilon Chapter, founded in 1919, is New York's oldest chapter of Omega and serves all of the inner-boroughs of New York.



Epsilon Chapter Brothers with Mo Betta Jaguars Football Team



Bro. Steve Davis (r.) helps a resident with their Bingo game



Members of Epsilon Chapter after community service with Brunette Allen, Director of Activities, Marcus Garvey Pavillion Rehabilitation Center, Brooklyn, NY

Epsilon & Omicron Chapters Bring the Fight Against Domestic Violence to Brooklyn

New York, NY-- On Friday, October 28, 2011 the Epsilon and Omicron chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collaborated with the Epsilon Pi and Brooklyn Alumnae Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc to host their fourth Domestic Violence Awareness forum. The event took place at the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University. The program was focused on educating young people on the perils of domestic abuse so as to be more aware of the signs and the necessary steps to take to protect victims and avoid domestic violence.

The highlight of this year's Domestic Violence Forum was a keynote address from Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes, who shared his personal story of growing up in a household where he witnessed his mother being abused by his father. The DA's touching remarks were underscored by his commitment to fighting Domestic Violence and he discussed the work he had done in establishing the Brooklyn Family Justice Center for those affected by Domestic Violence and for opening the nation's first Domestic Violence unit in a prosecutor's office which was designed to deal specifically with domestic violence cases.

The program also featured candid testimonials from members of the audience as well as a spoken word contribution from LIU student Katherine George. "Domestic Violence Awareness Month is October, and we firmly believe the messages delivered through this forum will carry on with us in attendance well beyond the here and now because it is not just a monthly issue. Domestic Violence is serious in that it happens too often and we need to be cognizant and proactive every day," said Epsilon Chapter's Keeper of Records and Seal (secretary), Ervin C. Roberson II.

The statistics surrounding violence in relationships are staggering to say the least. In the United States, 25% of women have reported being assaulted by a partner. The program highlighted that many women often become isolated when they are victim of domestic violence. Often they feel like they have lost their self-worth and a feeling of guilt and embarrassment comes over the women. "It is difficult to tell women to leave someone they love or that they have self worth after the emotional and psychological damages that domestic violence carries," said DA Hynes, "but it is what we have to do because [domestic violence] is a vicious cycle with horrible endings."

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity made Domestic Violence Awareness one of its international initiatives four years ago after Epsilon Chapter hosted the first Domestic Violence Awareness forum of its kind within the Fraternity. Since that forum in Brooklyn, Epsilon Chapter has continued to host the program annually and remains committed to addressing this important issue. "This year we wanted to involve our undergraduate men from Omicron chapter and take the forum to a college campus" said Epsilon Chapter basileus (president) Charles Coleman Jr. "Because of the alarming numbers of young people involved in Domestic Abuse situations," Coleman continued, "it was important to us that we reach out to college aged students so that they can recognize the signs of an abusive relationship early and know what to do and where they can go."



Epsilon Chapter Brothers with Kids at Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 29, following the Domestic Violence Forum, the brothers of Epsilon and Omicron continued their service to the community while they hosted their annual Halloween Party for kids at the Harry Denny Jr. Kappa Omicron fraternity house in Harlem. Despite a wintery mix of snow and inclement weather, which descended from the season's first "Nor'easter" storm, the Ques "saw it through" and persevered to come from near and far to provide games, food, and fun for the children and their families. Brother Brandon Bryson, chairman of the Halloween Party said, "Our Domestic Violence Awareness forum explored serious issues affecting our families and now we are investing in the future and providing the youth some fun for Halloween to add some balance. It's a great service to the community at large. We are all in this together." The brothers dressed up in costume and provided a fun and safe experience for the children who attended.

The Ques enjoyed assistance from the ladies of Lambda Theta Nu Hispanic Sorority, Inc. with story telling and face-painting for the kids. Children came from Harlem, the Bronx and Brooklyn to enjoy the day and there was no shortage of good times to be had. "I'm not sure who is having more fun, the kids or the adults." said volunteer Katherine Steadwell.

Omega brother Richard Pierre remarked "We can buy more candy than any child could possibly eat and we can have cups running over with cider, but we cannot mass produce the impact of a young child of color getting attention from an adult who looks like him or her. That imagery is powerful." Both Omicron and Epsilon chapters have pledged to continue to set the pace for a new century encompassing the visions of the founders of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



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What Happened?

Not so long ago Omega Men seemed to live a lofty life envied by those who were not chosen to wear our sacred letters. What was once envied is now ridiculed and men who were once proud to be known as a "QUE" refuses to wear our colors or to be associated with us...

What Happened?

Many take our oath, the oath created by Just, Love, Cooper and Coleman but they selfishly exalt themselves to a place far above the Founders and interpret our rit to support their personal and cowardly actions.

Our image is severely tarnished and the bright light that we once cast over our communities have been dimmed because instead of advancing the causes of Omega some of our misguided Brothers, Bruz and Bruhs seemed set on reducing our Fraternity to nothing more than a gang...

What Happened?

Where in our history can "wrecking" and these "Betty Crocker" challenges be found? Some Brothers have been so engaged in extra fraternal activity that they really don't know what our Fraternity is really about! What once was a proud Brotherhood is now just..."HOOD"

What Happened?

At a time when older Brothers ought be serving as positive mentors for younger Brothers they instead pimp the young brothers for beer and chicken and teach them all the things that will minimize their growth which in turn minimizes the positive growth of our Fraternity. You cannot beat some of these Brothers at

wearing "Nalia" , but most of them have never had an active financial card since the first one, don't attend meetings at any level and have no clue about what is going on in OMEGA, but they are Super "QUES"...

What Happened?

How in the name of all that is sacred can any one Brother or groups of Brothers hold another Brother to a standard higher than that which is required by Omega and claim to love it? How can you love anything and continue to abuse , misuse and beat it up?

The issue of money will never go away, money was paid to enter and financial support will always be a part of Omega as it is with any organization. As men we need to stop being so thin skinned and stop using petty excuses for acceptable reasons for our actions or lack of, As Black Men, purposeful education development, dignity, racial pride, solving community problems should be our focus, not stepping and barking and wrecking and all of those things that bring shame upon all who wear the Royal Purple and Old Gold.

None of us chose how we entered Omega and certainly we will never always agree 100% on anything, but the one thing we all should agree on and that is we have to clean up our image not tomorrow, but TODAY! "Through days of joy or years of pain, to serve thee "EVER" will be our aim...

What Happened?

By : W. Frank Wilson

Omega Man on the Move

The Honorable Nathaniel C. Nichols



Brother Nathaniel C. Nichols

Chester, PA. November 2011. On November 8, 2011 Nathaniel C. Nichols was elected to serve as a Judge on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania. Before the election, the Delco Bar Association conducted a survey to evaluate the judicial candidates and based on the survey results Brother Nichols was the highest vote-getter among Democrats, receiving 280 well-qualified votes and 116 qualified votes. He will be the third African-American to serve on the bench in Delaware County. His term expires in 2022.

Brother Nathaniel C. Nichols, better known as “Nick” earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Howard University.

He earned his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. After his admission to the bar in 1974 Nick served the Delaware County Legal Assistance Association. He then went into private practice founding the firm Early, Nichols and Givens. In 1986 he joined the faculty of Widener Law School as a clinical professor. During his time at Widener law school he has served as Dean of Students and the Director of Clinical Programs. Nick is admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Delaware County Bar Associations.

Brother Nichols joined Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. at Alpha Chapter (Howard University) in 1970 during his senior year. He was one of the 28 members of “Freeze’s Rollin’ 28” (FR28)

After moving to Media, Pennsylvania he joined Epsilon Pi Chapter (Chester, PA) in the late 1970’s. As a member of Epsilon Pi chapter, Nick was one of the creators and implementers of a program called Foot Steps Past and Present. This was a living history tour of Delaware County specifically for Chester Upland School students. In 1984 Nick was voted Man of the Year by the brothers of Epsilon Pi Chapter. In 1990 he was recognized by the 2nd District Council of Omega Psi Phi for his service to the Council

In 2010 Brother Nick was recognized at the Grand Conclave in Raleigh North Carolina for his 40 years of service to Omega with a plaque commending, “his service and devotion to the fraternity during which he exemplified the four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift”.

Alpha Upsilon Cypress Hills Cemetery Tour

Brooklyn, NY. October 2011. On Saturday October 22, 2011 the Brothers of Alpha Upsilon chapter, Brooklyn Omega, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented the Brooklyn community with a special treat before Halloween. Brooklyn’s Finest, A Walk Through History, a walking tour of notable African-Americans buried at the Cypress Hills Cemetery. Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to enter Major League Baseball. Arturo Schomburg, collector of African-American history and cultural artifacts. Nella Larsen, noted writer from Harlem Renaissance. Ethel Cuff Black, one of the 22 founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. James McCune Smith, first African-American to earn a medical degree are among the dozens of famous people of color buried in Cypress Hills. Buses were provided to take the participants from Macon Street Library to and from the cemetery. The tour also included a reception at the library with light refreshments served to engage in conversation about the day’s event. Several other organizations participated in the event among them Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., The Brooklyn Public Library, and We Make Us Better. The Brothers of Alpha Upsilon who organized and participated in this event were



Delta Soror at the Jackie Robinson Gravesite

Bro. Glenn Chapman (AU 05), Bro. Robert Cornegay (AU 07), Bro. Ray Nixon (KN 86) and Bro. Charles L. Hayden (Tau Psi 71). This was the second year for this event and the brothers look forward to it become bigger and better in the coming years.

Alpha Upsilon Co-sponsor 30th Annual Bedford-Stuyvesant 10K Health Walk/Run

Brooklyn, NY. October 2011. On Sunday, October 9, 2011, the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter "Brooklyn Omega" co-sponsored and participated in the 30th Annual Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation 10K Community Run & Walk, which is billed as one of the premier 10K's held in all New York City. Since this event occurs just a few weeks before the famed New York City Marathon, many runners view Restoration's 10K as a "warm up" to their grueling long-distance run a few weeks later.

The Community Run & Walk is one of the oldest run routes in the Borough of Kings - also known as Brooklyn. However, this event is not limited to only the very serious athletes, individuals of all fitness levels and ages are attracted to the race which has become a much anticipated community event; which is why the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter viewed this event as an opportunity to promote an attitude of lifelong fitness and wellness in the community.



Back to Front/Left to Right: Bro. Robert Cornegy, Bro. Ray Nixon, Bro Steve Liverpool, Bro. Glenn Chapman, Bro. Kirk Wilkinson, Bro. Kyle Plant and Bro. Charles Hayden

Although the Chapter participated with the primary objective of raising awareness as it pertains to fitness and health in the community, with close to 700 participants, the Brooklyn Ques were very proud to have Brothers who finished in the top third of the road race. Along with running the

race, the Omega Men served as the event host. Brother Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., New York State Committeeman/District Leader of the 56th Assembly District, served as the master of ceremony for the event, making the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity participation and role in this event very distinct and clear.

Alpha Upsilon and Zeta Psi Achievement Week

Brooklyn, New York, October 29, 2011 - The men of Alpha Upsilon and Zeta Psi chapters respectfully engaged in a method of synergy this year as they collaborated to present this year's achievement week. This particular mandated program normally held in the month of November to observe and honor diligent work and effort put forth by Omega men and or notable individuals of the community; working towards a better tomorrow one endeavor, one impacted soul and one lasting memory at a time was moved to the latter portion of October. Congressman Towns (Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management) was in attendance to present our citizen of the year awardee Robert E. Cornegy, Jr. with a Congressional citation. Despite the schedule change the program much like previous years was a resounding success, despite the inclement weather experienced on that day. The aforementioned variable although not expected thus not accounted for was embraced by all those in attendance and the program went on as planned.

This year's recipients were graciously bestowed with awards for their aforementioned efforts to their communities. Let us rejoice in their accomplishments and thank them for their unwavering dedication. Moreover, this event or shall I say celebration should not be neatly tucked away into the annals of Omega Psi Phi history with other noteworthy ventures and successes. Instead let us collectively look at these men that have become change agents and assist them in leaving indelible imprints in the hearts and minds of those in which we encounter, one good deed at a time and one day at a time.



Congressman Townes presents Citizen of the Year Award to Bro. Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.

Eta Pi Tribute to George Clinton

Harlem, NY. October 2011. It was during an interview with Mr. George Clinton that Chew Entertainment Company decided that the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. had to be a part of the Absolute Funk - Tribute to George Clinton Celebration. During the interview Mr. Clinton spoke highly of the Omegas and their support of his music over the years - essentially immortalizing the famous Atomic Dog. He mentioned that he was grateful for the support which clearly helped his career.

So, on October 25, 2011 Brothers from the Mighty Second District answered the call to pay tribute Mr. Clinton as well as represent the Brothers of Purple and Gold at the Absolute Funk - Tribute to George Clinton Celebration at the Apollo Theatre in New York City. Brothers of the Mighty Mighty Eta Pi Chapter was joined by Brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda, Omicron Chi and Rockin Rho Zeta chapters to create a high knee stepping machine.

Neither George Clinton nor the audience knew that the brothers of Omega were in attendance. As the band began play the famous Atomic Dog - "a he's a clapping dog, rhythmic dog, harmonic dog, house dog, street dog" - Boom! The hop team hit the floor with high knees and low back and the crowd roared!!!

Little did they know - the Brothers run deep. While Eta Pi took to the stage and hit "Clear it Out" the Brothers of Blood and Thunder came marching down the aisles with high knees, spins, hand smacks and chants O.M.E.G.A.P.S.I.P.H.I Omega Psi Phi! As the brothers marched down the aisles the crowd erupted and you could feel the building shake - a woman cried "Oh my god they are coming from the aisles, they coming from the aisles". As Eta Pi rolled off stage the brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda strolled in with a funky chapter hop and the crowd went crazy. Last but not least the young brothers from Rockin Rho Zeta hit the stage with the famous high knee, hand smacking LG to knock the crowd off their feet.

George Clinton was absolutely thrilled!!! The entertainment company could not stop thanking Omega. "Not only did you answer the our call you set the tone for the entire celebration". Second district brothers graced the stage with acts including Dough E. Fresh, Full Force, Bootsy Collins, Shelia E., Tye Tribbett and Nona Hendricks to name a few.

Eta Pi Newest Members

New York, NY. April 2011. On April 23, 2011 Under the leadership of Chapter Basileus Marvin J. Bazemore four (4) thoroughly immersed young men crossed the burning sands into the brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. These talented young men poses an array of skills, talent, enthusiasm and they embody the true essence of Omega. The Eta Pi Chapter is proud to present its newest members: Walter Douglas, Michael Riley, Steven Pamom and Clarence Manuel.



Eta Pi 2011 Man of the Year - Bro. Ronald Sargent



Brother Ronald Sargent- Eta Pi Man of the Year

Please join the Eta Pi Chapter in congratulating Brother Ronald Sargent as the 2011 Omega Man of the Year. He was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in February 1967 at Beta Chapter, Lincoln University. With a career spanning forty (40)

years with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Brother Sargent is no stranger to service. He retired as Executive Vice President Emeritus, from the YMCA Retirement Fund, a 5 billion dollar pension fund servicing over 80,000 participants in the YMCA system.

Brother Sargent credits his excellence in service, project management, multitasking and a host of other skills to his years with the YMCA. With a mastery of such talents he has provided impeccable service as the Eta Pi Keeper of Record and Seals (KRS).

Brother Sargent has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty ensuring that the Eta Pi Chapter is in compliance with district, national and IHQ deliverables and recommendations. He assists committee chairmen with chapter programs to ensure successful events.

Brother Sargent is truly a brother that leads by example and in doing so he maintains tradition and serves as a mentor to many brothers within the chapter

Eta Pi 2011 Achievement Week



Eta Pi Achievement Award Recipients

East Orange, NJ. November 2011. On Saturday, November 12, 2011 the Mighty Mighty Eta Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 38th Annual Achievement week celebration at the African American United Fund building in East Orange, NJ. Each year this phenomenal program recognizes individuals that make valuable contribution in the community.

In the spirit of the Omega Centennial the program commenced with Eta Pi Neophyte brothers - Clarence Manual, Steve Pamon, Mike Riley and Walter Douglas - each representing one of the Fraternities Cardinal Principles (Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift) and sharing what it means to them. The Neophytes were outstanding as they delivered their message with eloquence, passion and vigor. These young men are truly ready to embark upon the world of service in the name of Omega. Achievement awards were given in the following categories - Superior Service Award, Founder's Award, Citizen of the Year Award and the Omega Man of the Year Award. After a competitive selection process four (4) Omega Men were selected and

recognized for their outstanding efforts and commitment to service. The award recipients were as follows: Superior Service Award - Brother Charles Craig, Founders Award - Basileus - Marvin J. Bazemore. Citizen of the Year - Brother Keith Pressey, Omega Man Of the Year - Brother Ronald Sargent.

Each of these Omega men have been held in high regard for their tireless efforts to service within the community and for Omega. Brothers Charles Craig (Eta Gamma 64) and Ronald Sargent (Beta 67) both initiated over four decades ago are still working hard for Omega. Basileus, Marvin J. Bazemore has continued to navigate the chapter to the light and maintain a steadfast course to success as a model chapter within the second district of Omega. Lastly, Brother Keith Pressey stays grounded to the community and ensures that funding for community programs is secured and appropriately allocated for our youth. Eta Pi is honored to have these Omega Men walk among them. The Key note address was delivered by Author and CEO of Noble Strategy,

Brother Bill Parrish. His message touched upon three major points which include the Spirit of Achievement, Perseverance and Passion as your fuel. Brother Parrish talked about the impact that you may have on others while striving to achieving your goal(s). He challenged the audience to define their version of success and to never give up when faced with a challenge - see it through. Lastly, allowing passion to be your fuel. Passion, as brother Parrish described should drive you as you set out to achieve your goals and ultimately success.

Brother Parrish's message was well received by an audience filled with educators, community members, family, friends and guests of the Eta Pi Chapter. Guests also enjoyed live entertainment provided by Ms. Jackie Jones and Company Jazz Band and a delicious brunch catered by Vonda McPherson catering services.

Committee Chairman, Brother Delroy Morgan and his team did a fantastic job putting together another successful Eta Pi Chapter program.

Eta Pi Brother Alvin Perry Creates - The Critical Zone

Montclair, NJ. January 2012. Determined to make a powerful impact upon today's youth and young adults, Brother Alvin Perry has created The Critical Zone, a curriculum program dedicated to developing personal strategic plans for career success. This outstanding program links students' academic success with career development skills for college, the workforce; and to empower working adults with the career strategies to compete in the global marketplace. The Critical Zone promotes Relevance, Relationships, Respect, Rigor, Scholarship, Mentorship and Career Readiness.

Brother Perry has done an exemplary job creating the Critical Zone programming which includes a series of books, workbooks, online training, workshops, web-based curriculum, and motivational programs to assist youth and young adults through the various developmental stages associated with elementary, middle and high school, college as well as the first 90 days upon entering the work force. The



Brother Alvin Perry far right receives State Farm Sponsorship with Critical Zone participants

overarching goal of the Critical Zone program is to lay a foundation for understanding why school is important. Students learn that they are connecting their current academic work with future career choices. The complete series of training tools are designed to provide concise principles for developing a Personal Strategic Plan for Career Success!

Brother Perry is the Author of five books

which include: The First 90 Days In Your Assignment, The College Experience, From High School to Career Success, The Middle School Mix, and It's Elementary School. For more information, visit www.criticalzone.net. Brother Perry was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1988 at Tau Delta Delta Chapter, Valdosta State University.

Iota Phi 2011 Achievement Week

Pittsburgh, PA. November 2011 The Iota Phi Foundation held its Annual Achievement Week Awards Formal.

at the Syria Shrine on November 19, 2011. With Iota Phi's commitment to further education and social action for young African Americans in the area, over \$6,000 was raised through this specific effort towards this purpose.

Brother Randolph Brockington served as the Master of Ceremony. The Awards were presented by Brothers Kenneth Minefield, Randolph Brockington, and Gregory Spencer.

Almost 250 guests paid honor to five scholarship recipients and seven awardees exemplifying exceptional service and leadership for business, community, education, and medicine.

Each scholarship recipient received \$2,000. The **2011 Scholarship recipients** were: Simone Coleman of Shadyside Academy; Jordan Edmunds of Central Catholic High School; Gavin Sandidge of Central Catholic High School; Malik Simpson of Central Catholic High School; and Dera Still of McKeesport High School.

Exemplary Service Awardees for 2011 were **Business:** Curtis Aikens, CEO of Pro-Tech Compliance Inc.; **Community Advocacy:** Franco Harris, founder/owner of Super Bakery; **Education:** Aaron Mann PhD, professor at University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work; **Medicine:** Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew MD, Case Western School of Medicine; and **Citizen of the Year:** Chuck Saunders, owner of Urban Lending Solutions and Savoy Restaurant

Judge Dwayne Woodruff received the **Special Humanitarian Award**. Honorable Livingstone M. Johnson, retired, received the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Selections for outstanding Omegas were **Omega Man of the Year:** Brother Brandon Jennings and **Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year:** Brother Vincent Wilson.

We are indebted to Brothers Fred Crawford as Committee chairman and his Committee members for this magnificent job. The Achievement Week Committee genuinely thanks all brothers, sponsors, patrons, and guests for making this an exceptionally successful year during the Fraternity's 100th Year Celebration (Centennial). Together these helped raise the bar on the Cardinal Principles of Omega.

Kappa Omega 2011 Achievement Week

Harrisburg, PA. November, 2011. The Kappa Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its Annual National Achievement Week Program November 19-20, 2011, in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of the Fraternity's 100th Anniversary. This year's theme was: "Celebrating The Past 100 Years—Setting The Course For The Next 100 Years". The ceremonies were held at the Kappa Omega Fraternity House at 2020 State Street, Harrisburg, PA on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Guests dined on prime rib and salmon and were entertained by musical selections from Joi Christian, Kappa Omega's 2011 Talent Hunt winner.

Brother Trent E. Roach, Kappa Omega Basileus, told the packed crowd, "This program affirms our Fraternity's mission of community service by presenting awards and honors to those Brothers and citizens who've made contributions to the Fraternity and to the community". The Keynote Speaker was Brother Colonel

Matthew B. Coleman, the 13th International District Representative and member of the Supreme Council. This year's honorees included: Brother Sanford L. Long, Kappa Omega Chapter Keeper of Finance, as Omega Man of the Year; Ms. Diane Wilson-Bedford, Citizen of the Year; Brother Kerry L. Kirkland, Entrepreneur of the Year; and David Jamal Lopes as Student of the Year. Kappa Omega further extended its Lifetime Achievement Award to its long-time Past Achievement Week Committee Chairman, Brother Dr. George H. Love. Also recognized for their contributions as "Friends of the Chapter", were Mrs. Betty Kinnard and Ms. Constance Archer.

Perhaps the most touching moment of the program was the salute to Chapter Brothers who have attained 50 or more years of service in and to Omega. Kappa Omega is blessed with 22 Brothers who fall into this category. They are: Brother Robert T. Adams; Brother Albert Bennett, Jr.; Brother Paul L. Cannon, Jr. (Past Second

District Keeper of Records and Seal); Brother Dr. John Christopher; Brother Dr. Samuel L. Clayton; Brother John R. Grant; Brother William Jefferson; Brother William M. King; Brother Dr. Marshall Layton; Brother Ernest L. Lester; Brother Dr. George H. Love; Brother John W. Maloney III (Past Second District Representative); Brother Clarence C. Morrison, Esq.; Brother James H. Parker; Brother Carl Leon Pynes; Brother William A. Robinson; Brother James H. Rowland, Jr., Esq. (Past Second District Counselor); Brother Leonard Washington, Jr.; Brother Nathan H. Waters, Jr., Esq. (Past Second District Counselor); Brother Paul E. Waters, Jr., Esq.; and Brother Dr. Harold White.

On Sunday November 20, 2011, as is the Kappa Omega Achievement Week Program tradition, the Brothers of Kappa Omega and their wives and sweethearts attended a worship service followed by a Chapter photo. This year the Chapter worshiped at the Monumental A.M.E. Church in Steelton, PA.



Brother Trent E. Roach, Basileus, Kappa Omega; David Jamal Lopes, Student of the Year; Brother Kerry L. Kirkland, Entrepreneur of the Year; Brother Burrell Whitworth, Achievement Week Chairman; Ms. Diane Wilson-Bedford, Citizen of the Year; Brother Colonel Matthew B. Coleman, Keynote Speaker and 13th International District Representative; Brother Sanford L. Long, Omega Man of the Year; Brother Ron Martin, Master of Ceremonies

Omega Men on the Move

Bro. Shawn Joseph New Superintendent of Delaware Seaford School District



Bro. Shawn Joseph, PhD.

On February 1, 2012, Bro. Shawn Joseph (Beta '94, Lincoln University) will assume his new position as the Superintendent of Schools to head the Seaford School District, Delaware. He is among the youngest superintendents in the Nation at just 37 years old.

Bro. Joseph's academic accomplishments include his bachelors from Lincoln Univer-

sity, Masters from Johns Hopkins University, and Doctorate from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. His passion for educating children and adults led him to serve in numerous academic positions, including stints as an English teacher, reading specialist, team leader, assistant principal, principal, and as central office administrator for Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland. He also served as an adjunct professor at both The George Washington University and McDaniel College.

His professional recognition include a 2009 peer award as the National Association of Secondary School Administrator's Met-Life Middle School Principal of the Year for the State of Maryland, and a 2010 award as the American Educational Research Association's Outstanding Dissertation Award in the area of Educational Leadership.

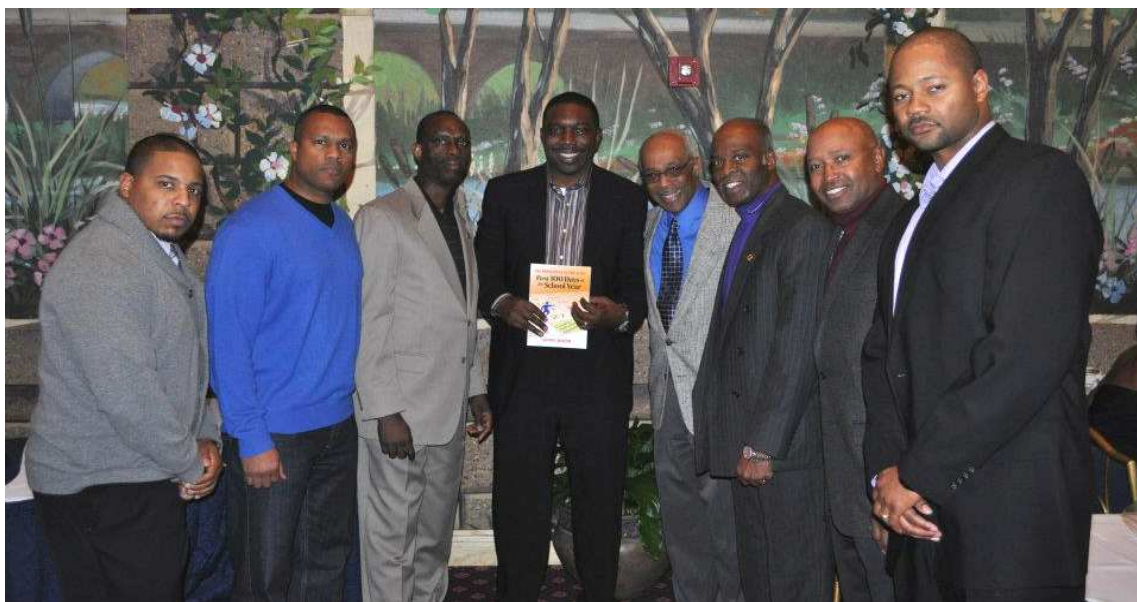
Bro. Joseph's research interests include principal preparation, principal development, school improvement planning, and school/community relationships. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles

focusing on principal preparation, and he recently published his first book: *The Principal's Guide to the First 100 Days of the School Year: Creating Instructional Momentum*. Professional reviews cite Bro. Joseph's "deep understanding of both what experienced and new principals want and need to know," and they note the book is "an invaluable resource for school leaders."

Bro. Joseph believes children should be advantaged because of their interactions with the adults in their lives. Consequently, he continues to uphold Omega's Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift as he works to provide as those advantages for children, and especially for those who need a quality education to redefine their reality.

He is an active and financial member of Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, Maryland where he serves as Co-chairman of the Achievement Week Committee. Join us in congratulating the success of our Brother, Dr. Shawn Joseph, a published author and new school superintendent.

Bro. Shawn Joseph with Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter at a book signing for *The Principal's Guide to the First 100 Days of the School Year: Creating Instructional Momentum*.



From Left to Right: Bros. Jay Colbert, Troy Manigault, Clarence Thomas Jr., Shawn Joseph (holding book), Joseph Latta, Donald Williams, Lawrence Cross, and John Mangrum

Omega Men on the Move

Bro. Baraki Lee elected Northeast Region Chair of the Association of Community College Trustees, and Chairman of New Jersey Council of County Colleges



Brother Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq.

November 18, 2011, Jersey City, NJ – Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees Vice Chair Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., a member of the law firm of McManimon & Scotland, has been elected to positions with the Association of Community College Trustees and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

In October, Bro. Lee was elected 2011-2012 Northeast Region Chair of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), a 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 is dedicated to strengthening the capacity of these colleges and to helping them foster their missions through effec-

tive board leadership at local, state and national levels. Prior to this election, Bro. Lee served as an Associate Member of ACCT Governance & Bylaws Committee, was appointed to the 2011 Northeast Region Awards Committee, and was elected to the 2010 Northeast Region Nominating Committee prior to being nominated for a Northeast Region Director seat.

Last week, Bro. Lee became Chairman of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC), an independent, trustee-headed, state association that represents New Jersey's 19 community colleges. The organization joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, and acts as the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. Bro. Lee served as Chairman of the NJCCC Legislative Committee. He is also one of the organization's Trustee Ambassadors, a special group that meets regularly with state legislators and congressional delegation members to advocate on behalf of New Jersey's community colleges.

Bro. Lee was appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees in May 2006. Bro. Lee is an Officer of the HCCC Board previously serving as Secretary/Treasurer but was elected this week to the position of Vice Chair. Bro. Lee also is the Chair of the Finance Committee, and has served on several ad hoc committees.

After graduating from Florida A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Bro. Lee went on to

earn his Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law - Newark. He was admitted to the practice of law in New Jersey and the United States District Court of New Jersey in 2004, and in the State of New York in 2007. Prior to joining McManimon & Scotland, he served as a law clerk for the Hon. Daryl Dean Donohue of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands - St. Croix Division, and as Senior Analyst in the Animal Health Division of Pfizer Inc.

Bro. Lee states that in accepting these new roles he hopes it will demonstrate that the HCCC Board of Trustees is actively committed to the College and educational advocacy. "I hope these positions will help to raise the stature of Hudson County Community College. They most definitely provide the College with direct access to decision making through advocacy on the State and national levels, and provide a seat at the table for setting the agenda on advocacy for county colleges," he said.

"Bakari Lee is a genuine asset to Hudson County Community College and to the people of Hudson County," said HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert. "I know I speak on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees in saying that it is an honor to work with him and to convey our heartfelt congratulations on attaining these offices."

Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert echoed Mr. Netchert's good wishes and added: "Bakari Lee is a role model for our students."

Bro Toney Earl Elected 8th District Rockland County Legislator, NY



Brother Toney Earl

Rockland County, NY. November 2011. Brother Toney Earl was elected as Rockland County 8th District Legislator. He was appointed to the Rockland County Legislature in November 2010. Currently he serves as the Safety manager for the Town of Ramapo, NY, and is the Former Health & Safety Director for NYC Transport Workers Union, Local 100. Brother Earl is a member of Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter and a 33rd Degree Mason.

Brother Charles “Chuck” Davis - Omega Chapter



Brother Charles “Chuck” Davis

Trenton, NJ. May 30, 2011 Brother Chuck (Charles G.) Davis, Immediate Past Basileus, Delta Upsilon Chapter, entered Omega Chapter at 2:00 am, Monday, May 23, 2011. Funeral services were held for him at 10:30am on Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church on Calhoun Street in Trenton.

A huge turnout of current and former Delta Upsilon Brothers, many other Brothers traveled far and near to give Brother Davis an uplifted and true Omega service. At the request of Brother Davis, our 32nd Second District Representative Brother Gregory Ackles officiated the Omega service followed

by the Masonic and religious services. Chuck had a stellar career with New Jersey Department of Labor where for many years he served as the highest ranking Black administrator in the department; serving as assistant commissioner on two separate occasions. He had responsibility for almost all the directorates within the department with over a \$100 million budget and a workforce in excess of 1500 employees. Throughout his career, Chuck had been an advocate for affirmative action and equal opportunity. He served as the New Jersey Department of Labor's first Affirmative Action Officer. In this position he was instrumental in the recruitment and appointment of almost 100 African American students from historical black colleges and universities. In recognition of his staunch and aggressive advocacy for civil rights, he was elected chairman of the New Jersey State Affirmative Action Officer's Council. In addition he chaired a National Equal Opportunity Conference in Orlando, Fla. During his last four years with the department he served as the executive secretary of the Board of Mediation, where he was called upon to resolve some of the more critical labor and management disputes in the private sector. He accepted early retirement in 2009 and became an avid gardener and landscaper.

Chuck was the past chairperson of the board

of directors of the Hamilton Township John O. Wilson Neighborhood Service Center, chair of the Association of Interested Minorities (AIM) in Hamilton, and chair of the board of directors of the State Credit Union. He had been a member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross Rescue Union, Mercer County Human Service Advisory Council and executive board member of the NAACP, and a member of the [Rotary Club](#) of Hamilton Township. He was a 43 year member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated into the Phi Sigma Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio, on March 9, 1968, and was one of two founders of the Psi Gamma Chapter at Kent State University. He was currently a member of Delta Upsilon Chapter of Trenton, where he had served two terms as keeper of records and Seal, Vice Basileus, and Basileus. In addition he has served on the Event Planning Committee and served as chairman of the Chapter 50th Anniversary celebration. Chuck is one of four founders of the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation, Inc., where he served two terms on the board and event coordinator for its signature program the HBCU College Fair. Chuck was also a member of King David Lodge No. 15, Ophir Consistory and Khufu Temple No. 120

Brother Curtis Lionel Martin – Omega Chapter



Brother Curtis L. Martin

Sandy Spring, MD. December 2011. Bro. Curtis Lionel Martin (Xi Psi, 1951, South Carolina State University) crossed into Omega Chapter on December 30, 2011. Bro.

Martin is the elder son of the late Wright and Ethel (Harper) Martin, born in Detroit, Michigan, February 8, 1932. He attended Mayo High School in Darlington, S.C., and both Allen University and then South Carolina State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He later received his Masters of Science degree in Numerical Science from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. He also served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He was the devoted husband to Patricia Canada whom he married on December 22, 1962. To their union were born four children – three sons and a daughter. The family resided in Washington, D.C. and later moved to Sandy Spring, MD.

Bro. Martin was employed as an Electrical

Engineer at the Naval Ordnance laboratory in White Oak, MD, and later at the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). Following his retirement from the U.S. Department of Navy, he taught Mathematics at the University of the District of Columbia, Sojourner-Douglas College, and Howard University.

Bro. Martin was passionate about mathematics, his South Carolina lake house, and Martin family history. He was the unofficial family historian of the Martin Family, past president of the Maryland-D.C.-Virginia Chapter of the United Martin Family, and the first president of its national organization. He also established the Martin Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to education and entrepreneurial pursuits of African American youth.

Brother Charles E. DeShields – Omega Chapter



Brother Charles E. DeShields

Columbia MD. April 2011. Born in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1931 Brother Charles E. DeShields was the youngest of five siblings raised in Philadelphia, PA. While in his early years he excelled in athletics, especially football, gymnastics and track and field. His superlative performance in high school led him to be highly recruited by five colleges of which he selected Florida A & M College under the legendary coach Alonzo Smith “Jake” Gaither. He was a stellar player on two National Championship teams of 1950 and 1952

Brother DeShields, while in attendance at Florida A & M acquired another love. He was a participant in the University’s Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program. This career prevailed over a very lucrative one in the National Football League (NFL) and the Philadelphia Eagles. Brother DeShields solidified a military career and in doing so, chose a path less traveled by his contemporaries. His decision initiated a 27 year career in the Army. The importance of this determination appears to establish the essence of the man. He found his purpose not to be aligned with popular sentiment. What came to be his legacy was defined in his “decision” Brother DeShields, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, was a dual rated master aviator and former senior flight instructor with more than 25 years’ experience in Army aviation and air-mobile operation. He served as a Battery Commander in the 82nd Airborne Division, two tours in Vietnam and was a Combat Commander responsible for more than 3000 troops. He is recognized as one of the most decorated pilots throughout the entire Vietnam era, having received numerous awards, to include the 29 Air Medals. For his brilliant performance in the Vietnam experience, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on three occasions and a Bronze Star. You should also be advised that these awards are listed two positions beneath the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest medal our country provides. Brother Charles E. DeShields died on April 19, 2011 and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on August 16, 2011 at 11 am with full military honors.

Brother Ladda Banks Cook – Omega Chapter



Brother Ladda Banks Cook

Brooklyn, NY. December 2011. Brother Ladda Banks Cook was born on August 22, 1935 in Lancaster, South Carolina. He was the youngest boy of 9 children.

Brother Cook received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at John C. Smith University and was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. via Rho Chapter on December 8, 1955.

On December 30, 1958, while serving in the US Army, Brother Cook married Jessie Oliver, and the newlyweds moved to Tacoma Washington immediately following the nuptials. After his military service, Brother Cook and Jessie moved to Brooklyn, NY. Brother Cook held many jobs in his early career including working as a Chemist for the New York City Department of Hospitals and Health and selling cosmetics for Fuller Products. In 1965, he was recruited as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He worked for New York Life for 28 years before retiring in 1993. In 1972, Brother Cook was the first African American in New York State to receive a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation. He also received his Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation in 1986. He spent the last 15 years of his career as Managing Partner for the Manhattan General Office. Ladda was very proud to recruit and mentor agents and managers in the insurance business.

Brother Cook belonged to numerous clubs and organizations over his lifetime. Brother Cook joined the Alpha Upsilon Chapter “Brooklyn Omega” of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. where he served as the Chapter Chaplain, Chapter Vice Basileus and Chapter

Basileus. Brother Cook served on, and was the Chairman of various committees in the chapter, however, those of note are: the Reclamation Committee and the Fundraising Committee where he served faithfully and diligently while carrying out his duties. In 1985, Brother Cook was named the Alpha Upsilon Chapter Omega Man of the Year. Brother Cook was the past President of the NY Chapter of the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association. He was a Trustee at his wife’s alma mater – Claflin University (South Carolina). In fact, Claflin University bestowed upon Brother Cook and Honorary Doctorate of Human Services in 2004. Brother Cook was also recognized by the United Negro College Fund at their Extraordinary Black Men Awards for Philanthropy in 2005.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, just five days after the 56th Anniversary of his Crossing the Burning Sands into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Ladda B. Cook, a steadfast and stalwart soldier as an Omega Man and in life, took his final breaths and entered the glory of Omega Chapter.

Nu Nu - Omega Teens Youth Program

Willingboro, NJ December 2011. Congratulations to three Omega Teens of Nu Nu Chapter's Youth program. Since 2008, these three young men have participated in various programs of Nu Nu Chapter's social action agenda in collaboration with Omega Community Development Corporation (OCDD) including the Brother Arthur Frank Brown's (OCDD) Community Day, Christmas gift distribution, community cleanup day to name a few. In addition, these teen leaders assisted in facilitating the Omega Teen's Planning and Time Management workshops.

All three are well-rounded honor student athletes—playing sports in all seasons, holding various leadership positions within their college preparatory school communities, and managing rigorous academic curriculums including various AP courses.

Jawhar Kimbrough, a senior honor student athlete at St. Andrews School in Middletown, DE, has been accepted early deci-



Omega Teens Jawhar Kimbrough, Sean Brown and Khary E. Dennis

sion to Franklin & Marshall College for fall 2012 double majoring in Psychology and Sociology.

Sean Brown, a senior honor student athlete at The Peddie School in Hightstown, NJ, has been accepted early decision to Johns Hopkins University for fall 2012 majoring

in Biology/Pre-Med.

Khary E. Dennis, a senior honor student athlete at St. Andrews School in Middletown, DE, has been accepted early decision to Williams College for fall 2012 majoring in Math/International Finance.

Nu Nu 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Willingboro, NJ – Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was able to provide scholarship opportunities to deserving students from the Burlington County area. From its successful White Linen with a Twist of Color summer event, the Chapter was able to provide ten \$1,000 scholarships, named after our own Bro. Lt. COL (Ret) Thomas H. Mayfield, Zeta Sigma '47, an original Tuskegee Airman. The recipients of the 2011 Thomas H. Mayfield Scholarship are:

Kwame S. Adams – Willingboro HS, plans to attend Old Dominion University

Wesley R. Conningham – Rancocas Valley Regional HS, plans to attend Monmouth University

Jihan A. Everett – Willingboro HS, plans to attend Howard University

Wesley J. Frisby – Rancocas Valley Regional HS, plans to attend Rutgers University

Devon E. Howard – Holy Cross HS, plans to attend University of Maryland

Isaiah C. Jenkins – Burlington Twp HS, plans to attend Montclair State University

Tyler A. Scottton – Willingboro HS, plans to attend Boston University

Sharde' M. Singleton – Burlington Twp HS, plans to attend Rutgers University

Jasmin G. Taylor – Eastern Regional HS, plans to attend Xavier University

Naeem A. Toomer-Pearson – Jordan HS, plans to attend North Carolina Central University

Rho Lambda Lambda Social Action Projects

Orange, NJ. October 16, 2011. The Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter, along with Brothers from Upsilon Phi Chapter Newark New Jersey, Walked a 3 mile walk for a cure to breast cancer. The brothers met in Military park in Newark at 7 AM. Registered for the walk and started at 10 AM. As hundreds of people and greek organizations walked, the younger brothers from Rho Lambda Lambda and Upsilon Phi stepped and sang most of the 3 miles.

Orange, NJ. October, 2011. Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter held a month long scholarship raffle ticket sale. For \$3 friends and family of Omega had a chance to win a 22" flat screen TV. The drawing was done October 16, 2011 after the breast cancer walk. The winner was a lucky young lady. The chapter raised more then \$2,000 for our Erwin Ponder scholarship fund. To help our youth cut some of the cost of college.



Rho Lambda Lambda Brothers participating at Breast Cancer Walk

Nu Nu Non-Profit OCDI receives IBM Grant

Willingboro, NJ – The Omega Community Development, Incorporated, the non-profit entity of Nu Nu Chapter received a \$1,500 community grant from IBM Corp. for fiscal year 2011. Community grants are awarded to non-profit entities to support their volunteer activities. Before an award is granted, they must meet strict requirements and be in compliance with IBM non-discrimination, legal, and anti-bribery policies.

The mission of OCDI, a 501-c(3) non-profit organization, is to provide for the betterment of the Burlington City community through our commitment to address emerging or worsening community concerns and problems. It is our goal to offer needed services and mentoring on behalf of troubled, minority, low in-

come, and otherwise at-risk youth. We strive to meet this goal by providing a positive influence for these youth and heightening their awareness of constructive lifestyles and economic and educational opportunities.

Team members volunteered over 300 hours over the course of the year to qualify for the grant, involved in the Omega Teens Mentoring Program, sponsoring an annual Health Fair (July), "Stop the Violence Program" (June), as well as providing support for our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate (April and May), participating in the Burlington City "Clean Streets" program (April), Thanksgiving Food Drive (November) and Christmas Food/Toy Drive (December).

Phi Omega "Better to Build Boys than to Mend Men"

Phi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the Metropolitan Alliance of Black Educators Co-sponsored a panel discussion entitled its better to build Boys than to Mend Men. The night's discussion was centered on how to improve the low high school graduation rates that exists among young black males. This spirited discussion was well attended by many community leaders and educators of whom many are implementing various programs to tackle this major problem that exists.

Phi Omega Chapter Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. each year sponsors various programs which are mandated as part of the Fraternity's yearly activities. This panel discussion was part of the Chapter's Achievement week activities.

The program was closed out by Brother Kyle Mann who is an elder at the Good Will Community Church of God In Christ. "He stated So as we leave this Place let us hold fast to the things we have discussed, and take advantage of every chance we get to Uplift young Black Men and remind them that true power is in



an educated mind."

So we as men of Omega hold fast to some these famous words by Rudyard Kipling "If they can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run then theirs is the earth, and everything that's in it, and which is more they will be Men!!!!!"

Upsilon Mu Undergrads aid Hempstead Village Mayor in Holiday Turkey Give Away

Hempstead Village, NY. December, 2011. As part of their annual holiday season social-action initiatives, the undergraduate brothers of Upsilon Mu chapter of the State University of New York, College at Old Westbury, located in Long Island, NY, came out in force to participate in the annual Holiday Turkey Give-Away in Hempstead Village, NY. Led by Upsilon Mu chapter Basileus, Bro. Tyrone Bryant, the Brothers of Upsilon

Mu assisted Hempstead Village Mayor Wayne Hall in the donation, collection, and distribution of over 300 turkeys to members of the community. Among other holiday social action projects initiated by the undergrads of Upsilon Mu chapter that were held this holiday season in various Long Island communities were an annual "Kids Day" program in Freeport, Long Island along with a step show exhibition and annual tree-lighting event in Hempstead Village.



Upsilon Mu chapter brothers assist in the collection and distribution of holiday turkeys



Hempstead Village Mayor Wayne E. Hall flanked by Bros. of Upsilon Mu l-r Bro. Bobby Chappelle, Basileus Tyrone Bryant and Bro. Tope Adelegan

Tau Pi 36th Anniversary and Rededication Ceremony

Columbia, MD. April 20, 2011. Tau Pi Chapter commemorated both the Omega Psi Phi Centennial and the chapter's 36th anniversary with a Rededication Ceremony. We were honored to have the 2nd District's 22nd District Representative Brother George McKinney as the presiding officer and Brother Robert McGlotten eloquently served as Master of Ceremony. Following a brief reception, the program included a panel of Brothers providing a reflection of the decades and eras of the Fraternity. "Saged" Brothers Carl Haggins (Nu Psi 1948) and Charles Brown (Upsilon Psi 1951) shared historical anecdotes and in-

sights about the growth and evolution of Fraternity.

With a thoroughly immersed audience of over 50 attendance, Brothers Calvin Zellars (Tau Pi 1976, 24th District Representative), Clint Sellers (Tau Pi 1981), Frank Miles (Tau Pi 1994), Eric Clark (Tau Pi 2004) provided brief commentaries on Tau Pi's growth over the decade periods 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s. Centennial Committee Chair, Brother Julius Chapman commented, "The Centennial was the catalyst for this event and we hope for this to become our annual chapter anniversary signature program."



Brother George McKinney, Guest Rededication Speaker talks with Senior Tau Pi Chapter Brothers Carl Haggins and Chuck Brown.



Former Tau Pi Basilie (left to right) Brothers Pete Higginbotham, Chester Williams, Luther Clark, and Chlie Mitchell reflect and listen intently.

Tau Pi Host Christmas In July

COLUMBIA, MD. JULY 19, 2011. Tau Pi Chapter hosted its premier annual event *Christmas in July* for the residents of the Florence Bain Senior Center. Mrs. Judi Bard, Assistant Director noted, "You can see the enjoyment in their faces. We could not be able to afford something like this if it weren't for Tau Pi."

The event emcee, Brother Ritchie Layne, greeted the residents and challenged them all to have a fun and wonderful time while the Men of Tau Pi Chapter served lunch, engaged them in conversation, and provided raffle tickets to obtain a variety of prizes. All of this activity, coupled with the smooth sounds of the Blues Band playing an assortment of oldies for all backgrounds made for a wonderfully enjoyable day. Headed by Brothers Jim Dixon (Tau Pi 1985) and Alwin Collins (Nu Omega 1971), Tau Pi has established a great tradition for the

last 16 years with this project and has received several notable awards and recognition: State Governor Martin O'Malley, Howard County Executive Ken Ullman and State Delegate Brother Frank Turner (Tau Pi 1985).

Distinguished Senior citizens attending included Ms. Hortense Dantzer, 97, and Ms. Florence Jarvis, 90, years young, and Tau Pi's own Brother Gerald Q Greenfield, 91 (Rho Psi 1940). Brothers distributed lunch, managed the gift table and personally interacted with senior guests of honor. Tau Pi has established a great tradition for the last 16 years with this project and has received several notable awards and recognition: State Governor Martin O'Malley, Howard County Executive Ken Ullman and State Delegate Brother Frank Turner (Tau Pi 1985). The Men of Tau Pi Chapter love this event and naturally came out in force to serve the needs of residents on this day



The King (Bro. Gerald Greenfield) and his court at the Christmas In July function given for Senior Citizens in Howard County MD.



Tau Pi Chapter's most senior Brother Gerald Greenfield (right) and Brother Kurt Wall take in some of the festivities of the day at the Christmas in July Senior Citizens

Tau Pi 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Columbia MD. May 31, 2011. For over 25 years, Tau Pi has executed its scholarship program for graduating, college bound high school students who reside in Howard County Maryland. In conjunction, close to \$250,000 has been awarded over the years.

In the last few years, the scholarship committee has focused its efforts on African-American males. The committee has worked closely with the Howard County Public School's Black Student Achievement Program along with reaching out to local High school guidance counselors and faculty. This year's Scholarship winners:

Cordney C. Landers - Mt Hebron High School, Ellicott City, MD - University of Pittsburgh. **Mohamed B. Dabo** - Long

Reach High School Columbia, MD – Purdue University. **Justin Turner** - Mt Hebron High School, Ellicott City, MD – Old Dominion University

The scholarship committee's long term aspiration will be to award scholarships to the graduates of the Tau Pi Chapter Mentor Program. Currently the mentor program has young men ranging from elementary through middle school participating who will eventually be recipients of the scholarship awards.

Scholarship committee chair Brother Ronald Connelly noted, "The fundraising efforts of the chapter ultimately lead directly to the success of this program. Scholarship is the true measure of our achievement as men in the community."

Tau Pi Christmas Give Away

Columbia, MD. December 24, 2011. Members of Tau Pi Chapter once again joined forces with St. John's Baptist Church in Columbia, MD in hopes of spreading a little joy for the Christmas season.

Each year, with the help of many willing hearts, St. John's delivers Christmas gifts to needy families within the greater Columbia area consisting of turkeys, other food, and possibly small gifts for families with children. For now over a decade, Tau Pi Chapter has been very active in supporting the efforts of St. John's during the holiday season. Several Tau Pi members call St. John's their church home. This year the Brothers of Tau Pi also received assistance in doing this effort with Chi Delta, their undergraduate chapter partner, along with Gamma Epsilon and Beta Kappa, two other undergraduate chapters. The fellowship hall at St. John's serves as 'mission control' for the operation. Once families have been identified, gift bags



Tau Pi Brothers at the Christmas Give Away

are assembled and assigned to those who will handle the deliveries. Next, the gifts are piled into their respective vehicles for delivery

Sigma Beta Beta Bro. Hylton and Wife honored by Pres. Obama

Westbury, NY. November 2011. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter Brother Robert L Hylton, Ph.D and his wife Betty Hylton, Ph.D, were the 2011 recipients of The President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama at the Chapter's Annual Achievement Week Program. This award recognizes American individuals, groups or families who exemplify superior involvement in their communities. The award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Brother Thabiti Boone, our International Fatherhood Committee Chairman, as well as a member of the President's Council presented the award on behalf of President Obama.

Brother Hylton was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in 1952 through Eta Gamma Chapter at Central State University. Sister Betty Hylton is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and was initiated in 1979 through Epsilon Pi Omega Chapter in Queens New York. She is currently the President of the Nassau County New York Graduate Chapter Pi Pi Omega. The Hyltons have been a cornerstone of community involvement for the past 40 years and are showing no signs of slowing down. The President's Volunteer Service Award was long over due and well deserved.



Bro. Thabiti Boone, Bro and Mrs Robert Hylton and SBB Basileus, Eric Harley

October Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Did you know that October is National Down syndrome Awareness month? It may not receive as much attention as Breast Cancer Awareness, Domestic Violence, or Lupus, but it is especially important to those who have family members living with the condition. It is also very important to the brothers of the Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Why did I choose to write about Down syndrome? Well, in December 2005, my wife was pregnant and we learned that she had a high risk of having a child with Down syndrome. After going through all the tests and consultations, we decided to move forward and have our son. He was born on August 1, 2006, and that day turned out to be the greatest gift and blessing a couple could have. Our son was born with the same needs and desires as all other children, such as being loved by his parents, playing with his brother and other kids, and learning what life has to offer. As a result of his diagnosis, we have to closely monitor his medical condition by checking his heart, ears and vision. We also worry about his low muscle tone, but we learned he is still what is considered 'normal as any other child.'

Funding for Down syndrome is expected



Dion Zanfordino, son Anthony (Stormy) and Bro. Tony Zandordino

to be .07% of the National Institute of Health's (NIH) budget. This is exponentially low compared to funding for other disabilities such as Fragile X, Cystic Fibrosis and Multiple Sclerosis. Studies show that the impact of learning more about Down syndrome can positively affect Alzheimer's, Autism, and heart related diseases. If you're wondering how you can help, you may be interested in the Trisomy 21 Translational Research Parity Act of 2009, alternatively known as the "21 Act." This legislation supports creating centers of excellence,

establishing coordination committees at all federal health agencies, and developing a patient registry and bio book to assist with Down syndrome testing.

As we think about other causes we support, please take time to show support for Down syndrome. TLL Chapter will be showing its support for this cause by listing helpful awareness links on its website in the community section. With your help, we may be able to find a cure for this and other intellectual disabilities, and provide a better life for those in need.

Sigma Beta Beta Salvation Army Social Action

Mineola, NY. November 2011. - Sigma Beta Beta Chapter participated in The Salvation Army Red Kettle Project at Roosevelt Field Shopping Mall in Long Island New York. The purpose of the Red Kettle Project is to raise money to help families in need during the holiday season. This project runs throughout the year to help those who are less fortunate than others.

According to the Salvation Army Web Site, in 1891 Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because there were so many poor individuals in San Francisco that were hungry. During the holiday season, he wanted to provide a Christmas dinner for the destitute. He only had one major hurdle to overcome - funding the project. The idea came to him after long and careful thought. His thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England.. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" which passers-by tossed in a coin or two to help the needy. The next day Captain McFee placed a similar iron kettle at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read "Keep The Pot Boiling". He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Sigma Beta Beta Chapter is involved with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Project because this is a special community outreach program which assists with the needy in the community.



Sigma Beta Beta Brothers Volunteer with Salvation Army

Sigma Beta Beta Feed the Veterans Program

Bronx, NY. November 2011. - Sigma Beta Beta Chapter Feed The Veterans Program took place on Thanksgiving Day at The James J. Peters Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. The goal of the chapter was to support our veterans during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Betsy Faden CTRS, is the Recreation Therapist at the center was instrumental in the success of this program. The motto of the center is "Healthy Leisure Opportunities For All Veterans."

Ms. Faden took us on a tour of the hospital wards at the center where we met the disabled veterans. One veteran in particular, Vietnam veteran George McGinnis was receptive to us. He was the only veteran that took a photo with us. Touring the different wards, and talking with the veteran men and women, gave us the feeling of being proud and thankful for their service of protecting the country. We greeted many veterans on Thanksgiving day and could see how excited they were to see us through their warm reception.

When the day was over, we said farewells to the veterans, Sigma Beta Beta Chapter was proud to be a participant of the Thanksgiving event. Feeding Our Veterans not only means

providing food, but it also means dedicating your time and making a veterans Thanksgiving more meaningful. Thank you goes a long way. Now that's "Food For Thought."



Sigma Beta Beta Brothers with Veteran George McGinnis

2011 Annual 2nd District Undergraduate Summit

New York, NY. October 2011. On Saturday, October 8, 2011, the Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., after having been reactivated less than a year prior, hosted the Second District's Annual Undergraduate Summit at Columbia University, the first ever to be hosted in New York City. The event took place in the Roone Arledge Auditorium in Lerner Hall on Columbia's campus.

The theme of this year's summit was "Back to Basics," where the presenters focused on both the necessary skills to maintain a successful undergraduate chapter as well as ways to succeed as a man of Omega. One of the early sessions focused on the inner workings of Omega, which included a thorough explanation of the lockbox system and the importance of the forms required by the International Headquarters. Another session emphasized the importance of the graduate advisor and his role in guiding the undergraduate brothers to operate a successful chapter on their respective campuses. The focus then switched to the character development of the undergraduate brothers. A session, led by Bro. Eric Harley of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter of

Westbury, NY, gave invaluable advice on what brothers should expect after they graduate from college. Another session, instructed by Bro. Pete Donnoley, emphasized the importance of being a good brother, and more specifically, treating other brothers with the utmost respect. His lesson reiterated the importance of being the highest model citizen in both the classroom and in the community.

The summit was a huge success. There were a number of undergraduate and graduate brothers in attendance that day. The attendants were pleased with the venue and the operation of the event. The Omicron Chapter did a tremendous job of catering to the brothers and helping the presenters feel as comfortable as possible. A great thanks goes to the District Council, Second Vice District Representative, Bro. Raymond Smith, Jr., and undergraduate representatives, Bro. Owen Rogers, and Bro. Jared Barchus, who helped make this historic event possible. Bro. Kenneth Rodgers, District Representative, congratulated the Omicron Chapter at the 2011 Fall District Council Meeting, stating that this was one of the best and most efficient undergraduate summits that he has experienced in his time in the fraternity.



Tau Lambda Lambda 7th Annual Achievement Week

WALDORF, MD The Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated its seventh annual Achievement Week, which culminated with a Founders' Banquet on November 19. The celebration was also a commemoration of the fraternity's Centennial anniversary, on November 17. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was established on November 17, 1911 on the campus of Howard University, with the purpose of bringing together men of similar ideas and purpose. Achievement Week, inspired by fraternity member Carter G. Woodson in 1920, promotes the study of African-American life and history. TLL uses the week to recognize individuals locally and nationally for improving the quality of life for African-Americans in Southern Maryland and beyond.

The Founders' Banquet recognized three individuals from Southern Maryland for their achievements and service to the local community by awarding our Citizen of the Year Award.

Pastor Dante King, founder of Greater Mount Zion Church, was honored with the award for Calvert County. Pastor King's church started with 15 members in 2000 and has grown to more than 1000 members. According to Pastor King's bio, he has lead his church to feed and house the homeless, sponsor back-to-school drives, and give hundreds of Thanksgiving baskets to local families in need. In addition to his church services, Mr. King also has a weekly radio show where he ministers and teaches to the community.

Colonel Donald M. Wade, a native of Hughesville, was the Charles County award recipient. During his career, he was an assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at North Carolina A&T State University and worked for the US Air Force headquarters located in the Pentagon. In 1990, Colonel Wade retired from active duty and was hired by the Prince George's County School District to establish a Junior ROTC program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD. Currently, Colonel Wade serves on the Charles County Board of Education and is a member of the Archdiocesan Board of Education of Washington, DC.

The St. Mary's County award winner was Mr. Elmer Brown, of Drayden, MD. Mr. Brown served on the St. Mary's County Housing Board and was instrumental in starting the Sail-to-life



*Colonel Donald M. Wade receives award from
TLL Basileus Bro. Otis Harvey*

program. In addition, Mr. Brown has helped start organizations such as the Unified Committee for African-American Contributions, the Minority Business Alliance of St. Mary's County, and the LOTT, Inc., a black investment group. He is the first African-American board member of the First National Bank of St. Mary's County. Currently, Mr. Brown is the owner and operator of Brown's Maintenance Services in St. Mary's County.

TLL Chapter also gave awards for the Omega Man of the Year, the chapter's highest honor, to Brothers Dr. W. Cecil Short and Harold P. Fagan; Founders Award to Brother Anthony J. Zanzfordino, IV; Basileus Award to Brother Dr. Warren E. Leggett; National Superior Service Award to Brother Harrell Watts; and the

Tau Lambda Lambda Fight Child Abuse

Recently, we have all been inundated with stories detailing the horrors concerning the Pennsylvania State University sex abuse scandal. This especially hits home with the Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as many of our Brothers have school aged-children, and also serve in community roles, such as mentoring, coaching, and teaching, where they influence young minds.

The Brothers of TLL Chapter felt outraged, saddened, and compassionate towards the victims and families involved in the scandal. The silver lining in this tragic event is the creation of various discussions that promote child abuse awareness and help foster change.

Although none of us can prevent all unpleasant situations from happening to our families and us, there are some practical steps that we can take now to help fight child abuse. On a grand scale, we can support the activities of agencies that fight abuse and also

have their information readily available in order to contact them if we suspect child abuse is occurring. Background checks are an added safeguard and TLL Chapter adopts this notion by having participants for its mentoring program, the Purple Boot Initiative, submit to complete background checks before working with the youth.

In the home, TLL Chapter also encourages parents and guardians to keep an open line of communication with their children. It is very important to ensure that our young people can recognize the different types and stages of sexual abuse, and what to do if it occurs to them or their friends. If for any reason children cannot talk openly to their parent or guardian, they should know how to call or seek help from another person they trust.

We may not be able to prevent all tragedies, but together, we can continue to promote awareness and the practical steps to detect and fight them. TLL Chapter is committed to this and is actively fighting the abuse of children and adults in Southern Maryland.

TLL New Initiates “The Centennial Five”

Southern Maryland On November 12, the Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter initiated five new brothers into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. TLL Chapter, known as the ‘Southern Maryland Ques,’ have a mission of improving the quality of life for citizens in Southern Maryland and beyond.

The five men, Torrey Sharrow of Orangeburg, SC, Marcus Dawes of Birmingham, AL, and Maurice Cottom, Bryan Thomas, and Monty Campbell, all three raised in Washington, D.C., are collectively called “The Centennial Five: Mighty Men of Valor.” This name was an honor bestowed upon them to represent their entry into the Fraternity during the organization’s centennial year and it also characterizes the creativity, resolve, and perseverance shown by the men in staying true to their principles while enduring the hardships of life. The men have well-established reputations among their Brothers of being leaders and they are dedicated to furthering the mission of TLL Chapter.

“It’s a complete honor and a privilege to now serve Southern Maryland and beyond along side a group of hardworking men who are so deeply rooted in the



The Centennial Five with TLL Basileus Otis Harvey(l)

their communities,” said Torrey Sharrow.

The five men support the tri-county area and represent a variety of professions, including government engineering, construction and contracting, and news media, among others. They have vowed to use their skills, resources and influence to serve their communities and uplift the lives of its residents.

The four cardinal principles of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. The new members have dedicated many hours

to projects that have support these cardinal principle and the have directly affected the community, including donating needed books and supplies to the Patuxent Habitat for Humanity and raising nearly \$4000 for scholarships in the Tri-County. They have also been very active the TLL Chapter’s male mentoring program, the Purple Boot Initiative. The Centennial Five: Mighty Men of Valor are the 5th line of men initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the TLL Chapter since the chapter’s founding in 2004.

TLL Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil

Prince Frederick, MD. October 2011. The Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., helped commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Calvert County on October 24, 2011, during a candlelight vigil and reception that supported victims and honored those who have volunteered to fight domestic violence.

The vigil and reception were hosted by the Calvert County Commission for Women and the Calvert County Crisis Intervention Center at the Calvert County Circuit Court in Prince Frederick.

TLL Chapter’s mission of uplifting humanity in the areas of scholarship and social action fit perfectly with the mission of the Crisis Intervention Center, which is to end family and sexual violence through avenues such as counsel-



TLL Brother with Charles County Police Officer at Reception

ing, advocacy, and awareness

“We are proud to be here in support of such a worthy cause as it’s affecting many of our communities,” said Vaughn Evans, a Calvert County police officer and member of TLL Chapter. “My brothers and I are here let the public know that real men respect and uplift women to the fullest extent.”

In addition to the Calvert County event, the Brothers of TLL Chapter attended events supporting domestic violence in various counties in Maryland, such as Anne Arundel and Prince George’s Counties. At all events, members were on hand to speak to the community about other causes they support as well as the programs and events the chapter hosts.

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These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. Failure to adhere to these directives of the District Representative will result in the **SUSPENSION** of the Brother or Chapter who is in violation of the same.

THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!!!



*Mighty 2nd District
Social Action Chairman
J. Kendall Smalls*



New York New Jersey Maryland Delaware Pennsylvania

August 28th 2011

Greetings Bros.,

I hope this letter finds you in the greatest of health and you've finally recovered from the Centennial celebration, but now it's time to get back to the business of Omega and our Mighty Second District.

As you know, at the centennial our official partnership with the mentoring organization called Big Brothers and Big Sisters was established. Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) is an organization that has been around since 1904. BBBS helps change underprivileged kids' perspective and provides them an opportunity to reach their potential, as well as helps those kids who may be fatherless and need a strong male figure in their life.

After attending a meeting with the leaders of BBBS and the committee chair Brother Mathews, it was extremely clear that the most their organization needs is time and commitment from the brothers. I know most chapters have their own mentoring program, but perhaps it can all be incorporated into one day with your local BBBS agency.

Therefore, I am asking each chapter to partner with or at the very least each basilei schedule a face to face meeting with the local director or head of their BBBS chapter in their respective areas, perhaps a great union can come from this with wonderful opportunities for both entities.

For your convenience I have attached a spreadsheet of all of the BBBS in our districts, I am asking the following of each basilei.

- Once you have located the BBBS in your area from the spreadsheet, schedule a face to face meeting between you and your local leader/president of BBBS.
 - If there is more than one chapter in your area then I suggest setting up a meeting where all parties can attend in order to maximize your time.
 - If there is another chapter in your area that possibly shares the same local BBBS then perhaps a partnership between the chapters will suffice and maximize different brother's participation.
- Notify me of your meeting and send me the name of your counterpart in BBBS and if there are any plans to collaborate on any events.
- Copy your corridor rep with all information that you have given me; ultimately I will contact them directly for progress in their Corridor.

All information will be relayed to first Vice Grand Brother Knox and the chairman of this initiative brother Matthews, locally the information will be disseminated to our DR brother Kenneth Rodgers and first Vice DR brother Marvin Hicks as information.

It is the hopes of the Social Action Committee Chair that the undergraduates take a particular interest with this program. Some of the young men are high schoolers and could really use some kind of support or direction to get into college and possibly pursue Omega.

I thank you for your time and I hope you all will get on board with this worthwhile initiative.
Thanking you in advance

Brother J. Kendall "Biggy" Smalls
Mighty Second District Social Action Chair

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