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## District Representative Marvin Dillard Message



Brothers ,

It my pleasure to welcome you and your families to Pittsburgh and the 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference! Brother Keith Clark, District Marshal, and the Brothers of Iota Phi have worked long and hard to assure you will enjoy the fellowship during this weekend.

We look forward to a productive conference to execute our business effectively and efficiently. We have carefully planned our agenda to provide the best opportunity to participate in all activities.

Your executive team has worked hard on your behalf to execute their duties and move forward in "Building a Stronger Omega." Again, I appreciate the cooperation and dedication of this *team*, and with your approval and support seek to move forward with this team to lead the Mighty Second District for another year.

Recognizing the time you have committed to attend

this conference, we will be diligent to assure it is time well spent!

I encourage you to attend the several events planned including the Talent Hunt, Founders' Banquet and other entertainment activities. I appreciate your attendance with us, and hope you enjoy the conference and visiting Pittsburgh!

*"Building a Stronger Omega"!*

Yours In Omega,

Marvin C. Dillard  
30th Second District  
Representative

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### **OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY CONDEMNS RACIALLY-CHARGED COMMENTS BY NATIONAL RADIO PERSONALITY**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joins other progressive organizations and groups denouncing the demeaning and derogatory statements made by Don Imus towards African-American players on the Rutgers Ladies Basketball Team. The comments by Don Imus are totally inexcusable and irreconcilable.

While Mr. Imus has issued an apology and justification for making his comments, Omega Psi Phi believes his 'mea culpa' has little impact. Mr. Imus has a documented history of making disparaging comments towards women and people of other races.

"Those who utilize the public airwaves must make a conscious decision to do what is right and not reduce themselves to society's lowest common denominator." said Warren G. Lee, Jr., the Fraternity's Grand Basileus (International President). "Society cannot continue to tolerate this level of vitriolic hate-speech on our airways. We join other voices across the country in denouncing Don Imus' absurd pronouncements. Such speech has no place in our public discourse. "

Omega Psi Phi is requesting that its members, and others who are distressed by the remarks made by Mr. Imus, become increasingly selective in financial support of those companies who sponsor the Imus radio and television program.

Omega Psi Phi has more than 750 chapters and 150,000 members throughout the world.

—Omega—

## First Vice District Representatives Message



### Brothers of the Second District,

I greet you in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With him all things are possible.

It has been a year since I was elected your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative. A lot has occurred and I will be highlighting below. I first want to thank all those brothers who have supported me over the last year. Your words of encouragement and the reception I have received as I travel around the District have meant more to me than you will ever know. This past year has been a rewarding experience. I would be remiss, at this time if I did not also thank our leader 30<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative, Marvin C. Dillard. Thank you for your guidance and inclusive leadership. You have made it a point to ensure my inclusion in all key meetings, including Supreme Council meetings. It has indeed been a pleasure to work with you and I

look forward to another year of friendship.

The year started with preparation for the 74<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave in Little Rock, AK. We went to Little Rock with one purpose in mind; getting our candidate Terrel Paris elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus. Though unsuccessful in that endeavor, the District left its mark on the proceedings by coming away with a few more International Committee Chairs (C. Donald Bowser, Jr. – Int'l Budget, Peter Higginbottam – Int'l Government Relations, Adam McKee – Int'l History/Archives, Terrel Parris – Next Generation Leaders, Larry Pugh – Int'l Talent Hunt and Calvin Zellars – Ways and Means). Congratulations and best wishes go out to these worthy brothers.

The Undergraduate Conference was held at Temple University, in October 2006. Brothers, you would have been proud to see our Undergraduate brothers in suits, sport coats, dress shirts and ties at this event. The next generation of leaders of our great organization gathered that day to deal with issues of concern across Omega. The 2006 Shirtsleeve Conference was also held in October 2006. Once again, let me thank the Basileus and brothers of Omicron Chi,

the host chapter for a fine event. We began a dialogue on District issues that need to be addressed. My hope is that this discussion will be continued at this year's conference. After serving as the moderator, I prepared and had distributed across the District the Shirtsleeve Conference Report.

After not convening a Supreme Council meeting for over 18 months, our current international leadership has held three Supreme Council meetings (two in Atlanta, GA and one in Raleigh, NC) since October 2006. For me, these meetings have shed some light on the "inner workings" of our organization. Again, thank you Bro. DR for including me in these meetings.

I have worked closely with the District IT chairman over the last year to improve our electronic payment system for our two major annual events (Shirtsleeve and District Conference's). The Second District now has an active merchant account that is tied to our website. We now offer every brother the ability to register for each of these events, pay by credit card and receive a confirmation.

I have also worked on the District 501c (3) project. At this point, we have a

few minor issues to address with the host state (DE). However, the federal government is currently "backlogged" in processing our application. As soon as we can get this process completed we can better serve our membership by actively seeking sponsorships for our events. In the end, this will help to reduce our expenditures and provide us in the future with a reduced registration fee for the district conference.

Brothers, we have now reached another conference season. The 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference will be hosted by Iota Phi Chapter and held in Pittsburgh, PA, from May 3 through 6, 2007. At that time, I will run for reelection of my position. I believe that my record over the last year exemplifies my deep commitment to Omega and the Second District. I hope you agree and come to Pittsburgh prepared to reelect me as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative, so I can continue the work started a year ago with our District Representative in "Building a Stronger Omega"!

**Fraternally,**

**Roderick E. Richardson**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative**



## Pi Omega Chapter's 2007 Talent Hunt Competition

**Baltimore, MD March 18, 2007**

Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its 52nd Annual Talent Hunt Competition on Sunday March 18, 2007 at The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, located at 830 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD.

The Talent Hunt demonstration was created in 1945, and is one of the national projects of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega has participated in this activity for over 50 years, and many of our talented high school youths have benefited from this project through all-expenses paid trips, U.S. Savings Bonds, trophies, certificates, print and televised media exposure.



*Talent Hunt Chair, Kelvin O'Neal and Basileus Danard Smith pose with Talent Hunt Winners*

Over twenty students were involved in this year's competition. The winners were as follows:

**Vocal Classical:** (1) Sarita Tompas, Randallstown High School, (2) Mashara Hunt, Baltimore School for the Arts

**Vocal Contemporary:** (1) Bijan Glen, Randallstown High School, (2) Haikeem Johnson, Oakland Mills High School

**Instrumental Classical:** Bryan Alston, Mt. Zion Baptist School

**Instrumental Contemporary:** (1) David Lindberg, Archbishop Curley High School, (2) Quintin Edwards, Woodlawn High School

**Visual Arts:** (1) Michael H., Woodbourne School, (2) Jaleel P., Woodbourne School

Mr. David Lindberg will represent Pi Omega Chapter at the District Talent Hunt Competition to be held at the 2007 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference. This year the conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania the weekend of May 3-6, 2007.

Bro. Dr. Kelvin O'Neal was the chairperson for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Hunt Competition. Special thanks are extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for providing the funding for this year's competition.

## Pi Omega Chapter's Memorial Day Observance

**Baltimore, MD March 11, 2007.** Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its Annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday March 11, 2007 at the Emmanuel Christian Community Church in Baltimore, MD.

Bishop Durant Harvin, Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Christian and a member of Pi Omega Chapter, presided over the church service preceding the Memorial Day Observance. Bro. Harvin spoke on the message "Failure Is A Permitted Design". He encouraged the attendees not to let others define their lot in life. Only God can show you what you are suppose to have. Whatever God shows you, it's yours if you believe.



*Pi Omega Basileus, Vice Basileus, Memorial Day Chair, Bishop Bro. Durant Harvin and Representatives from Christopher's Place*

At the beginning of the church service Pi Omega Chapter presented a donation of over 100 men's suits to the following organizations: Christopher's Place, Women Behind The Community, and The Episcopal Community Services of Maryland. Each of

these organizations assists men in transition. The suits will help the men to be properly attired for job interviews and eventual job placement. Pi Omega Chapter also provided a cash donation towards the community outreach programs of Emmanuel Christian Com-

munity Church. The suit donation was the accumulation of the collection of suits the chapter began in September 2006.

The Memorial Day Service is observed on March 12<sup>th</sup> of each year. Chapters throughout the world conduct an appropriate service to recall the memory of those members who have passed and entered into Omega Chapter. This year Pi Omega Chapter held the service in honor of the following brothers: Bro. Eliot Burgess, Bro. Benjamin Franklin Smith, Bro. Steve Smith, and Bro. Darrin Wynn.

Bro. Reginald Thomas chaired the 2007 Memorial Day Program. Special thanks are extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for their assistance in funding the cleaning of the suits and providing the cash donation to the church.

**New York Metropolitan Chapters Host 11th Annual  
Carter G. Woodson Memorial Awards Program**

**NEW YORK, NY.** – The New York City Metropolitan Chapters of Omega Psi Phi hosted their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Carter G. Woodson Memorial Awards Program and Celebration on Friday, Feb. 02, 2007. The event was held in the City Council Chambers of City Hall at 1 City Hall Plaza, New York, NY. With more than 300 individuals in attendance, this event was the largest tribute to Dr. Woodson in the New York City area.

The event opened with greetings on behalf of the City Council brought by Council person Helen Foster of the 16<sup>th</sup> Council District Bronx, NY. The celebration reflected on Woodson’s legacy and promoted the continuance of his dream to bring national attention to the

contributions of black people throughout American history. This year’s theme was “A Celebration of Excellence: Recognizing the Outstanding Achievements of African-Americans.” The event emcee was David Ushery, noted anchor and reporter for WNBC, New York. The celebration honors individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to perpetuate the goals and ideas communicated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and whose work is aligned with the cardinal principles of the fraternity; Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Attendees acknowledged the presence of State Supreme Court Justice Theodore T. Jones, Jr. and his recent appointment as

an Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals under Governor Eliot Spitzer. Also, Metro Omegas presented \$1000.00 check to Dr. Otis Hill and the Black Male Initiative of Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY. Guests, friends and family packed the city council chambers to honor this years awardees; Robert T. Johnson, Bronx District Attorney, Hugh J. Scott, Scholar in Residence at Pace University, Jerri DeVard, former Senior VP of Marketing and Brand Management for Verizon Communications, and Thomas J. Watkins, Jr. Publisher and CEO of the Challenge Group. Their remarks on Black History, the work of Omega, their place in history and that of Dr. Woodson were reflective, humorous, poignant and thought provoking.



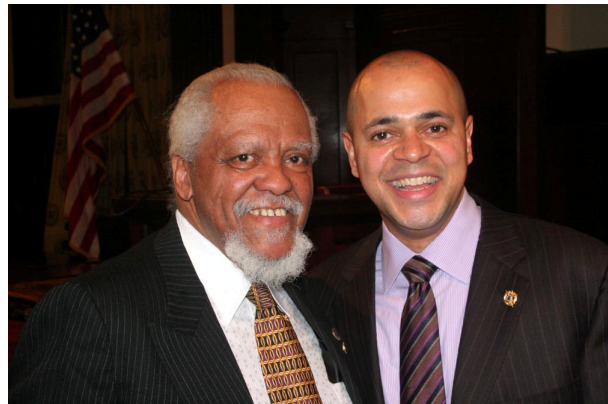
*The Honorees left to right; Tommy Watkins, Jerri DeVard, Robert T. Johnson and Dr. Hugh J. Scott*



*Brother James D. Edmonds, III presents a check to Dr. Otis Hill, Vice Chancellor -Kingsborough Community College*



*Brothers James D. Edmonds, III and Butler Dowery receiving a Special Proclamation from The Honorable Archie Spigner*



*Brothers Garnold King, II and David Usher anchor and reporter for WNBC, NY.*



## Iota Phi Chapter's Talent Hunt Competition

Pittsburgh, PA.  
February 17, 2007,

Iota Phi conducted its annual Talent Hunt at CAPA High School. Talent in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade from six local high schools competed the areas of Instrumental, Vocal, Dance/Dramatic Interpretation, and Art.

Contestants from CAPA, Langley, Westinghouse, Schenley, Hampton, and Oakland Catholic schools performed with intensity, poise, showmanship, and talent.

The three winners in each category were:

**Instrumental:** 1<sup>st</sup> place - Brett Williams, piano, "Funk It Up" (original composition); 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Kerry Kavalo, viola, "Caprice IX Alla Marcia (L. Fucus); 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Sheila



Iota Phi Members with Talent Hunt Winners

Roberts, piano, "Barcarolle" (Tchaikovsky);

**Vocal:** 1<sup>st</sup> place - Cassandra Payne, "My Soul Sings" (original composition); 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Kayla Lewis, "I Need You Now" (Smokie Norfolk); 3<sup>rd</sup>

place - Alexandria Evans, "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here" (Debra Cox);

**Dance/Dramatic Interpretation:** 1<sup>st</sup> place - Kontara Morphis, "Stand" (Donnie McClurkin); 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jamal Williams, "Claudis" (Hamlet - Shake-

speare); 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Frank Hammond, "Audition" (Mathew Calhoun);

**Art:** December Williams (uncontested) aptly represented her category of Art.

Each winner received \$100 in cash. Brett Williams will advance to competition at the District Level hosted by Iota Phi in Pittsburgh on Saturday May 5, 2007 at 1:00PM. The public is invited.

Iota Phi's Talent Hunt winner is worthy competition among the 5 States from New York to Maryland and the District of Columbia.

## Nu Nu Chapter's 2007 Achievement Week Banquet

Moorestown, NJ.  
January 20, 2007

The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter held their annual Achievement Week Banquet at the luxurious Laurel Creek Country Club, in Moorestown, New Jersey on Saturday evening, January 20, 2007.

The emcee for the evening was Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. (Immediate Past Second District Representative). The keynote speaker of this year's banquet was Second District Representative Bro. Marvin C. Dillard. The theme of Bro. Dillard's address to the 112 guests in attendance was "Are You Making A Difference?". Nu Nu Chapter recognized several difference makers for their many contributions to the Chapter and to the community we serve.

Ms. Deborah Price of Willingboro, New Jersey, was recognized as the Nu Nu Chapter "**Citizen of the Year**" for her many contributions to the youth of Willingboro Township. Bro. Donald W. Hampton received the "**Superior Service Award**" for his dedication to and outstanding leadership of Omega Community Development, Incorporated (OCDI). The "**Basileus Award**" was presented by outgoing Basileus Bro. Milton Burgess to incoming Basileus Bro. Mamon Bey.

Bro. Walter Neal Howard was presented with the Nu Nu Chapter "**Omega Man of the Year**" Award for his outstanding service to the Chapter over the years. Bro. Howard has held several offices and leadership roles since his initiation at Nu Nu in 1993,

and is the current Chairman of the Membership Selection Committee.

The newly elected leadership of Nu Nu Chapter was sworn into office by our Immediate Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Terrell Parris. The 2007 Nu Nu Chapter officers are Basileus Bro. Mamon Bey, Vice Basileus (and Corridor IV Representative) Bro. David S. Linder, Keeper of Finance Bro. Carlos J. Henriquez, Keeper of Records and Seal Bro. Michael Brown, and Chaplain Bro. Alfred D. Dennis.

There was much to celebrate on this evening, but the highlight of this year's Achievement Week Banquet was an emotional and heartfelt tribute to one of the Founders of Nu Nu Chapter, Bro. Arthur F. Brown.

Bro. Brown has been the heartbeat of Nu Nu since its inception in August of 1970, and has given much of his time and talents to shaping the direction of the Chapter and OCDI. In recognition of his many contributions over the past 37 years to the Chapter and his service to the community, Bro. Ackles read a proclamation from the Board of Directors of OCDI, renaming the "Omega Community Development Center" in Burlington, New Jersey the "Arthur Frank Brown Community Center". A formal dedication of the facility will be held later this year.

After working hard all year for Omega, taking time out to honor and recognize our own for contributions to our community and Chapter is a special time for "Brethren to dwell together in unity".

## Nu Nu Chapter's 2007 Memorial Day Service

Willingboro, NJ. March 11, 2007

Our 2007 Memorial Service was held on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Willingboro, NJ at 2:30 PM. Bro: Nathaniel Anderson led us into the sanctuary with "Words of Grace" from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. With Bro. Stephone Mickler our worship leader, the invocation was given by Bro. LaBryant Wright followed by the Congregational Hymn, It is Well With My Soul. Scripture was read by Bros. Jeff Cole and Stacy Anthony thereafter. Our Chaplain Emeritus, Bro. Mel

Wells, after being introduced by Bro. Al Dennis, delivered the message of the afternoon with the theme "The Matter Of Time In Regard To Life and Death" with a welcomed response. A wonderful musical selection was delivered by Sis. Lisa Tunstall. Bro. Walter Neal Howard recited "When We Wear The Gloves" to the Brotherhood and congregation. The memorial service had one Brother added to it since our 2006 service, Brother Brady Mixon. His lovely wife, Shirley, was present and acknowledged and with a few

words of comfort. Bro. Mel Wells gave the Benediction. The ever dependable Dr. C. Edouard Ward performed musically over the entire ceremony. A small repast in the fellowship area of the church was held where all were fed. Sis. Tunstall and Dr. Ward were given a token of appreciation for their participation. The Brotherhood acknowledged and thanked Bro. Wells for his years of service and commitment. Bros. Howard, Wright and Mickler were thanked for their efforts in the food preparation.

## Nu Nu Chapter's Omega Teens – Social Action Project

Willingboro, NJ., March 28, 2007

The mighty Nu Nu Chapter hosted the young men of Omega Teens for uplift and recreation. In the morning portion of this activity, we conducted a workshop on "How to be responsible to self, home, school, and in the community." This workshop was taught by our very own Bro. Neil A. McDougald, Tau Psi, North Carolina Central, LM#3202, Dec 1967. Bro. McDougald was inspirational as well as thought provoking. Our Omega Teens said that his message really made a lot of "sense". The afternoon portion of our day, Omega Teens had a sprinted game of bas-



*Nu Nu Chapter Bros. pose with Omega Teens*

ketball with the men of Nu Nu Chapter that got us a little winded, but all had a great time. We split games with Nu Nu winning first game and the Omega Teens winning the second game. All in all, Nu



*Nu Nu Chapter Bros. & Omega Teens Ballin*

Nu Chapter again added to the rich history of the Mighty Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., by providing uplift to the youth in our communities.

## Nu Omicron Honors WNBC News Anchor Brother David Ushery



Queens, NY. February 1, 2007.

The Brothers of Nu Omicron chapter presented Brother David Ushery with a plaque during the annual Carter G. Woodson Black History Month program at City Hall. The program was sponsored by the Metro Chapters of New York City. The plaque was given to recognize brother Ushery's work in touching the lives of millions through media. David Ushery joined News Channel 4 in August 2003. He is the co-anchor of "Weekend Today in New York," the station's No. 1-rated weekend morning

news programs and also files reports for WNBC's various newscasts.

Ushery came to News Channel 4 from WABC-TV. An 11-year veteran of that television station, Ushery held various anchoring and reporting positions throughout his tenure at WABC-TV, including primary fill-in anchor on the station's evening newscasts and full-time anchor of the early morning and noon editions of "Eyewitness News." His many reports for Channel 7 included extensive coverage following the September 11 terrorist attacks, reports from Toronto and Africa on Pope John Paul II's visits to those areas and coverage of the recent Space Shuttle disaster. He also reported extensively on Haiti, traveling several times to the island to cover the area's political and economic climate.

Prior to his work at WABC-TV, Ushery served as reporter for WFSB-TV in Hart-

ford, CT. He has also reported for the *Hartford Courant* and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Ushery is the recipient of a National Association of Black Journalists Award for a series of his reports on children and violence and was honored by the Israeli Consulate for his dedicated reporting and commitment to the community. Ushery also works as a volunteer at St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem and has volunteered as a tutor for local preteen students.

He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.A. in journalism and political science. In 1986, he was initiated in the Omicron Eta chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## Gamma Pi Chapter's - Ques Night In Annapolis

Annapolis, MD. March 7, 2007

Despite a daylong snow that coated areas roads, the men of Gamma Pi chapter demonstrated the commitment to the Cardinal Principle of Scholarship by coming out in force on March 7 for its first-ever "Ques Night in Annapolis." The meeting with key African American State legislators marked the beginning of Gamma Pi's effort to become more involved in improving opportunities for Prince George's County residents through helping to shape the state's legislative agenda. The evening meeting at the State Capitol was highlighted by a legislative update from State Sen. Ulysses S. Currie, who represents Prince George's County and is a member of Gamma Pi chapter.

Education was the cornerstone topic for this inaugural event, spanning the spectrum from the county's public schools to the state's Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Over food and drink in the shadow of the historic Capitol Dome, about 30 Gamma Pi members participated. In fact, Gamma Pi provided with the legislators with its own "wish list" for the 2007 General Assembly session, calling on the State Legislature to accomplish four things: Fully Fund the State's Public Edu-



*l-r Bro. Eddie Epps, Bro. Dr. Mickey Burnim, Bowie St. U. Pres. & Bro. Bleu Colquitt in attendance at Ques in Annapolis*

cation Commitment; Cap Increases in Tuition at Public Colleges and Universities and Increase State Support for Need-Based Scholarships and Other Financial Assistance Programs; Increased Financial Support for Bowie State University in Three Critical areas: repair and renovations; Fine Arts Building construction, etc.; and Enactment of the School Board District Bill.

That ambitious agenda attracted the participation of two other distinguished Omega men in Maryland higher education — Dr. James Lyons, the new Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commis-

sion, and Dr. Mickey Burnim, the new President of Bowie State University. Also in attendance were Maryland Legislative Black Caucus Chairwoman Sen. Verna Jones from Baltimore; Earl Adams, a Gamma Pi member who is an official for new Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown and Dr. Luther Burse, also of Gamma Pi and an official with the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Dr. Lyons, former Bowie State president, is rejoining Gamma Pi and Dr. Burnim has said that he will affiliate with the chapter.

"We are starting out in a very modest way," said attorney William Blakey, Gamma Pi's Legislative Chairman who organized the successful event. "These are Ques from Gamma Pi chapter. But eventually we are going to be Ques from all over Maryland and, ultimately, we will include others from Black Greek-letter organizations."

"It was an excellent event, one that not only signals our leadership to legislators in Annapolis, but is consistent with the vision of our beloved Founders.

## Gamma Pi Chapter Brings Food and Fun to Local Shelter

Prince Georges County, MD.

February 24, 2007

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity! Bright and early at 5 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, the Brothers of the Gamma Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. came together, once again, to display one of their Cardinal Principles: Uplift. In conjunction with the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Gamma Pi Brothers prepared a sumptuous breakfast for the residents of the Shepherd's Cove women's shelter in Prince George's County.

It was a fun and heartwarming experience. A delicious assortment of breakfast foods that included bacon, sausage, pancakes, grits, potatoes, hash browns, eggs. Muffins

and coffee were provided for the residents. As the ladies enjoyed the delicious food, Brother Eddie Epps, a vocalist, provided a surprise by performing an impromptu musical number. Brothers also took time to make conversation with the shelter families. Smiles and laughs went all around as the ladies and their children enjoyed both the food and the pleasant atmosphere. The Brothers and Sisters were the perfect hosts as they prepared plates and served the guests of honor.

The "Magic Hour" began when entertainer/magician Magic Mike arrived. He started by dazzling the crowd with his dancing rope and amazing handkerchief. "Oohs" and "aahs" resounded in the auditorium as Magic Mike provided a fun time for kids and adults alike. From color-changing books to disappearing water,

Magic Mike proved to be a real crowd pleaser. The grand finale included two doves that magically appeared and balloon animals.

But it was about more than entertainment. Gamma Pi Brothers also made sure that some Scholarship was imparted to everyone in attendance. To that end and in keeping with February's theme, Magic Mike asked the children to answer questions about Black History: "What was the name of Dr. King's speech?" he asked the crowd. "I Have a Dream!" one child responded. And as long as service projects like this one continue, these mothers and children at the Shepherd's Cove shelter will continue to have dreams, too, thanks to the Super Chapter, Gamma Pi.



## Xi Lambda Lambda host Financial Seminar with the Delta's

Nyack, NY.  
January 27, 2007

The Brothers of Xi Lambda Lambda in conjunction with the ladies of the Rockland Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. held their first of four yearly financial seminars. The seminars, which are three hours in length, are divided into two parts. One for teenagers and the other for adults. During the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 teen segment, Ms. Jennifer Cephus, a vice president of Bank of America spoke to the teens about investing for college and beyond. She was well received by about 35 teens. The second half of

the days seminar was dedicated to women 'only'. The Rockland Employees Federal Credit Union CEO, Ms. Miriam Fernandez, presented this seminar. Her topics of discussion were "Women and their Money". Her audience numbered 30 ladies who felt a need to be a little more empowered after her speech. The seminars are held at the West Nyack, New York offices of Merrill Lynch. The seminars are chaired by Bro. Gerald Inman. In the past, financial seminar topics included; preparation of wills & trusts, business camps for teens, last minute tax strategies, stock investing, and real estate investment.



*Brother Gerald Inman host financial seminar with the Delta's at the Offices of Merrill Lynch*

## Rockland County Ques Host Jazz Brunch

Pomona, NY.  
February 18, 2007

Great jazz, delicious food, generous "libations," a cool venue, beautiful and enthusiastic patrons, and a "thoroughly immersed" group of Omega men—a winning combination! That's an apt description of the first annual Jazz Brunch sponsored by Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Rockland County, NY on Sunday, February 18, 2007.

The brainchild of Brother T. Edward McBride, Jr. and a committee consisting of Brothers Gerald "Billy" Inman, David Smith, Sr. and Dennis McGloster, this overwhelmingly successful event was the product of this 3-year-old chapter, which is located across the Hudson River from Westchester County in the New York City Metropolitan area.

The Jazz Brunch was truly a reflection of black (and Omega) economic empowerment. This event, which drew an intergenerational crowd from New Jersey, New York City, Rockland and Westchester Counties, and Connecticut, was held at Our Place Sports Bar & Restaurant in Spring Valley, a business venture of local entrepreneur and Xi Lambda Lambda chapter founder and member, Brother David Smith, Sr. "Our Place" was converted into an intimate, New York-style jazz club with stage and a bar. It accommodated a packed house who listened to the smooth jazz of Stella Marrs and the Joe Tracinda Trio. The patrons were treated to a complimentary drink, a choice of Champagne, a Bloody Mary or a Mimosa. And, they were treated to a mouth-watering menu of breakfast and lunch items.

The patrons also enjoyed a Chinese auction in which various theme-related baskets were raf-

fled off in a comedic and entertaining manner by Brother Gerald Inman. These elegant baskets, consisting of Victoria's Secret items or courtside New York Knicks tickets and expensive cigars, for example, were assembled by Sandy McGloster (wife of Basileus Dennis McGloster), Annette McBride (wife of KRS T. Edward McBride, Jr.) and Deborah Inman (wife of Chaplain Gerald Inman). As a gesture of appreciation, Stella Marrs, featured artist and activist in the Rockland County African American community, was given a bouquet of flowers, along with Sandy McGloster, for their efforts in making this event a success.

In addition, we were delighted by a special impromptu performance by patron Charles Nelson, formerly of The Drifters, who was called to the stage and got a rousing response from the crowd for his

rendition of "Fly Me to the Moon," accompanied by the Joe Tracinda Trio. Truly a good time was had by all! The chapter looks forward to making this an annual event, one of many to serve the people of Rockland County with quality social and community outreach activities.

The event was a huge success financially with ticket sales well over \$6,000.00. The proceeds from the event will be used to support many of Xi Lambda Lambda's Social Action programs, from our SAT prep course for local area high school juniors and our quarterly financial seminar series which teaches financial literacy to adults and teens alike in the local community, to our newly-established Rockland Omega Academy, a mentoring program for African American/Latino middle school boys.

## Governor signs Legislature Honoring New Jersey's First African American State Senator and Assemblyman

TRENTON, NJ –

Governor Jon S. Corzine today signed a bill providing for the display of plaques in the Statehouse to honor former lawmakers Hutchins F. Inge and Walter Gilbert Alexander, New Jersey's first African-American state senator and assemblyman, respectively. Both were members of Upsilon Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**“Senator Hutchins Inge and Assemblyman Walter Gilbert Alexander were true trailblazers, men who through their struggle and example opened the doors of opportunity for countless New Jerseyans,”** Governor Corzine said. **“They deserve our recognition and appreciation for expanding the reach of our democracy and ensuring that everyone has a voice and role in the political process.”**

Dr. Hutchins Inge was a physician who worked at United Presbyterian Hospital in Newark and represented Newark in the State Senate from 1966 through 1968. Senator Inge chaired the Senate Federal and Interstate Relations Committee and also served as director of the Essex Urban League. Dr. Inge was a graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and the Howard University School of Medicine. He died in 2002.

**“Assemblyman Alexander and Senator Inge are true pioneers, having broken the color barrier and blazed a trail for so many African-American lawmakers who have come since,”** said Senator Coniglio (D-Bergen), a Senate sponsor. **“Their legacy to this State goes far behind the terms they served, or the laws they shepherded through the process, to the very core of equality for all people, re-**

**gardless of skin color. It is only fitting that we recognize their remarkable achievements on behalf of African-Americans in New Jersey in the place where they made history – the New Jersey Statehouse.”**

Dr. Walter Gilbert Alexander was also a physician by profession and was elected to the General Assembly in 1921, serving two terms. Assemblyman Alexander served on committees that dealt with health care and sponsored legislation on a range of issues having to do with health care and civil rights. He was the son of former enslaved Americans and the youngest student to enter Lincoln University, which he did at the age of 14. Dr. Alexander, who also served as General Secretary and President of the National Medical Association, died in 1953.

**“Senator Inge and Assemblyman Alexander were**

**able to break through the barriers of racial inequality and serve as trailblazers in New Jersey politics,”** said Assemblyman Reed (D-Mercer), an Assembly sponsor. **“We have a responsibility to recognize the historic contributions of African Americans like Hutchins F. Inge and Walter Gilbert Alexander. The legacies of these distinguished New Jerseyans has set an example of excellence in public service that to stand all people to this day.”**

The bill, S2482/A2339 was sponsored in the Senate by Senators Rice (D-Essex) and Tom Kean (R-Essex, Morris, Somerset, Union). It was also sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblypersons Watson Coleman (D-Mercer), Hackett (D-Essex), Manzo (D-Hudson), Conners (D-Burlington, Camden), Carroll (R-Morris) and Sean Kean (R-Monmouth).

## Bro. Dr. Milton D. Stroud - Omega Chapter

**Brother Milton D. Stroud** was born March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1936 in Chapel Hill North Carolina.

He attended Howard University and Queens College, earning a Bachelor of Science

degree with a dual major in psychology and sociology. He earned his Master's degree

in Social Psychology from Long Island University, where he also earned the first of two Doctorate degrees.

Brother Stroud held Assistant Adjunct Professorships at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The New York Institute of Technology and the Brooklyn College

Graduate School of Education.

He was Chairman of the “Old 80th Precinct Council”, a community based organization, which sponsored community service projects in Brooklyn, for over 20 years.

Brother Stroud was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Epsilon Chapter

in New York City in 1968. Since that time Brother Stroud held membership in Alpha Upsilon Chapter and Xi Phi Chapter where in 1995 he was awarded the Chapter Citizen of the Year Award.

In his professional life Brother Stroud worked for the New York State Division

of Parole for more than 30 years. During his time there, he rose to the rank of Division Bureau Chief, becoming the highest ranking African-American in the Bureau, at that time.

Brother Stroud was a founding member of the New York State Ebony Society, served for 20 years on the Executive Board of the Parole Officer's Association.

He is a recipient of the NYS Division of Parole's highest honor, the Russell G. Oswald Award. He was also a member of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers, The

National Black Police Association Northeast Region, The National Criminology Association,

The John Jay Criminal Justice Institute and the Brooklyn Museum.

Brother Stroud was a mentor in the New York City Board of Education Mentoring

Program and for Covenant House. He remained an active member of the

Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations.

Before his passing, Brother Stroud was inducted into the National Black Police Association's Hall of Fame.

## St Johns U. Professor Rallies Counseling Students to Assist Fire Victims

Queens, NY. Feb. 3, 2007

Dr. James Bethea, Assistant Professor in the Human Services and Counseling department at St. John's University, was joined by seven students enrolled in the counseling program, this past Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Far Rockaway, Queens; volunteering their time to provide crisis counseling to families affected by a recent fire. The fire, which took place in an apartment complex on February 3, left over 160 victims homeless.

St. John's effort to help the victims began with a clothing and school supply drive sponsored by the Vincentian Center for Church and Society in the week following the fire. However, Dr. Leslie Mullings, Pastor of Church, recognized an additional need for crisis counseling after speaking with



Dr. James Bethea, far left, with Counseling Students at St Johns

many families this past week. Dr. Bethea, a certified crisis intervention instructor, was contacted about the possibility of providing crisis counseling and immediately accepted the invitation.

"When I was contacted to help, I welcomed the opportunity. I've personally and vicariously experienced loss and understand the devastating effects it can have on people," Bethea said. "Counseling can be very

beneficial in terms of helping individuals develop positive coping mechanisms among other things."

Dr. Bethea also saw this as a tremendous learning experience for students in the counseling program who joined him to provide assistance. The students, who had recently completed Dr. Andrew Ferdinand's course in crisis intervention, were thrilled to have the opportunity to integrate

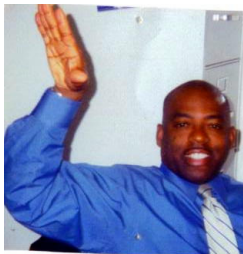
what they've learned into real life application.

"After consulting with colleagues in the department, I contacted several students who were excited to get the experience of applying theory to practice, while at the same time helping those in need," added Dr. Bethea. "They were all willing and eager to lend their support! I was deeply humbled by their intentions. It says a lot about the character of our students."

**Dr. Bethea is a proud member of the Nu Omicron chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. located in Queens, NY.**

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## Bro. Gilbert Grange Poised to Receive PhD.



**Brother Gilton Grange** has reached the pinnacle of formal education as he is set to receive his Doctorate of Philosophy in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix in July. He is soon to be in elite company as fewer than 1% of all black males over 30 have a Ph.D. Brother Grange mentioned it was always his ultimate goal to obtain a Ph.D. He attributes his thirst for scholarship mainly to his father. "My father gave me two choices for my young future: either go to college or

enlist in the military! I made my choice to go to college!" 1982 Brother Grange enrolled at the University of Buffalo, where he eventually earned a BA in legal studies in 1987. It was also during this time Brother Grange was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In the spring of 1983 Brother Grange crossed the sands to become a member of "Spicy" Phi Epsilon chapter at the University of Buffalo. Unofficial accounts hail him as the "owtest" lamp in the history of the chapter. He served as Basileus of the chapter in 1984-1986 and as undergraduate representative for the second district in 1985.

In 1986 Brother Grange moved back to his old neighborhood in Queens and began working odd jobs that "paid the bills." Not

quite satisfied with his employment situation, he decided to pursue a Masters degree in Public Administration from Long Island University. He graduated in May 1999. After great thought, planning, reflecting on his fathers stories, and listening to a phrase disclosed by U.S. Secretary of State, Collin Powell, Brother Grange decided to advance his scholarly endeavors and pursue a Ph.D. General Powell's message was: "a man must always be ready when opportunity knocks!" It is Brother Grange's belief that education unlocks doors of opportunity for us as a people. "We must seek to expand our own minds and develop!"

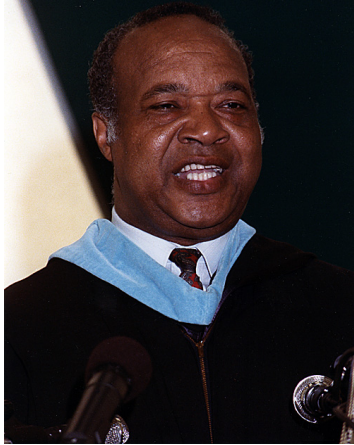
Brother Grange has extensive experience in the Health Care

arena and currently serves as Special Care Coordinator for St. Vincent Catholic Hospital. Upon receiving his doctorate, he plans to open a primary healthcare facility for all ages, although he really has an interest in teenage mothers and adolescent males.

Brother Grange has been an active and vibrant member of Nu Omicron chapter since 1992 where he served as Vice-Basileus from-1992-1994. He solidified his continued commitment to the chapter and the fraternity by becoming a life member two years ago. He and his soon to be wife Lisa, have three sons: Julian (11), Najai (5), and Dante (2). Brother Grange is the epitome of the fraternity's cardinal principles. He is truly an asset to the community, his family, the fraternity, and the chapter.



## Bro. Earl Wesley Byrd - Omega Chapter



**Brother Earl W. Byrd, 76; Initiated 1949 Upsilon Phi, Newark, NJ.**

### Led Hudson County Vocational-Technical Schools

The Brothers of Upsilon Phi Chapter, Newark, NJ remembered Brother Earl Wesley Byrd, 76, former superintendent of Hudson County Area Vocational-Technical Schools, at their annual Memorial Service on March 9, 2007 in Newark, NJ. Byrd died February 20, of complications from Alzheimer's disease at the Veterans Administration Hospital Center, Perry Point, Md.

Born in Hackensack, NJ., Brother Byrd grew up in Jersey City and lived there before moving to Harve de Grace, MD. Byrd was an elementary and high school physical education teacher, and while at

Snyder High School, was the first black head coach of high school football in Hudson County. He was later appointed executive director of Jersey City's Community and Neighborhood Development Organization (CAN-DO), which sponsored and administered such programs as Neighborhood Youth Corps, Meals on Wheels, On the Job Training Program, Jersey City Head Start and Upward Bound.

A former director of the Dartmouth College Learning Center and the St. Peter's College Education Opportunity Fund, Byrd began his tenure as superintendent of the Hudson County Area Vocational-Technical Schools in 1979. Named in his honor, the Earl W. Byrd Vocational Technical School, Jersey City, NJ., was built and developed under his stewardship. He retired in 1990.

An army veteran, serving from August 1952 to August 1954, He taught at the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, and provided troop entertainment, traveling the East Coast with basketball and football teams.

Bro. Byrd was a 1948 graduate of Lincoln High School and earned All-County honors in football. He attended Morgan State University on an athletic scholarship and the encouragement of his mentor, Basil Frazier. He earned a bachelors degree in physical education and letters in football and basketball.

He was captain of the 1951-52, football team and played on the 1949 team, which was undefeated, untied and unscored upon and was inducted into Morgan State University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1975. He earned his master's degree in education from Trenton State College.

A member and six-time elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Jersey City State College, he also served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Hudson County Community College, Chairman of the Education Opportunity Fund Directors Association and the Hudson County Congress of Racial Equality, Vice Chairman of the Jersey City Civil Rights Commission, First Vice President of Jersey City NAACP and Chairman of the Jersey City Board of Education's Education Support Team.

He was a life member of the Morgan State University Alumni Association and the NAACP. He was area vice president for the State of New Jersey for Morgan's Varsity "M" Club.

Bro. Byrd was a member of Clair Memorial United Methodist Church, Jersey City, and St. James AME Church.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce; a daughter, Evelyn Joetta Byrd; four sons, Joel Alan Byrd, Matthew Travis Byrd, Peter Wesley Byrd and Daniel Warren Byrd; two sisters, Jean Byrd Stewart and Winifred Byrd Givens; nine grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

## Bro. Eric Fulton - Omega Chapter



**Bro. Eric A. Fulton entered OMEGA CHAPTER on Tuesday June 20, 2006.**

Bro. Eric A. Fulton was initiated into the renowned brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter under the guidance of Bro. Butler B. Dowery

(Basileus), Bro. Wade H. Isreal, Sr. (MSP, Chairman), Bro. Adam T. Evans, (Sponsor) and other Brothers who participated in the Membership Selection Process (MSP), on December 17, 2005.

Bro. Fulton exemplified the Cardinal Principles on which our beloved fraternity was founded upon: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Bro. Fulton embraced and nurtured these Cardinal Principles always keeping in mind "Friendship is Essential to the Soul". Bro. Fulton was willing and eager to work as all Omega Men are. Bro. Fulton took on the following duties/tasks: Social Committee Chair, Keeper of Property, Member-at-Large (P.O.U.R.S) 501 c.3, and a Harlem Children's Zone Volunteer.

Bro. Eric A. Fulton leaves to cherish 5 Line Brothers: Bro. Donald J. LaHuffman, Bro. Lunel Milien, Bro. Charles A. Everette, Bro. Wade H. Isreal, Jr and Bro. Kevin C. Henry.

Bro. Fulton's legacy in Omega was short lived but his legacy will live on through his line brothers, whom he loved dearly. Bro. Fulton's famous quote was based on a famous Omega Poem "See It Through" with this in mind Bro. Fulton meet his illness Face-To-Face never trying to dodge it but planting his feet and taking a brace for whatever the outcome would be in true Bro. Eric A. Fulton fashion.

Bro. Eric A. Fulton truly loved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and nowhere was this more evident then on his initiation day after crossing the burning sands.

## Bro. Dr. Gerard W. Lee, Jr. – Bridge Builder – Omega Chapter



**New York, NY. March 12, 2007.**

Brother Dr. Gerard W. Lee, Jr., 64, entered Omega Chapter on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, New York. A formal Omega Memorial Funeral Service was held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30pm.

Dr. Lee, affectionately known as “Omega Bill”, began his long, arduous journey toward the light of Omega during the spring semester of his freshman year at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1961. After three semesters of blood and sweat, and many dark nights traveling through the valley of tears, he was initiated into the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated through the Delta Psi Chapter on April 27, 1962. He was second on a line of two men. His pledge period having made such an impact at Delta Psi, the chapter initiated 18 men the following year, with Omega Bill serving as their Dean of Pledges. After graduating from Shaw University in 1964, Omega Bill returned to New Jersey where he became a family man and began a life of social service to his community.

Dr. Lee was reclaimed to Omega through the initiation of his only son, Brother Bakari Gerard Lee, by the Upsilon Phi Chapter in April, 2000, and he thereafter joined the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter in Jersey City where Brother Bakari serves as First Vice Basileus.

Dr. Lee was born on August 25, 1942 in Newark, New Jersey to Girard W. Lee, Sr. and Willa Mae Sidney Lee. He attended the Newark public school system, graduating from Weequahic High School in 1960 before matriculating to Shaw University in Raleigh,

North Carolina. While at Shaw, Dr. Lee participated in the momentous 1963 March on Washington led by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Upon his graduation from Shaw, he returned to Newark, where Dr. Lee was blessed to meet his loving wife, Wilma J. Lee, and the pair was bound in matrimony on October 14, 1967. To this union, Brother Bakari was born on November 26, 1970.

During his early post-collegiate years, Dr. Lee embarked upon a long and fulfilling career in education and community service. Some of his early endeavors included teaching in the Newark public school system, working as a counselor with troubled youth at the Job Corps Training Program at Camp Kilmer in Edison, New Jersey, and working with nonprofit community outreach programs in Elizabeth, including the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and Bond-a-Bond. Dr. Lee continued his education at Newark State College, now Kean University, earning his Master of Arts in guidance and counseling in 1971. Thereafter, he attended Rutgers University, graduating as a Doctor of Education in 1980 with a concentration in counseling psychology. During these years, Dr. Lee worked as director of counseling at Roselle High School. From Roselle High School, he became the Director of the Equal Opportunity Funding Program at William Paterson College. He left William Paterson College in 1981 to become the Dean of Student Affairs at Essex County College. While at both William Paterson College and Essex County College, Dr. Lee was responsible for managing over 85 college employees, ensuring the continuing education of numerous minority students and the matriculation of many students to four-year colleges and universities.

Prior to relocating to Plainfield from South Plainfield in 1987, Dr. Lee moved on to the Plainfield public school system in 1985 as a senior guidance counselor, where he remained until 1988 where he became the supervisor of guidance for the East Orange school district until his retirement in 2004. During his years in the East Orange public school system, Dr. Lee co-founded the LST Group Inc., a consulting firm that provided, among other things, law enforcement sensitivity training, rites of passage programming targeted at middle school age African-American boys, and family management

training for low- and moderate-income housing residents.

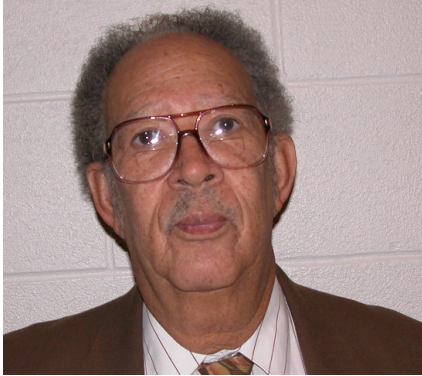
Among his most important values was his passionate belief that African-Americans identify with their cultural African heritage. Toward that end, Dr. Lee lead several groups of family, friends and students on extended trips to Africa, beginning with his trip to Senegal in 1983. Thereafter, Dr. Lee organized and chaperoned two separate trips to Accra, Ghana for students enrolled in his Black Male Institute rites of passage program. Lastly, in 2006, Dr. Lee coordinated what he termed the “Trip of a Lifetime” to South Africa, which included his long dreamed-of safari to Kruger National Park.

Other achievements consisted of his certification from the Pennsylvania State University for successful completion of the 1985 Sports Psychology Symposium, recognition from the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Cognitive Therapy, and successful completion of the Executive Management Program for State and Local Governmental Executives from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Additionally, in 1995, his Family First housing training program was lauded and nationally recognized by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dr. Lee was a past President of the New Jersey Association of Black Psychologists and was previously elected to the office of President of the New Jersey chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. He also served as a Democratic Committee member and was the first chairman of the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority (PMUA), leading the PMUA for ten years, establishing a record of superb service in the City of Plainfield that continues to this day.

Dr. Lee is survived by his cherished wife of 39 years, Wilma J. Lee, his only son Brother Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., and a host of beloved family and dear friends.

## Bro. Claudius D. Walker - Omega Chapter



P.G. County, MD .

**Brother Claudius D. Walker**, born on April 26, 1931, died on March 31, 2007 – his Alpha and his Omega. For Claudius, however, his Omega, in many respects during his earthly life, was not merely an ending but a beginning, for Omega became a way of life, a life long experience. Claudius' journey to Omega was a natural transition. His upbringing, make-up, and life style made him a perfect fit with the ideals and principles of Omega. The union was imminent. Consequently, Brother Walker's career as an Omega man began on the campus of Tuskegee Institute where he was initiated into the folds of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as an undergraduate student through the Lambda Epsilon Chapter on April 4, 1951.

While at Tuskegee, Brother Walker demonstrated his Omega qualities through his leadership and service in several ways, both within and beyond the fraternity. He became the Chaplain to Lambda Epsilon and its Editor to the Omega Oracle. He taught Sunday School

at Tuskegee, was a member of the campus branch of the YMCA, and was a representative to the Student/Faculty Council.

As he continued along his path of life, Brother Walker's undergraduate deeds translated into a profitable career, a life long alliance with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and a commitment to community service. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and became a member of the 59<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron. Professionally, he became a research chemist helping to seek cures for such a devastating illness as cancer.

When he took up residence in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area, Brother Walker discovered Gamma Pi and instantly became an active member, thus continuing his service to Omega. During his tenure in Gamma Pi, Brother Walker chaired or co-chaired several committees and programs, including Achievement Week, Mardi Gras, and the Annual Senior Citizen Banquet. He also rose through the Chapter's ranks and was elected and served two terms as Vice Basileus.

Brother Walker's greatest contribution to Gamma Pi, however, was in his role as Chaplain, a position he also held at the undergraduate level. He was elected to the position on many occasions and served in the position longer than any other Brother. When he was not in the position as an elected official, Brother Walker stood in as Chaplain when called upon. This dedication resulted in Brother Walker achieving the distinction of "Chaplain

Emeritus", the first such emeritus in the chapter. As an ordained elder, Brother Walker was the spiritual leader and conscience of Gamma Pi. He was always available and was always willing to serve. On his retirement from the civilian work force, Gamma Pi presented him with a proclamation designating that day as the "Claudius D. Walker Day".

Brother Walker was a loyal servant of Omega for over 55 years. He attended many Omega functions, District Conferences and Grand Conclaves. He received his 50 Year pin at the 2002 Grand Conclave. As a life member of the fraternity, his devotion and dedication epitomized the tenets and true spirit of Omega. Through his humble and meager beginnings, his desire to succeed, and his Christian life style, Brother Walker pursued his dreams as he traveled through the various stages of his life. He was MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, and UPLIFT to the highest degree. He was a friend to all and he indeed made friendship an essential element of his life.

Brother Walker will be remembered for his deeds, his humor, his sacred words, and his friendliness. He was a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle, a grandfather, a neighbor, a friend, a Christian, an activist, a professional, and ... an Omega man. And, as a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, he had dignity, class, reverence, and love. Brother Claudius D. Walker, Omega Chapter.

## Alpha Upsilon Chapter 'Read Across America Day Program'

Brooklyn, New York  
March 2, 2007.

The Brothers of Alpha Upsilon chapter (Brooklyn Omega) committed their time to Public School 375 for their "Read Across America Day Program" Bro. Kirk Wilkinson (1-NT-92) is the Assistant Principal of this elementary school. On this day, many Professionals were invited to speak to the students about their profession, school, and about life. Bros. Lamar Coombs (1-AU-05) and Glenn Chapman (3-AU-05) were



*Alpha Upsilon Brother Lamar Coombs Reading to Students at P.S. # 375*

in attendance. During their visit, Bro. Coombs read to one of the kindergarten classes and Bro. Chapman discussed his profession as a Customs and Broader Patrol Officer. Also, these brothers donated a box of books to the students of P.S. 375 on behalf of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. The students and their teachers were gladly appreciative to hear from these brothers of higher education



## Gamma Pi Chapter's 2007 Talent Hunt Competition

P.G. County, MD.

March 31, 2007

Millions of American tune in each week to follow the saga of "American Idol" as the nationwide search for the next superstar unfolds, making it one of the country's most popular, "must-see" television programs. But the Gamma Pi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has a lead on some of the best talent in the country, and that talent is located right in the Prince George's County, Maryland community, thanks to the chapter's 35<sup>th</sup> annual Talent Hunt Program held on Saturday, March 31. "American Idol" judges Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and "Simon" would like to have the kind of talent hunt that Gamma Pi hosted.

High school students in grades 9-12 from throughout the county displayed piano, violin, guitar, dance, drama and painting and photography skills during Gamma Pi's Talent Hunt program that was held at the Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, Md. Incidentally,



*Gamma Pi Basileus Teddy Taylor & Talent Hunt Chair, Leroy Barton, Jr. poise with 2007 Gamma Pi Talent Hunt Winners*

the school is named for a longtime resident of the county and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity who is also one of the historic Tuskegee Airmen.

"We should be very proud to have such talented young people here in Prince George's County," said Gamma Pi member Brian Champion, Ph.D., who served as emcee during the March 31 Talent Hunt program and participates on the chapter's Talent Hunt committee.

A modest audience assembled for the Gamma Pi Talent Hunt competition was treated to an entertaining and uplifting afternoon where the participating youth displayed diverse skills. It began with a dramatic performance

based on the life of Sojourner Truth and ended with a series of classical violin solos. In between was some funky guitar picking, sizzling saxophone sounds, the melodic strains of the grand piano playing contemporary favorites and classical selections, and awe-inspiring dance selections and emotional dramatic readings. The fine work of student artists and photographers was also on display for the judges and the public. The performers drew a standing ovation from the audience at the end of the program.

It was extremely difficult to choose winners from such a

talented collection. But judges did their best and singled out the following performers:

**Instrumental Contemporary:** Brian Forehand, Jr. (1<sup>st</sup>), Phillip B. Winston and Daniel C. McDowell (tie, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Instrumental Classical:** Ronald Lagarde (1<sup>st</sup>), Johnny Lee Walker, Jr. (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Robert J. Miller (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Dance:** Zenas Okanlawon (1<sup>st</sup>) and Sierra S. May (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Drama:** Elenilson Ayala (1<sup>st</sup>), and Jessica Bucknor (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Photography:** Kimberly Benavides (1<sup>st</sup>), Christina Bailey (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Kelli Williams (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Painting:** Mika Eubanks (1<sup>st</sup>), Aaron Cooper (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Scotti Spencer (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Drawing:** Aaron Cooper (1<sup>st</sup>), Antoine Heath (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mark Stewart (3<sup>rd</sup>)

"We can't thank you enough from Gamma Pi for bringing your children out to a program that is very important and dear to us," said Leroy Barton, Jr., Gamma Pi Chairman of the 2007 Talent Hunt Committee.

## Bro. Thomas Wallace Receives 2006 Mentoring Award

**Bronx, NY.** Brother, Thomas Wallace of Kappa Omicron Chapter, Harlem, New York received the first 2006 Mentoring service award from The Eagle Academy for Young Men, for excellence in mentoring. This award was the very first award given to a Mentor in the Academy's nearly (2) year history. Brother Wallace was one of the founding mentors at the initial mentoring meeting in 2003 and has consistently participated in nearly all the Academy's mentoring events.

Brother Wallace's 10th grade students went from a failing grade average below of 60 to a 75% a grade point average as a result of being mentored. Principal of The Eagle Academy for Young Men, David Banks and Vice Chancellor Adeliade Sanford of the

New York State Department of Education Board of Regent presented the award to Brother Wallace. The award was presented at the Academy ceremony in the presents of 700 parents and community leaders, teachers, administrators and students. Also in at the award ceremony were the Tuskegee Airmen who received a Special Tribute.

Dr. Adelaide Sanford, Vice Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents was the Keynote Speaker.

"The Eagle Academy for Young Men is one of the most innovative responses to education, and to reversing the frightening trend for young men in urban communities to come along in quite some time in New York City. This innovative, all male public

high school in the Bronx, NY, was founded on the principle that "Excellence, both in character and scholarship, opens doors and provides a bridge to equality." Three years ago, the One Hundred Black Men of New York City conceived, developed, and in partnership with The New York City Department of Education and New Visions for Public Schools, implemented the Eagle Academy for Young Men, the first all boy's public high school in New York City in over thirty years. Guided by their core principles of academic excellence, leadership, character development, mentoring, integrity, and community service, the young men of the Eagle Academy are exposed to a nurturing environment that fosters their personal, social, and academic development.

## Pi Omega Chapter's Omega Academy Field Trips

**Baltimore, MD.  
March 10th, 2007.**

Pi Omega Chapter's Baltimore County Omega Academy (Principle Achievers Mentor Program) took a field trip to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History in Baltimore MD. The day started with breakfast and a guided tour of the new Museum. It boasts to be the largest African American Museum on the East Coast including year long revolving exhibits of the History of Slaves in Maryland (including an original documents of freed slave papers), African American contributions in the Civil Rights Movement, Labor and Community organizations, architecture, and inventions. It also includes the

history of attorney, philanthropist, and businessman Reginald F. Lewis. Prior to the field trip (Academy session March 1st, 2007 at the PAL Center), we had discussion for over an hour on Black History. The kids definitely had prior knowledge of Black History. We also enlightened them on African Americans' contributions to the world. We informed them of the rich slave history that Maryland has with one of America's first slave delivery ports being Annapolis, MD. The kids were given a verbal quiz (March 15th, 2007) on information learned and experienced at the Museum. From the positive response, the young men seemed to have learned a good amount of information from this Field Trip. The mentors were very happy with the outcome.

**Baltimore, MD.  
March 31st, 2007.**

Pi Omega Chapter's Omega Academy took field trip to the Maryland Science Center on Light Street AT Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The exhibits were very interactive. Our kids took part in the egg drop which was an activity to test your ingenuity in protecting a raw egg from breaking when faced with extreme conditions such as it being dropped from a height equaling 3 stories. 5 out of our nine students were successful in this event. They also experienced an Imax presentation titled The Deep Sea in 3D, which gave an extraordinary account of the world of sea creatures. Topics included were the balance of life, predatory creatures,

jellyfish, world of coral reefs, sharks, and how each needs the other in order to survive. We also visited the Grosology Exhibit which details the bodily functions of the nose, throat and digestive track. There were many interactive games with this exhibit. One was an information booth on mucus, colds and how they start, how gas is developed in the stomach, and how food moves thru the body. The Omega Academy also took a tour of the Dinosaur exhibit and our mentees received lessons on the differences between carnivores and herbivores, the history of the monitor (lizard family), and engaged in the different stages of a fossil dig. The day ended with a buffet lunch.



*Pi Omega Bros. with the Omega Academy at Reginald F. Lewis Museum*



*Pi Omega Bros. with the Omega Academy at Maryland Science Center*

## Nu Omicron Participates in Annual Walk for Diabetes In New York City

**New York, NY. October 22, 2006.**

The Brothers of Nu Omicron participated in an annual America Walk for Diabetes event which was held at South Street Seaport in Manhattan. The purpose of the

event is to raise money for research as well as to provide awareness. There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 6.2

million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease. The number continues to rise as every 21 seconds someone is being diagnosed with diabetes.

## Alpha Upsilon Chapter's Achievement Week Program

**Brooklyn, New York  
November 5, 2006**

The Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter - "Brooklyn Omega" of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their annual National Achievement Week Program at the Grace A. Harewood Senior Citizens Center - 966 Fulton Street Brooklyn, NY.

This year's honorees were as follows: **Omega Man of the Year** - Brother Kyle D. Plant; **Citizen of the Year** - Brother Thabiti Bruce Boone; **Edward H. Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award** - Brother John Bunyan; **Committee Chairman of the Year** - Brother Harold E. Valle; **Superior Service**

**Award** - Brother Rufus J. Knowlin; **Basileus Award** - Brother Glenn E. Chapman.

The Special Guest Speaker was the Mighty Second District's 27<sup>th</sup> District Representative - Brother Lee A. Bernard, Jr. who provided those in attendance with a very inspirational discussion on the Fraternity's past theme of "Economic Empowerment Leading to Social and Political Change".

The Keynote Speaker was - The Mighty Second District's very own, and current 2d Vice District Representative - Brother Terik Tidwell, who provided a moving and insightful talk on the Fraternity's current theme of "Three Looks,

One Focus - Family | Fraternity | Friendship".

The guests were dazzled by the politically and socially charged original poetry reading by Omega's own Brother Victor Ramsey of Kappa Omicron Chapter - NYC. As an additional treat, the Brothers and their guest were entertained by the very talented pianist/vocalist Ms. Nina Bidal.

New York State Senator and Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Velmanette Montgomery (18<sup>th</sup> Senate District - Brooklyn) provided a brief address regarding a youth mentoring movement that she is spearheading here in

Brooklyn. Also in attendance was a representative from the office of the Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

This event was well attended by Friends, Family and Fraternity Brothers.

Kudos to all of the honorees, and the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter for hosting yet another fine Achievement Week Program. Special recognition should be given to the Alpha Upsilon Chapter National Achievement Week Committee Chairman Brother Harold E. Valle and his committee for another job well done with this year's festivities!

## Alpha Upsilon Chapter's Mardi Gras Celebration

**Brooklyn, New York-  
February 17, 2007**

Alpha Upsilon Chapter "Brooklyn Omega" celebrated their Second Annual Mardi Gras in style at the Denim Lounge on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2007. The Brothers had a successful event that was attended by Brothers living as far as Maryland. Other Greek fraternities and sororities were in attendance to support the men of Omega. All proceeds from the event goes toward their scholarship fund to help assist needy

students in their effort to be successful in college.

The Mardi Gras committee, chaired by Bro. Michael Tucker 1-AU-04, successfully negotiated with the owner of Denim Lounge, Ms. Wendy; in their effort to support Black businesses. Music was provided by Omega's own Bro. DJ Tony Love (5-E-83). In customary Alpha Upsilon style, the guests were treated to masks, beads, and good food and drinks. All had a great time and expressed their eagerness to see what is next from the Brooklyn Ques.



*Alpha Upsilon Members & Guest enjoying the festivities at the Alpha Upsilon 2007 Mardi Gras*

## Alpha Upsilon Chapter's 2007 Clothing Drive

**Brooklyn, New York-  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

The Brothers of Alpha Upsilon rose to the occasion once again. Brothers Kyle D. Plant (Alpha Upsilon '98), Lamar Coombs (Alpha Upsilon '05) and Glenn Chapman (Alpha Upsilon '05) gathered

at 515 Blake Avenue Brooklyn, New York; the location of Help 1 USA Shelter.

At various times leading up to the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, the brothers of Alpha Upsilon chapter collected numerous articles of clothing donated by them and received from family and friends. In all, over 30 bags of

clothing were donated. Bro. Kirk Wilkinson (Nu Tau '92) also came through on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January with several more bags in addition to a baby's crib. The total value of items donated as assessed by Help 1 Usa was put at over \$2000.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Alpha Upsilon chapter on behalf of Mr. Troy DeCohen, Executive Director of Help 1. The brothers of Alpha Upsilon are always supportive and giving to the community which we serve, Brooklyn, New York, USA.



## Xi Lambda Lambda Rockland Omega Academy

Spring Valley, NY. March 31, 2007

The Rockland Omega Academy ("ROAD") held its opening ceremony and first session on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the Finkelstein Memorial Library in Spring Valley, New York. ROAD which is the brainchild of chapter KRS, Bro. T. Edward McBride, Jr. is a mentoring program for African American/Latino boys in grades 4 through 11. During the opening ceremony the brothers heard from chapter Basileus, Bro. Dennis McGloster, Bro. McBride, and author & educator supreme, Bro. Dr. Edmund Gordon. The featured speaker was activist & author, Bro. Thabiti Boone of Alpha Upsilon in Brooklyn, New York. The audience, which also included the twenty (20) mentees, their parents and invited guest such as Rockland County legislator, the Honorable William Darden was very enthusiastic. The mentoring program is being funded by the Xi Lambda Lambda chapter not-for-profit arm, the Rockland Omega Community Development Foundation, Inc. (ROCDEF) through grants from the New York State legislator and utility company, Orange and Rockland. The academy will take a group men-



*Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter mentors. poise with Rockland Omega Academy Mentees*

toring approach between the mentors and mentees. The boys of the academy will also be incorporated into established chapter programs such as the Scholastic Aptitude test prep course (for those in 11<sup>th</sup> grade), the teenage segment of our quarterly financial seminars, our Adopt-a-Highway program and other impromptu programs and causes as they arise. There

will be scheduled monthly mentoring sessions between the boys (mentees) and the brothers of Xi Lambda Lambda (mentors) that will focus on skills such as computer skills, etiquette skills, public speaking skills and much more. Weekend and day excursions are also in the works for the boys of the academy.

## Bro. Dr. Ladda B. Cook - 50 years - Alpha Upsilon Chapter

**Brooklyn, New York- 50 Years and still serving....**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006; Brothers Kirk Wilkinson (Nu Tau '92), Michael Tucker (Alpha Upsilon '04), Lamar Coombs (Alpha Upsilon '05) and Glenn Chapman (Alpha Upsilon '05) went to the home of Bro. Dr. Ladda B. Cook to present him with his 50 years pin.

Bro. Dr. Ladda B. Cook was born and grew up in Lancaster, South Carolina where he received his elementary and secondary education. He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University with a major in Chemistry. Bro. Dr. Cook was initiated into the folds of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc. through Rho Chapter, December 1955 where he served as the Vice-Basileus. He worked as a supervising chemist with the



New York City Hospital and Health Corporation prior to joining New York Life Insurance Company in 1965 where he worked for over 30 years. He is a retired Managing Partner of the Manhattan General Office of New York Life.

Bro. Dr. Cook was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army where he served as an Intelli-

gence Specialist. He is an elder in Siloam Presbyterian Church, a former member of the Board of Directors of Varick Community Center, and the Community Action for Human Services. He was also a past President of the New York Chapter of Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association. Bro. Dr. Cook is a past Basileus and Chaplin of Alpha Upsilon Chapter where

he has been financially active for over 30 years.

Bro. Dr. Cook was honored with Alpha Upsilon's Omega Man of the Year Award on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1985. Other honors include the United Negro College Fund of New York's Philanthropy Award and Extraordinary Blackman Award for 2005. Bro. Dr. Cook supports many charitable organizations that are involved in the church, education and civil rights. Bro. Dr. Cook is a devoted husband to his wife of over 48 years to Jessie Mae Oliver Cook (Zeta Phi Beta) and father to two daughters, Anita and Debbie who are members of Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sororities.

**Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter's Harlem Nights Affair- "An Evening at the Speakeasy"**

Berlin, NJ. March 10, 2007

**Pi Kappa Kappa Ques present "Harlem Nights - An Evening at the Speakeasy"**

The Brothers of South Jersey's Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter hosted their Annual Scholarship Affair "Harlem Nights", on March 10, 2007, at the fabulous Lucien's Banquet facility in Berlin, New Jersey. titled "Harlem Nights, An

Evening at the Speakeasy", because of its casino styled gambling which provided guests with \$1000 in simulated casino chips to play roulette, blackjack, and craps all night. The evening of casino styled games were accompanied with an evening of delicious food served all night at multiple buffet stations, complimentary drinks, and dancing. To accent this theme, the Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa wore white formal dinner jackets.

The chapter also highlighted the founders of Pi Kappa Kappa with a special presentation of its PKK Founders lapel pin.

Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter supports the Winslow Township Community with its Annual Scholarship Program for high school graduates, community youth mentoring and outreach events, plus its Adopt-a-Highway program which emphasizes the importance of a clean community.



*Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers & Guest Brothers. strike a poise at the "Harlem Nights Affair"*



*Casino Style Gaming at the "Harlem Nights Affair"*



*Dancing the Night Away at the "Harlem Nights Affair"*

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## OMEGA WILL SURVIVE BECAUSE BROTHERS CARE!!!

### IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT OMEGA AT ALL TIMES!!!

The following men have been **EXPELLED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and no longer have any rights or privileges afforded to the 'Men Of Omega'.

Allron Monsanto, Psi Iota

The Brothers listed below are currently **SUSPENDED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation.  
*(If you're suspended, you're the reason!!!)*

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 Demetrius McDade  
 Edward Murray, Nu Nu  
 Ezra Naughton, Rho Lambda Lambda

Kelvin Robinson, Chi Delta  
 Andre Smith, Chi Delta  
 Jean Sylla, Chi Delta  
 Eric Watson, Chi Delta

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!!!**

## The Memorial Service – A Historical Perspective

**“Why We Observe Col. Charles Young Day”**

**By Bro. Randolph Merriweather  
Chaplain - Chi Gamma Gamma  
Chapter Omega Psi Phi Frater-  
nity, Inc.**

We all know that the March 12 Memorial Service is one of our Nationally Mandated Programs. In an article published in the Oracle, 1939, Brother W.H. Witherspoon states, "to the uninitiated it may be somewhat of a mystery as to why each year during the month of March we set aside a day to publicly honor the memory of Col. Charles Young."

Since the founding of our beloved fraternity, many a man has distinguished himself not only in Omega but in our community and the world. Col. Young was chosen to represent the qualities that Omega requires of all of her sons, the cardinal principles.

While the current Memorial Service may vary depending who is conducting it or what the setting might be, the observance itself can be traced back to when Omega was still in its infancy. When Colonel Charles Young, the highest ranking Negro officer in the United States Army, died in Africa January 2, 1922, the brothers at once thought of preserving his memory.

The Memorial Service took two forms: (1) there were services held annually by the chapters on or about March 12, his birthday, and (2) the Fraternity took the initiative in a campaign to erect a monument at his grave in Arlington, the National Cemetery.

Because, like many of us, Colonel Young was diverse in his involvement and service, after his passing, various organizations wanted to memorialize him with some type of monument. His wife rejected all request. "Then came the request of Col. Young's Fraternity, which had been dear to his heart. Mrs. Young readily consented." The consent came with great responsibility. The Fraternity had to construct a fitting tribute.

When talking about Manhood, Brother Witherspoon asked that we not confuse courage with an instinct to fight. While true courage may be aggressive, fighting is only defensive. Manhood positions one for his destiny, a power from within rather an attempt to assume power over others. It was courage that took Col. Young to West Point and even more courage to see him through four years and graduate with honor.

Brother Witherspoon insisted that ability should be partnered with education or the results could disastrous. In his words, "Scholarship implies education, which means developing and directing that ability in a manner which is socially desirable." Col. Young was prepared, with patience, for bad weather, poverty, insult, weariness, and repute of failure. According to Emerson, the scholar is to; eat insult, being clothed in it until he has learned that the bitter bread that he ate can be wholesome and warm

"Perseverance implies patience." Brother Witherspoon contrasted Col. Young and Benedict Arnold. Both were brave soldiers, both had associations with West Point. But they differed because Mr. Arnold's ambition and lack of patience caused him to

disgrace the stars and stripes with treachery.

Finally, Brother Witherspoon said that without love no Uplift is possible. Col. Young accomplished much because of his love of God, country and self. It is okay to seek to uplift one's self and long as there is an ongoing effort to give back as it has been given.

We can never forget our vows of brotherhood or the contributions of Those brothers who have crossed over to glory. The Memorial Service is as much a service of recommitment as it is of a service of remembrance. One feature of the Thirteenth Conclave, which was held in Washington, D.C., in December, 1924, was a pilgrimage of the brothers to the grave of Col. Young. A wreath was laid as the brothers bowed their heads. This was an act of not only reverence but also an act of shame. After receiving the only approval from Mrs. Young for a monument to her husband, the brothers found only a wooden slab at his gravesite.

We should never do anything to disgrace our fraternity or cause us to hang our collective heads in shame. Thanks to our founders and the many brothers in the Omega Chapter, we have a great and illustrious past. We write our futures on a daily basis. Let us not show lukewarm enthusiasm towards the Memorial Service's observance. This is not just a program but an opportunity for us to publicly acknowledge our understanding of the sacrifices that have been made so that we may walk among men as members of the greatest brotherhood in the world, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated





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Refunds for registration will be issued only for cancellations in writing prior to July 1, 2007, **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any refunds due will be mailed after the Leadership Conference. All cancellations will incur a \$75.00 handling charge.

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_____	<b>"Pieces of a Dream"</b> Concert <b>GUEST TICKET</b> – Saturday, July 14	\$25.00	_____
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**Please note on-site Saturday Entertainment Ticket will be \$30.00. Tickets are not guaranteed to be available for sale on-site**

This form must be accompanied by payment or you may charge the fees to your VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or Diners Card. If paying by check or money order, please attach payment to this form. If paying by credit card complete information noted below

**For Credit Card Charges Only** - charge to my credit card the amount listed in Grand Total above

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Card Holder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, the cardholder agrees to pay in the full amount the grand total indicated on this form, and further agrees to the obligations set forth in the cardholder's agreement with the issuer of said credit, debit or charge card. This form must be received at the **International Headquarters at 3951 Snapfinger Parkway, Decatur, GA 30035** by June 30, 2007. Please allow sufficient time for mailing