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District Representatives Message

Greetings! Happy New Year and welcome to 2013! We have accomplished much in 2012 and have much before us to accomplish in 2013. As we continue to stand tall in our Year of Manhood, let me start by saying that we must not stop reaching out and checking on our Brothers that suffered damage to their homes and have been displaced by Hurricane Sandy. The major storm damaged the New York and New Jersey areas. Our initial check on our Brothers in the area identified fifteen Brothers that had been affected by the storm. We have already made initial relief donations to each of them. .

We closed out 2012 with our Fall District Council meeting having to be held in December due to the impact Hurricane Sandy had on the area. The Brothers of Upsilon Phi Chapter proved to be the consummate host.

Brothers as 2013 kicks in, we have many

task before us. One of which, we have already put behind us. The Omegas for Obama II Inaugural Ball was held on January 19, 2013 to celebrate another proud moment in Black History as well as Omega history in the re-election of the 44th President of the United States, President Barack Obama to his second term. Brothers your effort in getting individuals registered to vote and to the poles greatly contributed to the successful re-election of the President. The Omegas for Obama II Inaugural Ball was a great success. My thanks to each of you who attended from throughout the District for making the ball a grand success. The Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter under the guidance of Bro. Willie Williams, the District Resource and Serves Committee Chairman, went above and beyond to ensure that the District would be proud, the event represented the highest standards of Omega,

Brothers, I have just returned from the International Undergraduate Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. The event was on point in regard to the information and training provided to our young Undergraduate Brothers. The Second District boasted between 45 and 48 undergraduates in attendances. I was impressed with the fact that those brothers in coats and ties made anyone parading around in fatigues and gold boots look completely out of place

The upcoming Winter Council Meeting

will be held on Feb. 2, 2013 at 10:30 in Philadelphia, PA hosted by Mu Omega Chapter.

During the International Undergraduate Summit the Supreme Council met. Therefore, there will be plenty to report from the Grand Basileus and IHQ. As you know, I have declared the Winter Council Meeting as the Second District Old School Sweater Day. We will be taking a District Picture for future ads. Wear your sweater and be a part of the Second District's statement to the world of Omega, that some traditions will live forever.

The 65th District Conference will be held in Buffalo, NY from May 2 -5, 2013 at the Adam's Mark Hotel hosted by Phi Omega Chapter. The room reservation and registration information is posted on the District website at www.opp2d.org. Brothers, it is time to make that commitment to be at the 65th District Conference. Register Now!

It is with pride and enthusiasm that I serve as your 33rd District Representative and will continue to make the decisions that keep the Second District at the forefront of the leadership decision that guide this fraternity.

Long Live Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Second District

Bro. James E. Hicks, JR
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2nd District Host Omegas for Obama Inaugural Ball

Arlington, VA. January 19, 2013. The 33rd Second District Representative, James Hicks Jr. hosted the Omega For Obama Inaugural Ball at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel located in Arlington, Virginia. Lambda Gamma Chapter, the Second District Representatives Chapter, took the lead in hosting the event. The First Vice Grand Basileus, Toney Knox was in attendance and addressed the audience. Service Awards were given to Brothers James A. Clyburn, Thabitti Boone, and David A. Hill, Esq. for their service in helping to re-elect the 44th President of the United States (POTUS), Barack Obama. Patrons in attendance were dressed to the nines and a grand time was had by all.



Scenes from Omegas for Obama Inaugural Ball



Reclamation Corner - Use Homecoming Events



Brothers returning for Homecoming from Omicron Psi and Xi Kappa Chapters

Pittsburgh, PA, December 2012. During the past homecoming season, many of the Brothers who were made in Western PA. have returned to their respected chapters to fellowship and reminisce. As a result these un-reclaimed Brothers have been instrumental in providing financial assistance and mentorship support towards their home undergraduate chapters. Although many of these Brothers have not been active for many years their wicks have been trimmed so that they have dedicated themselves to re-invest their commitments and talents the Uplifting of our great

fraternity. Some have become fully financial and some have promised to reconnect with the local graduate chapters in their respective areas. The process has promoted a win-win situation and it is estimated that close to 15 Brothers have returned to the fold during the homecoming season alone. Some of the Brothers have also promised to participate in the Shadow Program which originates from the Mighty Second D. Omicron Psi celebrated their 85th year reunion and Xi Kappa had its first reunion since 1978. Xi Kappa was reactivated in 2011.

Corridor V - Voter Registration Campaign

New York, NY -- October 6, 2012--The Brothers of Corridor V take voter registration seriously. While New York City may be a huge place, it wasn't so big that the Ques couldn't paint it purple as part of their city-wide voter registration effort.

In October 6th, various chapters in Corridor V participated in voter registration and education efforts throughout the city in their respective service areas. The effort was spearheaded by Epsilon chapter but had participation from Alpha Upsilon, Kappa Omicron, Xi Phi, Psi Lambda Lambda, and Nu Omicron chapter in Queens (in partnership with the NYS Board of Elections). In total, nearly 200 new voters were registered from across New York City.

"Today wasn't really about any one chapter," said Bro. Charles Coleman Jr., Basileus of Epsilon Chapter and chief-coordinator of the effort, "we were just trying to make sure that wherever anyone went in NYC, chances are they would see Omega men participating in the get out the vote effort. All over the city in different locations there would be Ques working at the same time with the same mission."

In Brooklyn, the effort was held in conjunction with Bedford-Stuyvesant's annual "Bed-Stuy Alive" street fair. Brothers from Alpha Upsilon, Xi Phi, and Psi Lambda Lambda all came out to support.

"This is a great idea and a fantastic way to show the community what we as Omega men are all about." said Bro. Robert Cornegy, Jr. of Alpha Upsilon and a Democratic Party District Leader in Brooklyn. The October 6th date was chosen because it was the last Saturday New Yorkers had to register to vote in November's

elections.

In Harlem, members of Epsilon chapter were on 125th St. and Lenox Ave. in the midst of one of the highest trafficked corners in the area. Bro. J. Kendall Smalls, 2nd District Social Action chair stated "We picked a good location and got a lot of attention. Its surprising how many people aren't registered but I think today the Fraternity helped do its part to empower some of those individuals with the ability to exercise their right to vote."

Also at the Harlem site, the brothers of Kappa Omicron set up shop and did their part fresh from concluding their monthly chapter meeting. "The Drive was a huge success. Throughout the day we registered 34 people, handed out 17 registration cards and did 3 changes of address for the community. The first hour of the drive was slow but picked up around 2:30pm. At some points we were registering up to four people at a time." remarked Bro. Lawrence McKenzie of Kappa Omicron chapter.

Nu Omicron chapter partnered with the New York State Board of Elections and held their site at the bustling intersection of 165th St. and Jamaica Ave., another prime location for heavy foot traffic. "We were located on arguably the busiest intersection, in terms of foot traffic, in Queens, and it paid off.", said Bro. Jonathan Gaffney of Nu Omicron. "Approximately six to eight brothers at any given time were present the entire day representing Omega." Gaffney continued, "and we were able to register over 85 people within a four hour span." This was by far the highest registration number of any of the participating chapters.

Membership Selection Process Operations

December 2012. Rockville, MD. Corridor One remains active in selecting qualified men throughout the State of Maryland for membership in Omega Psi Phi. Membership selection is governed by the International Headquarters' Membership Selection Process (MSP) and Second District guidance and direction provided by the District Representative. District guidance and direction is communicated through the Second District Membership Selection Committee to the Corridor Representatives. The Corridor One Team is led by Corridor One Representative, Bro. Gerald Collins (Chi Delta '93, University of Maryland at College Park) and assisted by Deputy Corridor One Representatives, Bros. Jeff Givens (Omega Lambda '87, Temple Univ.), Troy Manigault (Mu Nu '94, Montgomery County, MD), Thomas Stovall (Gamma Pi '96, Prince George's County, MD), Dwayne Adams (Kappa Eta '96, Seton Hall Univ.), and Charles Smith (Delta Beta '00, Coppin State Univ.). The Corridor Team provides training and oversight throughout Maryland, including conducting annually-mandated MSP In-person trainings, hosting Information sessions, monitoring Education sessions, and coordinating Initiations for all new members. The In-person training format offers a formal presentation that includes open discussion and exchange intended to convey information and improve Brothers' understanding and adherence to membership selection policies and procedures. The Corridor One Team is also charged with responding to allegations of MSP violations and reporting findings to the District Counselor and District Representative. Corridor One comprises 17 chartered chapters with currently four active undergraduate chapters and 11 active graduate chapters.



Bro. Gerald Collins, Corridor One Representative, conducts MSP In-person training at Montgomery College-Rockville Campus, December 15, 2012.

Scenes from Corridor V - Voter Registration Campaign



Mu Omega 2012 Achievement Week and Founders Ball



2012 Mu Omega Chapter Founders Ball

Philadelphia, PA. Mu Omega Chapter, OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc., was founded October 1, 1920, as a Graduate Chapter in the city of Philadelphia, PA, composed of men who have received their B.A. or B.S. college degrees. While several locations served as the Chapter's meeting sites, the current chapter's fraternity house is located in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, PA.

On Thursday, October 11, 2012, Anthony S. Jones was installed as the Chapter's Basileus for the term November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014. Installation of the Basileus and chapter officers for the new term took place at the Germantown Community United Presbyterian Church, Greene and Tulpehocken streets. Basileus means "Leader in Greek, and is equivalent in status to "president".

On Sunday, November 11, 2012, Mu Omega Chapter celebrated the Fraternity's National Achievement Week Observance, at Grace Baptist Church, 24 West Johnson Street, in Germantown, Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Stephen R. Cox, Adjunct Professor of Engineering, School of Engineering, DREXEL UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA, and Project Director, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, a program preparing students of color for the Ph.D. degree in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering. Stephen, a member of Mu Omega chapter was the Program's Keynote Speaker. Leonard A. Heard, another member of Mu Omega Chapter, received the Program's Citizen of the Year Award. Leonard Heard, is an educator, having served as an Assistant Principal and Administrative Assistant to the Regional Superintendent of the Philadelphia School District's Northwest Region, and in October 1910, was elected and installed as the 100th Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Leonard served in this post through October, 2012. Leonard and Stephen are solid family men who continue exemplary service to the local and extended Philadelphia communities and Mu Omega chapter.

A special award is presented by the chapter Basileus each year to a member of Mu Omega, whose volunteer activities and self-sacrifice within the Chapter and Community earned the "Omega Man of the Year" Award. This is a highly coveted acknowledgement among all Omega Chapters, and notably special to this year's recipient, Ras

Mayo, because he's a new initiate (Neophyte), having been in the Fraternity and chapter barely one year. His commitment and extension of friendship to all...Brothers and non-Brothers alike, garnered him this special tribute. This year's Mu Omega Achievement Week Committee included: Curtis P. Murray, Chairman; Anthony S. Jones, Basileus; Roger C. Collins, Kenneth B. Jones, Sidney A. Estes, Garfield L. Jackson, Sr., Lawrence L. Smallwood, Jr., William L. Tate, Ed.D, Steven C. Oakman, Immediate Past Basileus.

Following the One Hundredth Anniversary (Centennial) of the founding of OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc., in 2011, Mu Omega Chapter Presented its annual FOUNDERS BALL Saturday, November 17, 2012, at the Philadelphia Airport Hilton Hotel, celebrating on hundred and one (101) years of the Fraternity. Mu Omega's celebration is special throughout OMEGA because one of the Founders, Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, M.D., was a practicing physician in North Philadelphia, and a founding member of Mu Omega chapter. Dr. Cooper held a national office in the Fraternity, as the first Grand Keeper of Finance in 1913. FOUNDERS DAY has evolved into "FOUNDERS WEEKEND" at Mu Omega chapter, and among other chapters nationwide. This Weekend includes formal tributes to The Founders and re-dedication to the Principles upon which the Fraternity stands, social activities including a golf tournament, a Friday night party at the Hotel, and culminating with the FOUNDERS BALL. Entertainment was provided by the Final Kutt Band, DJ Andre The Giant and this year's M.C. was radio personality, Brother DOUG HENDERSON. This event has traditionally been designed to celebrate the Brotherhood, invite the general public to a Mu Omega fete, and to underscore the Fraternity's mission of SERVICE...to Community and to OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, Inc.

Chairing the 2012 Mu Omega FOUNDERS BALL, was Dr. Benjamin F. Gilbert, III, DDS and committee members: Chimdi O. Mbonu, Joseph T. Prewitt, LPT, Ras Mayo, Gary Thompson, Timothy Turner, Lawrence Ball, Anthony S. Jones, Basileus, Steven C. Oakman, Immediate Past Basileus.

Scenes from Mu Omega Achievement Week Celebration



Kappa Omicron Serves 300 Thanksgiving Dinners in 2012

New York, NY November 22, 2012. Thursday, November 22nd, 2012, Kappa Omicron Chapter, Harlem, NY. participated in preparing and serving Thanksgiving Dinners at the Convent Avenue Baptist Church in Harlem, NYC. Ten members of the Kappa Omicron chapter served approximately 300 people Thanksgiving morning. This has been an annual social action project of the Chapter since 2002.

Nu Nu 2012 Achievement Week Banquet

Audubon, NJ - On 10 November 2012, Nu Nu Graduate Chapter hosted its Annual Achievement Week Banquet at the Kove II in Audubon, NJ. The celebration is observed in the month that Omega Psi Phi was founded. Events during this month are designed with a focus on our communities as we seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and international levels who have made a noteworthy contribution towards improving the quality of life for African Americans and their communities. The Fraternity's principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift were at the center of individuals' positive influence in their communities.

Past Second District Representative Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. was the Master of Ceremonies. The welcome was given by Basileus Bro. Carlos Henriquez. The invocation was given by Bro. COL (Ret) Larry Boyd.

As Nu Nu Chapter lost three Brothers to Omega Chapter, words of remembrance were given in honor of them. Bro. John W. Piercy, III. gave words in memory of Bro. Edwin M. "Goldboot" DeVaughn, Bro. David S. Linder gave words in memory of his Line Brother, Bro. LTC Michael B. Rozier, and Bro. Theodore Cannon gave words in memory of Bro. LTC (Ret) Thomas H. Mayfield, an original Tuskegee Airman.

Words of Acknowledgement for our Armed Forces were given by MAJ (Ret) Sean P. Hoggs, I. Mrs. Elaine Mayfield (Wife of Bro. Thomas A. Mayfield) sang a beautiful song that added a special touch to the events of the evening. Nu Nu Chapter, Omega Psi Phi recognized its newest members to the Fold: Paul Otto, David Turner, Robert Butler, Darrell McMillon, and Terrance Franklin. The following individuals were recognized for their many contributions to the Chapter and to the community we serve: Bros. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. and John W. Piercy, III. were presented the Joseph Washington Basileus Award by outgoing Basileus, Bro. Carlos Henriquez for going above and beyond the call of duty, as well as their support during the year. The COL (R) George



Nu Nu 2013 Executive Board- Bros. Carlos Henriquez, John W. Piercy, III., Michael E. Brown, Edward Tyson, Sr., David Linder, Carlton Rucker, Jr. and Michael Brown.

Waters Superior Service Award was presented to Bro. Donald W. Hampton, for demonstrating outstanding contributions and sustained concern for the activities of Nu Nu Chapter, the Second District, and to the Fraternity. The Theodore Cannon Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Ms. Rita Parham for her assistance with families of deployed veterans. Ms. Parham has been locally and regionally recognized for outstanding contributions to the welfare of mankind.

The Arthur Frank Brown Leadership Award was presented to Mr. Ron Martin and the IAABO Board 34 Camden Referees Association for their work with the Willingboro and Burlington communities. As a part of the Camden referees, they have been very active on a yearly basis, donating more than \$10,000 to the Thanksgiving and Christmas donations.

The Founder's Award was bestowed upon Bros. Vincent Brown, Theodore Cannon, Sylvester Wilkins and Lybrant Wright as their service to the chapter and their communities reflected shining examples of our four Illustrious Founders Brother Edgar A. Love, Brother Oscar Cooper, Brother Frank Coleman, and Brother Ernest Just. These Brothers exhibit the highest ideals of Omega's four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. In one of the greatest moments in the history of Nu Nu Chapter, Bro. Terry L. Lucas received

the Omega Man of the Year Award (the highest award for a member of the Chapter) for his tireless work for the Nu Nu Chapter, Second District, the Fraternity, his outstanding commitment to and support of our Omega Teens Program, and managing the day-to-day operations of Omega Community Development, Inc., and the Arthur F. Brown Community Center, located in Burlington City, NJ.

Past District Representative, Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. introduced and installed the 2013 Nu Nu Chapter Officers: Basileus, Bro. Michael Brown; Vice Basileus, Bro. Carlton Rucker, Jr.; Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. David S. Linder; Keeper of Finance, Bro. Edward J. Tyson, Sr.; Chaplain, Bro. Michael E. Brown; Director of Public Relations, Bro. John W. Piercy, III. After the installation ceremony, Basileus Bro. Michael Brown gave closing remarks, as well as remarks on what is to come from Nu Nu Chapter in 2013. The benediction was given by Bro. Michael E. Brown.

The evening culminated in the Brothers singing our beloved hymn, "Omega Dear." It was a wonderful event, and a good time was had by all, and it was a special time for "Brethren to dwell together in unity" by taking the time out to honor and recognize our own for contributions to our community and Chapter, and to also recognize other Organizations dedicated to service.

Nu Nu Chapter Omega Holidays 2012

Willingboro, NJ - Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. uplifted the community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons in the true OMEGA spirit by making Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets as well as collecting donations for needy families. Through these annual events, twenty-seven food baskets were made for Thanksgiving, which were delivered to families in the Burlington and Camden Counties in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Twenty-five families with a total of one hundred ten children were assisted on Christmas Eve. Additionally, the donations were enough to supply these identified families with clothing and toys so they could have a Christmas. Donations were made by individual Chapter Brothers and members of the community. The food

baskets were assembled at the Omega Community Development Inc.'s Arthur F. Brown Community Center in Burlington, NJ, named after Nu Nu's own Bro. Brown ('55 Beta Gamma/Omega Chapter). Additionally, all gifts were wrapped and labeled addressed to individual family members at the Willingboro Senior Center in Willingboro, NJ.

The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi the only Fraternity or Sorority visible in the New York Community of Burlington, NJ. Our annual Christmas basket drive and clothing/toy donation collection is an effort to give back to the community that some of our Chapter Brothers grew up in, and is also a part of our effort to shine a positive light in this community for its residents, especially the children and their struggling families, where OMEGA's visibility is well known and respected.

Nu Nu Chapter Welcomes 2012 New Initiates



"Apocalypse Now - The First 48"

Willingboro, NJ – On November 9, 2012, OMEGA swung open her gates and welcomed five new Souls into our Illustrious Fraternity. They are collectively known as Apocalypse Now: The First 48. During their process, these men participated in numerous Nu Nu Chapter community social action projects and various activities. Please greet these new Brothers appropriately when you meet them. Now that they are in, the REAL work begins!

Introducing Nu Nu Chapter Fall 2012 – "Apocalypse Now: The First 48"

Paul G. Otto – "Snake Eyes", David W. Turner – "The Vapors", Robert Butler – "The Nature Boy", Darrell B. McMillon – "Mr. Magoo", Terrance T. Franklin – "Aftershock-Ladder 51". With Brothers John Piercy, III and Sean Hoggs seated.

Iota Phi Initiates the Omega Carter G. Woodson Academy

Pittsburgh, PA, 2012. This past spring from April 21-May 19th, in partnership with The Kingsley Association, which provided its excellent facility at no cost, and as a part of the nationally mandated Fatherhood Initiative, the Iota Phi Chapter conducted the Omega Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy (OCWA), a pilot program to increase the spirit of service to the African American community in our children and youth. While the program began in April of 2012, Brothers Ray Logan ('68 Gamma Epsilon), Martin Andrews ('71 Nu Beta), Fred Brown ('83 Zeta Pi), Justin Laing ('92 Iota Phi) and Bomani Howze ('09 Iota Phi) began planning the program in January with meetings held every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

It was during the planning stage that it was agreed that the ideas of our esteemed Brother, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, and best exemplified in his most famous work *The Miseducation of the Negro*, would provide the *modus operandi* for the initiative. Thus, all classes would be taught with explicit connections to Black history and culture and would emphasize four principles: Service, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. Equally important as the goal of the program was its process of teaching and learning. Here, Brothers agreed that the Academy would place the highest priority on experiential learning i.e. learning that has students doing rather than simply sitting and listening. In other words, we would make sure the young people had a learning experience about which they would be enthusiastic! As you will note below, this project goal was fully accomplished.

The desire for this kind of service from the brothers of Omega was immediately apparent in the response from the community. More than 40 families registered their children for the pilot program and 25 children attended every Saturday for 5 weeks to take classes in Black Economic History, the African-Brazilian martial art, Capoeira; and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math

(STEAM). While these classes were led by brothers Fred Brown, Justin Laing (with the support of Mestre Nego Gato) and Bomani Howze, respectively, many other brothers from the Iota Phi, Omicron Psi and Zeta Pi chapters came out to lend their support. Brothers helped sign children in and out, taught classes focused on their area of expertise and participated in the morning Service Circle. In the Service Circle the Black National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson, was a weekly ritual and children learned steps, chants and songs about Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the importance of service to the Black community. The message of service was brought home when Brother Rodney Hopson ('88 Gamma Alpha) led the participants and brothers in a morning dedicated to working in a garden in the Larimer neighborhood (around the corner from the Iota Phi Fraternity House) pulling weeds, tilling soil, and understanding the benefit of community service for a neighborhood greening project. Critically important to the success of this day and the overall effort was the support of the staff of the Kingsley Association, parents and other community members.

The value of this effort was seen in our closing evaluation that noted improvement in children's knowledge of Black history, entrepreneurship and martial arts. Children reported how they both learned from enjoyed the hands on projects in economic history, green technology and martial arts. However, maybe the most telling fact was that the number one suggestion of the youth and their parents was that the program be lengthened in future efforts! When children and youth are asking for more school one knows the Brothers have truly done their duty. Brothers are now readying themselves for the next session of The Omega Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy and look forward to even greater achievements in the name of Omega Psi Phi. Roo to Service, Scholarship and the Ques!



Iota Phi Brothers with Omega Carter G. Woodson Academy Students

LGG Celebrates Achievement Week 2012

Ft. Meade, MD. November 17, 2012. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG" or the "Capital Region Ques") hosted their annual Achievement Week Celebration November 10-17, 2012. The week of activities began on Saturday, November 10th 2012 with their Purple & Gold Ball, which was held at The Camelot by Martin's in Upper Marlboro, MD. The guest speaker for the ball was Bro. (Captain) Zerbin Singleton who is currently serves on Active Duty in the Marine Corps. Achievement week awards were given and newly elected officers were sworn in at the Purple & Gold Ball. LGG's Achievement Week Award recipients were as follows: Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Yahari Butler; Superior Service: Bro. Corey Sanders; Col. Charles Young: Bro. Rickey Harris; Citizen of the Year: Bro. Michael Jackson; Founders Lifelong Service Award: Bro. Aaron Combs; Founder Stand Ins: Bro. Anthony Jackson, Bro. Stan Shaw, Bro. Tony Munson, and Bro. Corey Jennings; Bridge Builder: Bro. Erick Tyrone; Area Coordinator of the Year: Bro. Tim Worley, Area 3 and Committee Chairman of the Year: Bro. Benji Skyles, Golf Tourney.

Officers sworn in for the 2012-2013 service year were as follows: Brother Phillip Edmonds, Basileus, Brother Frank Wright, Jr., Vice Brother Jamaal L. Carter, Keeper of Records and Seal; Brother Johnny V. Sidbury, Keeper of Finance; Brother Theo T.

Plummer, Keeper of Peace; Brother Corey Jennings, Chapter Editor to the Oracle and Brother Darrell Morrison, Chaplain.

Achievement Week activities continued on Sunday, November 11th, where the brotherhood worshiped together at FT George G. Meade's Argonne Hills Chapel. A dynamic message was delivered by Rev. (Dr.) Blair Alexander. Monday, the actual observance of Veteran's Day, November 12th, the brotherhood visited the veterans that resided

at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC and also played several games of B-I-N-G-O. Awarding prizes to the winners of each games. On Wednesday November the 14th we hosted our Brotherhood Luncheon on Bolling Air Force Base where Bro. William Clyburn, Jr. was the guest speaker. On Friday, November 16th we hosted Reclamation Night to reach out and bring wayward brothers back into the fold. After reclamation, on Saturday November 17th the brotherhood attend Alpha Chapter's Re-dedication Ceremony on Howard University at Cramton Auditorium where we all took our Oath again. The culminating event for Achievement Week was our signature Birthday Bash, which was hosted at the Hilton Hotel in Crystal City (Arlington, VA). Brothers had a very productive week and great times were had by all.



LGG Brothers visit the Armed Forces Retirement Home



LGG Brothers in attendance at the Worship Service



LGG Brother pose for a group photo at the Brotherhood Luncheon

Alpha Lambda Lambda Brother Carlton Boujai President of Maryland Board of Realtors



Brother Carlton Boujai

Frederick County, MD. September 12th, 2012. Brother Carlton Boujai (Theta Rho – 73) assumed the presidency of the Maryland Association of Realtors, charged with navigating a 22,000 – member organization at a time when the very concept of home ownership is under political siege.

According to Brother Boujai, “homeownership is under attack”. “At the legislative level, support is being questioned as it never before has been. We have to make sure the opportunity to buy a home is there

for our children and grandchildren.” Brother Boujai is emphatic: “We have to work at the local, state, and national level to do everything we can to protect the American Dream”.

Brother Boujai, an avid golfer, is a graduate of North Carolina A&T University and retired Army Officer who launched his real estate career over 24 years ago. He and his wife Sandra are residents of Frederick, Maryland.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Brother Dwyane Lockett Graduate of Federal Bureau of Investigations Academy

Washington, DC. December 5th, 2012. Brother Dwayne Lockett (ALL12), surrounded by family and friends was sworn in as a Special Agent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Leaning on his Four Cardinal Principles, Brother Lockett endured 22 weeks of intense physical, mental, emotional and psychological training

which propelled him into an elite force with the mission to protect this Nation from those that would want to it harm. The oath was administered by the Director of the Bureau and immediately following, Brother Lockett was issued his badge and credentials. Brother Lockett has been assigned for duties at the Washington DC Field Office.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter Omega Men Mentoring Men

Frederick County, MD. Over the course of 9 years, Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter has led mentoring programs at both Walkersville High School and the Frederick Community College. During this time the chapter enabled, encouraged, counseled and supported many students which helped to foster successes at both levels. The primary theme for this group revolved around the concept of “Choices, Decisions and consequences. The chapters’ goal was to have the students understand that the choices and decisions made correlated directly to the outcomes or consequences received. The overall desire was to expand the students’ world and enhance their opportunities for success, which the chapter reinforced through college visits, football games and providing tutoring sessions and SAT study support. While these programs proved successful in the early years, the chapter discovered that many habits and behavioral patterns had already been established by the time the young men reached high school.

In 2012, Alpha Lambda Lambda transitioned to a younger group of men who could be motivated to succeed before too many inalterable habits become fully engrained. It’s the chapters’ theory that working with young men at an earlier age could

prove more beneficial to the student in the long term. The chapter therefore partnered with the Frederick Middle School, a relationship that was fully supported by the schools’ principal as well its teachers. To date the chapter has conducted two sessions, the first of which began with an introductory period along with an opportunity for the young to express what they wanted to be when they grew up. It was not a surprise that many of them wanted to play some particular sport. The Brother’s in attendance introduced themselves and provided an overview of the many other career opportunities which could be gained besides sports.

The second session was lead by the chapters’ Vice Basileus Brother-Pastor Harry Smith (OG-82), who coined the theme “if it’s to be, then it’s up to me”. The theme echoed though his entire session as the students were charged with identifying distracters in their lives and how to overcome them. At each session the brothers provide food and beverages wherein 6 additional sessions are scheduled throughout the rest of the school year. This social action initiative is lead by Brother Thaddious Goodman (PG-68)

Alpha Upsilon 2012 Achievement Week

Brooklyn, New York- November 11, 2012 – The Men of Alpha Upsilon and Zeta Psi Chapters collaborated once again to present this year's Achievement Week. The committee Chairperson Brother Thomas Lee did a masterful job in ensuring that this event much like years past was a resounding success. As is customary, a theme is associated with the event. This year the theme was, "A Look of the Past with an Eye on The Future." Quite fitting I might add, as the fraternity embarks on its journey beyond the hundredth year celebration, almost a year to the date.

From overheard conversations to messages delivered from behind the podium on this day of celebration, there was an utterance of viable questions not of the rhetorical nature that began to permeate the circle of the brotherhood and reverberated from the walls of the quaint sized room at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

The musing of questions in the vein of, where are we headed? And what will be the legacy we leave for those yet to cross the bridge, but built with them in mind? If the answer to these and other pertinent queries are a personification of the awards given to the deserving recipients, then I from behind my lens and keyboard without reservation, content that the brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, have to look no further than the work and accomplishments of its recipients and others that sit in the audience, to be reminded that the blueprint for success and the commitment to reach over the ledge to assist those with splayed fingers and outstretched arms is in harmony with the founders and what they envisioned one hundred years ago and counting. Philanthropists ask not for trophies or fanfare, instead they ask for help as they service others. Today however, we reward and honor them. Let us all work in unison for a better tomorrow.

Alpha Upsilon Pajama Donation to NAACP

Brooklyn, New York-December 22, 2012- The Men of Alpha Upsilon worked in conjunction with the Brooklyn chapter of the NAACP youth council to provide young children with warm and cozy pajamas for the upcoming winter months. The Men of Alpha Upsilon collected twenty-six pairs, which were later delivered by members of the NAACP to The Rose F. Kennedy Family Center located in the historical section of Bedford Stuy-

vesant. The center founded in 1989 provides transitional housing and daycare services for pregnant women and women with young children that are homeless. As the Men of Alpha Upsilon await the inception of a new year the goal remains unwavering, help others with kind gestures and pious deeds throughout each calendar year. The joy is always in giving and knowing that one soul was touched.

Alpha Upsilon Aids Soup Kitchen

Brooklyn, New York-October 27, 2012- In the historical section of Bedford Stuyvesant, located at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter guided by Chairmen Brother Rev. Shaun Lee and Brother Kevin Richardson that have begun to give voice to one imperative query. These Men from varying walks of life, but bonded by specific ideologies give of themselves every fourth Saturday of each month to serve food to over eighty people from shelters, group homes and other intuitions of this stratum. These men on such days come with trays of food in hand, prepared from home. Others donate money for additional food to be purchased and prepared for later endeavors and then still others bring gently used clothes and or outerwear to be disseminated to those they service. Not-

withstanding this most impressive but humbling display of Men giving back to their communities, the Men of Alpha Upsilon are looking to implement additional vital and much needed services such as but not limited to employment and housing. Observing these men at work as they serve and engage in conversation with those that look forward to the few hours they spend with the Men of Alpha Upsilon, brings an image to mind that I have long sense admired and that hangs on the walls of both my work place and home for those that cross the thresholds to see. The image for which I'm referring is of the painting by Gilbert Young, 'He Ain't Heavy.' This is what I see as a bystander watching the Men of Alpha Upsilon at work. This image is in full colorful display for all to see. The beauty of humanity at work, image made by the Men of Alpha Upsilon.

Alpha Upsilon Thanksgiving Social Action

Brooklyn, NY. November 21, 2012- The Men of Alpha Upsilon gathered to celebrate the holiday with women of various ages and ethnicities, whom reside at the Help Women's Center located in the East New York section of Brooklyn. The evening began with the Men of Alpha Upsilon convening at Middle School 113 Ronald Edmonds Learning Center located in the Fort Greene section of Brooklyn in caravan to collect food from the schools most gracious partner, Principal Dawnique Daughtry. Once the food was loaded into the awaiting vehicles, the Men drove a short distance to provide the women of the shelter with a warm meal. Under the watchful eyes of the stars, the Men served over fifty women and engaged in conversation, which could not be misconstrued as small talk or chatter to pass the time. To the contrary, the Men listened with empathy and spoke from within. On this night, souls were touched and memories created. In the hearts and minds of philanthropist, everyday is Thanksgiving.

Omicron Iota's Chaplain Elected President of The United Black Clergy of Westchester, NY

Mt. Vernon, NY - November 18, 2012 – The Brothers of Omicron Iota Chapter came out to support their Chaplain, Bro. Bishop C. Nathan Edwers, as he was installed as the newly elected President of The United Black Clergy of Westchester. The service was held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at his church, The Friendship Worship Center, located in Mt. Vernon, NY. Public officials that spoke on the importance of the organization and to wish Bro. Bishop Edwers well included Bro. Judge Bruce Tolbert & Mt. Vernon's Mayor Bro. Ernie Davis. Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson was the guest speaker.

The United Black Clergy of Westchester was founded by Rev. Dr. Richard Dixon in 1968. It consists of a group of prominent black clergy from the Westchester area who convene together to address the social, economic, political and spiritual issues of the areas in which they serve. They work closely with local government officials and local residents to meet the ever changing needs of our community.

Bishop Edwers has been a member of the United Black Clergy since 1989, and has been Vice-President of the organization since 2008. He is often called "The People's Pastor." This reigns true in the many endeavors and projects he develops and organizes to assist people, or as he simply states, "I help people, that's what I do." Despite his impressive honors and achievements, he remains humble and dedicated to his ministry.



Omicron Iota Basileus, Larren Joseph with Omega man of the Year Bishop C. Nathan Edwers and Corridor V-Representative, Kevin Woodhouse

Among the hundreds of well-wishers in attendance included the Brothers of Omicron Iota Chapter and their Basileus Larren Joseph, Mt. Vernon Councilman Bro. Yuhanna Edwards, along with NY Senator Charles Schumer, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, and Congressman Eliot Engel to name a few. It was truly an evening of worship and celebration.

Omicron Iota Founder's Day Brunch



Omicron Iota Basileus, Larren Joseph with Corridor V- Representative Kevin Woodhouse with Founders Stand-Ins Brothers Daniel Boodie, Rodney Olden, Herbert Mooney and Edward White

Mt. Vernon, NY – On November 17th, 2012, Omicron Iota Chapter observed the 101st Anniversary of the Fraternity by hosting a Founder's Day Brunch at the Friendship Worship Center in Mt. Vernon, NY.

Basileus Larren Joseph opened the anniversary celebration by welcoming Brothers from several chapters throughout the

Westchester and New York City metropolitan areas. The program began with the recognition of four Brothers of Omicron Iota Chapter that epitomize the four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. These Brothers were selected as the Founder Stand-ins for their 55 plus years of service: Bro. Daniel Boddie initiated in Zeta Chapter 1941, Bro. Herbert Mooney initiated Kappa Epsilon Chapter 1948, Bro. Rodney Olden initiated Alpha Chapter 1955 and Bro. Edward White initiated Beta Epsilon Chapter 1955. They all received award medals for their outstanding service and dedication not only to our Fraternity, but also the communities they live in. The keynote speaker, Bro. Rev. Monte Witherspoon Brown from Kappa Omicron Chapter, delivered an eloquent speech on the power of saying "Thank you" and was presented with a plaque by committee members Bro. Col-lie Edwers and Bro. Rodney Olden. Brothers Darren Joseph and Kenneth Walker followed with an Omega roll-call, asking all Brothers to stand and be recognized during the decade they crossed. One of the highlights of the event was the rededication ceremony executed by the 5th Corridor Representative Bro. Kevin Woodhouse. The afternoon was capped off with an exquisite brunch and Brothers reflecting on their love of Omega.

Omicron Iota 2012 Achievement Week Dinner Dance

New Rochelle, NY. December 2012. Omicron Iota Chapter hosted its Annual Achievement Week & Holiday Scholarship Dinner Dance at the Davenport Country Club in New Rochelle, NY on Saturday, December 15th. Omicron Iota Basileus, Bro. Larren Joseph, called this event “an evening of celebration”, as the chapter celebrates all the honorees for their accomplishments and unselfish dedication to the betterment of the Westchester community. During the past year, all the individuals and organizations demonstrated strong commitments to one or more of the four cardinal principles of Omega - MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PESEVERANCE and UPLIFT. In addition, all the proceeds from this signature event enables the Chapter to award scholarships to high school students throughout Westchester County; who have expressed a desire to continue their education, demonstrated high academic achievement and shown a need for financial assistance.

Bro. James Finch, the Master of Ceremonies for the gala, started the evening by leading the guests in the singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bro. Colonel Thomas Butler.

A welcome was given by Basileus Bro. Larren Joseph, who also made the presentation of the Achievement Awards. The Omega Man of the Year was presented to Omicron Iota Chaplain Bro. Bishop Collie Edwers for his outstanding service to the Chapter. The Scholarship Awardees where mentioned, as they received the chapter’s Herbert W. Freeman Memorial Scholarships



Brothers of Omicron Iota with Achievement Week Honorees

at the beginning of the fall 2012 semester for their outstanding academic achievements. The awardees recognized were Marquis Austin, currently attending Dartmouth College, Kelechi Nwosu, currently attending Boston College, Neil Thurman Pauling, currently attending Tufts University and Emeka Thomas, currently attending Seton Hall University. The Uplift Award was presented to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Nu Omega Chapter for their work on the Family Courts Project which is an on-going effort to help eliminate deplorable conditions at the Yonkers and New Rochelle Family Court sites. The Perseverance Award was presented to the Westchester County Chapter of the Links, Inc. for their continuous philanthropy and community service. Ms.

DaMia Harris was awarded The Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding work as the Executive Director for the City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau. In addition to the chapter awards, all honorees were presented proclamations from the City of Mt. Vernon by the Mayor of Mt. Vernon, Bro. Ernie Davis.

After an exquisite dinner and some dancing, Bro. Rodney Olden, the Scholarship Chairman, thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged from the success of this event that Omicron Iota will be able to provide more financial assistance to students that aspire for academic achievement. The Committee Chair, Bro. Ed White, did a commendable job on planning and executing the event.

Omicron Iota 2012 Turkey Drive

Mt. Vernon, NY, November 20, 2012. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Iota Chapter in conjunction with Grimes Elementary School in Mt. Vernon, NY hosted their Annual Turkey Drive to help feed some of the less fortunate families in Westchester County, NY. The Drive was spearheaded by Omicron Iota Basileus - Brother Larren Joseph, Principal - Ann Lightsy, Social Action Chair - Brother Kenneth L. Walker, Sr., and Brother Peter Wynn. Through this supportive team along with community outreach, we were able to assist over 70 families at the school for this Thanksgiving Holiday. In addition, the Brother’s of Omicron Iota Chapter ventured into New Rochelle, NY and supplied an additional 15 families in need during this holiday season with a little “Omega Love”. We strive to “lift as we climb”, as we continue to be of service to Westchester County, NY.



Omicron Iota Brothers participating at the Turkey Drive

Pi Omega Brother Medgar L. Reid Joins The Wall Street Organization, Inc. as Private Placements and New Projects Advisor



Brother Medgar L. Reid

New York, New York. June 26, 2012. The Wall Street Organization, Inc.® (WSO), a private boutique investment bank founded in 1997 (www.wallstreetorganization.com), is honored and proud to announce that Reverend Medgar L. Reid has joined The Wall Street Organization, Inc. "Board of Advisors" as Private Placement and New Projects Advisor. Rev. Reid is a business consultant, motivational speaker, psychiatric wellness advocate, disabled marine corps veteran and Professional Trauma & Geriatric Chaplain. He has worked with a team of spiritual care leaders since 1995 to provide care to over 30,000 employees and 800,000 patients per year (Hopkins, University,

Shepherd Pratt, Gilchrist, York, GBMC & Medstar); an invisible MEGA-CHURCH. He is President & CEO of Open Secret Ministries (www.opensecretministries.com) . Monday through Thursday for 45 to 50 hours per week he serves as Director of Spiritual Care Services in one of the most historic and prestigious Nursing Homes in the nation. On Fridays he will spend time at his New York – Wall Street or Park Ave Offices as Advisory Board Member of Private Placements & New Projects Advisor for The Wall Street Organization, Inc.; Professional Finder for Sandiford, Reid & Associates and Executive Director of The Dream Tank's Ultra-High Technology Division.

As a non-active fugitive recovery special agent and private investigator for the scams, fraud and rip-offs division of a global geopolitical intelligence firm, Rev. Reid is very aware of the need for business transactions founded on confidence, shaped by respect and held together with legal, moral and ethical trust. He serves as a conduit to online business development solutions that profile individuals who represent \$12.3 trillion of the world's net wealth. He will serve as The Wall Street Organization, Inc.'s Private Placements and New Projects Advisor. As such he will be seeking out appropriate candidates in search of Private Placement funding. According to Stephen M. Cole, CEO and Founder of The Wall Street Organization, Inc., "Reverend Reid is a rare find of one who is a practical visionary filled with intuitive understanding combined with the ability to develop upscale solutions and make win-win-win choices through collaborative thinking. We are delighted to have him onboard WSO. We sincerely look forward to a long lasting and fruitful business relationship."

Zeta Psi "Daddy and Me" Fatherhood Initiative

May 19, 2012, Harlem, NY - The Zeta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., with Harlem Children Zone hosted "Daddy and Me" a program geared to address the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. partnership with President Barack Obama to address the critical challenge of Father Absence in the lives of children, families and the nation's communities. To also focus on the importance of mentoring our next generation of young men and father's.

Bro. Thabiti Boone, Chairman of the Fraternity's Partnership with the Whitehouse Initiative, was in attendance and brought greetings from the Grand Basileus. The program consisted of personal Father/children photo shoot, arts and craft creating picture frames, reading and game rooms to the lunch and resource table. It was a great Day celebrating the importance of Fatherhood and it was a joy seeing the beautiful smiles on the faces of the children, especially the daughter's, interacting, spending time with their Dads.



Zeta Psi Brothers with "Daddy and Me" participants

Additionally, it was a monumental event for Zeta Psi to be the 1st City-wide chapter in Corridor 5 to facilitate a very creative program under our Fraternity partnership with President Obama Fatherhood, Mentoring Initiative.

Pi Omega Social Action Programs

Service Projects for Achievement Week

Baltimore, MD. November 2012. During Achievement Week the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated cases of laundry detergent to several organizations in the Baltimore Area. The detergent was donated because it is a vital part of the services the organizations provide. Several of the organizations provide clothes washing facilities for their residents or homeless clients. Having a place to wash clothes for free helps to instill some normalcy into the lives of the people the organizations serve. The following organizations received 6 cases of laundry detergent each: Baltimore Station North, a resident program for former military men who are dealing with addiction issues; Sarah's Hope, a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and their children; Agape House Ministries, a mission center that provides various services for adults and children; Youth Empowerment Drop-In Center, a temporary shelter for youth who are homeless or at-risk; My Sister's Place, a women's and children's resource center; and Children's House at Johns Hopkins, a facility that offers affordable housing for families of pediatric patients at the Johns Hopkins Children Center.



Social Action Chair Brother Dwayne White deliver detergent to Baltimore Station North residents



Ravens Coats Donation to National Women's Prison Project

Baltimore, MD. December 18, 2012. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter donated 6 Baltimore Ravens jackets to the National Women's Prison Project (NWPP), sponsored by Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church. NWPP With the ever increasing number of females now being incarcerated, NWPP focuses on the gender based needs while providing on-going support, both inside of the correctional facilities and on the outside. The jackets were provided to augment Christmas gifts for the older male children of the women participating in the

Bro. Ronald Miles and Santa Que presents Ravens jackets to Ms. Alfreda Robinson-Dawkins, Director of the National Women's Prison Project

Coat Donation to St Vincent De Paul

Baltimore, MD. December 11, 2012. The Municipal Employees Credit Union (MECU) sponsored a clothing drive to 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 Brothers of Pi Omega collected and donated 42 coats for the clothing drive.

Brothers John Berkley and Dwayne White deliver coat donations provided by Pi Omega Chapter



Pi Omega 2012 Achievement Week Celebration

Baltimore, MD. November 17, 2012. The 2012 Achievement Week/Founders' Day Program was at the Pi Omega Chapter Fraternity Center. A turnout of 90 Brothers and Guests were in attendance for the Event which began at 1:00 pm. The Guest Speaker, Brother 1st Vice Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox gave a salient speech directly relating to this year's theme: "Our Omega Commitment – A Look At the Past, With An Eye On The Future". Brother Knox recounted our struggles and achievements during our first 101 years as a Fraternity. Brother Knox also pointed out our many challenges moving forward in our second century: voter registration, racial equality, education and mentorship to name a few. Brother Knox addressed our mission and commitment as "bridge-builders". We must not lose sight of that charge at the Chapter, District and National levels of Omega. Our Master Of Ceremonies, former 1st Vice Grand Basileus and former 2nd District Representative Brother Walter G. Amprey, orchestrated the tempo and mood of the Program in exceptional fashion.

He mentioned how meaningful and historically significant this

year's Observance was, in that it was held in the Fraternity Center. Many august Brothers who walked and talked in this Center are no longer with us; having moved on to Omega Chapter. The Program, in its own way, paid homage to them and their contributions to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. via Pi Omega Chapter.

We congratulated our Award Recipients: Pi Omega Scholarship Awardees- Jasmine Robinson (Howard University), Luther Westbrook, III (Morgan State University), Sydnie Baker (Hampton University) and Isaiah Oliver (Bethune-Cookman University.) THE HOWARD LEE CORNISH HUMITARIAN AWARD- Award Recipients: Donald Wise, Deniece McClure & Brother Carlton Gordon. NATIONAL SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD- Award Recipient: Brother Clarence Jeffers, III. FOUNDERS' AWARD- Award Recipient: Brother Charles Summers. Founders Award from Brother Roderick Richardson. OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD- Award Recipient: Dr. Carnell Cooper. THE GEORGE K. MCKINNEY OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD- Award Recipient: Brother Lasava S. Tidwell.



Brother Carlton Gordon is presented the Howard Lee Cornish Award from Brother Dr. Ronald Williams



Brother Charles Summers is presented the Founders Award from Brother Roderick Richardson



Brother Clarence Jeffers, III is presented the National Superior Service Award from Brother John White



Pi Omega Basileus, J. Malik Mosley presents the George K. McKinney Omega Man of the Year Award to Brother Lasava Tidwell

Pi Omega's Omega Baltimore Foundation Grand Re-Opening of Easterwood Recreation Center

BALTIMORE, MD. December 2012. The Easterwood Recreation Center, offering a full range of recreation and leisure programs and services, celebrated its official Grand Re-opening Ceremony on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 4:00PM with Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

Located in West Baltimore, at 1522 N. Bentalou Street, the Easterwood Recreation Center has been closed since 2008 and is managed and operated by Omega Baltimore in conjunction with Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's plan to enlist community organizations to be responsible for programming underserved city recreation centers. Omega Baltimore, a nonprofit organization associated with the local chapter (Pi Omega), of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated was awarded the lease to manage and operate Easterwood by the City Board of Estimates in December 2011; the final agreement was signed in June 2012.

The doors of Easterwood opened last month providing free hot meals and computer access to Baltimore City students after school. The after school meals program is sponsored by the Family League of Baltimore City through the Kidz Table of the at-risk after school snack and supper program. Three rooms within Easterwood have been transformed into computer labs with free Wi-Fi access and a library which will be operated by a local teacher who resides within the Easterwood community. "As a native Baltimorean, I can personally attest to how important recreation centers are in uplifting a community. Our reason for re-

opening the Easterwood Recreation Center was to provide a place where kids can be kids, in a safe and fun environment," says Omega Baltimore CEO, Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.

Omega Baltimore intends to offer structured programs in the areas of fitness and nutrition, STEM; as well as group activities for the senior adults within the community. "We have serviced the Baltimore community for over 90 years. So, when the call went out for community partners to step-up, our choice was to raise the bar in our commitment to this neighborhood," says J. Malik Mosley, Sr., Basileus, Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc.

Pi Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has a long standing track record of service in this area of West Baltimore dating back to 1983. The chapter acquired a former school in the Matthew Henson community, designating the site as a place to be utilized by the community. Since acquisition, the chapter has tutored students at Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, provided cash awards to youth talented in the arts, numerous college scholarships, and organized health and wellness activities in the community.

As educators, religious leaders, attorneys, businessmen, public servants, physicians, scientists, engineers, military men, artists, writers and entertainers, Omega Baltimore comprises of a diverse group of professional men committed to the pursuit of uplifting and servicing communities in the Baltimore metropolitan area.



Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake thanks Omega Baltimore for Managing and Operating Easterwood Recreation Center



Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Chief, Bill Tyler address the audience during the Grand Re-Opening

Scenes from the Easterwood Grand Re-Opening



Scenes from Easterwood Grand Re-Opening



Psi Lambda Lambda Voting Drive

New York City, New York. May 2012. The Brothers of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter, NYC have stepped up to the challenge of getting New Yorkers registered to vote in the 2012 elections. Basileus Reginald A. Henry back in February of 2012 challenged his chapter members to register at least 2,012 un-registered voters for the upcoming election this fall. He appointed Neophyte Shawn Brannon (Fall 2011) to chair the Psi Lambda Lambda Voter Registration Committee, as Brother Brannon is very active in the Harlem 4, a "grass roots" political organization serving the community. Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter has organized city-wide voter registration throughout the five boroughs and had its inaugural voter registration event this past May on one of Harlem's busiest intersections, 125th Street and Lenox Avenue, during the celebration of the anniversary of the birth Malcolm X. To date Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter has held registration drives in: **Manhattan**, including *Harlem* at the World-renowned Apollo Theater during its famous "Amateur Night" shows (in May and July), the *Polo Grounds* (in August), the former home of the New York Baseball Giants (now the San Francisco Giants) at the very site where Willie Mays made his famous on-the-run, over-the-shoulder catch on the warning track to make the out during Game 1 of the 1954 World Series between the New York Giants and the Cleveland Indians; and in **Brooklyn** in conjunction with Hope Development Center & Real Dad Network at the Arthur Somers School (I.S. 252) in June.



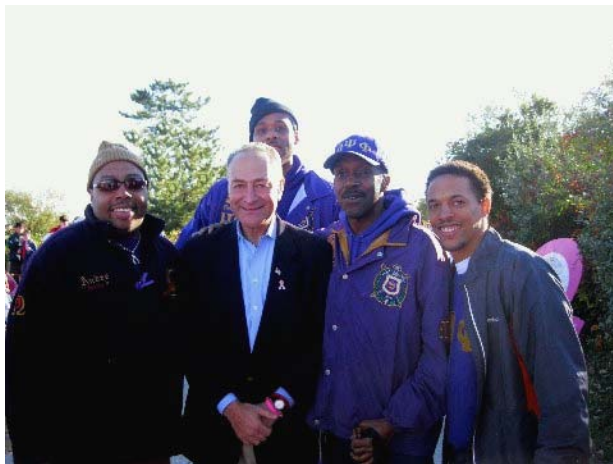
Psi Lambda Lambda Brothers registering voters at the Polo Grounds Community Center

Upcoming voter registration events are scheduled for the **Bronx, Queens and Staten Island** during the remaining days before the general election. Basileus Henry has encouraged all Omega men to

step up and get as many eligible voters registered, as we seek to write the next chapter in our history and make Obama the first African-American re-elected to the US Presidency.

Sigma Beta Beta Breast Cancer Walk

Wantagh, LI. October 21, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter participated in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at Jones Beach in Wantagh Long Island.. An estimated 64,000 people took part in the 5-kilometer walk along the boardwalk at Field 5. The event is to raise awareness and money to help find a cure for breast cancer. This year, contributions collected at Jones Beach totaled 3.15 million dollars. This was the largest amount collected in the United States. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter is active in this event annually.



New York Senator Charles E. Schumer welcomes SBB Brothers at the Breast Cancer Walk.



Participants walking the boardwalk at Jones Beach during the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk.



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Hurricane Sandy Assistance Communication

Brothers, Family, Friends and Community:

We, the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. (OLMF), have created a Hurricane Sandy Fund. This fund will be the platform for accepting and distributing donations from brothers and the community so that we can help respond to unmet needs of all those affected by this **natural disaster**.

If you are interested and would like to assist our brothers and the East Coast community in need, you can donate on the Foundation's website at <http://olmf.org>.

If you are sending a check, please make the check payable to:

Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.

and place "**Hurricane Sandy**" in the memo.

If you have questions please utilize our contact form on the website.

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Thank you for your time and contribution,

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Sigma Beta Beta 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Walk

Uniondale, LI. October 20, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter held its Third Annual Domestic Violence Walk in memory of Brother Dennis Hayle in Uniondale Long Island. The program was co-sponsored by Turtle Hook Middle School, where Brother Hayle was a student. Turtle Hook Middle School Principal, Brother Dr. Donald Humphrey was instrumental in making this year's walk a success. Brother Dennis Hayle, was a student at North Carolina A & T University, and a member of Mu Psi Chapter. He was murdered in front of his off campus apartment on January 25, 2009.

Hempstead Councilwoman, Dorothy L. Goosby spoke at the program, and presented Sigma Beta Beta with a Certificate of Appreciation for holding the walk in the Uniondale community. Robin Wheat, who represented the office of Nassau County, and Legislator Kevan Abrahams were also in attendance. Other organizations that participated in the walk were Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, American Cancer Society, Stony Brook University Medical School, and Wellcare Health Insurance Company. WBSL radio station provided music, and giveaways.

The highlight of the walk was the performance from the Uniondale High School Marching Band, who provided music during the walk. This is one of Sigma Beta Betas Social Action event that



Hempstead Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby presents SBB with a Certificate of Appreciation

involves working with the community. Brother Hayle would have been a member of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter because his goal was to return home upon graduation to teach within the community. We look forward to this event every year

Sigma Beta Beta Salvation Army Social Action

Youth Enrichment Program

Hempstead, LI. October 17, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter will sponsor a school bus for the Salvation Army Youth Enrichment Programs throughout Nassau County. The bus will pick up youths of the community from school, and take them to the Salvation Army Center for after school programs, as well as other Salvation Army youth events. The bus will also provide transportation for the seniors in Nassau County. The name Sigma Beta Beta Chapter is written on the bus so the community will be aware that the chapter is providing community outreach to the residents of Nassau County.



Salvation Army Bus Sponsored by Sigma Beta Beta

Red Kettle Project

Garden City, NY. November 23, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter participated in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Project for the second year. The event took place at the Roosevelt Field shopping mall in Garden City New York. The purpose of the Red Kettle Project through donations from the public, is to provide assistance to needy families during the holiday season. The Red Kettle Project Kickoff Celebration took place Thanksgiving, during the halftime show of the Washington Redskins versus the Dallas Cowboys football game in Arlington Texas. The Red Kettle Project begins the day after Thanksgiving and continues throughout the holiday season. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter has committed their support to this important holiday program.



SBB Brothers Jeff Sealy and Fred Fields giving their support at the Red Kettle Project

Sigma Beta Beta Social Action Projects

Habitat for Humanity

East Meadows, LI. October 21, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter participated in the Nassau County Habitat For Humanity International World Day Walk-A-Thon at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow Long Island. The objective of the walk was to have HFH of Nassau County participate with the United Nations and organizations around the world raising awareness. Mobilizing individuals and communities to take action on the current global crisis, while working together to ensure adequate housing for all, Sigma Beta Beta Chapter has already worked on a housing initiative with this organization in Westbury Long Island.

Gospel Festival Fight for Literacy

Westbury, LI. October 13, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter hosted its First Annual Celebration of "Gospel Music and The Fight For Literacy" program. It was held on Saturday October 13th at The First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury. There were 16 church choirs from Nassau, Suffolk counties, and New York City that participated in the inaugural event. Admission was free, and it was requested that the community donate school supplies.

The school supplies that were donated will go to the Mc Coy Family and Children's Center of Westbury. The supplies will support their after school program. It was an uplifting day and everyone that attended, had a wonderful time. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter provides social, cultural and economic uplift to all communities in Nassau County

Sigma Beta Beta Shadow Que Program

East Orange, NJ. December 8, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter Neophyte Brothers participated in the Shadow Que Program at our Fall District Council meeting. It was held at East Orange Campus High School in East Orange New Jersey. The purpose of the Shadow Que Program is designed for our new initiates to be exposed to the business side of our organization as well as provide a strong fraternal foundation by attending District Council Meetings, Grand Conclaves, District Conferences, and Chapter meetings, and other important events.

The Sigma Beta Beta Neophyte Brothers were initiated Spring of 2012. Brothers Jeff Sealy, and Chris Contreas and Sam Wallace attended their first District Council Meeting. Brother Darrin Saunders attended the Honorary Initiation Ceremony in October in Baltimore, Maryland. Brother Bishop Lionel Harvey was a delegate at our 78th Grand Conclave that was held this past summer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter believes that the District Shadow Que Program is an important component for newly initiated Brothers into our organization.



Sigma Beta Beta New Initiates with

Tau Pi Chapter Partners with Guilford Elementary School

Columbia, MD. December 10, 2012. A partnership between the Tau Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Fraternity and Guilford Elementary helps students build academic and social skills and develop personal responsibility. The partnership agreement will be formalized with an official signing on Tuesday, December 11 at the Sheraton Columbia Waterside Restaurant at 10207 Wincopin Circle in Columbia, MD.

Under the terms of the partnership agreement, the fraternity will work with school staff to offer mentoring programs and activities that promote academic excellence, motivation, self-control, social skills and self-esteem. Partnership programs will include an after-school program for third, fourth and fifth grade students where fraternity members help students review homework, encourage positive behavior, explore career opportunities and sponsor other activities that support academic achievement.

At 8:30 a.m., James H. Kerr, Jr., Basileus, Omega Psi Phi Frater-

nity, Tau Pi Chapter, Inc. will join Ellen Flynn Giles, member of the Howard County BOE; Genée Varlack, principal at Guilford Elementary School; Diane Martin, Director Student Family and Community Services, and others to sign the formal partnership agreement.

Omega Psi Phi, an international fraternity comprising more than 700 undergraduate and graduate chapters, was founded at Howard University in 1911. The organization is dedicated to supporting its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

The HCPSS Partnership Office unites businesses and community organizations with schools to enhance the educational experience. Partnerships benefit schools, businesses, and the entire community by leveraging the resources of all participants. Partners may commit human or financial resources or other support.

Mu Nu Achievement Week

Montgomery County, Maryland, November 14, 2012 - Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, Maryland as part of its Achievement Week activities awarded \$500 scholarships each to four African-American students graduating from high schools in Montgomery County Maryland. The Achievement Week event was chaired by Brother Walter Neighbors Esq. (Mu Nu '02, Montgomery County MD) and the featured speaker was Brother Dr. Shawn Joseph, (Beta '94, Lincoln Univ.), Superintendent of the Seaford School District Superintendent, Seaford Delaware. Attended by over 150 guests, the event was held in the Silver Spring Civic Building in downtown Silver Spring. Scholarships were awarded to Julian T. Smith Jones from Montgomery Blair High School, Axel E. Hounsou of Northwood High School, Adrien Bossongogoume of Winston Churchill High School, and Chuckwukpee

Nzegwu of Springbrook High School. The student awards included certificates and plaques recognizing the significant accomplishments of the young men whose weighted (GPAs) ranged from 3.50 to 4.49. Beyond the inspiring address from Bro. Dr. Joseph, the young men and their families interacted with the brothers of Mu Nu who offered advice and guidance regarding college and career choices and opportunities. The audience received a brief history of the fraternity and a synopsis of the Chapter's 2012 accomplishments, including 1) sponsorship and support of the George B. Thomas Saturday School Program, 2) sponsorship and support of the President's Obama's National Fatherhood Initiative through the hosting of "Game-Changer Mentoring Summit" for young males and 3) participation and sponsorship of a series of voter registration and voter education activities in the county.



Mu Nu Scholarship recipients receive Awards

Mu Nu Father Daughter Dinner Dance



Mu Nu Brother Dante Mayo and daughter Imani enjoy the Father Daughter Dinner Dance

Montgomery County, Maryland, December 7, 2012. Mu Nu Chapter partnered with Theta Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Greater Montgomery County, Maryland, to present the 3rd annual Father Daughter Dinner Dance, the event held in Silver Spring, Maryland. The event offered positive men a shared opportunity to celebrate the little ladies in their lives – daughters, granddaughters, nieces, little sisters, goddaughters, family friends. The event served to highlight Omega's support of President Barak Obama's national Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter and area Chapters accounted for more than 30 percent of the more than 200 attendees where proceeds benefitted the Ivy Vines Charities, Inc., college scholarships and community service programs. Event special guests included Ms. Tri-State Area Queen 2012 and Ms. Ivy Vine Cotillion 2012, as well as local fraternity and sorority leaders who offered uplifting words during the coronation of the little ladies followed by the 'Parade of Princesses'. Plans for similar partnership in December 2013 are already underway for the 4th annual event. The Brothers of Mu Nu continue to engage, partner, and enthusiastically promote and support the ideals and efforts of the Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative.

Mu Nu Achievement Week Awardees

Montgomery County, Maryland – On November 14, 2012, Mu Nu Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. as part of its Achievement Week activities announced awards for four outstanding members of our community for their achievements and contributions to the Montgomery County community. The four awardees were; Omega Man of the Year-Brother David A. Hill Esq., Citizen of the Year- Brother Donald Williams, Superior Service Award-Brother Troy Priest and a dual award to Business Person of the Year-E. Randy Williams and Kiesha Watson

Omega Man of the Year –Basileus David A Hill Esq. (Iota Chi, Spring '89, Cambridge MA) Brother Hill is in his second term as the current Basileus of Mu Nu Chapter and is also a former Vice Basileus of Mu Nu and is a former member of Iota Chi Chapter. Recently he served as a member of the National Finance Committee for President Barack Obama's re-election and as Regional Chair for Lawyers for Obama. Mr. Hill is a past Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Federal Advocacy for Verizon. He has served as a panelist for the Congressional Black Caucus and other national organizations relating to telecommunications regulations and policy. Mr. Hill is a board member of Leadership Montgomery and a member of Reid Temple North AME Church in Silver Spring where he sings with the Men's Choir.

Brother Hill is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Wesleyan University. He is married to his sweet-heart of 13 years, the former Lynn Moore who is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and they have 2 children.

2012 Citizen of the Year – Brother Donald Williams (Beta Chi, Spring '89, Fayetteville NC) Brother Williams is a current

member of Mu Nu Chapter. He has brought national recognition to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity activities in support of the President Obama's Fatherhood Initiative. He and his wife are the founders of the Montgomery County Unity Christian Fellowship. In 2012 he was responsible for organizing programs such as the "Game Changer" Conference for Young Males and establishment of a Father/ Sons and Mentors Activity Day. He is affectionately known in the community as Coach or Colonel and is the Commissioner of the Christian Youth Basketball Ministry which involves over 15 local churches.

Brother Williams is a graduate of Rider University and Golden Gate University. He served in the U.S Army for 20 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has been married for twenty-six years to the former Mona Sendreka Hodges and they have two daughters

2012 Superior Service Award – Brother Troy Priest (Theta Epsilon '87, Providence RI)- Brother Troy Priest is the immediate past Basileus of Mu Nu serving 5 terms. He is the current chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the 2nd District. In the past he has served as the Keeper of Records and Seals for Mu Nu and Theta Upsilon as well as chair of the Reclamation, Mardi Gras and Shirt Sleeves committees for Mu Nu. He is currently a partner in the national law firm of Wong Fleming PC. Brother Priest has served as General Counsel for Peoples Community Baptist Church, George B. Thomas Learning Academy and the Mu Nu Foundation.

Brother Priest is a graduate of Brown University and Northeastern University School of Law. He is a third generation Omega Man and a father of 3 children.

Phi Omega Cash Mob Program Supporting Black Businesses in Buffalo, New York



Buffalo, New York. October 3, 2012. Phi Omega Chapter Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. commenced its Cash Mob program in support of Black Businesses in the Buffalo, New York community.

Each Month the chapter picks a Black owned, and operated business for the purpose of a mass financial support program. This program was instituted to spur economic growth within the African American business sector.

Phi Omega Chapter Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. continues to build bridges, and serve the needy of western New York. The current Basileus of the Chapter is Andrew Huff Jr. and under his leadership the chapter has expanded its outreach, and involvement in a variety of social action activities in the western New York area. It is our hope that this effort will help those that find themselves naked and without hope, knowing that the helping hand of fraternal friendship is ever there to provide encouragement, and uplift those in need of our assistance.

Tau Lambda Lambda Career Day

Indian Head, MD. Members of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined professionals from the local community recently for the annual Career Day Extravaganza at Matthew Henson Middle School in Indian Head, MD.

The event's mission was 'Committed to Career and College Readiness' and Sonia Jones, the school's principal, welcomed the group with warming words and breakfast. She stated that both the students and faculty were excited to have the professionals participate.

"This is a very important day for us all,"

she said. "Today is helpful in continuing the conversation with the students about both college and careers."

TLL Chapter has supported the career day for the last four years. Jon Wynn, a member of TLL Chapter, has been attending the event for even longer. He said one of his main goals each year is to get more professionals involved to support the youth.

"I'm here today along with our chapter leaders," said Jon Wynn. "We see investing in our kids' futures as a very seriously task, but also an honor."

Some of the participants for the day were

from the fields of health, finance, security, cosmetology, hospitality, government, military, and business, among others.

Dhelice Harbin, a US Army veteran and current project manager, traveled from Alexandria, VA to participate. She said career day helped both the students and speakers. "It reminded me of the benefits and life skills I gained from serving my country. It was also rewarding to have a few students want to talk to me one on one after the presentation had ended."

Jones said she looked forward to seeing Wynn, Harbin, and others at next year's career day.



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers with Matthew Henson Middle School Principle, Sonia Jones at Career Day

Tau Lambda Lambda Blood Drive

Lexington Park, MD "I consider it an absolute privilege," said Gareth Taylor after he had completed giving his unit of blood. Taylor, a member of the Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was all smiles as his chapter sponsored its Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive with the American Red Cross alongside the annual St. Mary's County Juneteenth Celebration.

The blood drive event is one of Omega Psi Phi's mandated programs and TLL Chapter hosts them throughout the year in the Tri-County. In addition, TLL Chapter distributed information about voting and educated the community on the importance of registering to vote.

The blood drive was held at Oasis of Victory Christian Church International, located near Freedom Plaza. Pastor James Spence said he and his church members were excited to help host the drive this year. "The scripture states that life is in the blood," he said.

"So when one gives blood, it is not just giving a living substance, but giving life."

This year has been challenging for the American Red Cross as they have seen very low levels of certain blood types in the Southern Maryland region. TLL Chapter continues to support their campaign of spreading the message of the importance of giving blood.

Taylor, who said he donates once per quarter, said that he has a message to those who are fearful or on the fence about whether they should give blood. "The technicians are a team of professionals and by giving blood, you may be helping to save a life.

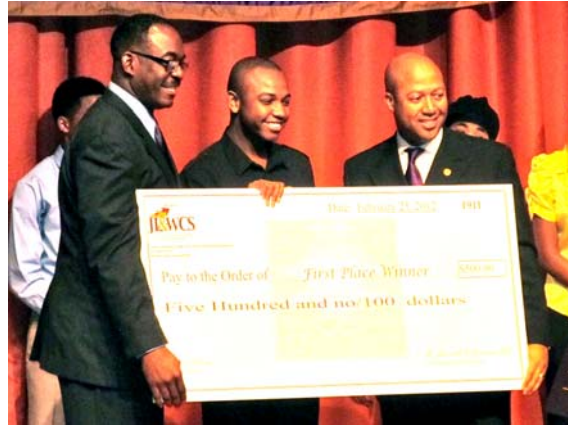
TLL Chapter brothers were excited to find out that they exceeded the day's donation goal by 25%. They also invite the community out to their blood drive during the 2012 Charles County Health Expo on August 11 at Calvary Baptist Church in Waldorf.

Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt

Waldorf, MD The Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently celebrated Christian Stewart's 3rd Place finish at the fraternity's Second District Conference Talent Hunt competition, which was held last month at the National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The event included youth from the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, showcasing their talents in performing and visual arts, and competing for cash

prizes. Stewart advanced to the District competition by winning 1st Place at TLL Chapter's 4th Annual Talent Hunt competition, which was held in February at Westlake High School. "Talent Hunt" is one of the Nationally Mandated Programs of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The purpose is to provide exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the performing and visual

arts. Winners are recognized for their achievement and receive cash awards. Stewart, 14, is a freshman at North Point High School and enjoys singing when he's not in school. He won a total of \$800 from the two competitions. TLL Chapter is already gearing up for their 5th Annual Talent Hunt competition to be held in 2013. We extend an invitation for all of Southern Maryland to come out and support the area youth



Christian Stewart receiving Talent Hunt awards at the chapter and Second District Competitions

Zeta Psi Fatherhood Initiative

May 19, 2012, Harlem, NY - The Zeta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., with Harlem Children Zone hosted "Daddy and Me" a program geared to address the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. partnership with President Barack Obama to address the critical challenge of Father Absence in the lives of children, families and the nation's communities. To also focus on the importance of mentoring our next generation of young men and father's.

Bro. Thabiti Boone, Chairman of the Fraternity's Partnership with the Whitehouse Initiative, was in attendance and brought greetings from the Grand Basileus. The program consisted of personal Father/children photo shoot, arts and craft creating picture frames, reading and game rooms to the lunch and resource table. It was a great Day celebrating the importance of Fatherhood and it was a joy seeing the beautiful smiles on the faces of the children, especially the daughter's, interacting, spending time with their Dads.

Additionally, it was a monumental event for Zeta Psi to be the 1st City-wide chapter in Corridor 5 to facilitate a very creative program under our Fraternity partnership with President Obama Fatherhood, Mentoring Initiative.



Zeta Psi Brothers with participants in the Fatherhood Initiative

Xi Lambda Lambda Voter Registration

Nyack, NY. October 1, 2012. The Brothers of Xi Lambda Lambda chapter were out in full force to "Float the Vote" as they registered students at Nyack College in Nyack, NY. The students were treated to ice cream that was provided by the college - this provided the chapter brothers with a constant flow of traffic. The students then began bringing other students by to be registered, at this point the applications were almost depleted. Bro. Dennis McGloster, committee chairman stated in response to the number of students registering "...at this late stage of the voting registration process this was a very good number." It was interesting to see two students running up to us as we were leaving and asked could they still register - we only had three applications left. This suggested that we should hit these colleges a bit earlier next time.

In the four days spent in voter registration, Xi Lambda Lambda was able to register 30 students from Rockland Community College, 9 from the Finkelstein Library and 59 from Nyack College for a total of 98 new voters.

When you conduct a social action program with the full support of your chapter it's a great feeling knowing that you are part of an organization that is out there to help bring about uplift and scholarship to the communities that we serve. I want to thank the members of the Mighty Mighty, Mighty Mighty Xi Lambda Lambda chapter for the time and effort that was put in over the past weekend to make this Voter Registration /



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers registering Voters in Nyack, NY

Education Drive a success. I am quite sure that the Grand Basil-eus and the District Representative are equally as proud of us.

Our next event will be on Thursday, October 11, 2012, as we co-sponsor the Candidates Forum with the Spring Valley NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. The Forum will be held at the Louis Kurtz Center at 9 North Main Street in Spring Valley, NY 10977. Details to follow. Contact Bro. Dennis McGloster at 845-323-2548 or email at lifetimeq@aol.com

Theta Mu Mu Helps SEED School Students Move-In

Baltimore, MD. September 2012. Over 19 members of Theta Mu Mu Chapter participated in The SEED School of MD's annual student check in.

The SEED School of Maryland is a statewide, college-preparatory, public boarding school. SEED presents deserving students from across the state with an extraordinary opportunity to receive a tuition-free education that prepares them for success in college and beyond. The SEED model integrates a rigorous academic program with a nurturing boarding program and provides students with a safe and secure environment, 24 hours a day/5 days a week. SEED students live on beautiful, 52-acre campus from Sunday evenings until Friday afternoons. The school opened its campus in 2008.

Members of Theta Mu Mu chapter have partnered with The SEED School of MD providing vital mentoring and assistance to the male students on campus. Since 2011-2012 School Year members of Theta Mu Mu have hosted a monthly literacy program with the males at The SEED School. The purpose of this initiative is to foster a Lifelong Interest in Reading and developing strong reading comprehension strategies.

Each fall members of Theta Mu Mu embark on the campus to help both males and female's student's move in the dormitories. The members meet the parents at their cars and help carry the student's luggage to their assigned rooms. Through this volunteerism it gives the members of the chapter an opportunity to start the initial contact with the students and also provides students an opportunity to engage with College Educated men. This annual event has been a win for both the student and members of Theta Mu Mu with their social action endeavors.



Theta Mu Mu Brothers help students SEED School move

Zeta Iota Iota Essay Contest



Philadelphia, PA November 15, 2012: Zeta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Imhotep Charter High School (Philadelphia, PA) participates in The Annual International High School Essay Contest. Twenty five of Imhotep's top academic performers submitted essay to Zeta Iota Iota Chapter and were acknowledged with certificates of appreciation and participation as they seek to win the grand prize of \$3,000.00 in the annual contest open to all college-bound, high school seniors.

Zeta Iota Iota MLK Day of Service

Philadelphia, PA January 21, 2013. The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter spent their MLK Day of Service at Girard College in North Philadelphia by donating books and infant supplies in conjunction with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated of Rho Theta and Omega Omega Chapters . Thanks to Bro. Richard Faison for the success as the new Co-Chair of Social Action Committee and the hard work he and Brother Le'Jean Thompson dedicated towards this noteworthy cause. The following brothers participated: Shaun Sherwood, Keir Pemberton (and family) Qasim Rashad (and son), Walter Wilkie, Kennon Jenkins, Mike Roepel, Rahsaan Lisimba, Ariel Lajara, Larry Bell, David Thomas and Steve Bond (Mu Omega).

Zeta Iota Iota Brothers with AKA's donating Books on MLK Day of Service



Zeta Iota Iota Social Action

Philadelphia, PA. November 13, 2012, As a part of the Chapter's Achievement Week Activities, The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota chapter deliver blankets and coats to those less fortunate and deserving in Philadelphia, PA. The effort was spearheaded by the one the chapter's newest Initiates and chairman of the Social Action Committee Brother, Je'Jean Thompson (Fall 2011).

Omicron Iota Toy Drive

Mt. Vernon, NY. December 2012. Omicron Iota Chapter held a Toy Drive during their Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance on December 15th. All guests that attended were asked to donate a toy to assist the chapter with this community service project. The drop-off box was full to capacity by the end of the evening. On Friday, December 21, 2012, the members of Omicron Iota Chapter spread a little joy by delivering toys to children in the city of Mt. Vernon, NY. The chapter considered it an honor and privilege to give back to one of the respective communities that supported all of our social action programs during the year.



Mt Vernon Commissioner Curtis Woods Distributes toys with Omicron Iota Basileus, Larren Joseph during Holiday Season

Gamma Pi Achievement Week 2012

Prince Georges, County, MD. November 17, 2012. The Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter, their families and community leaders joined together at Charles Flowers High School for Achievement Week 2012. The school in Springdale, Maryland is actually named for an Omega man who was a Tuskegee Airman.

U.S. Army General (Ret.) William "Kip" Ward, a member of the Fraternity, served as keynote speaker. It was one of the best Achievement Week speeches in recent memory as he quoted from the poem "Invictus" and talked about the historical context of achievement by Omega men in all walks of life since the Fraternity's November 17, 1911 founding at Howard University. "The Founders gave Omega life. Now it is our job, the current membership, to keep it going."

While General Ward keynoted the occasion, another highlight as always during Achievement Week is the awards. Brother Brian Keith Long, current chapter Keeper of Records and Seal, was voted Omega Man of the Year by the chapter and officially received the award at Saturday's program. He was also given the Superior Service Award for this year, a

rarity. Immediate Past Second District Representative Brother Kenneth Rodgers, a legend in Gamma Pi history who blazed trails to District and International Fraternity level involvement by the chapter, was also given the Founders' Award. Community winners were Brother Rev. Tony Lee (Religious Leader of the Year), State's Attorney for Prince George's County Angela Alsobrooks (Citizen of the Year), Denise Swann (Educator of the Year) and wife of Gamma Pi member Ronald Swann, and Taivon Jacobs (Student Athlete of the Year).

Two highly talented musical aggregations, both directed by Gamma Pi men, performed at the program. They were the Flowers High School Jazz Band (Brother Don DeMarco Myles) and the Surrattsville High School Choir (Brother Marcus Davis). Brothers gathered for the annual Achievement Week dinner at Andrews Air Force Base on Friday, November 16. Brother Teddy Taylor, a past Basileus of the chapter who just completed three years as an U.S. Ambassador in the South Pacific, brought a special message to members. Several other Gamma Pi Brothers were singled out for awards and certificates at the dinner. Brother William Smith was chief organizer of all Achievement Week activities for the chapter.



Brother William "Kip" Ward receives Keynote Speaker Award



Brother Keith Long receives Gamma Pi 2012 Omega man of the Year Award

Mu Rho Chapter Welcomes "Ten Unconquerable Souls"

Annapolis, Maryland. Saturday November 10, 2012. Under the leadership of MSP chairman Bro. Dr. Leon Washington, 10 men crossed the burning sands into the brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Prior to crossing, the neophyte brothers were actively involved in the following community service activities: Voter registration drive, book bag drive, Children's Halloween party, clothing drive, and a host of other activities. Many of the new members have already expressed an interest in joining committees as well as leadership positions within the chapter to move Mu Rho to new levels of success. "For me it is a continuation of a life journey into a brotherhood, into excellence and the opportunity to provide community service to Maryland in general and Anne Arundel County in particular." said Juan Snowden. The new members range in age from 36 to 55 years old. Many were either employed or formerly employed by the military. All are excited to bring their skills and talents to work on behalf of Omega. Please welcome these new Brothers: Fred Davenport, L. David Jackson, Daryl Penn, Robert J. Swain III, James Trapp, Jr. James R. Payton Jr, Juan Snowden, Malcolm Hill, Renard Smith and George Gunder.



Mu Rho 2012 Blood Drive

Annapolis, Maryland. Saturday December 1, 2012. The Brothers of the Mu Rho Chapter partnered with the Children's National Medical Center to collect blood and blood components for the "Giving for Asad Blood Drive." Asad Smith was diagnosed with leukemia and is the 4 year old son of Brother Charles Smith, Delta Beta 2000. Red blood cells, platelets and plasma are in constant demand for victims of accidents, cancer treatments, blood diseases and many types of surgery. African-American blood transfusion recipients have a better chance of

compatibility if the donor is also African-American. Anyone over the age of 17, who weighs at least 110 lbs and is in good health is eligible to donate blood every two months. The Children's Bloodmobile travels throughout the Maryland/Washington DC area going to places of worship, employers, schools, and organizations. This health initiative event was headed by Brother Aaron Ajani. The kids enjoyed the antics of "Dr. Bear" who was played by Brother Fred Davenport.



Bro. Malcolm Hill, Brother Fred Davenport and Brother Aaron Ajani at the Blood Drive e.



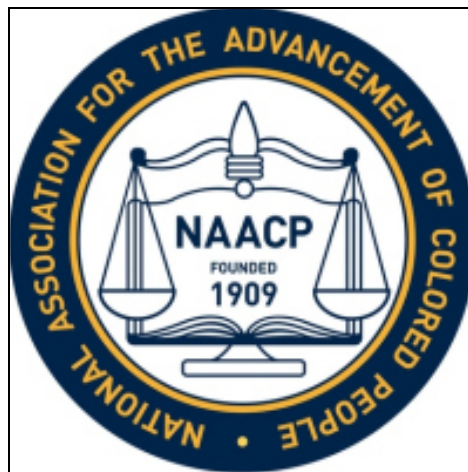
Donor with Bear at Mu Rho Chapter's Bloodmobile

February 2nd District 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. Each Chapter, during the month of February, shall conduct a membership drive for the NAACP. 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.

Each Chapter is requested to conduct a formal NAACP membership drive during February 2013. This drive should include outreach beyond the Chapter to family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Chapters are requested to submit "completion of action" reports, to include at least the date(s) of drive(s) and number of any new and /or renewed memberships obtained, to Brother Mel McCottry, Chairman, 2nd District NAACP/CEF Committee at email: naacp_uncf@gammapi.org, by COB Friday March 29, 2013.

A pdf version of the national NAACP membership application form will be sent to all active 2nd District Brothers and will be available on the 2nd District website. 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 home: 301.352.2973.

Thank You.

Brother James E. Hicks, Jr.

33rd Second District Representative

Brother Terraine Saunders - Omega Chapter



Brother Terraine Saunders

Randallstown, MD. December 18, 2012
Brother Terraine M. Saunders entered Omega Chapter on December 13, 2012. Born March 4, 1966 in Baltimore, MD., he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work in 1989 from Morgan State University and a Master's Degree in System Management

in 2007 from the National Graduate School. Brother Saunders was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated thru Nu Gamma Gamma Chapter on December 18, 1993. Brother Saunders received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Morgan State University.

Brother Saunders' military decorations are as follow: Army Forces Reserve Medal with 20 year Device Silver, Legion of Merit; Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star (3rd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal,

Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge and Recruiter Badge.

Brother Saunders served in numerous chapters; Nu Gamma Gamma, Delta Omega, and Pi Omega, in which he was the 2009 Col Charles Young Award Recipient. Brother Saunders came to Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter motivated and enthusiastic about the Fraternity and serving the community. Brother Saunders served on the Youth Leadership Committee.

His willingness to give freely of his time and talents embodied the true spirit of Omega. His dedication, enthusiasm and fraternal support will be deeply missed. He also was a selfless servant who served with other non-profit organizations feeding the homeless and mentoring the youth.

Brother James Franklin Mack - Omega Chapter



Brother James Franklin Mack

Brother James Franklin Mack transitioned to Omega Chapter on January 12, 2013. Born January 31, 1930, Mack, as he was affectionately called, graduated

from Carver High School and captioned the football team. Upon graduation he enrolled at Morgan State College, where he played football under legendary Brothers Edward P. Hurt and Talmadge L. Hill. His college life was interrupted with his commitment to his country, where he served as sergeant in the U. S. Army. In 1956, he graduated from Morgan with a B.S. degree in Physical Education and was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Pi Omega Chapter. Remaining at Morgan after graduation, he received a M.S. degree in Physical Education in 1973 and a second M.S. degree in Recreation in 1977.

Known for his coaching prowess, Mack was a well known wrestling coach at the McKim Recreation Center, in East Baltimore. Coach Mack served as head

coach of the Morgan State College Swimming Team from 1969-1976. Coach Mack led what many consider to be Morgan's most successful swimming and diving era from 1971-1976. The university won its final CIAA Swimming and Diving Championship in 1971, which was followed by 4 straight MEAC Swimming and Diving Titles from 1972-1975. Brother Mack's service to Morgan State culminated in having the Brook Jones Mack Natatorium named in his honor in 2009.

After 38 years of service to the State of MD, Brother Mack retired from Morgan in 1995. He served as Deacon at New Shiloh Baptist Church, President of the Radnor Community Association, Chairman of Affirmative Action for the National Intramural Association and was Past Illustrious Potentate Jerusalem Temple #4 Masonic Lodge.



John Michael Anthony Matthews - Omega Chapter



*Brother John Michael Anthony Matthews
"Stein"*

Brother John Michael Anthony Matthews transitioned to Omega Chapter on January 2, 2013. Known as Mike, he was born November 16, 1955. Educated in Baltimore City Public School System, he was a proud graduate of Baltimore City College. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Maryland and a Master of Business Administration from University of Maryland's Smith School of Business. In 1974, Mike was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., through Chi Delta Chapter and gained the nickname "**Stein**", which he was affectionately called by his fraternity brothers.

After moving to Howard County, MD., he became a member of Mu Nu Chapter

and was an active member of Tau Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi in Columbia, MD. As a member of Tau Pi, he routinely chaired the Chapter's Annual Picnic and was well known for frying almost fifty pounds of fish annually for the event. Mike's "Skills on the Grill" and culinary prowess ensured a memorable event each year. He participated on the Investment, Fundraising and Social Action Committees.

Professionally, Brother Matthews worked as a Consultant for several Information Technology firms and federal agencies. In 2009, he started his own Information Technology Company, MTS Solutions, LLC.

He will truly be missed by the love of his life and devoted wife, Dr. Terri Jones Matthews his children Melanie, Tara and Sean as well as the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi.

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Suspension List

The Brothers listed below are currently SUSPENDED from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation.

IF YOU ARE SUSPENDED, YOU ARE THE REASON!

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Alexander Zander - Omega Delta Delta
Control Number 4055082

Dallis Terrell Joyner - Chi Rho
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Lascelles A Chambers - Omega Delta Delta
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Leonard W. Wright, III - Chi Rho
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Christopher Banks - Omega Delta Delta
Control Number 4055080

Marques Cox - Chi Rho
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Aaron Dock - Pi Omega
Control Number 9005406

Bilal Brown - Chi Rho
Control Number 4059053

Keven Bailey - Sigma Beta Beta
Control 4054501

Edward Hamilton - Lambda Upsilon
Control Number 4047631

Bernard Eyssalene - Sigma Beta Beta
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Expulsion List

Robert Patterson - Mu Omega
Control Number 4050108

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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.

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