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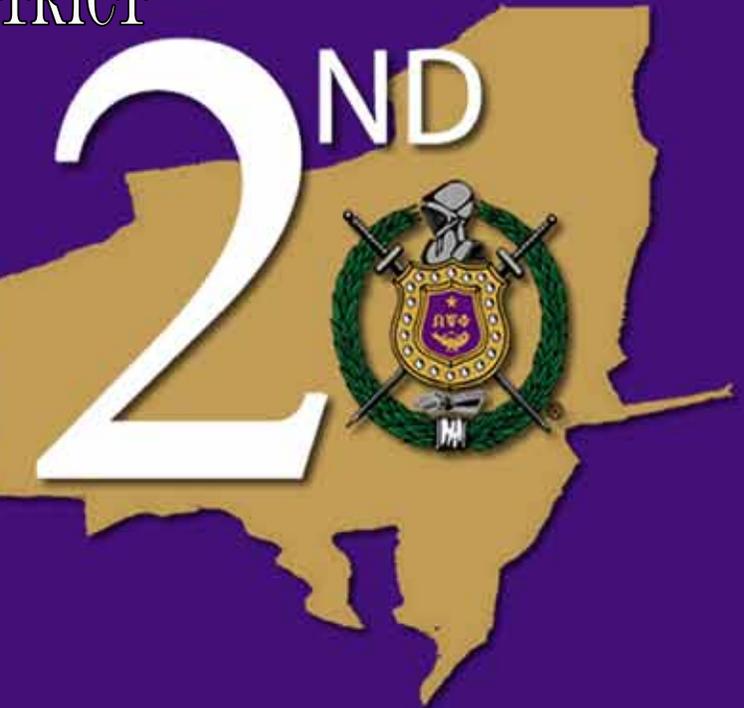
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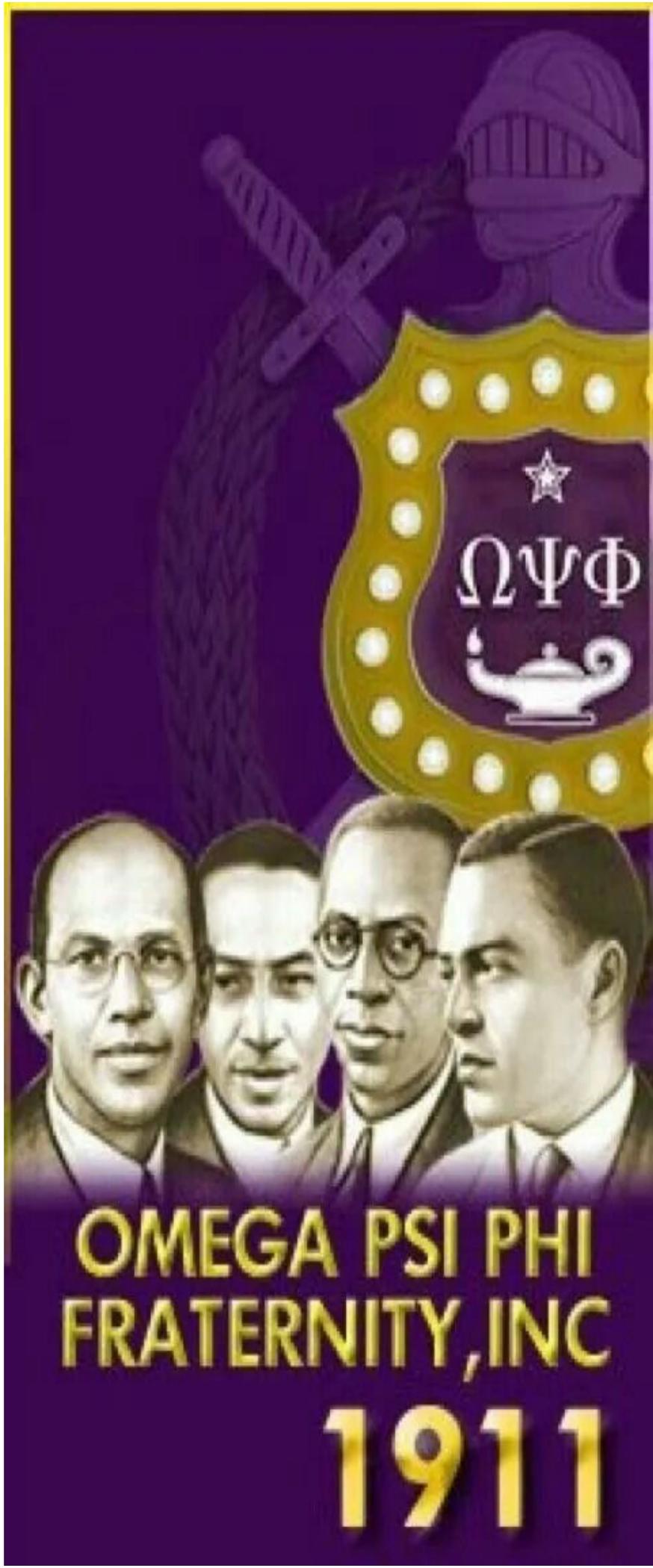
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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES MESSAGE

Brothers of the Mighty 2nd District,

Brothers of the Mighty 2nd District, I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. Despite these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and social injustice, I hope and pray that you and your families are well.

We finished the year of 2020 and it appears that 2021 has taken the place of 2020. More than 430,000 lives have perished due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have lost several brothers and other loved ones. We must continue to follow the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as it relates to the wearing of masks, washing of hands, and watching our distance. We will, See It Through!



The Brothers of the 2nd District continue to show themselves Mighty and Strong during this pandemic. The cardinal principals are evident as we continue to exemplify Manhood through our Mentoring programs; Scholarship as brothers continue to graduate from both undergraduate and graduate institutions; Perseverance as we continue to keep moving, working, grinding until we see this pandemic to the end; and Uplift, as we provided holiday baskets of food and gifts during the holiday season, along with drive up food pantries which continue today. During January, we conducted weekend workshops to uplift each other and the community on topics including conducting Omega services, article submission procedures, updates and lessons on taxes, and estate planning.

The new year came and although we witnessed the insurrection of the U.S. Capitol right before our very eyes, we also witnessed another historical moment for Black people on January 20, 2021. We saw the first African American and first female, Kamala Harris become Vice President of the United States. We celebrate this historic moment and the Omega Man who led the efforts to get President Biden and Vice President Harris elected. We are well pleased with our Fraternity Brother, Congressman Jim Clyburn, who led the charge for the Biden/Harris campaign. Thank you, Bro. Clyburn for all that you did and continue to do.

We must continue to do our part as Omega Men to uplift our communities. It will take the assistance and participation of all Omega Men to ensure that our actions are the sermon as we Live Our Creed. I ask that all brothers continue to stay safe, stay smart, and stay well.

Kelvin K. Ampofo

Bro. Kelvin K. Ampofo
37th Second District Representative



EDITORS MESSAGE

Brothers of the Second District,

Greetings, in the Name of the Author and Finisher of My Faith, My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On the cover we honor the legacy and well lived life of Brother Steve Schmidt, who transitioned from labor to reward on January 4, 2021. A leader, mentor, and dear friend, he always inspired those around him to work harder and lead by example. His 50 years of Service to Omega in New York has left a legacy that will stand the test of time and a chronical of his service is listed in the Omega Chapter article on page 53.



The contents of this edition highlights the efficacy of 2nd District Chapters philanthropy throughout the Great States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey Delaware and Maryland. Accolades and plaudits to our Second District Chapters, in their response to the needs of their respective communities, as a result of the COVID -19 pandemic. The Op/Ed article on page 51, authored by Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair, Brother Donald Williams II, speaks of “Mentorship in the Mist of Crisis.” Articles acknowledging Brother Nick Mosby elected City Council President for the City of Baltimore and Brother Bertram Lawson named the President and CEO of the YMCA of Central New York are contained on page 11.

The 2021 Winter Edition of The Omegan is the third issue published since the onset of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. The leadership and members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to family and friends of our beloved Brothers who have succumbed to COVID-19 and entered Omega Chapter. We will hold fast to memories of these departed Brothers and long remember their notable accomplishments to their communities and our world. It is now left to Omega Men to resolve to carry on their good works with fidelity. We must be steadfast and persevere in these perilous times, taking prudent health precautions while also serving boldly in a world that needs us. Stay safe, wear personal protective equipment and maintain safe distances from others.

The Omegan “Voice of the Second District” is the official chronical of Second District activities. Let’s continue lifting Omega up to the world as a shining light. As a clandestine organization, we must remain vigilant in telling our story and protecting our brand. Thank you for allowing me to continue serving as your Director of Public Relations. It is my joy chronicling the activities of Second District Chapters and Brothers having major impact on our respective communities.

Zanes Cypress, Jr.

**Zanes Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, 2nd District**



Historical Perspective - Moses Claborne A Selection of the Founders

The Great Migration North held the promise of more prosperous lives for African-Americans. The search for better employment options and the hope for a healthier social and racial climate, fueled the mass exodus of African-Americans leaving the rural south to chase dreams of prosperity and democracy in the north. The large urban areas like Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago were extremely popular and attractive, but smaller regions of the north also attracted the attention of African-Americans, seeking a new start, in the beginning of the 20th Century.

Bethlehem Steel of Johnston, PA, actively recruited African-Americans to fill positions as laborers in the early 1900's. Even with steady employment at a good wage, in this relatively small northern city, African-Americans still had to manage life with some of the same indignities faced in the south. Social segregation, sub-standard housing and living conditions were quite prevalent in the African-American community of Johnstown, PA, known as Rosedale.

In 1917, a young Doctor from Howard University, agreed to serve the growing community of color in Western Pennsylvania. The white hos-

pitals of the area, as one might expect, would not allow the treatment of non-whites at their facilities, so the need for medical care for the African-American community was significant. Dr. Moses Clayborne answered the call. He used his home as his clinic. Often seeing patients until 3am, resting briefly, then opening his doors again at 6am.

During his 45 years of service in Johnstown, Moses Clayborne was not just a doctor, he was also a social activist. After a racially charged incident in 1923, Johnstown Mayor Joseph Cauffiel ordered black people who had lived in the city for less than 7 years to leave. Moses Clayborne stood on MANHOOD, defied the order, and continued with principle to serve the community. During the 1930s, Dr. Moses Clayborne, served on the executive committee of the Johnstown Chapter of the NAACP. Later, he organized a National Negro Health Week. During his time in Johnstown, he was elected to serve as secretary of the National Negro Medical Association. Eventually, as part of his duties in the association, he and others worked with the white health care professionals to open the doors of tax-supported hospitals to black doctors and patients.

Corridor IV Basileus Toast

Plainfield, NJ. November 2, 2020. As Omega enters a new fiscal year unlike any other, Corridor IV Representative, Bro. Leon Smith wanted to ensure that the chapter leaders in the state of New Jersey had an opportunity to meet each other and share ideas of like attainment. Bro. Smith organized and held a Virtual Basileus Toast on Monday, November 2nd via Zoom.

The virtual meeting was well attended and a few of the Basilei were either arriving from a prior meeting or were scheduled for a meeting later in the evening and we were still able to top out attendance at 19 Brothers. The Basilei were enlightened with words of Uplift from our 29th Second District Representative, Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. Our former DR, ensured the Brothers that assistance is only a call away and if you seek help you will receive the Uplift you need as leaders of your chapters.

Bro. Smith, invited a mixture of Immediate Past Basilei, Basilei Elect, Former District Officers and current District Chairman to provide insight not only to what a Basileus can expect, but how Basilei can use their vision during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Every Brother in attendance were served with an opportunity to introduce themselves, share unique experiences as IPB, or ask questions directly related to the new position of Basileus Elect.

Bro. Smith's vision of a Basileus Toast was birthed partly as a result of the COVID - 19 pandemic. His initial message to our chapter leaders was one of reflection as he informed them of the work that Corridor IV

and Omega has done since mid- March 2020. He reminded them of their expectations as leaders of men within the fold of Dear Omega.

Bro. Spratley, Corridor IV, First Vice Corridor Representative, added additional insight for the day when the pandemic is over and how to transition back to in person formal meetings and the tools required to gain and keep momentum. As he stated, "this is something we can never lose sight of".

One of the highlights of the evening was the encouragement and advice from all of the IPB's on the call. It was a pleasure to be in the company of so many Brothers that were and are mentors to many of our new Basilei elect. Brothers shared stories of how they gained knowledge of leadership, friendship and Brotherhood from the very Brother(s) they are replacing as Basileus.

An additional highlight of the call of course was the "Corridor IV Basileus Toast" by Corridor IV Representative - Bro. Leon Smith. Reciting a quote from our 28th Grand Basileus and 9th District Representative, Bro. James S. Avery, Sr. Bro. Smith offered marching orders to the Brothers on the call, he instilled the qualities of forward thinking and more importantly he mentally prepared all of us for what lies ahead for the Omega Men of New Jersey.

The call concluded with a soul stirring prayer by our Corridor IV Representative, Leon Smith.

Corridor VI Awards 6 Tablets to Child Development Center

Buffalo, NY. December 28, 2020 . Brother Larry Donalson (Phi Omega, 2019) Chief Executive Officer of Lil' Workers Child Development Center, an organization dedicated to providing early childhood service in Buffalo, New York, recently was awarded a tablet for instructional use by Bro. Avon White, Corridor 6 Representative. This initiative is part of the 2nd District Social Action Committee and is awarded to organizations within the district who have worked to provide and enhance educational services in their communities.

The Lil' Workers Child Development Center is located, 210 Southampton Street, within an economically challenged community on Buffalo's East Side. The center serves children in the age range of infant to age 10. This

donation will help support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) instruction at the center. Students will engage in virtual nature field trips to discover new ways to investigate their natural world. Ms. Jeanetta Preston, a parent at Lil' Workers, stated "I am excited that my daughter will be able to use more technology in her classroom." With the motto of "It's not head start, it's the RIGHT start," Lil' Workers Child Development Center and Bro. Donalson intends to continue providing high quality early childhood service to the neediest community in Buffalo. Special thanks to Bro. White, Bro. Dwayne White, Chairman of the Social Action Committee, and District Representative Bro. Kelvin Ampofo for this donation.

Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

Mu Nu “Back 2 School Game Changers Conference

Gaithersburg, MD. October 24, 2020. The Mu Nu Chapter of 2nd District hosted our first virtual Back#2#School Game Changer Conference. Mu Nu Chapter has been a Co-Sponsor of the youth initiative that started under 22nd Basileus David A. Hill in March 2012. The annual conference, now in its ninth year held has grown in attendance impacting approximately 500 young males while addressing concerns of social justice, education, mentorship and so much more.

The Conference Theme this year for the was “Mentoring In The Midst Of A Crisis – Make Your Life Matter and Count.” In compliance with county COVID guidance, we weren’t able to gather as usual and had to pivot quickly to a new platform and structure. Still, we were able to engage with approximately 150 participates using a virtual platform. The conference was planned to align with students returning to school in this virtual environment. Consistent with previous years, we continued our focus on male students of color. Participants were Uplifted, Educated, Equipped, Empowered and Encouraged to do the necessary work to “Win Your Future.”

Brother Brian Heat, an Omega Man delivered a powerful motivational message that was reference throughout the conference by other presenters. His presentation reached our young males and provided practical applications that encouraged participation. Students shared their thoughts and feelings on their experiences and how COVID was impacting their journey.

Back#2#School Game Changer Conference.

Congratulatory messages from several dignitary participants were re-

ceived from Brother, Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle the U.S. Army’s Surgeon General and the Commanding General (Support) U.S. Army Medical Command; Congressman Chris Van Hollen; County Executive, Marc Elrich; Sidney A. Katz, County Council President, Anne Foster-Ahmed, Universities at Shady Grove and Mu Nu Chapter Basileus Gabe Brown.

The teaming partners were encouraged to stay committed, stay connected and stay engaged with our young people in the midst of this health crisis. The Game Changer Conference was designed as a Community Collaboration initiative that unites the community stakeholders, parents, and community leaders to raise awareness of the challenges for Black and Brown male students of color. Just as important, we aim to encourage students to take their education seriously. We desire to increase stories of success while partnering with liked-minded organizations to change the trajectory of thousands of high school students as they transition to college, the work force or the military and continue their growth as contributing partners of our community. THANK YOU for supporting this important effort and helping our young people be successful every day, especially in this moment.

Mentoring Matters more now than ever before – our students need to see Omega Excellence in this moment!

Mentoring our youth is more important now than ever before in this rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage Chapters to implement technology platforms and broaden ideas on ways to mentor of our young people and assist fathers in becoming their best selves.

Joyous Fatherhood Reflections During the Holiday Season

On behalf of the 37th District Representative, Brother Kelvin Ampofo and the Committee for Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring, we wish you Happy Hanukah, Kwanzaa and Merry Christmas.

Brothers, as the chosen Fraternity let us continue to be the shining “beacon” in the community as a “new world” emerges. Our prayer is that even during the most challenging year of our Generation you will find ways to share and spread Hope, Goodness, Joy, Peace and Love during this season.

Please enjoy the 2nd District Brothers remarks on the Joys of Fatherhood in the home and community!

“Being a Dad is a constant reminder of my responsibility for the success of future generations.” - Brother Dr. Frank Asante

“I love being a Dad to my 3 boys, Michael (23), Marcus (18) and Mason (6). I raised my children and instilled in them that they can do anything and be whoever they want to be in life. They make me proud everyday and I’m honored to be their Dad.” - Brother Michael Ruddock

“There are too many reasons to list why I love being a dad, but during these times of social injustice, my daughters asked me to take them to a Black Lives Matter march in Houston, TX. They wanted protection, as it was rumored that Trump would send troops to the protest. So in this instance not only am I providing protection, but teaching the importance of social justice, and taking a stand for what you believe in.” - Brother Keith Powe 4 FA 89 Upsilon Theta

“I love being a #girl dad. Raising strong, self-confident young women.” - Brother Curtis Cheatham

“I love being a dad to my son because it helps heal the little boy inside me that didn’t have his father in his life!” Brother Dr. RaShawn M. Adams

“I love being a dad because I get to see the joy and wonderment on

my daughter’s face every time she learns or achieves something new.” Brother Bakari G. Lee, Esq.

“I love being a dad because it’s a Daily reminder to that I’m living for a purpose bigger than myself while living a life worthy of emulation.”

- Brother Chibunna Chimezie –

“From football camps at Rutgers University to having an assistant coach with my 9U Team. I love the joy and experience my son and I have sharing our love of the game of football.” Brother Darren Burton Sr.

Growing up without my father brought forth a unique struggle along with the challenges from inner-city neighborhoods, yet, what I remember that there were a few who still remain committed to their children, their marriages, and their communities. My “why” may serve as a guide to young fathers who have not reached this level of generativity. So every day I open myself to offer parenting skills, maternal encouragement, continuous support, and assistance to fathers to increase their levels of involvement. As an Omega and a father, it is my duty to continue to care for my community but more importantly, to act as a role model for fathers just like me. I try to motivate fathers who may struggle in providing the best care for their families, and by doing so, I often associate myself with other positive fathers who are committed to their wives, their families, and their communities as well as their own personal development. What I notice is that our children and their friends benefit from having interactions with positive fathers, mothers benefit by having partners who are committed to parenting, and the community benefits as more positive male figures emerge. So my “why” is to give back while offering a positive image of fathers that appears to be a myth in African American communities and continuously explore and showcase the benefits behind positive involvement among fathers.

Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

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Community Service Engagement by the 45th Surgeon General of the Army and Commanding General U.S. Army Medical Command - Brother Lt. General R. Scott Dingle



Lt. General R. Scott Dingle

Montgomery County, MD. November 8, 2020. On Sunday, November 8, 2020, at First A.M.E. Church in Gaithersburg, conducted their Veterans Day Worship Service. Brother, Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle the U.S. Army’s Surgeon General and the Commanding General (Support) U.S. Army Medical Command was the guest preacher. He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was selected by the Veterans Ministry Committee Leader Chaplain J. Pinkney, retired LTC in the Air Force and approved by Reverend Dr. Vanetta Brice, Pastor. He was introduced by another Omega Man, Brother Donald Williams II who took a personal privileged to thank the three-star General for

his service to the Nation. A week prior, General Dingle was a dignitary at the first virtual Back#2#School Game Changer Conference that impacted approximately 150 male participates.

He shared his story about being a star football player at Morgan State University with aspiration upon graduating to play in the NFL. Things didn’t quite work out as planned.

Cadet Dingle received ROTC Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and pursued an Army career due to the many opportunities offered in the military. His message inspired, uplifted and connected the next generation of young people to consider the military as a professional career that will improve their quality of living.

General Dingle is also an ordained Itinerate Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church thus the invitation to First A.M.E. Church. The Veteran Day Worship Theme was “Christian Soldiers on the Battlefield for our Lord, Living Under the Protection of Almighty God.” He spoke on the subject “Christian Soldiers Creed.” How each of the arm forces have a creed, guidelines to govern their actions in living and working.

All Veterans, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Command live by a creed. America must “See You”Living Your Creed.”

He shared a story about attending Morgan State University football game annually. Every year he would see an elderly Omega man wearing a Red Jacket and wondered to himself. He would just wave until one year he was approached by the man’s granddaughter who stated her granddad want to speak with him. General Dingle learned that the veteran wearing the Red Jacket name was none other than 93-year old Brother Leroy Battle (Omega Chapter). The veteran was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airman that ushered in change for a generation setting the tone for desegregation of the Armed Forces. You must do more than see Veterans, take a moment to talk to them and thank them for their service to our Nation!

Our Black and Brown Community must “see you” out of your uniform and in your uniform for Active Duty Members. We must tell our story to inspire others; and share how the military made our life better. As we celebrate Veterans Day, I would like to take the time to say, “Thank you” and “Happy Veterans Day” to those that have served. We salute all, who once wore the uniform of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Command, Marines, or Coast Guard.



Brother Nick Mosby Elected Baltimore City Council President



Brother Nick Mosby

Baltimore, MD. November 6, 2020. Maryland State Del. Brother Nick Mosby won the 2020 general election for Baltimore City Council President. He is Baltimore's No. 2 official after the first competitive contest for the position in about a decade. The Baltimore City Council

President chairs the Baltimore Board of Estimates and presides over the city's 14-member legislative body. The president is also first in the line of succession if the mayor dies or resigns. Three of the past four mayors, were City Council presidents who ascended to the position when the sitting mayor resigned. The salary of the City Council president is about \$125,000 a year.

A 2003 initiate and member of Pi Omega Chapter, Brother Mosby grew up in the city, graduating from Tuskegee University as an electrical engineer. He served on the Baltimore City Council from 2011 to 2016. As a Baltimore City Councilman, his signature legislation barred many employers in the city from asking about a job candidate's criminal history until a conditional offer was extended. In the Maryland House of Delegates, he was the lead sponsor of state legislation that bars the city of Baltimore from seizing homes for overdue water bills. Quickly after the first coronavirus cases appeared in Maryland, Brother Mosby was vocal about addressing racial disparities in public health. He pressured the state to provide a breakdown of cases by race and ZIP code, with the goal of limiting the disproportionate harm in the black community

Brother Nick Mosby ran for the Democratic nomination for mayor in 2016. He is married to Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby. His campaign was hampered in part by some voters' concern that too much political power would be concentrated in one family. Pollsters determined a third of voters said they were less likely to vote for Brother Mosby for mayor because he is married to the state's attorney. Brother Mosby says he plans to recuse himself from any items on the Board of Estimates agenda related to the state prosecutor's office.

Brother Bertram Lawson II Named President and CEO YMCA of Central New York

Syracuse, NY. December 21, 2020. Brother Bertram Lawson, II is scheduled to step into the role of President and CEO YMCA of Central New York on February 8, 2021. The decision was reached after a comprehensive, volunteer-led national search by the YMCA of Central New York Metro Board of Directors, with assistance from the YMCA of the USA.

Brother Lawson currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Mastery Charter Schools Network (Philadelphia, PA and Camden, NJ), a \$250M non-profit organization, overseeing all aspects of non-instructional school operations, school budgets, sports/extra-curricular programming, and student enrollment for 24 campuses. Prior to this role, he was recruited by the Y in Central Maryland to serve as their Senior Vice President of Operations providing leadership to 3 Health/Wellness centers, 20 Camping (Day & Resident) locations, Youth Development, 20 Community Schools and Mentoring programs while supervising two Vice Presidents and a District Executive Director. Lawson also served the Y for over 21 years, including in Philadelphia, with significant operational, membership, grant delivery, partnership, fundraising and program experience.

He holds a Bachelor's degree from Lincoln University and is currently working towards a MBA from Wilmington University. He holds multiple Y-USA certifications and is a graduate of Y-USA's Multicultural Executive Development Institute and C-Suite Next Level Coaching Programs. He serves on various boards: Banks Giving (Board Chair) and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Eastern PA/Delaware Region). He has also served on National YMCA committees including the Membership Taskforce, Diversity Inclusion Leadership Council and Multicultural Advisory Committee. Brother Lawson is the Immediate Past National Chair for the Y-USA's African American Employee



Brother Bertram Lawson II

Resource Network (AARN). He is an active member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. where he was initiated via Beta Chapter in 1996.

He is also the father of four children and husband to Melissa Lawson. "Bertram's past experiences in the Y movement will enable him to immediately assess the Y's role in the post-COVID environment in our community and act to provide services that will address those needs," said YMCA of Central New York Board Chair and Chief Volunteer Officer Fran Nichols. "He is highly collaborative, and we see the opportunity to create partnerships with other not-for-profit organizations, the city and county, schools and our members to improve the lives of those in Central New York."

Alpha Mu Nu Donate Toys for Christmas

Allentown, PA. December 21, 2020. For the fifth consecutive year, The brothers of Alpha Mu Nu along with the sisters of Allentown Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta donated toys to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley and Preventative Measures. Turning Point is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. They provide services in Lehigh and Northampton counties and reach nearly 4,000 people a year through our programs and services. These accessories include a 24-hour Helpline, Safe House, Counseling, Support Groups, Court Advocacy, Community Outreach, Prevention Education, and Medical Advocacy. Preventive Measures of PA Local organizations with boots on the ground can literally transform a community. From helping individuals with mental illness live productive, successful lives, to working to eliminate gang violence on the street, The Clubhouse and Promise Neighborhoods are committed to making a difference in the Lehigh Valley. Over 500 toys were donated to both organizations and also over 400 household items and given to families in need.



Alpha Mu Nu donating toys to Turning Point

Beta Alpha Alpha COVID19 Social Action



Beta Alpha Alpha Brothers preparing Supplies for Homeless at Shelters

White Plains, NY. October 2020. The Brothers of Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter noticed that in this time of Covid-19, an endless number of families and individuals were facing many challenges while being shuffled from one temporary shelter to another. The Brothers felt they had to do something to help. Brother Byron Smalls spearheaded a project to collect and distribute new and gently used luggage to help families move and store their belongings in a more organized and dignified manner. When speaking with the Shelter Directors to coordinate the delivery of luggage, it was discovered that during this difficult time, there was also a great need for school supplies for children as well as toiletries for family members and adults. The chapter de-

ecided to expand their project and immediately began purchasing and securing donations of school supplies (e.g., paper tablets, pens, pencils, crayons, etc.) and toiletries (e.g., soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotions, tissues, bath clothes, etc.) to contribute to the additional needs identified by the Directors. To help with the fight against the virus, face masks and hand sanitizer were also acquired to include with the other items. Within a short period of time, the Brothers were able to collect enough items for over 400 individuals. Following pandemic protocols, Brothers spent a weekend organizing, sanitizing and packaging the items that have now been delivered to several agencies and individuals in need throughout Westchester County.

Beta Alpha Alpha NYC Kidney Walk

White Plains, NY. January 21, 2021. The Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. located in White Plains, New York participated in the New York City Kidney Walk that was held in November. Over the past two decades, the NYC Walk has represented an opportunity for people to unite as a community and raise awareness and funds for lifesaving programs that support kidney patients, their families and those at risk. Due to the threat of COVID-19, the need now is more than ever. Eighty cents of every dollar donated goes to research, patient services, public health education and community services.

Due to the pandemic’s impact, the walk was held differently this year. Participants were able to lace up and walk in smaller groups, taking different paths, but sharing a common goal of raising money for the National Kidney Foundation. Observing all Covid-19 protocols, a group of BAA Brothers gathered on a brisk Sunday morning at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla, New York and walked over 5 miles to the Westchester County Center and back. Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter raised nearly \$1,000 and was recognized by the Kidney Foundation for their participation and support.

The walk also provided a valuable opportunity for the BAA Brother-

hood to participate in a face to face activity, which due to Covid-19, have been primarily limited to Zoom meetings and conference calls. This outdoor activity gave the Brothers an opportunity to meet for a great cause and safely fellowship together.



Beta Alpha Alpha Brothers at the NYC Kidney Walk

Chi Pi Welcomes Three New Initiates

Syracuse, NY. November 8, 2020. Chi Pi Chapter initiated three new industrious brothers, Willie Walker III, Bradley Dillon Ross Gilbeaux, and Jarumi A. Bonner into the sacred bond of our beloved fraternity. Willie Walker III is a graduate of Florida A&M University. Willie hopes to make an impact in the Fraternity by working with the inner-city youth of Syracuse administering uplift and team building programs. Bradley Dillon Ross Gilbeaux received his BA from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and an MBA from Clark Atlanta University. Bradley intends to mentor and educate young men in the areas of manhood, financial literacy, friendship, and career development. Bradley is a legacy, joining his dad Dr. Fred Gilbeaux at Chi Pi.

Jarumi A. Bonner is a recent graduate from the University of Central Florida (UCF) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. Jarumi hopes to contribute to the Fraternity by applying his technological intelligence to the social challenges of his local chapter and the surrounding community. Jarumi is also a legacy, joining his dad Larry Bonner at Chi Pi. The initiation ceremony was performed by Chi Pi’s own Brother Ben Jeffers the 28th Second District Representative. “We are proud of these brothers and look forward to lifting them as they climb in service to the organization and community”, says Chi Pi Basileus Anthony Cherebin.

Chi Pi Christmas Toy Drive



Chi Pi Toy Donation

Syracuse, NY. December 15, 2020. Chi Pi Chapter partnered with the community to raise over \$1500.00 dollars for the Van Duyn Elementary School in Syracuse, as part of the chapter’s Toys for Youth initiative. “Thank you to the brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., for their super generous donation for the #ChaChaCHAMPS students with perfect attendance. These students will receive 3 (Three)

gift cards for the Five Below store where they can go and pick out the gift or gifts that they want for Christmas. Omega men are supporters and advocates for excellence in education and citizenship says Eva Williams, principal. “We have enjoyed our partnership with Van Duyn throughout the years, helping to plant the seeds of greatness in our youth”, says Anthony Cherebin, Chi Pi Chapter Basileus.

Chi Rho Achievement Week Awards



Chi Rho Man of the Year - Brother Donnie Daal

Suffolk County, NY, November 22, 2020. Chi Rho held its 1st virtual Achievement Week Awards Ceremony on November 22, 2020. Numerous national and district officers were in attendance and it was well received by the community. The keynote speakers Bro. Delrecole Gales & Bro. Dana Farmer, both delivered powerful messages of perseverance and uplift, so vital during these challenging times of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Omega Man of the Year was awarded to Bro. Basileus Donnie Daal, The Founders Award was received by Bro. Vice Basileus Charles A. Lloyd. Bro. Michael Williams received the Superior Service Award, and Bro. Dr. Michael Winfield and Bro. Rodger Muschett were awarded the Basileus Award. Bro. Louis Hertzog Jr. was honored with an award as Keeper of Records and Seal Emeritus and Bro. William Tyson was also honored with the award of Basileus Emeritus. The Achievement Week Essay contest attracted (13) contestants from various school districts and the submissions were graded by an independent group of local educators. The contest awards were presented to three high school students who wrote essays that focused on the importance of today's youth participating in the election process and how to keep young people motivated and engaged in politics. The 1st place winner was Ms. Summer Green of Grace Church School. All of the essay contest winners received a Certificate of Achievement, and a cash award to help them with their continued scholastic achievements and academic uplift.

Chi Rho Votes

Suffolk County, NY, November 3, 2020. On Election Day the Brothers of Chi Rho showed proof in the importance of voting by taking selfies of themselves and family voting. The election stickers or voting receipts the brothers received were posted to the new Chi Rho website. The postings demonstrated Chi Rho's continuing effort to get out the vote and proved Chi Rho brothers didn't just talk about the vote, but went out and voted strong for the 2020 election, and you should too!



Chi Rho Breast Cancer Fundraiser Challenge

Suffolk County, NY, October 18-31, 2020. Chi Rho recently participated in a breast cancer fundraising challenge. The initial goal of the challenge sponsored by the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF) started on October, 18th with a goal of \$500. The Basileus Daal then challenged the brothers of Chi Rho to exceed the initial

goal, raising the bar to \$1000. Needless to say, being Men of Omega the chapter challenged itself again, raising the goal to \$1500 after effortlessly meeting the last goal of \$1000. Chi Rho met its last goal and at the conclusion of the challenge had reached the amount of \$3501 during a two week period, well above the intended goal of \$500.

Chi Rho Support NAACP/BLM Demonstration

Suffolk County, NY, June 6, 2020. Brothers from Chi Rho participated in the NAACP/BLM Nassau to Suffolk car demonstration. In these critical times of the Covid-19 pandemic members of the community and Chi Rho had to find new methods of showing support for the BLM movement by joining a car protest from the Nassau county legislative seat to the Suffolk County legislative seat. Bro. Roger Muschett and Bro. Charles Green along with their families participated in the rally and utilized it as a talking point to explain the importance of BLM to their children. Passengers held placards out of car windows and sun roofs that spoke to the conditions affecting the Black community. The purpose of the demonstration was to bring awareness to county legislators and the public about the plight for survival that Black Americans face on a daily basis.



Chi Rho supports NAACP/ Black Livves Matter Demonstration

Chi Rho Assist Church Distribute Food to Community

Durham AMEZ Church Collaboration

Suffolk County, NY. October 23 & November 20-21, 2020. Chi Rho and Durham AME Zion Church collaborated to provide food to the Suffolk county community. On Friday October 23, 2020 the brothers of Chi Rho converged on Durham AME Church to provide over 400 nutritious food boxes to local families. Each box contained meat, milk, vegetables and other nutritious food items to help sustain Suffolk Co. families during these challenging times. Bro. Leonard Edwards collaborated with the church’s administration to facilitate the distribution of food to the community. In the future Chi Rho hopes to partnership and develop a lasting relationship with the church in order to routinely distribute food, especially during this pandemic. Once again Chi Rho with the enthusiasm of Bro. Roger Webb was able to team up with Durham AME Church and Bro. Edwards on November 20th & 21st to provide an additional 150 boxes of food to families in dire need. Chi Rho will continue to uplift the community.



Chi Rho Brothers Prepare food for distribution

Mercy Inn and Trinity Church

Suffolk County, NY. June 5, 2020. Bro. Oliver Coutrier and Bro. Roger Webb spearheaded a food distribution effort in conjunction with Mercy Inn and in collaboration with Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church. Chi Rho brothers rallied to provide numerous nutritious meals and boxed provisions to the families of Suffolk County residents. The chapter hopes to continue to serve and distribute food on an ongoing basis, especially after seeing an unprecedented need. Chi Rho has challenged itself to persevere and continue impacting and uplifting the Suffolk County community by distributing critical food during the Covid-19 Pandemic.



Chi Rho Brothers Prepare food for distribution

Brother William Tyson Honored



Brother William Tyson

Chi Rho Gets PPE

Suffolk County, NY. May 1st 2020. At the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic and before anyone realized just how dangerous the virus was Bro. Joseph Cruz presented the entire chapter protective face masks embossed with the Greek letters of the fraternity. The Brothers of Chi Rho were presented the PPE, which we’d soon come to realize was a blessing and critical tool in allowing us to continue delivering our services and uplift to the Suffolk county community. The protective face masks were delivered to individual brothers by Bro. Derrick Toussaint & Bro. Roger Webb, giving them an opportunity to do a safety-well check on brothers in the midst of Covid-19.

Suffolk County, NY. August 6, 2020. Bro. William Tyson of Chi Rho continues to demonstrate our cardinal principles by winning an award from the NYC Department of Corrections Division of Programs & Community Partnership on 8/26/20. Bro. Tyson who has worked with incarcerated youthful offenders for over 20 years was honored with an award for Extraordinary & Exemplary Performance and Support, throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic. Kudos to Bro. Tyson, as he continues to immerse himself in redirecting and uplifting the youth of our community.

Chi Rho Voter Registration



Chi Rho Brothers register voter

Suffolk County, NY. October 2020. The Brothers of Chi Rho go all in on a Get Out The Vote Campaign aimed at the November 2020 elections. Every Saturday during the month of October Chi Rho met at the Compare Supermarket in Wyandanch, NY. to register and encourage new voters. It was especially challenging with Covid-19 protocols for brothers to interact with the public, while maintaining safe social distancing. Chi Rho was instrumental in registering 51 new voters during the campaign and felt it had an impact that answered the call for the Divine Nine’s participation in helping to elect the democratic ticket.

Chi Upsilon Mask Giveaway

Camden, NJ. November 20, 2020. The current COVID – 19 pandemic is not slowing, and neither is the community efforts of Omega Men around the world. Chi Upsilon Chapter donated 500 personal protective masks to Mr. Arnold N. Byrd, Executive Director for the Camden County Council On Economic Opportunity (Camden County OEO), Inc. The donation is so much more than social action—the masks will be used for staff and visitors of this fundamental pillar in the city of Camden.

Camden County OEO is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to serving and uplifting individuals and families in Camden County, New Jersey, since 1965. Camden County OEO has a dual purpose in arranging for and providing material assistance that gives immediate relief to low-income persons in emergency circumstances. Also, offer programs and services to help clients achieve self-sufficiency. The Camden “Ques” has a long-standing partnership with Mr. Byrd and OEO. We hold our monthly meetings at 538 S. Broadway, Camden, NJ (pre-COVID), and Mr. Byrd is anxious for us to return to normalcy so we may continue to work together and call OEO our home as well. In making this Day possible, we would like to thank the efficient and courteous staff at OEO for arranging our delivery. Omega men in action included Walt Young, Oscar Spencer - Basileus, Jeffrey M. Spratley, Immediate Past Basileus, James Whitaker, and Thomas Harris, KRS. Brothers, Young, and Whitaker, arranged the masks’ purchase, while Brother Harris, Chapter KRS, and State Farm Agency owner ensured the investment with a community grant from State Farm Insurance.

Chi Upsilon Mask Giveaway



Chi Rho Brothers give PPE

Camden, NJ. On March 12, 2020, Every rational age person understood that the new standard might include wearing a protective mask due to the Corona virus’s presence. The 2nd District of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proved to be a global leader with weekly online information sessions and mask distribution from Maryland to Manhattan.

It only fitted that the Camden Ques follow the Smalls and Ampofo Administrations of District leadership and assist the community with protective mask donations.

Chi Upsilon Chapter started its donations with The Second District and Corridor IV (NJ Ques). We received 500 masks, which launched our first donation to the Abigail House, followed by our second donation, which went to the OEO of Camden, NJ. On Thursday, December 3, 2020, Chi Upsilon Chapter Brothers assembled in a social distance manner to distribute protective masks to the Elmwood Healthcare Center (Blackwood, NJ) and The Gloucester Township Police Department (Clementon, NJ).

After completing our donations for 2020, we look forward to continuing our effort as needed in 2021.



Chi Upsilon Brothers give PPE

Brother Wesley Bridges Appointed Acting Law Director for the City of Trenton, NJ



Brother Westley Bridges

Trenton, NJ. December 2020. Brother Wesley Bridges (DU Spring 2010) was recently tapped as acting law director for the City of Trenton, NJ. By Mayor Reed Gusciora. Brother Bridges is Founder of the Trenton-based Bridges Law Firm. For more than 10 years Bridges has been known as a bulldog litigator. During a phone interview with the local Trentonian Newspaper, Bridges said that he hopes to become a “trusted advisor” to council and the administration. Bridges father, former Mayor of Ewing Township Al Bridges (DU Fall 1976 – Omega Chapter) and Uncle Audley Bridges (Epsilon Epsilon 1967 - Omega Chapter) were instrumental in his becoming an attorney and eventually following in their footsteps into the world of Omega.

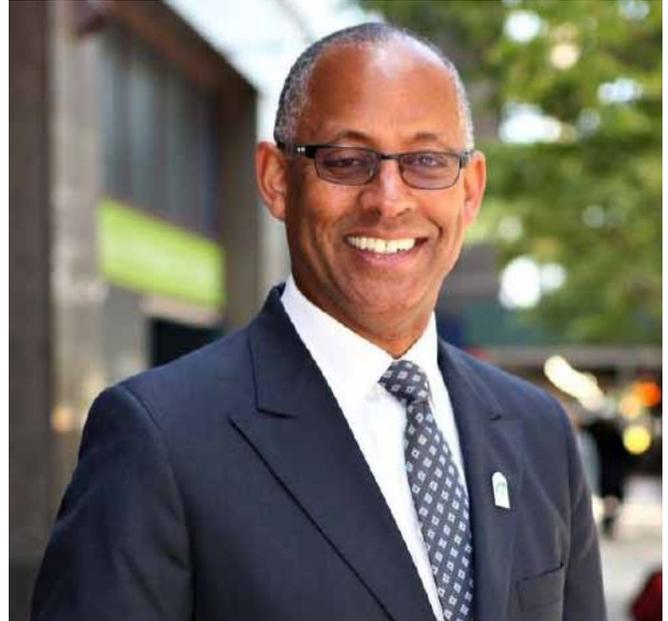
Chi Upsilon Christmas Giveaway

Camden, NJ. November 20, 2020. The Brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter continue their acts of kindness for the Camden community with a Christmas basket giveaway for December 2020. Brothers from our 2017 and 2019 lines participated in a basket giveaway for two deserving families in the city of Camden. Chi Upsilon Brothers, James Whitaker, Thomas Harris, and Aitif Long, , and Bro. Danny Tunis – Nu Nu Chapter participated in this community effort.

Eight holiday baskets included an assortment of either turkey, beef and/or ham based on the families dietary needs. One family received toys that were donated by Puns Toy store in Ardmore, PA. The toys are unique in that they are handpicked treasures from the highest quality manufacturers in the toy business, offering a wide selection of challenging and exciting toys to entertain young minds.

In addition to the two-holiday baskets, the Camden Ques donated \$500 to a deserving family in Camden. The \$500 gift card went to an excellent lovely family who received a wide range of holiday Uplift from Omega.

Brother Frank Hudley Elected To Rutgers Hall of Fame



Brother Frank Hudley

New Brunswick, NJ. December 2020. Brother Frank Hundley was elected to the 2020 class of the Rutgers African American Alumni Alliance (RAAA) Hall of Fame. The RAAA honors the achievements of graduates of African descent from Rutgers University. Brother Hundley (DU Spring 1987) is a life member (#2917) and comes from a long line of Omega men, his Brother Seymour Jr. (Kappa Psi Fall 1966), Brother Herbert (Mu Rho Spring 1981) and most notably, his father Seymour Hundley Sr. (Alpha Chapter 1940 – Omega Chapter) an active member of Delta Upsilon and the Fraternity for over 62 years. The RAAA Hall of Fame promotes interaction between students, alumni, and administration. The Hall of Fame encourages students and young alumni to draw from their experiences at Rutgers to succeed academically, professionally, and personally.

Frank’s involvement with Rutgers runs deep and wide. Committed to being an agent of positive change for his alma mater, Frank engaged with the Rutgers Alumni Association (RAA) two decades ago, working as a committee chair and moving up the ranks to become an RAA officer and ultimately president in 2008-09. That same year, Frank served on the inaugural board of the newly formed Rutgers University Alumni Association followed by a three-year full term as a board member. In 2006, the RAA awarded the Loyal Son of Rutgers distinction to Frank.

In 2009, Frank was elected to the Rutgers University Board of Trustees (BOT) where he served a seven-year term culminating as board chair in 2015-16. It was in his role as BOT Chair that Frank experienced the honor of a lifetime when he was personally introduced to Barack Obama shortly before the sitting president delivered the 250th Anniversary Commencement address to the university in May 2016. Following his term as a Board Trustee, Frank was bestowed the high honor of a lifetime appointment as an emeritus member of the Board. Frank is currently serving the fifth year of a six-year term on the Rutgers Board of Governors (BOG), the university’s highest governing board. In addition to his current role as a university governor, Frank presently serves on the Rowan University Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors and is the chair of both the Rutgers-Camden Board of Directors and the Rutgers BOG Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

Delta Upsilon Achievement Week

Trenton, NJ. November 2020. During Achievement Week 2020, the Delta Upsilon Chapter of Trenton, New Jersey hosted several events to commemorate the week. The celebration started on 11/15/2020 with a virtual “Financial Aid & Scholarship Symposium” which was followed on 11/16/2020 by the “Virtual Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair. Both events were held in partnership with the Malcom Bernard Foundation and the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation. Both were well attended by students and parents from the local community. The week continued with the Chapter’s annual Founders’ Day program on November 17. Because of the various COVID-19 restrictions, the chapter hosted a virtual viewing of the 109th Founders’ Day program hosted by IHQ. The Achievement Week celebration culminated on 11/22/2020 as the chapter held its annual “Achievement Week Awards Ceremony” virtually. Bro. Walter R. Nall was honored as Delta Upsilon’s “Omega Man of the Year”. Brother Nall crossed

the burning sands into the fraternity in January 1984 through the Iota Omega Chapter, Tuskegee, Alabama and is a Life Member. Immediate Past Basileus Dr. Charlie Williams received Delta Upsilon’s “J. Minor Sullivan, III Basileus Award” for his outstanding leadership of the chapter during his tenure as Basileus. Mercer Street Friends was recognized as “The Community Organization of the Year” for its efforts to overcome poverty and its lasting effects in the community. Over 512,000 meals were provided by Mercer Street Friends to needy families in the Trenton area in 2020. New Jersey State Senator Shirley K. Turner was the recipient of the “Community Leader of the Year” award for her years of dedicated service to her constituents in the 15th Legislative District. Brother Keir Pemberton, 2nd District Achievement Week Chairman, served as the keynote speaker and delivered a powerful address on the theme “Omega Men Ushering in Social Change.

Delta Upsilon Blood Drive

Trenton, NJ. November 21, 2020. Delta Upsilon Chapter, In collaboration with the American Red Cross held its bi-annual “Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive” on 11/21/2020. 15 Pints of Blood were collected. The need for donated blood and plasma has been an ongoing issue during the pandemic. This has particularly been a concern in the Black community. Everyone who donated also received an antibody test for COVID-19. The representative from the American Red Cross expressed that the number of individuals who gave blood far exceeded their expectations and has already indicated that they are excited about the next blood to be held in the spring.



Delta Upsilon Brother giving blood at the Blood Drive

Delta Upsilon Trivia Game Night

Delta Upsilon Chapter participated in the Mercer Regional Pan-Hellenic Council’s D9 Trivia Game Night. The event was organized to support The Children’s Home Society of NJ’s effort to purchase hoodies for middle school participants in their after-school program. In addition to donating 65 sweatshirts, the event also raised over \$1300 to support victims of a recent fire that took place in the city of Trenton. Delta Upsilon Brothers Chapter Chaplain Shaun Patterson, The Trivia Game asked questions about Black Sitcoms from the 2000s.

Delta Upsilon Holiday Food And Toy Drive

Trenton, NJ. December 2020. The social action committee of Delta Upsilon in conjunction with various community-based organizations participated in several community service projects during the holiday season in support of those less fortunate. The Chapter provided toys, food, warm clothing, and financial donations to Shiloh Baptist Church, the Mercer



Delta Upsilon Brothers at Holiday Food and Toy Drive Event

North Office of the Child Protection and Permanency Division, Trenton Partners for Development, and Triumphant Life Church. Without the support from the chapter and others, many families and youngsters would have gone hungry, cold, or without a gift. Ms. Darlene Weldon

a gift. Ms. Darlene Weldon Gordon, Executive Director of the Trenton Partners for Development organization indicated that the donations provided by the Chapter exceeded their expectations and were able to provide winter hats/gloves/socks to over a 100 families.

Epsilon Drive In Movie Night

New York, NY. October 24, 2020. Brothers of the Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted the chapter’s first-ever drive-in movie night in October. The event was free of charge and members of the community showed up in droves to enjoy a viewing of Black Panther. In addition to the 58 cars that were present, New York State Assemblywoman, Rodneyse Bichotte, and Director of Communications for New York City’s Board of Elections, Valerie Vazquez-Diaz, were also in attendance. Mrs. Vazquez-Diaz informed the crowd that the early voting period had started that day and encouraged those in attendance to exercise their civic duty.

Joining Ms. Bichotte and Mrs. Vazquez-Diaz on stage, was Dr. Henry Talus of Kings County Hospital. Dr. Henry stressed the importance of a greater focus on health initiatives throughout our communities and relayed how early cancer screenings can potentially save lives. Throughout the movie, members of the community were able to patronize Makina Café’s food truck, Epsilon Chapter’s October selection for their Black Business Series.

In all, the chapter was able to host a safe, socially-distanced outing to give community members an opportunity to enjoy a great movie, while being educated on the importance of voting and health initiatives in our communities.



Epsilon Brothers and guest at Drive In Movie Night

Epsilon Pi MLK Day of Service



Chester, PA. January 18, 2021. “Everybody can be Great, because Everybody Can Serve.” The Brothers of Epsilon Pi Chapter, teamed up with Undergraduate Chapter Omega Delta to host its MLK Day of Service “Adopt-A-Highway” along Route 291 in Chester, PA.

Brothers were fully enthused to clean up the community they hold so dear. The brothers of Epsilon Pi Chapter worked together to clean up 3 miles of trash along the highway.

Epsilon Pi’s goal was to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. all while beautifying the Chester community.

Epsilon Pi chapter has served and been a community leader in the Chester (PA) for almost forty years. The brothers understand the importance of serving the community and will continue to pledge allegiance to her cause. Brothers worked together for the common purpose of beautification and will continue doing the heavy lifting that needs to be done in the Chester community

Epsilon Pi Brothers Cleaning Route 291 in Chester, PA.

Epsilon Pi Brother Leads Voter Registration



Brother James Harper

Chester, PA. November 20, 2020. Brother James Harper Jr., was born and raised in Chester, PA. and attended Grambling State University. He is a strong advocate for equality and empowers a work force that can better serve the communities in which he holds so dear.

He began working for Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA) in 1991 as a unionized employee and

Not only is Bro. Harper a Business Manager, he is also a political organizer. He leads the charge of voter registration in the Chester area as well as the chairperson for Epsilon Pi’s chapter committee. He, along with volunteers within the community, work year around to engage and provide its residents with materials and knowledge that discuss the importance of voting locally and nationally. He goes door-to-door, speaks to parents and families in the community as well as local games and wherever else he can engage in conversation. He strives to make sure the community is engaged in the political landscape of the area and the country.

Over the years, he has worked with several politicians and has recently worked closely with the Biden campaign. His efforts came to light when President-elect Joseph Biden visited Bro. Harper’s office personally to thank him for the work he continues to do in the community. Bro. Harper is a man of integrity and exemplifies what it means to be an Omega man.

currently holds the position as Business Manager. His father, James Harper Sr., was the Business Manager from 1977 until his death in
www.opp2d.org

Epsilon Pi Annual “Turkey Drive/Adopt-a-Family”



Epsilon Pi Brothers at Turkey Drive /Adopt-A-Family Event

Chester, PA. December 2020. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Epsilon Pi Chapter has been a staple in the Chester, Pa. community since 1973 and this event was nothing short of magical. The turkey drive/adopt-a-family was led by our committee chair Bro. Roosevelt Turner, who has been spearheading this event for the past 17 years.

On Sunday December 20, 2020, Epsilon Pi Chapter in partnership with SGS (Sisters Growing Strong) ministries, AETNA, woman of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, The Chester Police Department, Philly Food Rescue and Keystone Mercy provided over 100 food baskets with all the trimmings for a holiday dinner. There were also items of clothing (socks, hats, gloves), along with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) provided to families in need.

Because of the pandemic that has plagued so many, the event was done in drive-thru fashion. Cars were lined up for blocks waiting to

receive their holiday baskets from brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Epsilon Pi Chapter, along with our community partners, while the Chester Police directed traffic. The DJ played holiday jams, while Bro. Daniels (Omega Santa) greeted families and assisted with the drive-thru food basket give away and CMP Radio was on-site conducting interviews during the event.

Epsilon Pi selects a family annually that are in need, and this year, Epsilon Pi was able to provide a family of four with food, toys, an assortment of other gifts that was sure to bring some holiday cheer.

These times serve as a constant reminder of how important it is to assist others, especially with so much job and food insecurity, social injustice/unrest and a global pandemic that is disproportionately affecting people of color. We (Epsilon Pi Chapter) are ever so humbled and blessed to be apart of the solution and work hard for the people and community we hold so dear in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Gamma Pi 2020-21 Project ENRICH

Capitol Heights, MD. October 2, 2020. Two well-known local leaders who are members of the Fraternity led the way as Gamma Pi Chapter opened Project ENRICH for the 2020-21 academic year. Just like when the program last got together for its 2019-20 closing ceremony in June, the opening program for this school year began online via videoconferencing due to the coronavirus.

Brothers Rushern Baker III, who served as the former Prince George’s County Executive and was a Democratic candidate for governor in 2018, along with State Del. Nick Charles, also of Prince George’s, set the tone for the year with informative and interesting remarks about importance of civics.

Bro. Baker challenged young people to think about public service and civic engagement with particular focus on local and state office, evoking the name of Gamma Pi Chapter’s Bro. Ulysses Currie, who became the highest ranking African American legislator in Maryland as a State Senator and who entered Omega Chapter in 2019. Bro. Del. Charles told the story of how he began working in his neighborhood homeowner’s association. The theme of the opening program was civics.

Project ENRICH students heard from Gamma Pi Basileus Steven Walls, who encouraged them to remain focused on their success despite then unsettling events in the world. The students also received a briefing from new director Bro. James Riley, Jr. about the curriculum.

The monthly focus topics for the year are: Civics (October), Critical Thinking (November), College Timelines and Planning (December), Financial Resources and Debt Planning (January), Entrepreneurship and Interviewing (February), Mental Health (March), Essay Presentation (April) and Seniors Program (May).

Students were also introduced to Bro. William “Bill” Reese, who for the second year in a row will lead the Young Men’s Professional Etiquette initiative called MSPU (Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift). Mrs. Kaila Randolph, a training official for the federal government, will lead the second-year Young Ladies Professional Etiquette started last year by Ms. Rita Reese. Team leads this year are Bros. Andrew Clarke and Anthony Smith (freshmen); Bros. Jason Crump and Marlin Godfrey (sophomores); Bros. Riley and Andrew Gibson (juniors) and Bro. John Howard has the graduating seniors.

Project ENRICH has helped hundreds and perhaps thousands of students prepare for and succeed in college. The program sponsors a monthly session on Saturday that is normally held on the campus of Bowie State University. During these sessions, students and participating parents learn about scholarship opportunities, the college application process, selecting a college selecting a major and preparing for campus life. Participants start in the ninth grade and continue through 12th grade.

Gamma Pi Achievement Week



Brother Eric Fields

Capitol Heights, MD. November 16, 2020.

Gamma Pi Chapter conducted a super Achievement Week celebration event November 13-15, 2020. The event was entirely virtual via Zoom and Facebook live, due to strict COVID-19 restrictions in Maryland. This year's Achievement Week theme, 'Omega Men Ushering

in Social Change' is both

timely and confirming as the achievement of resilient people will always overcome the obstacles that stand in opposition.

The Achievement Week program, kicked off on Friday evening with the 'Robert Busby/Claudius Walker Brothers Only' event which originally began as a 'Brother's Only' dinner in 2004. The event was named in honor of two of the most stalwart brothers of Gamma Pi's rich history, Bro. Robert Busby, who entered Omega Chapter in 2006 and Bro. Claudius Walker who entered Omega Chapter in 2007. This event was attended by some 60 Brothers via Zoom, including notable brothers such as 1st Vice Grand Basileus Bro. Ricky Lewis, former Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers, who is

a proud member of the Gamma Pi Chapter, 2nd District Representative Bro. Kelvin Ampofo, 2nd District Keeper of Records and Seals Bro. Amir Shareef, 2nd District Keeper of Peace Bro. Desmond 'Skip' Victor, and a host of past and present area Basilei. Gamma Pi Basileuand the Prince George's County Public School System as Gamma Pi's Chapter has been able to conduct food distributions at various Prince George's County Public Schools all throughout these quarantine conditions. Brothers have also been able develop mentoring programs with various schools in the county.

Other speakers on the program included Maryland State Delegate Jay Walker, who also provided a challenge for Divine 9 organizations to, "do more and expect more." Delegate Walker noted that more is expected from these organizations however the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are certainly leading the charge in these efforts in Prince George's County. Awardees, such as Dr. Charlene M. Dukes, the former President of Prince George's County Community College and NBC News4Today journalist Molette Green, Howard University alum and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. also offered their heartfelt gratitude to the chapter for their selections.

Achievement Week award winners were: **Bro. Eric Fields (Omega Man of the Year) Pictured;** 2nd District Chief of Staff Bro. Brian K. Long (Founders Award); Bro. Tiresias McCall (Superior Service Award); Bro. Rev. Brian King (Religious Leader of the Year); Dr. Dukes (Educator of the Year); journalist Ms. Green (Citizen of the Year) and Michael Woods (Student Athlete of the Year).



Gamma Pi TV Broadcast

Capitol Heights, MD. November 16, 2020. For the Brothers of Gamma Pi's Public Relations Committee, the onset of the pandemic has changed the way of doing business. Many events and activities that usually result in photos, videos, articles and special publications for the PR team are now just Zoom calls. Nowhere is the proliferation of Zoom more evident than in the chapter's TV show, Community UPLIFT, which is broadcast locally on Comcast and Verizon FiOS through Prince George's Community TV. In fact, Zoom and other videoconferencing tools are being utilized the news and talk format broadcast industry during the coronavirus. So Gamma Pi is not alone. For Bro. Clint Green and the members of the Public Relations team involved with the show, it has changed way the show is put together, especially in how the show is organized and "shot and edited" for broadcast.

Nevertheless, the crew has persevered. Right before the virus. Gamma Pi luckily recorded two consecutive shows in the studio and those episodes aired normally. The last of those two highlighted Mardi Gras, Talent Hunt and the Scholarships initiatives which at the time were "hot on the radar" for Gamma Pi. The week the show began airing was when the pandemic was declared and unfortunately, much of the con-

tent of that show, though it aired throughout March, was moot since the Mardi Gras and Talent Hunt were cancelled. Only the scholarship portion was still relevant and helped generate interest in the community.

Since the pandemic, two shows have been recorded using Zoom. One show focused on county assistance available to minority businesses impacted by the pandemic while the most recent show focuses on civic engagement via the new Divine-9 organization that Gamma Pi Legislative Chairman Bro. Jason Crump spearheaded. Next, the show is going to focus on Fatherhood and Black men and will feature Past Grand Basileus as a guest. Later, the chapter is planning to address the coronavirus and vaccines as well as criminal justice issues affecting the community as well as take a look back at the success voter education and registration initiatives in Prince George's County.

Community UPLIFT is broadcast eight times monthly, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Channel 42 (Verizon FiOS) and Comcast (Channel 76) in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Delta Sigma Theta member Denise Smith is the longtime host. Gamma Pi is the only chapter in Omega Psi Phi that has its own regularly scheduled TV broadcast show.

Gamma Nu Nu NJ Feed Across The State

Mt. Holly, NJ. October 31, 2020. The Brothers of Gamma Nu Nu Chapter in conjunction with the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter assisted in the New Jersey Feed Across the State Initiative. More than 80 cases of pre-packaged meals were delivered from Maryland to Southern New Jersey. Gamma Nu Nu took on the task of delivering 12 cases to the Extended Hands Ministries, Inc. a homeless shelter located in Mount Holly, NJ. As a result, twenty people were able to be fed that The Extended Hands Ministries, Inc. is sponsored by the Christian Community Center of Mount Holly. They provide shelter, have a food pantry, and serve community meals. With their food pantry, they pro-

vide toiletries, fresh produce, eggs, meats, and canned and dry goods. Their food pantry serves an average of 170 families each month, supplying each family with a two week supply of groceries, meats, and vegetables in addition to breads, rolls, and other donated products based on availability. The pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM until 1:45 PM. Proof of residency is required. Thank you to 29th Second District Representative Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. and Deputy Corridor IV Representative Bro. Lybrant E. Wright for assisting us in this endeavor.

Gamma Nu Nu Virtual Founders Day

JB-MDL, NJ. November 15, 2020. The Brothers of Gamma Nu Nu hosted the Virtual Corridor IV Founders Day event. Vice Basileus Bro. Sean Hoggs served as the Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was given by Immediate Past Basileus Bro. Eric R. Teel, who also gave welcoming remarks following a soulful rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by Kirk Franklin.

Standing in for our illustrious Founders were:

Bro. Bishop Edgar Amos Love – 37th Second District Representative
Bro. Kelvin Ampofo

Bro. Professor Frank Coleman – First Vice Second District Representative
Bro. Delrecole C. Gales

Bro. Dr. Oscar James Cooper – Corridor IV Representative
Bro. Leon M. Smith, II.

Bro. Dr. Ernest Everett Just – First Vice Corridor IV Representative
Bro. Jeffrey Spratley

A brief video history of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated was then presented. Immediately following, Keeper of Records and Seal Bro. F. Tarkin Jones introduced the Keynote Speaker for this

event, Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers. Immediately following his speech, Basileus Bro. Dennis Dones gave remarks, with the invocation given by Corridor IV Chaplain Bro. Jason Jennings.

The event ended with a video of Gamma Nu Nu’s inaugural year, accompanied by the playing of “Omega Dear.” Closing the event was a video compilation of our Founders, along with the line photos of the Gamma Nu Nu Charter members. Brothers and Civilians honored as Achievement Week awardees include:

Omega Man of the Year: Bro. F. Tarkin Jones

Superior Service: Bro. Eric R. Teel

Citizen of the Year: Ms. Jennifer Ohmer

Community Service: Bro. Aaron Cooper

COL Charles Young: Bro. LTC Richard D. Giles, II.

Founders: Bro. J. W. Piercy, III.

Replays of this event can be found on the Chapter YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/drRYgTM0jXk>

Gamma Nu Nu Provide Uplift for First Responders



Gamma Mu Nu Brother provide Uplift to First Responders

Browns Mills, NJ. November 17, 2020. Brothers of the Gamma Nu Nu Chapter showed appreciation to our first responders by dropping off coffee and donuts in honor of Founders Day. Bro. Toy Frasier ('92 Nu Psi) delivered coffee and 2 dozen donuts to the Deborah Heart and Lung and Lung Center, located at 200 Trenton Road in Browns Mills, NJ to give back to our Doctors and Nurses who are saving lives during this pandemic.

Basileus Bro. Dennis Dones ('08 Nu Nu) delivered coffee and do-

nuts to Doctors and Nurses at Virtua Memorial Hospital, located at 175 Madison Avenue in Mount Holly, NJ. Bro. Roe Chavis ('09 Mu Omega) delivered coffee and donuts to the Officers at the Eastampton Police Department.

The Brothers of Gamma Nu Nu are grateful for our first responders, and in the spirit of UPLIFT decided to give them a small token of appreciation for the work in which they do and the service they provide to the community.

Gamma Nu Nu Achievement Week Book Drive

Columbus, NJ. November 19, 2020. In upholding our second Cardinal Principle of SCHOLARSHIP, the Brothers of Gamma Nu Nu held a book drive to collect donations of reading materials. These reading materials are planned to be donated to the Helen A. Fort Middle School located in Pemberton, NJ to be utilized within their educational system. This initiative is also in line with the Second District’s “Read Across the District Day,” whose goal is to promote culturally relevant literacy among the schools in our respective areas.

In addition to the donated books, Gamma Nu Nu also collected Highlights magazines for donation to younger aged students. A donation was made to the Discovery Place Pre-School located in Yeadon, PA with more donations to follow in the upcoming months. The Highlights Foundation is based in Pennsylvania and is a 501(c)3 supported by individuals, publishers, and writers’ organizations committed to improving the quality of children’s literature by helping authors and illustrators hone their craft.



Gamma Mu Nu Book Drive

Gamma Nu Nu Wreath Laying at Founder Cooper’s Gravesite



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Ambler, PA. November 18, 2020. Gamma Nu Nu laid a wreath at the final resting place of our Founder Bro. Dr. Oscar James Cooper. Founder Cooper is interred at the White Marsh Memorial Park located in Ambler, PA.

Basileus Bro. Dennis Dones conducted the silent ceremony where the wreath was laid at his gravesite, along with four long-stemmed white roses emblematic of our four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Brother Cooper became the Fraternity’s first Grand Keeper of the Records (National Secretary) and second Grand Basileus in 1912. He also authorized the investigation of a second chapter on the campus of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. He was the third of our Founders to enter Omega Chapter, having done so in 1972.

We honor all our Founders during this Achievement Week. Without their foresight, intellect, and vision we would not exist as we do today.

Gamma Nu Nu Christmas Donations

Lakehurst, NJ. December 18, 2020. Brothers of Gamma Nu Nu coordinated with the First Sergeants Association to participate in “Operation Toy Drop” where toys were donated to children of families in need.

On Saturday, December 19, 2020 the spirit of giving continued with the Brothers giving Christmas baskets to identified families in need. Along with donations from the Mercer Street Friends Food Bank where Bro. James “Butter” Allen is the Director, ten families were given a turkey, stuffing, corn, mixed vegetables, green beans, and sliced carrots. Breakfast items (cereal and Nutri Grain bars) were also added to the baskets. As the holiday season is considered the “most wonderful time of the year,” Brothers got into the spirit of giving to try to brighten the spirits of those in need.



Gamma Mu Nu Toy Drop

Gamma Nu Nu MLK Day of Service

Mount Holly, NJ. January 17, 2021. The Brothers of Gamma Nu Nu began the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service a day earlier on Sunday, January 17, 2021. The Brothers assembled at The New Jerusalem Church, 400 Washington Street in Mt. Holly, NJ to assist the Church's Pastor (Gamma Nu Nu Chaplain Bro. Irving Fryar) with removing debris that had accumulated in the Church's basement.

With many hands making for a lighter load, the Brothers cleared and cleaned the garage in approximately 3 hours.

The MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. Gamma Nu Nu is proud to have rolled up their sleeves to assist in the communities in which we serve.

Iota Gamma 50th Anniversary

Ewing, NJ. November 8, 2020. The Brothers of Iota Gamma chapter celebrated our 50th Chapter Anniversary on Sunday, November 8, 2020. The Iota Gamma Chapter was chartered on the Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) campus on November 8, 1970. The Iota Gamma Chapter is known as the "Mother Pearl" undergraduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi in the state of New Jersey, because it was the first chapter chartered at a college in the state and led the way for the establishment of other undergraduate chapters throughout the state. The Iota Gamma chapter was also the first member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council to have a chapter established at TCNJ and is the oldest of all the national/international greek letter organization chapters at The College of New Jersey. From the chapter's inception, Dr. Casper B. Lonesome (BΓ '54) was a guiding force and advisor. The first pledge line was the "The Founding Five" assisted

by Dean of Pledges Bro. Dennis May (B '66). In 1977, the first line to pledge at Rider College (Rider University) was "Five to Survive." Although the celebration could not be held in person due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the virtual event allowed brothers from all over the country to join us via Zoom. Chapter brothers from 1970 to 2020 attended along with classmates and sweethearts who they have not seen in years. The program had over 80 brothers and guests in attendance. Acknowledgements were made by 1st Vice Grand Basileus Brother Ricky Lewis, 37th District Representative Brother Kelvin Ampofo, 1st Vice District Representative Brother Delrico Gales, Corridor IV Representative Brother Leon Smith, and Delta Upsilon Basileus Brother Roy Johnson. Following the formal program, Brothers were able to fellowship and share stories, the history of the chapter, and life on campus.

Iota Gamma Achievement Week

Ewing, NJ. December 2020. Iota Gamma's Achievement Week kicked off with a Financial Aid & Scholarship Symposium in partnership with Delta Upsilon Chapter, followed by the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair. Brothers then had a virtual 109th Founders' Day Celebration via Zoom where we watched the virtual presentation produced by IHQ. Brothers then participated in community service at Mercer Street Friends and hosted a "Giving Thanks & Check In," which involved chapters throughout the 2nd District. Brothers also participated in a blood drive with the American Red Cross in honor of Dr. Charles Drew.

Brothers of Iota Gamma and Delta Upsilon Chapters ended Achievement Week by hosting a virtual Awards Ceremony to recognize lo-

cal individuals, organizations, and Brothers who have contributed to community uplift. Iota Gamma honored The College of New Jersey Chapter of the NAACP, which was awarded the 2020 Community Organization of the year for their outstanding work. Mr Jamal Johnson of The College of New Jersey was awarded the 2020 Community Leader of the Year for his amazing work as an advisor and mentor at TCNJ. Brother Anthony Johnson '13 of Iota Gamma was awarded 2020 Omega Man of the Year for his continued service in the chapter and Brother Scott Rice '81 was awarded 2020 Alumni Omega Man of the Year for his outstanding commitment to his undergraduate chapter and work shown in Omega.

Iota Gamma Mercer Street Food Bank Social Action



Iota Gamma Brother volunteer at Mercer Street Food Bank

Ewing, NJ. December 2020. Brothers of Iota Gamma Chapter volunteered at Mercer Street Food Bank. The Mercer Street Food Bank often collaborates with the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) regularly and Omega Psi Phi. They rely on volunteers from the community to help prepare meals for distribution and to help people who are dealing with food insecurities. It is a staple organization within the Trenton area that members of the community can depend on for assistance. Mercer Street Friends mission statement is to "Nourish mind and bodies; Empowering families and communities." Mercer Street Friends also provides a range of integrated services that build community, nurture self-worth and independence, and offer resources for children, families, and communities to overcome poverty and its lasting effects. In addition to the great community service that Mercer Street Friends provides to those in need, Brother James Allen (IΓ '75), has been the director of the Food Bank for over 10 years.

On this particular occasion brothers prepared boxes of food and miscellaneous items for families in need as Thanksgiving and Christmas were soon approaching. Brothers were able to assist in making over 1000 boxes within a three-hour period.

Iota Gamma Address Mental Health

Ewing, NJ. November 2020. Brothers of the Iota Gamma Chapter collaborated with Brothers from Tau Mu, Phi Kappa, Alpha Delta Phi, and Omega Xi, which allowed us to reach students from The College of New Jersey, Rider University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rowan University, Montclair State University, Kutztown University, Lehigh University, Lafayette University, Delaware Valley University, Albright College, Moravian College & Muhlenberg College to discuss tips for students who may be experiencing difficulty with their mental health due to the added stress of attending classes virtually due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The program was held the week before Thanksgiving and also provided tips on how to manage this holiday

season with family members due to the restrictions that CDC guidelines placed on large gatherings.

The program was hosted by Brother Garrick Beauliere (Alpha Delta Phi, Fall 2014) and had over 40 participants. The program featured a lot of opportunities for an open dialogue where students from campuses in different states were able to ask questions and provide different perspectives about managing their mental health. Brothers and guests were able to support each other and give tips on how to face the anxiety about their finals that were approaching soon after thanksgiving break. Students also talked about their modifying family traditions, so they could still celebrate the holidays with their loved ones.

Iota Alpha Alpha Provide PPE To First Responders



Iota Alpha Alpha Brothers donating PPE to First Responders at ChoiceOne Urgent Care

Easton, MD. July 25, 2020. Brothers of the Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity visited four essential establishments in Easton, MD. This was in an effort to aid and provide protection to community members of Easton who worked in healthcare facilities. The Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi felt it necessary to support those individuals that risked their own health working so closely with people that may have the COVID – 19 virus during this International Pandemic. Coordinating with the Brothers of the Mighty Second District's COVID – 19 Task Force, the Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi were able to donate a plethora of PPE equipment throughout the Easton, MD community. The 1st of the four establishments that the Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi provided PPE Equipment to was Acts Bayleigh Chase: A Retirement-Life Community center. The Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi able to provide the retirement center with 100 masks and gloves, to help decrease the possible spread of the COVID – 19 virus. The 2nd of the four establishments was the Choice One Urgent Care: University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. The Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of

Omega Psi Phi were able to provide them with 100 masks. The 3rd facility was Easton, MD Medical Center, where the Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi were able to provide 100 masks to support the decrease in the spread of the COVID – 19 virus. The 4th and final establishment the Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi visited was the Ruby Tuesdays on 322 in Easton, MD. There the Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi provided 100 masks to their staff while serving delicious meals to the Easton, MD community

With the toll of this Pandemic hitting hard in nearly every community around the world, it is important that we take action. As only the Second District does, we must lead from the front and step up in every community that Omega serves to help support safety measures, but also educate and bring awareness about what each person in the community can do to not only protect themselves but everyone they come in contact with. This service project was well received by the Easton community and has served as a catalyst for future social awareness projects to help the Easton community.

Iota Nu & Alpha Delta Gamma Achievement Week Activities



Alpha Delta Gamma Brothers conduct Community Service at Eastside Family Shelter

Aberdeen, MD. November 19, 2020. The Iota Nu and Alpha Delta Gamma Chapters of Aberdeen, Md and McDaniel College respectively, hosted a Virtual Achievement Week Awards Celebration on November 16, 2020. The Award celebration was the highlight of activities hosted by the two chapters during achievement week and honored Omega men and individuals for their contributions in uplifting the community.

William Martin was presented Iota Nu's Citizen of the Year award for his leaderships serving as Mayor of the Havre de Grace, MD and partnering with Iota Nu throughout the year. Amanda Gelber was presented Alpha Delta Gamma's Citizen of the Year Award for her contributions in her role as Director of Student Engagement at McDaniel College. Brother Darryl Walker (IN) and Brother Azagio Herd (ADG) received the Col. Charles Young Military Leadership Award for their outstanding contribution to the fraternity and the military; Brother Anthony Dorsey (IN) and Brother DeAndre Tackett (ADG) received the Superior Service Award for outstanding contributions and concerns for the activities of their chapters; Brother Emil Cromwell (IN) received the Founders Lifetime Award for exhibiting the highest ideals of Omega's Four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift; Brother Dwayne Adams received the Dr. Ernest E. Just Advisor Award for his exemplary service as Advisor to the ADG chapter; Brother Elton Hawkins, Brother Hermon Smith and Brother Dwayne Adams of the IN chapter were presented Basileus Awards; Brother Major General James Monroe was presented 50th Chapter Anniversary Award for his dedicated fifty years of service to



Iota Nu Presents Membership Donation to Boys and Girls Club

the Iota Nu chapter and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and Brother Charles Gibson (IN) and Brother Aris Mayfield (ADG) received the Omega Man of the Year Award for making significant contributions to the fraternity and the community.

Omega Psi Phi conducts an annual High School Essay Contest in conjunction with Achievement Week. The theme for this year was "Against the backdrop of the global "Black Live Matter" movement, why it is even more important for young people to become and remain politically engaged?". Christine Kim was recognized as the winner of Iota Nu's 2020 and received a \$500 scholarship.

The guest speaker for the joint Virtual Achievement Week Award Ceremony was 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew Ray. Brother Ray, who is a distinguished scholar and public servant provided an outstanding presentation that addressed the 2020 Achievement Week theme, "Omega Men Ushering Social Change".

Other activities conducted by IN during Achievement Week included worshipping at Friendship Baptist Church, a Virtual Founder Day Celebration, Boys and Girls Club membership donation and PPE donation of 400 surgical mask to aid in combatting the Covid-19 virus, and a laptop donation to the Edgewood Elementary School.

ADG kicked off Achievement Week conducting a winter coat drive/donation in conjunction with community service at the Eastside Family Shelter in Rosedale, Md. In addition, ADG conducted several on-campus events including a Founders Day Celebration, goodie bag handout, mental health awareness movie night, a donation of 120 surgical masks and a fellowship game night at McDaniel College.

Iota Nu Healthy Holiday Heart Food Giveaway



Iota Nu Brothers Conducting Food Giveaways

Iota Nu Fairbrooke Assisted Living Food Giveaway



Aberdeen, MD. December 22, 2020. The Brothers of Iota Nu supported the Aberdeen Middle School “Holiday Healthy Heart Food Give-Away”. The event provided Aberdeen Middle School students and their families food, board games, coats, cooking accessories, gloves, hat, and many more giveaways for the Christmas Holiday. Brother Michael Bennett coordinated Iota Nu’s participation and facilitated the chapter preparing over 125 meals, donating over 200 toys, and providing clothing to the various families. Other Iota Nu Brothers participating in the event included Brother Eric Story, Brother Satchell Doyle Jr., and Brother Anthony Dorsey.

Aberdeen, MD. December 9, 2020. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc made a pledge to donate twenty boxes of pre-packaged perishable food items to the Fairbrooke Senior Assisted Living Complex. Brother Anthony Dorsey coordinated Iota Nu’s participation and was aided in the event by Brother Michael Bennett and Brother Satchell Doyle Jr. The Fairbrooke Senior Housing is in Aberdeen, Maryland and accepts seniors age 62 and over. This senior living facility was constructed in 1997 and provides 122 housing units. The facility manager acknowledged that Iota Nu is the first Greek lettered Organization to establish a community relationship with the facility, and hope that the relationship will continue in the future.

Iota Nu Harford House Christmas Donation

Aberdeen, MD. December 3, 2020. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. adopted five (5) families from the Harford House of Aberdeen during the Christmas Holidays. The members from each family provided a wish list of items that they would like during the holidays. Iota Nu came through with all items the families requested and more. Brother Michael Bennett coordinated Iota Nu’s participation and facilitated delivery of the gifts for presentation at the Harford House.

Other Iota Nu Brothers participating and providing gifts for the event include: Brother Darryl Walker, Brother Michael Grim, Brother Satchell Doyle, Brother Aurelio Burton, Brother Anthony Dorsey, Brother Brian Wilson, Brother Charles Alston, Brother Charles Gibson, Brother Carlos Putney, Brother Mark Thomas, Brother Hermon Smith, and Brother Emil Cromwell.

Iota Phi Seasons Readings

Pittsburgh, PA. December 23, 2020. Tis the Season to be READING! As part of the Annual Omega Christmas Toy Drive in Pittsburgh a few local Brothers including some Omega men with origins from the Pittsburgh area, hosted their first virtual reading activity titled “SEASON’S READINGS”. More than 45 children Zoomed in and were treated to the enthusiastic story telling of several holiday and culturally classic books. The Brothers took special time to select positive books to spread holiday cheer, cultural pride and encourage reading. This educational/fun activity allowed children to hear about holiday celebrations from around the world while also sharing stories about Kwanzaa. To keep the reading party lively, the children and brothers

engaged in a virtual “dance workout” during intermission. Another highlight of the morning activity involved 2nd District Representative Kelvin Ampofo, who was dressed as Santa while reading “I got the Christmas Spirit” authored by Connie Schofield-Morrison. The 2nd District Chairman of the Assault on Illiteracy committee, Brother Xavier Holiday, shared two books with the children and is hoping that this type of activity will continue throughout the district. The plan is to do a joint activity with the Fatherhood Initiative Committee thus supporting both international mandates. At the site of the Toy Drive, children were given books as part of the toys and food bundle. Books were donated by Scholastic and the Educational Partnership of Pittsburgh.

Iota Phi Turkey Giveaway



Iota Phi Brothers prepare for Turkey Giveaway

Pittsburgh, PA. November 23, 2020. As the holiday season gets closer there is a realization that folks might need a little help. On Saturday, November 21, 2020 several Brothers from the South Western PA region, 7th Corridor including Iota Phi and undergraduates from Omicron Psi and Epsilon Kappa chapters masked up, set up tents within the community and passed out over 450 turkeys to local residents. The turkeys were evenly distributed throughout three neighborhoods. The Brothers erected tents along the streets in the Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Manchester, a section of Northside's Charles Street and the historic Hill District so that drivers could stay socially

distanced and have their car trunks loaded with a special Thanksgiving gift. The Turkeys were graciously sponsored by individuals and organizations including The Pittsburgh Project, Manchester Citizens Corporation(MCC), Ebenezer Baptist Church, Zellars Construction, Law Office Of Albert G. Reese, UPMC, Devin L. Patterson Mental Health Services, Embroidery Vector Solutions, The Ladies Of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc., The Ladies of Alpha Alpha Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, The Iota Phi chapter has been in Pittsburgh since 1925.

Mu Nu Bridger Builder “Virtual” Mentor Program

Silver Spring, MD. December 5, 2020. The Bridge Builder Mentoring Program is in its sixth year of existence under an arrangement between Saturday School and Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. The program encompasses academic, leadership, and self-confidence/esteem components and is one of the flagship programs for Mu Nu Chapter. The topic of discussion for the December 05, 2020 Bridge Builder “Virtual” Mentor Program session focused on police & community relationships. The session started with a discussion on why many people have mixed feelings about the role of police officers in their community.

The session also covered the history of the Black Lives Matters Move-

ment and how it has impacted communities of color across the nation. A video was also viewed by students which discussed how two police officers in Philadelphia, PA were using Karaoke to build relationships with the people in the community in which they pledged to serve and protect.

Finally, Bro. Officer P.J. Gregory, who serves as a School Resource Officer at Northwest High School in Montgomery County, MD, shared with students how he goes about building relationships with students and families within the Montgomery County Public School System and surrounding communities.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Address Saving Black Banks



Sidney King, President of Commonwealth Community Bank

Fort Meade, MD. January 5, 2021. As the number of Black owned banks continues to decline, the Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma are addressing this problem by creating an Economic Development Roundtable to facilitate dialogue with stake holders such as presidents of Black owned banks. On December 12, 2020, the chapter invited

Sidney King, president of Commonwealth Community Bank in Mobile, Alabama, to a Virtual Zoom session, to provide first-hand information as to why Black owned banks are struggling to survive.

King had participated in an interview on National Public Radio (NPR) where he spoke about the mistrust some African Americans have in our institutions. He said that if his bank could increase African American deposits from the current one percent to five percent, his bank would become a quarter of a billion-dollar bank overnight.

In his presentation to the chapter, King noted the following:

People of Color receive less than 1% of their mortgages from white banks,

Median wealth of Black Households is 1/10th of white households (\$170,000 compared to \$1,700,000),

White high school dropouts have higher home ownership rate than Black college graduates.

King constantly challenges African Americans to conduct a simple exercise: Name ten African American service providers that you use. These could be your insurance agent; dentist, doctor, bank, automobile salesperson, accountant, mechanic, etc. He said we have to begin to keep more of our dollars in our own communities by spending with each other. Black owned banks are a good place to start.

The chapter felt the session was worthwhile and is reaching out to officials of other Black owned banks in the Washington DC metro area as well as around the country to engage in solution-based dialogue.

Lambda Gamma Gamma has an account with Industrial Bank in Maryland, one of the remaining 18 Black owned banks in the United States.

Mu Nu Virtual Achievement Week

Silver Spring, MD. November 10, 2020. The Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has served Montgomery County, Maryland, for Fifty (50) years. On November 10, 2020, the Mu Nu Chapter hosted its first-ever Virtual Achievement Week Program. This year's program featured Bro. Claude Hines, Jr., 1st Vice Grand Basileus Adam E. McKee, Jr., 34th Second District Representative, Milton D. Harrison, 37th Second District Representative Kelvin Ampofo, 68th Second District Marshall, Robert Jamison, Jr. Bro. Donald Williams, 2017 Second District Committee Chairman of the Year and the Immediate Past Basileus of the Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In attendance were 11 African American male students who were recognized for their outstanding achievement in academics. Four of the young men were awarded scholarships, and another young man was awarded a cash prize for winning the chapter essay contest. He will also represent our Chapter during the Second District Conference Essay Contest. The Basileus of the Chapter, Bro. Gabriel Brown recognized several brothers within the chapter for their dedication and commitment to the Chapter and the community. The Achievement Week committee organized a program with over 110 in attendance. The Mu Nu Chapter awarded its Omega Man of the Year Award to Bro. Walter D. Neighbors, Jr. the Chapter also awarded the Founders Award to Bro. Milton D. Harrison, Citizen of the Year to Bro. Greg Wims, and Bro. Larry Melton, Business Person of the Year to Bro. Claude Hines, Jr., Superior Service to Bro. Donnell Boykin, and Col. Charles Young Military Leadership Award to Bro. Orlando Leigh.

Bro. Milton D. Harrison, 34th Second District Representative and Treasurer of the Mu Nu Foundation, presented on behalf of the Mu Nu Foundation \$7,000.00 to the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy and awarded over \$13,000 in scholarships.



Mu Nu Man of the Year Brother Walter D. Neighbors, Jr., Esq.

Mu Nu Social Action and Fraternal Relations



Mu Nu Brothers at the Monument Celebrating Kwanzaa

Silver Springs, MD. January 2, 2021. Ujima is the third day of Kwanzaa, which honors the commitment to active and informed togetherness on matters of common interest. It is also a recognition that without collective work and responsibility, progress is impossible.

The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, MD spent 2020 and early 2021 progressing a spirit of collective work and responsibility with our brothers and sisters in Ghana. The effort was built on an initiative commissioned by the Ghanaian government known as the “Year of Return, Ghana 2019” and more recently rebranded as “Beyond the Return 2020”. Both initiatives encouraged decedents of Africa to return home and establish spiritual and economic ties with the continent that would uplift the Diaspora and the motherland.

To that end, the Brothers of Mu Nu took on two major projects to increase commerce and cooperation between the motherland and the members of the Chapter. First, the Chapter raised funds to commission two boreholes (wells) to bring fresh water to Atweasin and Nsakyee villages outside of Accra, Ghana. For the first time, these communities have fresh, clean, convenient and reliable water for the members of their village. Mu Nu’s project paralleled Omega Charities initiative that commissioned over 30 similar projects throughout the Country.

Ultimately, we would like to establish a connection between the Chapter and OUR villages. This way we can encourage the Brothers to travel to Ghana and visit the people we have helped. In addition, Mu

Nu has numerous youth programs through our Fatherhood Initiative where the students would benefit from having pen pals in Africa to exchange cultural ideas and items representing their respective communities. At the end of the day, we want to build long-term relationships that allow our communities to connect on a personal level.

Next, Mu Nu partnered with Kustom Looks Clothier, which is based in Accra and owned by Brother Kwab Asamoah of Tau Chi Chapter, 13th District. The goal was to educate the Chapter on how to do business in Africa and understanding the history and traditions of Dashiki wear. The word “dashiki” comes from the Yoruba word danshiki meaning underneath and originated in West Africa as a functional work tunic for men, comfortable enough to wear in the heat. It was popularized in the US during the 60’s and 70’s as part of the Civil Rights and Black Panther Movement.

The Chapter ordered Omega Psi Phi and Life Member Dashikis embroidered with the HYE WON HYE symbol that denotes endurance and imperishability. The brothers are hopeful that the business relationships will expand to include other mutually beneficial exchanges of products and services. The potential for trade between African-Americans and African countries is tremendous. The prices are competitive; the quality is superb and with the support of the government, the red tape is minimal. We plan to progress in the spirit of Ujima and take advantage of our common language, shared culture and strong desire for togetherness.

Mu Nu Feed the Homeless at Shepherd's Table



Mu Nu Brothers prepare food at homeless shelter

Silver Spring, MD. December 12, 2020. Brothers from Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in their first service event, for the new Omega Year, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD. Shepherd's Table serves individuals from all walks of life, experiencing a unique set of challenges, from homelessness, unemployment, mental health challenges, substance abuse, physical disabilities and more.

Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter volunteered their time to participate in the

December 22, 2020 service event, at Shepherd's Table, by assisting with food prep and serving food to approximately one-hundred and fifty homeless people.

Thank you to all the brothers that participated in the December 2020 food service event at Shepherd's Table. You can find brothers of Mu Nu Chapter on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD, providing service to those who are less fortunate. RQQ to the Ques!

Mu Nu Annual Toy Drive

Olney, MD. December 23, 2020. Brothers from Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its second annual Toys for Tots & Teens Drive to support families of the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) in Olney, Maryland.

Brothers from Mu Nu Chapter participated in a toy drive, over the course of three weekends, by collecting toys for children and families who needed financial support for the holidays. The toy drive collected over two-hundred items.

Toys collected from the drive were delivered to the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) in Olney, Maryland on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Over twenty families were giving the gift of toys for the Christmas holiday season.

The generosity Mu Nu Chapter brothers, family members and friends made the holiday season a little brighter for HOC families. Thank you to Bro. Jason Miller, Bro. Stacey Herring, Bro. Joseph Dunston, Bro. Shaun Ratliff and all the Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter for making the holiday toy drive a success.



Mu Nu Brothers deliver toys to Montgomery County Housing Commission

Mu Omega Centennial Celebration

Philadelphia, PA. October 3, 2020. The Brothers of the “Mighty” Mu Omega Chapter celebrated 100 years of service to the Philadelphia region, as well as countless contributions to the Fraternity as a whole. The Chapter’s Centennial Committee initially planned for a series of in-person events, but due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, an adjustment in activities was required. Brother William Smith, serving as the Chapter’s Centennial Chairman, called upon Brothers Darryl Blackwell and Khyel Dicks to lead the “Virtual Centennial Committee” which had the charge of producing a high quality virtual centennial celebration – the first Chapter to attempt such an endeavor.

It was decided to work with Brothers Robert Scott and Greg McKoy, from “Two Brothers Video Production Company,” the same firm that produced the virtual 82nd Grand Conclave. Their expertise and attention to detail was second to none. By using the Zoom Webinar platform, the Chapter’s Virtual Centennial Committee was guaranteed that a quality program could take place with maximum exposure and minimal risk to all participants.

Invited dignitaries from the Fraternity included Grand Basileus Dr. David Marion, First Vice Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis, and Second District Representative Kelvin Ampofo. There was also representation from the federal, state, and local political scene. Giving congratulatory comments were U.S. Congressman Dwight Evans, Pennsylvania State Senator Sharif Street, State Representative Jordan Harris, and City Councilwoman Katherine Gilmore-Richardson. The National Pan-Hellenic Council gave words of welcome through the National President, Ms. Vanetta Cheeks-Reeder, and the President of the South Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Jennifer Santiago, Esq. Lastly, Ms. Carrie Robinson, the Great-Niece of Founder Oscar J. Cooper gave reflections of Dr. Cooper’s life as a dedicated

family man and impassioned member of Mu Omega Chapter. The virtual centennial program was both historical and entertaining. The rich history of Mu Omega Chapter was captured in a sixteen-minute video presentation that was narrated by Bro. Darryl Blackwell (Virtual Centennial Co-Chairman), and is currently featured on the International Website of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This video, produced by Bro. Todd Inman of “Tinman Creative Productions,” chronicles just how influential Mu Omega Chapter members have been to the Fraternity, past and present. Also featured throughout the program was video footage of a 2018 “Brotherhood Through The Arts” presentation that occurred at the Mu Omega Fraternity House. The BTTA Committee is led by Bro. Michael Andrews and features the artistry (i.e., poetry, Mu Omega Chorus, artwork, etc.) of the Brotherhood and promotes comradery through the genuine appreciation of the Arts.

The Chapter was founded on October 1, 1920 by our esteemed Fraternity Founder Dr. Oscar James Cooper along with seventeen other renowned Brothers residing in the city of Philadelphia. At its founding the Chapter was identified as Mu Chapter and was the thirteenth Chapter of the nine year old Fraternity. Known as the “Pearl of Philadelphia,” Founder Cooper served as its first Basileus, serving from 1920 to 1922. In 1923, under the direction of Grand Basileus J. Alston Atkins, the Chapter was renamed Mu Omega in order to distinguish between the graduate and undergraduate chapters.

Fast forward to present day, under the leadership of Basileus Mark A. Edwards, Sr., the “Mighty” Mu Omega Chapter is poised to continue its trailblazing efforts in the City of Brotherly Love and will always be a force within the Mighty 2nd District. To view the virtual centennial event, please visit us at www.muomegaques.com.



Nu Lambda Lambda Donate Cereal for Divine 9 Event



Nu Lambda Lambda Brothers donating cereal at Divine Nine event

Jersey City, NJ. November 7, 2020. Brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda teamed up with the Divine 9 organizations of Jersey City, NJ & ‘Hunger Free’, a Hudson County Food Rescue Non-Profit, to distribute free cereal and produce. This event took place in Audubon Park of Jersey City. Cap’n Crunch was the cereal of choice for NLL. The brothers

were able to donate 57 boxes of Cap’n Crunch and 57 boxes of Crunch Berries for a total of 114 boxes of cereal. A total of 718 boxes of cereal were between all of the organizations present. Hundreds of Jersey City families were blessed with a bag of mixed produce and a box of cereal.

Nu Lambda Lambda Backpack Giveaway and Voter Registration



Nu Lambda Lambda Backpack Giveaway

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Nu Lambda Lambda Voter Registration

Jersey City, NJ. August 30, 2020. Brothers of the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. teamed up with the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. (National Sorority of Black Educators) for a community and civic action event for Jersey City residents. The event consisted of Voter Registration, 2020 Census Registration, and a backpack and school supply giveaway. Both organizations collected backpacks and school supplies for the event. The

combined effort resulted in over 130 backpacks full of school supplies being distributed. Additionally, we registered 20 Jersey City residents for the upcoming election. We would like to thank our Social Action Committee Members Bro. Andre Johnson & Bro. Kenneth McKindra for their consistent hard work and dedication in the Jersey City Community.

Nu Lambda Lambda Donate Food to Community



Nu Lambda Lambda Brothers Participating in the Farmers Against Hunger Food Giveaway

Newark, NJ. October 17, 2020. Nu Lambda Lambda partnered with Upsilon Phi Chapter, New Community Corporation & Farmers Against Hunger to give free premade boxes of produce to families in Newark, NJ. We conducted contactless trunk or back seat drop offs ad-

hering to Social Distance guidelines during this pandemic. 500 boxes were donated by Farmers Against Hunger, a Bordentown, NJ based initiative and all were distributed. 100 PPEs were also donated to our efforts by Girls; Live, Love, Laugh, Inc.

Nu Nu Annual Toy Drive

Willingboro, NJ. December 22, 2020. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter came together for their Annual Christmas Toy Drive. This year the selected school was Twin Hills Elementary in Willingboro, New Jersey. This yearly event was coordinated by Bro. Terry Lucas and Bro. Darryl Payne. The Brothers were supported by committee members Sheldon R. Stewart, Brandon Kennedy and Nu Nu Vice Basileus Jermaine March. The chapter purchased 100 toys for deserving boys and girls. The children were awarded based on their outstanding academic performance. This year local news station 6 ABC was on hand to televise the toy distribution. Approximately 50 families were available to pick up gifts for their selected students grade 1st-4th. Social distancing protocols were followed with all parties wearing mask in attendance. Those who could not attend, had their gifts delivered to their homes. The principal, Sonja Knox, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., advised this act of kindness from the Brother's, brings such joy to the families and leaves a lasting impact on the community as a whole. Due to the family dynamics this may be the only gift a child may receive.



Nu Nu Toy Drive Giveaway

Nu Nu Annual Turkey Basket Giveaway



Nu Nu Brothers preparing Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets

Willingboro, NJ. November 20, 2020. The Men of Omega Psi Phi Organization have National mandated programs. Chapters participate in activities that will uplift their communities. Some of the activities include social actions. As of 2014, Brother Terrance Franklin is the program Chair. In 2014, The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter partner with Shop Rite of Burlington, N.J. and the B.J.'s Hamilton, N.J. Corporation's (Special Thanks to Brother Brian Young AA Spr. '02, Shawn Rupp and as of 2020 Edwin Corridon, DC Human Resources Manager of Burlington of the B.J.'s Corporation with all their continuous cooperation). Additionally, we have had assistance from Cheerleading teams from local Willingboro schools.

The Nu Nu Chapter Thanksgiving Outreach Program is one of the long-standing programs that started with Brothers gathering at one of the Brothers homes. Bringing in the food that was completely do-

nated at that time by the Nu Nu Chapter Brothers and putting together baskets. This service helped reach out to our local Willingboro community and surrounding areas. As the program evolved, in 2014, The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi started partnering with corporations such as Shop Rite of Burlington and B.J.'s of Hamilton, N.J. By 2018 The Nu Nu Chapter exclusively began picking up Thanksgiving meal foods and plastic bins that were completely donated by B.J.'s Corporation. The Brothers work together to put together the baskets for indigent families and to distribute them to families within our surrounding communities.

This is done in November, annually, the week surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. Our Chapter serves Willingboro, New Jersey, and surrounding areas.

Nu Nu Community Borehole in Africa Initiative



13th District Brothers and District Representative stand in front of the African Borehole donated by Nu Nu Chapter

Willingboro, NJ. November 6, 2020. Nu Nu Chapter is proud to announce that it has made a contribution to Omega 1000 for 1000 HBCU Initiative. Special thanks to Bro Bill McLaughlin, Bro Brandon Kennedy, Bro Daryl Payne and Bro Terrance Franklin for spearheading

this for our chapter. We are asking all of our family and FRIENDS to please support this Initiative. See below info for how and where to donate too on behalf of Nu Nu chapter or whomever you decide. Thanks in advance. Thanks to all the brothers who contributed.

“The Omega Type . . . ”

By CHARLES E. KING

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omicron Mu Nu Helps Get Out The Vote

Yeadon, PA. November 1, 2020. Brothers from Omicron Mu Nu, Mu Omega, and Zeta Iota Iota handed out campaign flyers through high winds and rain to help mobilize voters for the Biden Harris ticket. Throughout the months of October and November Omicron Mu Nu brothers also participated in multiple voter registration campaigns. The effort was important because while Biden led in many polls, lingering questions remained about the commitment of his supporters to actually vote. To defeat Trump, Democrats needed strong turnout

from every piece of his broad coalition, including groups that typically don't vote in large numbers, such as younger Americans and African Americans.

When history reflects on the results of the historic win that has placed the first African American woman and Alpha Kappa Alpha member in the White House brothers of Omicron Mu Nu will be able to say with pride that they played a small but key role in making the long sought dream a reality.

Omicron Mu Nu Feeds the Community



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers giving food to Community Residents

West Chester, PA. October 31, 2020. Brothers from Omicron Mu Nu and Omega Delta partnered with the Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center to distribute food packaged items within the community. While servicing the community Omicron Mu Nu and Omega Delta were given the opportunity to interact and help many people with food supplies who may have been affected during the pandemic due to Covid-19.

Omicron Mu Nu Brothers, Clearance Williams and Ricardo Marshall, helped organize this food drive by taking the time to drive to Maryland so that West Chester's community would have a successful food drive. Items included were milk, cereal, scapple, eggs, bread, veg-

etables and other various items. In all, Omicron Mu Nu and Omega Delta were able to help more than 30 families within the community. Although Omicron Mu Nu has only been within the West Chester Community for 3 years it has consistently built a reputation with the community that goes a long way. We are continuing to grow the Omega Psi Phi brand within the community.

Basileus Darius L. Taylor continues to encourage each member of Omicron Mu Nu to give back to the community. He instills that there is always someone in need and reminds us that we must uphold the traditions within the community.

Bro. Phillip Dabney Jr. Appointed Buffalo City Court Judge



Brother Phillip Dabney receive the Oath of Office from Chief Judge Brother Craig Hannah

Buffalo, NY. December 31, 2020. Brother Phillip Dabney Jr. (Phi Omega, 2001 and Life Member) was appointed as an associate judge to Buffalo City Court by Mayor Byron W. Brown. Bro. Dabney, a lawyer with more than 15 years of experience, replaced Amy Martoche who was elected to a seat on State Supreme Court in November 2020. Mayor Brown stated “Mr. Dabney is not only a knowledgeable, skilled and fair lawyer, he has also demonstrated a deep commitment to our community.” The swearing in ceremony occurred in the Mayor’s office and was officiated by Bro. Craig D. Hannah (Phi Omega, 1999) Chief City Court Judge. Honorable Bro. Hannah stated “the most important thing Bro. Dabney and I were taught as fraternity brothers is service, and I charge him to make his courtroom a better place for litigants.”

Bro. Dabney, past Basileus and Keeper of Records and Seals of Phi Omega Chapter, is a graduate of the University of Buffalo School of

Law, Canisius College and Bennett High School. A Buffalo native, he served as an assistant district attorney for the City of Buffalo, an administrative law judge for the New York State Liquor Authority, as a hearing officer for the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and recently as the assistant legal counsel for the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Bro. Dabney spent the majority of his career as a criminal defense attorney in private practice. He stated “as a former criminal defense attorney, as a persecutor, I have empathy that I am very encouraged to do the best that I can for this community in being both fair and balanced.” The honorable Bro. Dabney is a member of the Bar Association of Erie County, the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, and is a member of Rehoboth Ministries Worship Center. He was accompanied to the ceremony by his mother, wife, and three children.

Phi Omega Brother Alexander Wright Opens Black Owned Farm

Buffalo, NY. December 17, 2020. Brother Alexander Wright (Phi Omega, 2009) founder of the African Heritage Coop, an organization dedicated to providing fresh food to Buffalo and Western New York, recently purchased 22 acres in Franklinville, New York. Under his new company called Blegacy Farms, he intends to rent ¼ acre or 10,000 square feet of land to aspiring farmers. A grand total of 75 plots are available for leasing. Bro. Wright target population includes African Americans and other marginalized groups that make up roughly 5% of farmers in the United States. His company’s motto is: “Grow What You Own, Own What You Grow.” Individuals are welcome to grow crops and flowers in accordance with New York State laws and provisions.

Bro. Wright, a native of Buffalo, New York, is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School. He’s a strong proponent of entrepreneurship and has strategically fostered economic empowerment throughout the African American community. He owns two Coop stores: one in Buffalo’s Fruit Belt and another in Niagara Falls, NY. Bro. Wright profoundly believes access to quality fresh food is essential to eradicating “food apartheid”, due to the historical and purposeful divestment of resources in Black communities across the country.

At 40, Bro. Wright intends to continue uplifting others through entrepreneurship and the cultivation of fresh food as a means of addressing the devastating effects of chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension in the African American community.



Brother Alexander Wright and son at Blegacy Farms

Brother John V. Elmore 2020 Lawyer of the Year



Brother John V. Elmore

Buffalo, NY. October 22, 2020. Brother John V. Elmore (Phi Omega, 1990), a recent Life Member, was honored as the 2020 Lawyer of the Year at the Erie County Bar Association’s 133rd award ceremony. Bro. Elmore matriculated at Syracuse University College at Law where he received his Juris Doctorate. An experienced attorney for over 35 years, he initially practiced criminal law and currently litigates personal injury law as a senior partner at the Law Offices of Steve Boyd and John Elmore. He began his extensive career at the Manhattan District Attorney’s office as an assistant district attorney, working alongside Governor Andrew Cuomo and former Governor Eliot Spitzer. Bro. Elmore served as New York State Assistant Attorney General and later served as chairman of the 8th Judicial District of New York State Attorney Grievance Committees, which oversees the discipline of lawyers accused of misconduct or neglect. Prior to law school, he served as a New York State Trooper.

A native of Olean, New York, Bro. Elmore is an accomplished attorney that has received numerous honors. In 2019, he was cited as a Super Lawyer and was featured on the cover of the prestigious “Super Lawyers” magazine for his community service at a local youth boxing program where he served as a certified coach and referee. In 2018, Bro. Elmore became the first African American to convene a convention of the 8th Judicial District of New York State, where delegates nominated candidates to the 8th District Supreme Court with jurisdiction over all counties in Western, New York. He is also the recipient of the NACCP Medgar Evers Civil Right Award; Minority Bar Association Community Service Award; the Buffalo News Citizen of the Year and Ebony Magazine’s Phenomenal Father’s Award. Bro. Elmore, 63, is the proud father of Justin, Kristen, Twilla, and Sonya

Phi Omega Chapter Celebrate Ecumenical Legacy

Buffalo, NY. November 23, 2020. Brothers of Phi Omega and their families virtually assembled at Elim Christian Fellowship (70 Chalmers Ave in Buffalo, NY) via YouTube and FaceBook for Omega Sunday. Bro. Bishop Troy Anthony Bonner, PhD, Senior Pastor, hosted an ecumenical service as a vibrant conclusion to Achievement Week. Bishop Bonner is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Temple University. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and completed his Doctorate dissertation on “Prayer: A Gateway to Belonging in an Urban Church”

at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York. Bishop Bronner is the Founding Pastor of the Elim Christian Fellowship in both Buffalo and Rochester, New York and presiding prelate of Turning the World Upside Down Covenant Fellowship, a ministry network that offers workshops, seminars, revival meetings and teaching materials. He is the author of several articles and a book: “Strength for the Journey: A World of Empowerment” and co-author of “The Road to Redemption: From Sinner to Saint.” Bishop Bronner’s provided an uplifting sermon titled “The Grind of Friendship.”

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Phi Omega Sponsors Brother You’re on My Mind Public Forum

Buffalo, NY. November 23, 2020. The Men of Phi Omega held a virtual community forum to address mental health issues among African American men. The convergence of economic, racial and health crisis resulting from COVID-19 has exposed the need for greater attention to mental illness within the African American community. Prior to this pandemic suicide was the third leading cause of death among African American men 15 to 24 years old. With increased economic and racial tensions more men of color are silently struggling to survive under the crippling grips of mental illness. The goal of this forum was to communicate the importance of seeking help for mental health issues and to encourage affected individuals to get information from their health care providers and others in order to obtain appropriate

treatment.

This year’s guest speaker featured Dr. Joseph S. DeJames, MD, a family physician currently practicing both in St. John, Virgin Island and Puerto Rico. Dr. DeJames (Phi Omega Chapter, Summer 1992) is a board certified physician in New York, Nevada and the Virgins Island. A graduate of the University at Buffalo Medical School and member of the Second District Covid-19 Response Team, Dr. DeJames discussed the effects of depression and stress on men of color as a result of the pandemic. Brother L. Darnell Donalson, Senior Pastor/Founder of Greater Works Christian Fellowship (Phi Omega, Spring 2019) and Brother Danny Lewis (Phi Omega, Spring 2016) served as facilitators.

Phi Omega 2020 Founders Day

Buffalo, NY. November 17, 2020. The Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter virtually celebrated Founder's Day. Brother David White, Basileus, (Beta Upsilon '90) provided greetings and highlighted the achievements of Omega nationally and locally such as: Achievement Week, Adopt-A-Highway, Annual Family Cookout, Assault on Illiteracy, Brother You're on My Mind: Dialogue on Mental Health Among African American Men, Buffalo Kids Day, Charles R. Drew Blood and Bone Marrow Drive, Elementary School Mentoring Program, Feeding the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, High School Mentoring Program, Ronald Peoples' Scholarship Program, Voter Registration, Talent Hunt Program and United Negro College Fund. Selected poems were read by Brothers Douglas Hoston (Chi Alpha Alpha '16) and Marquis Williams (Kappa Beta '17). The invocation and benediction were provided by Bro. Bishop Troy Anthony Bronner, Ph.D., Chaplain. This year's Achievement Week Theme "Omega Men Ushering in Social Change" is aligned to the service of the following honored awardees that were acknowledged during the virtual program:

Citizen of the Year Award: Bro. Cedric R. Holloway

The Citizen of the Year is awarded each year from outstanding citizens nominated for unusual contributions to humanity. Bro. Holloway serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Omega Mentoring Program, Inc. The program focuses on self-love, self-knowledge, self-development and spiritual development. Over 450 boys and girls have thrived under Bro. Holloway's leadership. The program meets weekly on Monday at the Johnnie B. Wiley Sports Pavilion. Bro. Holloway is admired by many, the mentor to hundreds of youth, and displays service and duty wherever he goes. He's thoroughly committed to the cardinal principles of Omega.

The Superior Service Award: Bro. Andrew J. Huff

The Superior Service Award is awarded to a brother who has demonstrated outstanding contributions and sustained concern for the activities of Phi Omega Chapter, the 2nd District and to the Fraternity. Bro. Andre J. Huff served as Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seals, Keeper of Finance, Talent Hunt Chair and Membership Selection Program Chairman for Phi Omega Chapter. He currently serves as the 2nd District Talent Hunt Chairman, and as a member of the International Talent Hunt Committee. Bro. Huff is committed to service to his Chapter, District and Fraternity.

Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Daren R. Thomas

The Omega Man of the Year is awarded to a brother who has made extraordinary contributions to Phi Omega Chapter. Bro. Daren R. Thomas recently completed his second term as Basileus. His efforts to feed the Buffalo and Niagara Frontier community during the COVID-19 pandemic have been remarkable. Bro. Thomas has been a trailblazer in organizing pop-up voter registration and census drives in the African American communities. He mobilized the entire chapter and energized brothers to become involved in community service. Bro. Thomas was also instrumental in numerous PPE giveaways. He ensures Phi Omega's social media profile is continuously updated. Bro. Thomas also coordinated Phi Omega's weekly "Brother You're On My Mind" check-ins during the pandemic. He did not stop there; he coordinated and implemented Phi Omega's weekly virtual Happy Hours. Bro. Thomas lives his creed daily with enthusiasm and humility.

Founders' Award

The Founders Awards are given to Brothers who exhibits the highest ideals of Omega's Four Cardinal Principles -Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Manhood: Bro. Joseph S. DeJames, MD

Bro. DeJames is a tireless servant of Omega, who recently became a Life Member. Although he commutes to and from the United States Virgin Island, Bro. DeJames lives his creed by serving as Health and Wellness Committee chair for Phi Omega as well as serving on the 2nd District's Covid-19 task force. Bro. DeJames consistently reminds and encourages brothers to be more health conscious. He is also a humanitarian, who makes a number of local charitable donations in Phi Omega's name. Bro. DeJames is strong and passionate in his beliefs and does not and will not back down in the face of adversity.

Scholarship: Bro. Kalan Norris

Bro. Norris is a current doctoral student at the University at Buffalo. During his matriculation at UB, Bro. Norris has presented papers and presentations at several national conferences. His most recent presentation was held at Stanford University. Bro. Norris is thoroughly committed to becoming a business researcher. His commitment to scholarship has also led to a zeal for learning more about Omega's historical past.

Perseverance: Bro. Troy Anthony Bronner, Ph.D.

Bro. Bronner is the recipient of the Ronald Peoples' Perseverance Award for his commitment to see it through with humility. He continues to put God first in all his endeavors. Despite failing health, he actively participated in fraternal activities including weekly Brother You're on My Mind check-ins and Corridor VI prayers. Bro. Bronner, a recent Life Member, currently serves as Phi Omega's chaplain.

Uplift: Bro. Bert Stevenson, Ed. D.

Bro. Stevenson's enthusiasm is contagious. He attended multiple pop-up PPE and food giveaways. Bro. Stevenson, a recent Life Member, consistently called and texted brothers during the COVID-19 pandemic. His inspiring journey to lose weight has been a tremendous motivation to brothers. Bro. Stevenson's commitment to Lifting As We Climb is a fundamental part of his service. He currently serves as the Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation Annual Golf Tournament chair to provide scholarships for high school youth.

Basileus' Endurance Award: Bro. Tyrone Moore

Despite enduring recent personal hardships, Bro. Moore continues to attend chapter programs and serve others. He provides a large amount of uplift to young members. Bro. Moore reminds brothers that we are never too old to do the work of Omega. He also takes his responsibility as Phi Omega's life membership committee chair very seriously. Bro. Moore was instrumental in the growth of life members within the chapter. His tenacious friendship is encouraging to many brothers both old and young.

Basileus' Community Service Award: Pastor Andrae Kamoche (Rehoboth House of Prayer)

Pastor Andrae Kamoche has been a significant contributor to uplifting the Buffalo and Western New York community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Pastor Kamoche has been a source of inspiration and motivation by providing over 3,000 free boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables. He also provided the pickup and drop off services by driving the delivery truck, and he often contributed in the distribution of the food boxes. Pastor Kamoche provided these services both on weekdays and weekends. His commitment to service is reflected in the scripture which says "Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one..." Ecclesiastics 4:9.

Plagues were provided to all awardees. Congratulations to the 2020 Achievement Week award recipients.

Phi Omega Sponsors Fighting For Your Life Forum

Buffalo, NY. November 18, 2020. The Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter held a virtual community forum to teach stakeholders how to survive encounters with police and the criminal justice system. In a time of recent brutal and senseless killings of Black men and women (George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and Tony McDade, among an exceedingly long list of names) there is a growing need to understand how to effectively deal with police and the criminal justice system. The program featured Bro. John V. Elmore, Esq., and author

Bof "Fighting For Your Life: The African-American Criminal Justice Survival Guide." Bro. Elmore, a graduate of Mansfield State University and Syracuse University College of Law, addressed participants on issues related to how to choose an attorney, understanding your rights if stopped or arrested, and how to address police misconduct. Participants received tools to ensure their survival when encountering law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Brothers Danny Lewis and Avon White facilitated this program.

Phi Omega Sponsors Financial Literacy Workshop

Buffalo, NY. November 20, 2020. The Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter held a free virtual financial literacy workshop focused on personal budgeting, financial planning and methods to establish healthy credit. Economic hardships brought about as a result of COVID-19 emphasized the need for financial planning within the African American community. Bro. Terrance A. McKelvey, Certified Financial Professional, Chartered Financial Consultant, Chartered Retirement Plans

Specialist and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor conducted engaging dialogues with community members. Bro. McKelvey is a graduate of Lincoln University and a Life Member. He is a specialist in guiding professional athletes and families in growing and maintaining wealth. Bro. McKelvey provided user friendly case studies for to ensure financial security. This program was facilitated by Brothers Larry Donaleson and Anthony Sheppard.

Phi Omega Chapter Turkey Giveaway

Buffalo, NY. November 22, 2020. The Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter in collaboration with the African Heritage Food Co-op, under the leadership of Brother Alexander Wright, JD, provided 40 turkeys with healthy bags of vegetables including assorted peppers, collard greens, and yams to families at the William Emsile YMCA in downtown, Buffalo. The YMCA identified families that were in need due to the eco-

nomnic hardships from COVID-19. Additionally, 42 turkeys and bags of vegetables were donated to Schools 59, 92, and 95 in the Buffalo City School District. This initiative reflects Phi Omega's commitment to assist the less fortunate in Buffalo and Erie County during Achievement Week. Brothers Daren R. Thomas and Alexander Wright served as chairmen.

Phi Upsilon Highway Cleanup



Phi Upsilon Brothers cleaning Highway36 in Eatontown, NJ

Eatontown, NJ. October 24, 2020. Brothers from Phi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. took to the streets of Monmouth county to clean up Hwy 36 in Eatontown, NJ. Phi Upsilon Chapter has adopted a one mile stretch of highway 36 in exchange for keeping a clean-up schedule for the beautification of the county. The brothers of Phi Upsilon Chapter participated in a highway cleanup course, sponsored by Monmouth County, to be certified to participate in the program.

The chapter agreed to set aside the following dates for highway clean up: July 27, 2019; August 24, 2019; September 7, 2019; 2019, October 24th, 2020; and November 14th, 2020. The Adopt a Highway program is a great way to show the chapters commitment to the community. It not only puts a physical presence on the street, allowing the community to see our work, but also serves to let the County know we are here to serve and that we are willing to do our part to help clean-up the community.

Pi Omega Founders Day/Achievement Week Observance



Pi Omega Basileus Brian Foster giving Brother Lamonte Tyler the Pi Omega Man of the Year Award Medal

Baltimore, MD. November 14, 2020. The Brothers of Pi Omega held the chapter’s Brother Walter G. Amprey Memorial Achievement Week and Founders Day virtual event. The chapter’s Achievement Week is named in honor of the late Walter G. Amprey, a former Baltimore School Superintendent and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The theme of the program was “Omega Men Ushering in Social Change.” Brother Michael Freeman reflected on the contributions of Brothers Walter Amprey and George McKinney, two influential Pi Omega stalwarts, known not only for their Omega service, but also their educational and law enforcement acumen, respectively. Brother Joseph

McNeill reinforced the meaning of brotherhood and the importance of friendship, humility, and togetherness.

Brother Jedan Phillips, MD—family practitioner and college professor from New York City, served as the keynote speaker. Dr. Phillips emphasized the significance of remaining vigilant as COVID-19 cases continue to spike at a record pace across the country, advocating how we must adhere to safety measures to protect our families and communities from the spread of the virus. Moreover, Brother Phillips emphasized how it is “imperative that black men make it a priority to obtain regularly scheduled physicals and check-ups.”

During award presentations, the chapter recognized Ms. Gabrielle Carter as the National Essay Contest winner. Two Howard Lee Cornish Humanitarian Awardees included Baltimore Ceasefire 365, a grass roots organization focused on eliminating murders in the city, and Black Girls Vote, a nonpartisan organization founded by Nykidra Robinson, created to represent the concerns of women of color while helping them understand the public policy decisions impacting their families and communities. Mr. Robert Harrington, business owner and Chief Sponsor and Facilitator of the Baltimore City Department of Public Works Small Business Development Program, was awarded Citizen of the Year. His program ensures minority businesses are prepared to receive over \$3 million in utility work.

Pi Omega Brothers were recognized for their National, District, and Chapter level service. Brother Lamonte Tyler, the George K. McKinney Graduate Omega Man of the Year award recipient, is the current Mardi Gras Chairman, and actively engaged in several other committees including Undergraduate Activities, eMedia, and Political Actions, to name a few. Brother Tyler is dedicated to community service and can often be found providing meals for the homeless or teaching self-defense classes throughout Maryland and neighboring states. Brother John Berkley, a 39-year member of Omega Psi Phi, received the Founders Lifetime Achievement Award. A sample of Brother Berkley’s work includes current Financial Secretary for the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) of Metropolitan Baltimore, the Area 1 NPHC Coordinator, Pi Omega Chapter Talent Hunt Committee Chair and Second District Chairman of the NPHC Committee. Lastly, Brothers Robb Ferguson, Joseph McNeill, and Lester Buster were Basileus Award winners for their leadership and dedication.

Pi Omega Christmas/New Year Holiday Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. December 25, 2020. Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Christmas Homeless Feeding 2020. The brothers provided soup, snacks, water, fruit drinks, chicken, jackets, and pastries for 100 individuals. The brothers provided blankets, tennis shoes, four 42-gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes, blankets, jackets, and a box full of toiletries. This event took place on the stairs St. Vincent de Paul Church, which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Baltimore, MD. January 1, 2021. The Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the New Year’s 2021 Blanket Donation and Homeless Feeding. The brothers provided pizza, snacks, water, fruit drinks, 200 blankets, 200 handwarmers, 50 masks, clothes, shoes, and hand sanitizer. The brothers donated in two separate locations. The first location was outside of St. Vincent de Paul Church, which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The second location was underneath the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83). The cost to the chapter was zero.



Brother Lamonte Tyler Feeding the Homeless during Holiday Season

Pi Omega West Baltimore Male Toiletry Bag Giveaway



Pi Omega Brothers giving Toiletry Bags to Men in West Baltimore

Baltimore, MD. December 31, 2020. The Spring 2020 Line “Querona 15” Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter completed a social action project in the West Baltimore communities of Penn-North, Edmonson Village, Mondawmin, and along Poplar Grove Street. The Brothers were inspired to assist men with grooming and health necessities. In 2019, the United States Census Bureau reported that approximately 30 percent of the population—or 94 million people, live close to poverty, with incomes less than two times that of the poverty threshold. The demand for basic living essentials is on the rise nationwide, and coupled with the global pandemic, it is difficult for many people to obtain basic needs—African American men are no exception. In the spirit of community involvement, to help black men and uplift

spirits, Pi Omega’s most recent initiates provided 50 toiletry bags that focus on the daily needs of men. Each bag included deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, a toothbrush, mask, socks, soap, and a razor. Brother Clarence Holiday added, “As a West Baltimore native, I have lifelong memories of the relationships that were developed, family gatherings, and playing as a child growing up in the surrounding neighborhood—it is good to still be connected to this community”. The project was a huge success as several men expressed their gratitude for the toiletries. As the final gift bags were dispersed, one resident voiced his appreciation to witness men of color working together stating, “it’s been a challenging year for Baltimore and the country, but better days are ahead”.

Pi Omega Thanksgiving Baskets and Dinner



Brother John Berkley giving Thanksgiving Dinners to area residents at the Fraternity Center

Baltimore, MD. November 23-26, 2020. Pi Omega Chapter completed its holiday Thanksgiving basket and dinner give-away by serving seniors, children, and local neighborhoods challenged with limited grocery and healthy food options.

At the request of Maryland State Senator Antonio Hayes, the Pi Omega brotherhood donated 40 turkeys and other dinner foods to residents at the Terrace Garden Co-Op Senior Living Center in downtown Baltimore. The Terrace Gardens Center is a community for independent senior citizens age 62 and older.

The chapter successfully completed its annual Thanksgiving dinner event while strictly enforcing COVID-19 safety protocols. Pi Omega partnered with Matthew Henson and Bentalou Elementary schools to provide dinners to over 75 families. As a safety precaution, the indi-

vidual dinners were pre-packaged in microwavable containers, and family members received their meals at the front door of the Pi Omega fraternity center in a carry-out style setting, with more than seven feet of distance separating each person waiting outside of the building. Brothers assisted students and their families by providing food baskets containing turkeys and other non-perishable food items to 30 students and their families from New Song Academy in West Baltimore. Most of the students reside in or near the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood. Data from the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future-Lerner Fellowship Program indicated that nearly 59% of land covered in the Sandtown-Winchester and Harlem Park neighborhoods are considered a food desert, with limited access to affordable and nutritious food

Pi Kappa Kappa Toy Drive



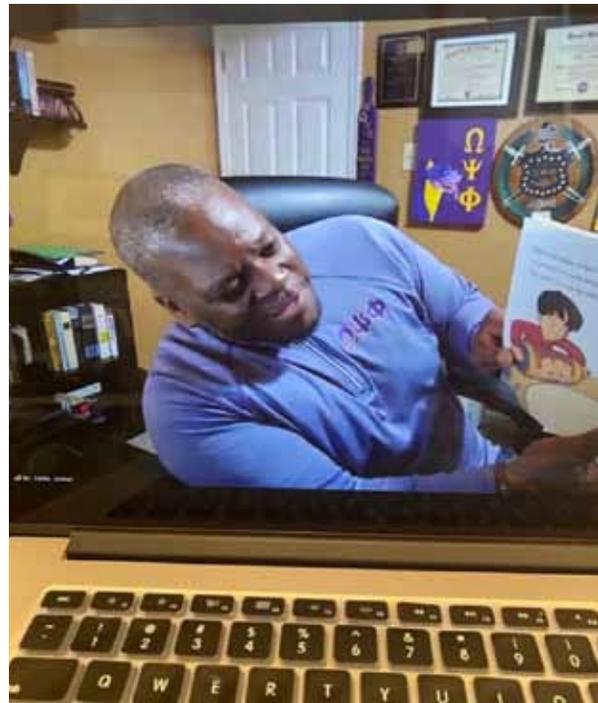
Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers loading toys for delivery to Camden County Women’s Shelter

Camden, NJ. December 21, 2020. Brothers from the Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted a Toy Drive in the beginning of December 2020. The Brothers of the Chapter were able to amass over one hundred and twenty-five gifts to present to the Camden County Women’s Shelter. The location of the actual shelter remains confidential due to safety concerns. As a result, the Brothers took the gifts to the administrative offices where staff gladly accepted them on behalf of the families in the shelter. Many of the women in the shelter, as well as some men, were forced into making the abrupt decision to extricate themselves from dangerous situations. Some of them left home without shoes for their feet. The children that accompanied their parents to the shelter often had

to abandon the video games and toys that helped serve as temporary distractions from a turbulent home life. The Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa sought to provide some semblance of relief during the holidays so that the children could understand that they were not at fault and that the Christmas spirit would provide for them no matter where they go. UPLIFT is one of our Cardinal Principles. It compels us to lift as we climb. By serving those in need during the holidays, Pi Kappa Kappa hopes the gifts inspire PERSEVERANCE. Several members of the community added contributions to what the Brothers were able to collect. The staff for the shelter insured that the gifts would be greatly appreciated and expressed their gratitude for the generous gesture.

Psi Iota “Read Across The District”

Dover, DE, November 17, 2020 The Brothers of The Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Assault on Illiteracy Initiative – Read Across the District Day as part of their Achievement Week activities. The goal of the Read Across the District Day was to promote culturally relevant literacy among the local schools in their demographic locale, and increase the students’ interest in reading from the exposure of educated men of resemblance. The Brothers did not allow the COVID-19 Pandemic prohibit them from participating. A total of nine (9) Brothers read books in 15 minute intervals in a virtual setting through Zoom to approximately 26 separate classes of students from two participating elementary schools (H.O. Brittingham Elementary School of Milton, DE and South Dover Elementary School of Dover, DE), ranging from Kindergarten to 4th grade. The students were all surprised by their teacher’s when they were told they were having “special guests” joining them for their Zoom class to read a story to them. The students were engaged and enjoyed all of the stories read to them, including one Brother who read an entire book in Spanish for a Spanish class. They also had the opportunity to ask some of the brother’s questions. The Brother’s also gave the students words of encouragement and expressed their appreciation for the teacher’s by giving them kudos for doing an outstanding job during these challenging times. The event was a win-win overall for both schools’ and for the Brother’s of Psi Iota Chapter.



Brother Eddie Armor reads to a class of students via Zoom

Sigma Beta Beta Harvest to Home Food Distribution Initiative



Sigma Beta Beta Brothers prepare food boxes for delivery to homebound individuals throughout Nassau County, Long Island, NY

Long Island, NY. January 22, 2021. The Brothers of the Sigma Beta Beta Chapter partnered with the team at Island Harvest on their Harvest to Home initiative. Harvest to Home is a program designed to ensure healthy prepacked food boxes are delivered to homebound individuals, which includes seniors, veterans, and people with compromised immune systems. On that Friday evening, Brothers met at the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury to organize the food boxes and prepare for delivery. We delivered over 25 boxes of food to residents throughout Nassau County, Long Island. During the deliveries the Brothers were met with much gratitude and warm receptions from those that received the food boxes.

A huge thank you to Bro. Chris Contreras, who had the original idea for us to do food box distribution, Bro. Bishop Lionel Harvey, who allowed us to tap into his resources and contacts which helped us to create a relationship on behalf of SBB, and of course, to Island Harvest for the partnership. I want to also give an extremely heartfelt thank you to Lynn Poole for also donating her time allowing us to organize, take a few pictures capturing the event, and successfully conduct the distribution.

We will work to continue our partnership with Island Harvest. Our aim is to conduct deliveries during the last week of each month.

Tau Pi St Johns Food Pantry Giveaway

Columbia, MD. November 21, 2020. St. Johns Baptist Church located in Columbia, MD provided food baskets to needy families from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. The actual location of the food give away was their pantry located at The Harpers House located on Cedar Lane.

With the pandemic and immediate needs in the community, the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter were asked by the church to volunteer for the event. Joining forces with the St. John's Baptist Church and their Men's Ministry, many Tau Pi brothers came out to help serve the less fortunate. They packed and distributed food items from the Pantry. This successful event helped feed over 100 families within the area.



Tau Pi Brothers Volunteering at the St Johns Food pantry

80 year Brother Gerald Greenfield Tau Pi Man of the Year

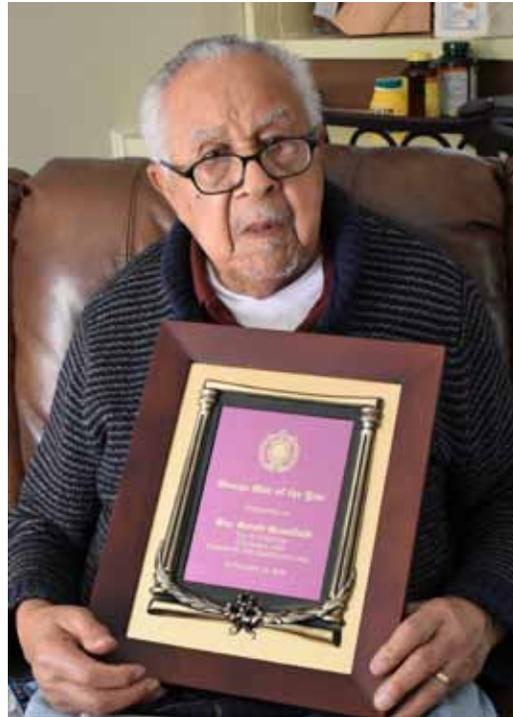
Columbia, MD. November 14, 2020. Tau Pi held its Virtual Founders Day Program. We presented and awarded Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield as our Omega Man of the Year. During this unprecedented year, the majority of our chapter events were either postponed or put-on Zoom. Therefore, we asked ourselves which Brother brought the most attention and recognition to the chapter. Undoubtedly, it was Bro. Greenfield who celebrated his 100th birthday in April.

The sequence of events leading to his birthday and post birthday were newsworthy. His son submitted an article to a local Baltimore station which highlighted his age and military service during World War I to the Vietnam War. On his birthday, in lieu of a gala formal celebration, we had an awesome drive by attended by politicians, veterans, Divine 9 members, Tau Pi brothers and Corridor One Officers.

Bro. Greenfield received Resolutions from the Second District Representative, Fifth District Representative and the thirteen District Representative. In addition, he received a Resolution and Letter of Appreciation from Grand Basileus Dr. David E. Marion. These Districts also sent him plaques or memorabilia.

Year 2020 also marked the year in which he celebrated 80 years in the Fraternity. Second District Representative Bro. Kelvin Ampofo was able to set up a Zoom celebration with the Grand Council. Bro. Grand Basileus David E. Marion, First Grand Ricky L. Lewis, Second Grand Austin Tatum, GKRS Mark Jackson, and GKF James Smith all participated. Also, the District Representatives from the fifth and thirteen gave glowing remarks.

To cap off the year, Grand KRS Mark Jackson presented in person Bro. Greenfield 80-year Service Award. They are a beautiful gold cufflink set.



Brother Gerald Greenfield

Tau Pi Voter Registration 2020

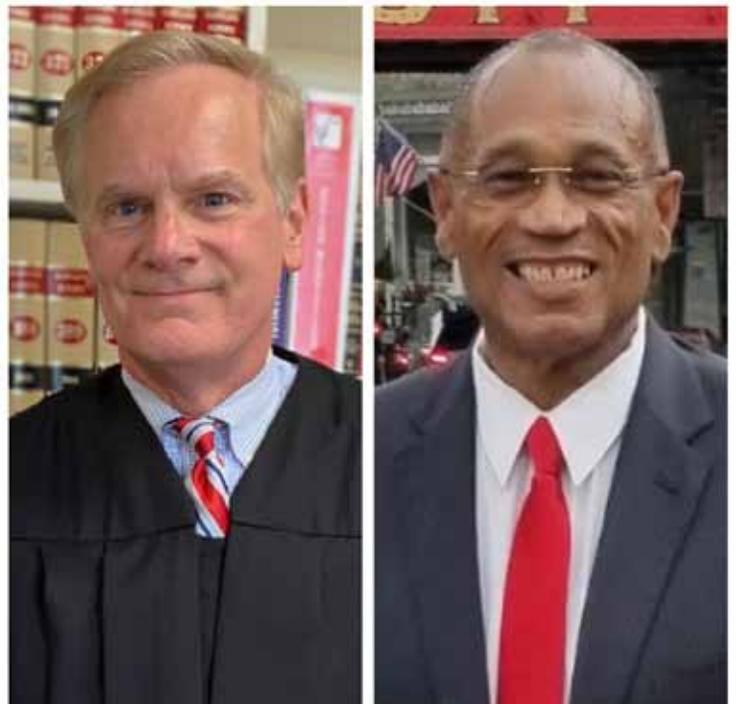
Columbia, MD. November 2, 2020. Tau Pi Voter Registration Committee with other Divine 9 Greek organizations sponsored a Get Out to Vote Community Outreach event at Long Reach High School in Columbia, MD. This was a strategic location due to it being one of the locations for a mail in ballot box. It was an evening event from 6PM to 8PM. It was well received by the community and they thanked the brothers for the information passed out. Brothers also provided water, soda, snacks and candy.

Brothers Shauvez Bennett and Joseph Brown are the co-chairs for this committee. They have worked tirelessly in their due diligence in this historic election year. Their efforts not only included the Presidential Election but also County Elections. Often local elections are overlooked by the African Americans community and policy changes and decisions are made which are not in our best interest.

Tau Pi Judge Candidates Forum

Columbia, MD. October 13, 2020. Tau Pi Voter Registration Education and Mobilization co-chairs Shauvez Bennett and Joseph Brown provided the chapter Bruhs with a ZOOM Circuit Judge candidate forum. It was approximately an hour long from 7PM to 8PM. Former Basilleus Jay Kerr, Jr. was the moderator. The theme was "Vote for Change or More of the Same".

The Candidates were Judge John Kuchno and Mr. Quincy Coleman. Each had extensive background and experience. Judge Kuchno was appointed by the Governor to serve out the term. He has been an attorney for 35 years and also the State Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Quincy Coleman has had over 40 years of courtroom experience with 20 years as an attorney for Parole and Probation. He is also African American. Mr. Quincy Coleman won the election.



Judge John Kuchno and Mr. Quincy Coleman.

Tau Pi Foundation Grant for Mentoring

Columbia, MD. November 2020. Tau Pi Foundation was successful in receiving a grant by the Bright Minds Foundation of Howard County. The Tau Pi Foundation was one of seventeen organizations in the County to qualify for the grant. The purpose for the grant was to provide financial assistance for the purchase of virtual engagement platform/desks and chairs for Tau Pi Mentees to use during virtual learning.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, per HCPSS policy, all interactions with mentees were to be conducted in a virtual environment. In as much, academic surveys have revealed that students of color were having difficulties adjusting to the new academic paradigm (virtual learning). It was also revealed that students needed to have a dedicated workspace to assist them in adjusting and performing in the virtual environment. The use of kitchen and dining room tables does not provide an environment conducive to virtual learning in the same manner as a dedicated student workstation.

The grant provided enough capital to purchase 12 desks and chairs for Elementary students at Guilford and 10 desks and chairs for mentees at Jeffers Hill. Students who received the desks and chairs were mentees of Tau Pi’s Mentoring program. Mentor Co-Chair Bro. Frank Miles arranged for the purchased of the desks and chairs from IKEA. As part of the purchase, he included the assembly of the equipment. The desks and chairs were delivered to the homes of Bro. Miles and Brother Shawn Lamb for assembly. Tau Pi Mentors rented U Haul trucks and delivered the desks/chairs to the mentees.

In the picture is 5th grade mentee Gary Bacon, Jr. He is the son of Omega Man Gary Bacon, Sr. who participated in the deliveries.

Appreciation and thanks to Tau Pi Foundation President Bro. Clint Sellers, TPF fundraiser Chair Bro. Dave Charon and Basileus Bro. Milton Darby.

Special thanks to Tau Pi mentors who did the labor and deliveries headed by Bro. Frank Miles, Bro. Shawn Lamb, Bro. Steve Grice, Bro. Gary Bacon, Sr. and Bro. David Steele.



Gary Bacon, Jr.



Brothers Shawn Lamb and Khalid Bakari deliver baskets

Tau Pi Enthused About True Service “EATS”

Columbia, MD. November 13, 2020. Tau Pi Chapter was asked by Howard County Multi-Service Center to support their Thanksgiving Basket Donation effort. It entails giving a family of Four a \$20.00 gift certificate and a basket filled with food and condiments. The total amount would be \$50.00 per family. The chapter was asked by the County to sponsor 20 baskets. With the pandemic and no immediate fund raiser planned, Bruhs were asked to make a financial contribution.

Vice Basileus Mike Tucker reached out to the Bruhs via our virtual monthly chapter meeting. Mentoring Co Chairs Brothers Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins expressed their concerns since each year the chapter had provided Thanksgiving dinners to our needy mentees’ families. Hence, chapter brothers were asked to make a financial contribution and all donations exceeding 20 dinners would go to mentee families.

Two stalwart brothers Khalid Bakari and Shawn Lamb from our Social Action Committee picked up and delivered the baskets to Guilford and Jeffers Hill Elementary Schools. The Committee theme for the year is EATS – Enthused About True Service.

Tau Pi Founders Day Program

Columbia, MD. November 14, 2020. Tau Pi chapter kicked off its Achievement Week with its Founders Day Program on Saturday, November, 14, 2020 at 10:00am. As with most events and activities during this Pandemic year, it was virtually celebrated. We had approximately 70 participants which included ten of our mentees. Bro. Richard Rogers was our Master of Ceremony.

Our Keynote speaker was Tau Pi Bro. U. Michael Currie. The theme this year was, "Omega Men Ushering in Social Change". Key points highlighted were – required strength and courage of conviction; equality vs. equity; accountability; and recognizing change is hard and not receptive by all people.

Traditionally, we pay tribute to our Four Founders. Honorable Brother Dr. Oscar J. Cooper was presented by Bro. Markice Lewis and the Founder Stand In was Bro. Dr. Clinton Harris. Presenting Honorable Bro. Bishop Edgar A. Love was Bro. Courtney Whitehead and the Founder Stand In was Bro. Nicholas Meade. Presenting Honorable Bro. Frank Coleman was Bro. Alonzo Muir and the Founder Stand In was Bro. Eddie Moat. Presenting Bro. Dr. Ernest E. Just was Bro. Shauvez Bennett and the Founder Stand In was Bro Theodore Green.

Six Special Awards were presented --- Citizen of the Year to DST Stephanie Wall; Educator of the Year to Maisha Strong; Superior Service to Bro. Joseph Brown; Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership to Bro. Ronald Britt; Founders Lifetime Achievement to Bro. Jerry Watkins; and Omega Man of the Year to Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield.

Tau Pi Basilleus also recognized brothers who contributed to his success for the fiscal year. Basileus Awards were presented to Bro. Bakari Khalid, Bro. Reggie Riddick, VB Bro. Mike Tucker, KRS Bro. Earl Jefferson, and KF Bro. Nicholas Meade.



Tau Pi Citizen of the Year - Ms. Stephanie Wall

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Brother Dr. Henry Bell prepares Fish Dinners

Tau Pi 1st Annual Bro. Chester Williams Drive by Fish Fry

Columbia, MD. December 5, 2020. Tau Pi Chapter kicked off its 1st Annual Bro. Chester Williams Drive by Fish Fry. The event was held in the parking lot of the Columbia Corporate Building from Noon to 5PM. in Ellicott City, MD.

With the Pandemic limiting in person fund raisers, the committee chaired by Vice Basileus Mike Tucker presented this outstanding proposal to the Chapter. The Chapter needed to establish some necessary cash flow in the beginning of the fiscal year besides dues paying to support our mentoring program.

Our beloved 18th Basileus Bro. Chester Williams transitioned to Omega Chapter in 2020. He along side of Omega Chapter Bro. Michael "Stein" Mathews were known for frying up some good fish at Tau Pi summer cookouts.

In the picture are Bro. Dr. Henry Bell wearing a nice Tau Pi fund raising hoodies and showcasing one of the sumptuous meals. Other committee members were Bro. KRS Earl Jefferson, Bro. Nicholas Meade, Bro. Eric Astrop, Bro. Khalid Bakari, Bro. Jay Kerr, Bro. Frank Foster and Bro. Markice Lewis.

Customers through Eventbrite and Social Media were asked to purchase their dinners in advance. We wanted to ensure that we were following all CDC guidelines Customers pulled up in their car and provided their documentation and Chapter Bruhs handed them their dinner. Of course, we had walk-ons which we still sold them a dinner.

The event was a huge success. During 2021, the committee is rethinking the time of the year to have the next one. The Summer or early Fall will probably be preferable.

Health Initiative – Walk, Run, Ride w/Tau Pi

Columbia, MD. November 15, 2020. Tau Pi Chapter added a Health Initiative as part of its Achievement Week Program. With so many Brothers staying safe at home, this was a good opportunity to fellowship and exercise the old bones. Bruhs were advised to comply with CDC guidelines by wearing a mask and keeping social distance.

The initiative was the idea of the Tau Pi Spring 2018 Line. Our Social Action Chair is Bro. Bakari Khalid, a Bruh from this very active line. His Line Brother Reggie Riddick served as this year Achievement Week Chair. This was one of many exciting events and activities of the week.

As Bruhs dressed in their fine Que nalia went on the 2.5-mile journey around Centennial Park located in Howard County MD, many curious park visitors wanted to join in the walk. Bruhs had the option of walking, jogging and riding a bike. At the end of the journey, coffee, donuts and water was provided.

Bruhs from the Spring 18 Line are Brothers Shauvez Bennett, Markice Lewis, Eddie Moat, Bakari Khalid and Reggie Riddick.

Special thanks and appreciation to the Bruhs who came out and supported the event were Brothers Eddie Porcher, Howard Nicholas, Alonzo Muir, Joseph Brown, KF Nicholas Meade, Corey Powell, KRS Earl Jefferson, and Vice Basileus Mike Tucker.



Tau Pi Brothers at the Health Initiative

Tau Pi Mentee Participates in Cure Bowl



Columbia, MD. December 26, 2020. The Cure Bowl was held on December 26, 2020 in Camping World Stadium located in Orlando, FL. The game was broadcasted on ESPN at 7:30PM. Teams playing were the Liberty Flames and Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. The game ended in overtime with Liberty winning on a field goal. The score was 37 to 34.

In the picture is Daniel Darko who was a mentee with Tau Pi chapter. He graduated from the SEED School in Baltimore, MD in 2017. Upon graduation, he attended Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Dissatisfied with his playing time, he transferred to a junior college in Valley Forge, PA. This football season, he transferred to Liberty University. Although he had enough credits, he was ineligible for the season because he did not have an Associate Degree. However, he remembered the poem, “See it Through” and persevered and became eligible for the Bowl Game.

Since he had not played in a game all season, the coach used him on Special Teams only. To finally be able to play in a game on national television and hold the winning trophy was one of the most gratifying experience of his college football career. As his High School mentor, he shared with me (Bro. Jerry Watkins) that he appreciated the time and effort that our mentoring program put in his life.

Tau Pi Mentee Daniel Darko with the Cure Bowl Bowl Trophy

Tau Pi Conduct Board of Education Candidates Forum

Columbia, MD. October 27, 2020. Tau Pi Voter Registration Education and Mobilization co-chairs Shauvez Bennett and Joseph Brown provided the chapter Bruhs with a ZOOM Board of Education candidate forum. It was approximately an hour long from 7PM to 8PM. Former Basileus Jay Kerr, Jr. was the moderator. The theme was “Vote for Change or More of the Same”.

Howard County has a seven-member board with five elected and two are at large. Each position is nonpartisan. The election is staggered every two years. There are five districts within the County. The involvement of the African American community is extremely important if we want to improve the education of minority students and mitigate systemic racism.

By District, each candidate present was allowed to give a brief bio and their agenda. Upon completing this segment, the moderator presented prepared questions from the Bruhs. Of all of the candidates, only District Two had minorities. Ms. Antonia Barkley Watts did an excellent job and eventually won the seat by receiving 72% of the votes.



Ms. Antonia Barkley Watts

Tau Lamba Lambda Achievement Week Celebration

Waldorf, MD. November 23, 2020. The year 2020 has been one for the record books. An unprecedented year that nearly brought life as we know it to a standstill due to a global pandemic as America saw social unrest that ushered in a reinvigorated push for social justice and change.

As Omega prepared to celebrate its 109th year of existence, the Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda, at the direction of Bro. Greg Carter, TLL Achievement Week chairman, came together for worship, fellowship, acts of service and to celebrate the men and women who do a large part in help shaping the tri-county area of Southern Md of which they live, work and serve. The theme for this year's Achievement Week celebration was "Omega Men Ushering in Social Change". A fitting theme for the year because of the social distancing and social injustice that handicapped us. The 2020 Virtual Achievement Week Awards was held on Saturday, November 14th, where the guest speaker was 1st Vice Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis. The Citizen of the Year award was given to three honorees from the Tri-county area for their notable achievements and service to Southern Maryland. The honorees are as follows: Calvert County, Ms. Shaquisha Bishop, Charles County, Mr. Ronald Walls, Jr. and representing St. Mary's County was Mrs. Shellnice Hduson, RN. Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda were also recognized for their dedication and service. Brothers Bernard Jackson and William "BJ" Hall were honored as the Co-Omega

Man of the Year; Basileus Award, Brothers Kenneth Pittman and Prince Brown; and Superior Service, Brother Gregory Carter.

On Tuesday, November 17, TLL donated over 2,000 books to the 2nd District as a part of the Read Across the District Initiative. Later that evening, the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda, along with Omega men from all over the world, gathered virtually to celebrate the 109th anniversary of Omega by attending the Founders Day Rededication Ceremony.

Over several dozen bags of toiletries and socks were donated to the Robert J. Fuller Transitional House who offer transitional housing as well as supportive services to homeless men in Charles County, MD on Wednesday, November 18th.

The morning of Saturday, November 21st saw the Brothers of TLL convene at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School in Waldorf, MD for our 4th Annual Project Giveback. An initiative that sees that food boxes are packed and distributed to those who need some extra help during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wrapping up Achievement Week on Sunday, November 22nd, TLL came together for virtual worship at Coppins African Methodist Episcopal Church of Preston, MD. Service was led by Fall 2020 initiate, Reverend Brother Jerald Graham.

Tau Lamba Lambda Donates Christmas Gifts



Tau Lambda Lambda giving Christmas gifts to General Smallwood Middle School representatives in Indian Head, MD.

Indian Head, MD. December 21, 2020. The year 2020 posed a myriad of trials and tribulations for people. Dealing with the void of interaction between family and friends due to social distancing protocols, the loss of loved ones due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the decreased and in some cases lack of income due to businesses being closed, was a heavy burden to carry. The latter forced people to make tough decisions about needs vs wants and with that decision, the thought of Christmas, a time where family would gather and exchange gifts, heightened the anxiety this

year has already produced. With that in mind, Tau Lambda Lambda attempted to lessen that stress by providing gifts to three families in need of holiday cheer. The recipients were families of students who attend General Smallwood Middle School in Indian Head, MD. The contacts at the school, Carol Desoto and Robert Ansell were happy to receive the gifts on behalf of the families and "extremely thankful for the donation from Tau Lambda Lambda".

Tau Lambda Lambda Project Giveback

Waldorf, MD. November 22, 2020. The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda hosted it's fourth annual Project GiveBack to provide Thanksgiving meals to the Southern Maryland communities of Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's.

The giveaway was hosted at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary in Waldorf, MD and enabled TLL to successfully feed over 260 families in the tri-county Southern Maryland area.

Bro. Prince Brown, organizer of the event stated that "Each year, this event grows and more families are impacted by the work. We are truly blessed to be a blessing to others and am deeply moved by the outpouring of gratitude from those who are able to feed their families this holiday season".

Special thanks to the John Lancaster and W. Cecil Short (JL&WCS) Charity Foundation, the 501© (3) philanthropic arm of Tau Lambda Lambda and a host of other volunteers who took time out to make this an extremely successful and rewarding event.

To make a tax-exempt donation or to support this program through the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation, please visit www.jl&wcs.org.



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers prepare Thanksgiving Baskets at Project Giveback

Tau Lambda Lambda Welcome Fall 2020 Initiates



Tau Lambda Lambda New Initiates with 2nd District Representative Kelvin Ampofo

Waldorf, MD. November 1, 2020. The Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. would like to congratulate its Fall 2020 group of initiates, called the "15 Disciples out of the Ashes of the Burning Sands of Omega". Initiated on October 31, 2020, the men of are as follows: Brothers Devonte' Hall, Tarif Johnson, Rodney Eggleston, Derek Henderson, Gerald Graham, Khalil Badger, Marlon White, Christian Healey, Paul Smith, Deron Whitehurst, William Harding, Kelvin

Howard, Julian Grant, Bryan Lawson and Aaron Kelly. Selected because they display characteristics of the fraternity's four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, TLL is excited to have these men join our Fraternity and help with continuing the mission of Tau Lambda Lambda of making Southern Maryland and the world a better place.



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



Mentoring In The Mist Of Crisis

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 will be a day that will go down in history as a dark day in our country. It will be a day our generation will remember forever, a “date that will live in infamy.” We witnessed the anti-democratic behavior in our nation’s capital incited and encouraged by the 45th President of the United States of America.

The violence caught on camera and the racist angry chants continue to be disturbing for our young people and our society at large. As many witnessed the events unfold, like you, my heart was trouble, and my emotions were moved to disbelief. It was like watching scenes from a movie showing a violent mob of Trump supporters attacking the sacred Capitol building that represents American Democracy. There was not anyone wearing masks in this COVID-19 pandemic. There was not any police officers standing in mass wearing riot gear armed with weapons; no rubber bullets, no tear gas or smoke. There was no show of force that we saw in the 2020 summer during the peaceful protest of Black Lives Matter. There was clearly a stark contrast to how police responded to peaceful protest and what we witnessed on Wednesday, January 6th from an all-white violatate mob.

In this moment as reality sets in we as parents, educators, coaches, and mentors, especially our Dads must help our students “process” what they have seen, heard or witnessed to help them navigate their feeling of uncertainty. The take-aways for our community: we must stay focused and engaged with creating positive pathways that strengthen the quality of life for all families. Equally is important to prepare our youth to stand up, use their collective voices to speak up and to make “good choices”. We can count on our youth to make this world a better place for all Americans. This is a time for our community and next generation of future leaders to write our own script by working together to make the following a top priority.

- Your Vote Matters – There is no question that your vote counts. You must VOTE in every election; every time and hold your local Legislators accountable.
- Pursue a “quality education” to take care of yourself

and your family or acquire work force ready skills for this evolving new economy.

- Be creative and innovative in using this moment wisely - STOP the 6 hours BINGE WATCHING
- Create economical pathways, start new businesses, develop new products, such as candles, tea Bags, perfume, development Apps, create new digital gaming
- Support Black and Brown Businesses and institutions

When I look through my spiritual lens and reflect over events that have shaped my life, I clearly see God’s movement in setting the atmosphere for change knowing that all things work together for His good and purpose. He has hit the reset button, working on the heart and minds of people, and his children. When you get down to the Heart of the Matter – The Heart is what matters to God!

As stated on the Omega morning prayer call, our beloved Fraternity has been chosen by God to provide leadership in communities. Brother Grand stated that we are the gold standard that people look to make a difference in their lives.

As mentors, we can assist our communities in navigating the social, educational, financial, political and psychological challenges we are facing today to ensure a better future for us all. Brothers know that I personally thank you for all you do to make a difference in your community and for making Omega shine!

MENTORING MATTERS – MORE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE!



*Donald Williams II
2nd District Chairman,
Fatherhood Initiative
and Mentoring Committee*

When We Wear the Gloves

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Brother Charles Edward Elliott - Omega Chapter



Brother Charles Edward Elliott

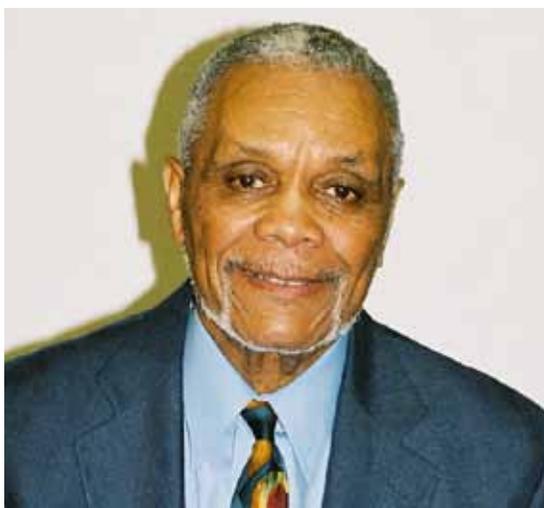
Baltimore, MD. Brother Charles Edward Elliott, born June 7, 1955 transitioned to Omega Chapter on November 5, 2020. Initiated on the Charter Line of Gamma Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on May 1, 1976 at Salisbury State University. Brother Elliott was elected Basileus of the undergraduate chapter, was instrumental in chartering Chi Kappa Chapter Intermediate Chapter in Baltimore, MD. and was as member of Pi Omega graduate Chapter in Baltimore,

MD. and was as member of Pi Omega graduate Chapter in Baltimore, MD. A 44 year Life Member, he **received the Founder’s Stand-In Award** at the 70th Second District Conference, held in Baltimore, MD.

Educated in Baltimore Public Schools, he graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1974, lettering in football, baseball and wrestling. He was the founder and President of the Black Student Association at Woodlawn. Upon graduation, matriculating to Salisbury State University, he lettered in football and served as President of the Black Student Union. Brother Elliott, instrumental in bringing national activist such as Benjamin Hooks, Dick Gregory, Stokely Carmichael and Vernon Jordan to visit the university, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work in 1978 from Salisbury State University.

Professionally, Brother Elliott served as an agent for the Department of Parole and Probation for the State of Maryland for over 41 years. He was held in high esteem for his commitment and professionalism. A true champion of youth sports, Brother Elliott’s decades of volunteering included coaching Woodlawn youth football, baseball and represented Maryland and the Eastern Region for Pop Warner. In addition to supporting youth through athletics, Brother Elliott emphasized prioritizing education and conducted college tours. Because of his dedication to mentoring youth, a Woodlawn Recreation Center and a scholarship fund has been named in his honor. He is survived by his devoted wife Coria, six children and a devoted Brother and Omega Man, Van Elliott.

Brother Russell M. Young - Omega Chapter



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Baltimore, MD. Brother Russell M. Young Jr. born November 11, 1928 transitioned to Omega Chapter on October 26, 2020. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. PI Omega Chapter in Bal-

-timore MD for 72 years. Initiated into through Pi Chapter in 1948, while attending Morgan State College, Brother Young was a star football player; graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and a commission of Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

A Korean War veteran, Brother Young served with distinction and was awarded the Purple Heart for his heroic action in saving fellow squad members being held captive, despite his own severe wounds. Receiving numerous service badges awards and metals, he was promoted Captain and received an honorable discharge in 1965.

Professionally, he worked as a counselor at the University of Maryland and was recruited to enter the AT&T Executive Recruitment Program, where he learned all phases of the telecommunications company. During his tenure, he held positions as a recruiter, trainer, manager, and department chief until his retirement.

An avid sports fan, he and his wife, Ann of 63 years, attended numerous Olympics around the world. Brother Young was devoted to his beloved Morgan State University and served as President of the Varsity “M” Club, as well as being a life member of the Morgan Alumni Association. Active members of Mt Zion United Methodist Church, he and his wife established two scholarship funds to help further the education of future Morgan students.

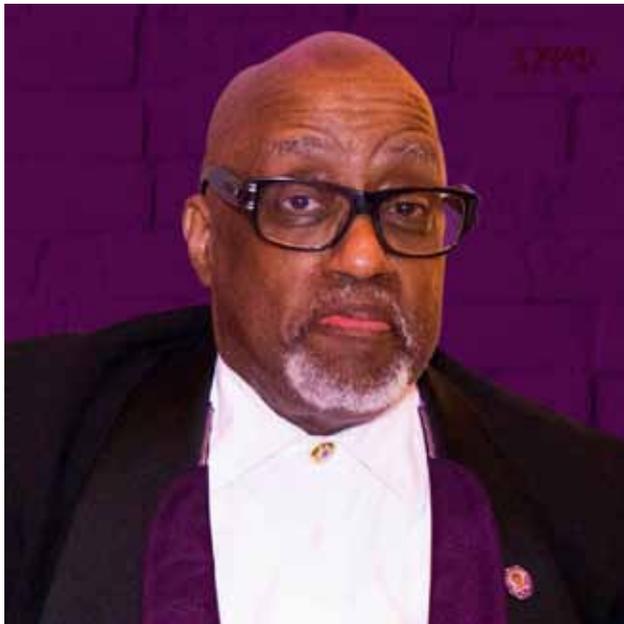
When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls

When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



Brother Steve Schmidt - Omega Chapter



Brother Steve Schmidt

truly immersed in the true Omega spirit. He was a leader, a mentor, and foremost a dear friend. He always aspired those around him to work harder and to lead by example. He would always say, "We have hard work to do and loads to lift". Brother Schmidt was initiated on May 24, 1970, Kappa Chapter at Syracuse University. After graduating Brother Schmidt returned to New York City and started a career in finance and worked on Wall Street until he retired. Brother Schmidt was always active and participated in all endeavors. He has left a legacy that will stand the test of time. May his soul rest peacefully.

Ecclesiastes 7:1 "A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth" -Holy Bible

Steve Schmidt's Legacy (January 19, 1952-January 4, 2021)

Initiated – May 24, 1970, Kappa Chapter, Syracuse University

1973: Kappa Chapter Basileus

1973: BA Degree Political Science with a minor in Economics

1974-2021: Member of Kappa Omicron Chapter

1999: Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter, White Plains, New York

2002 – 2021: Beta Alpha Alpha Foundation Board Member

2002-2006: Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter Basileus

2005-2008: Deputy Corridor V Representative

2006-2007: Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter – Omega Man of the Year

2009: District Marshall- 61st Second District Conference, White Plains, New York

2010: Founder's Stand in for Frank Coleman at the 63rd Second District Conference

2010-2012: Keeper of Records and Seal for Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter

2012-2021: Kappa Omicron advisor and member of Kappa Omicron (KO) Incorporation

2017-2018: Kappa Omicron Basileus

New York, NY. The Brothers of the Kappa Omicron Chapter would like to honor the legacy of our beloved Brother Steve Schmidt who was called home on January 4th 2021. Brother Schmidt exemplified our cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. He was



Dr. Ernest E. Just



Oscar J. Cooper

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Frank Coleman



Edgar A. Love



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Brother Anthony “Tony” Lee - Omega Chapter



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Capitol Heights, MD. Bro. Rev. Anthony M. “Tony” Lee, the Immediate Past Basileus of Gamma Pi Chapter and a stalwart member of Gamma P, entered Omega Chapter on January 4, 2021 due to complications from COVID-19. Bro. Lee leaves behind a wife and four daughters, an untold number of Fraternity Brothers, church members and community members who will miss him dearly.

Bro. Lee was Life Member #6492, having been initiated into the Fraternity on November 20, 1989, through Beta Gamma Chapter at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, which Bro. Lee never let us

forget was the first historically black institution. Bro. Lee was very active during his tenure within the Gamma Pi Chapter, having served on the Executive Council, Basilei Council, Fundraising, Membership Selection, Reclamation & Retention, Social Action and Achievement Week committees, as well as in the following positions and offices: Board Member, Charles Drew Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Chaplain(2020), Vice Basileus(2013-2016)and, most notably, as a three-term Basileus.

Bro. Lee was awarded both Religious Leader of the Year and Omega Man of the Year. Bro. Lee also in 2013 At the District level, Tony served as the Chairman of the 64thSecond District Conference Security, Logistics, and Conference Support committee, the Master of Ceremony and judge for the 64thand 65thSecond District Conference March Down, respectively, and Assistant to the District Chaplain. He also served as a Delegate for both District Conferences and Conclaves.

n the greater community, Bro. Lee was Pastor of Pillar of Truth Bible Church in Capitol Heights, MD. He had also become known for his special role as the Public Announcer for Howard University sports. He was the “the Voice of the Bison” for football, basketball and women’s volleyball games for two years. Bro. Lee was selected as the lead announcer for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference 2019 women’s volleyball tournament.

Also, Bro. Lee, a native Washingtonian, led young men as a coach at various high schools in the Greater D.C. area over the years, having played football when he was in high school and for the Wolves when he attended Cheyney. In 2002, he was inducted into the Cheyney University Athletics Hall of Fame.

An Omega Service and funeral services were conducted for Bro. Lee on Thursday, January 14 at Judah Temple AME Zion Church in Bowie, Md.

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Brother Nelson Henry, Jr. - Omega Chapter



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(discharge information printed on blue paper) throughout the ranks of the Army and Army Air Corps (precursor to the Air Force) as a way to separate them from service, neither honorably nor dishonorably. Ultimately, a Blue Discharge was considered a badge of shame for those that returned to life as a civilian.

After graduating from Lower Moreland High School in Huntingdon Valley, PA, Bro. Henry was off to Oxford, PA where Lincoln University would be where he would pledge Beta Chapter in the Fall of 1941. During his junior year in 1942, Bro. Henry decided to serve his country by enlisting in the Army through the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). This program was meant to develop Junior Officers and would allow Bro. Henry to complete his education, as well as study to become a dentist in the service of the country. It was at this time he received a conditional acceptance to Howard University's Dental School.

Within a year, the ASTP program was discontinued due to the urgent need for soldiers in the war, and Bro. Henry was reassigned to a combat unit in Texas, the 66th Medical Training Battalion. It was during this time that Bro. Henry's previous football injuries became evident, and he was unable to complete basic training. After several minor infractions that his lawyers contend were unsubstantiated, he reluctantly accepted the blue discharge to avoid a court-martial. On October 17, 1945, Pvt. Class Nelson Henry was discharged and given \$63.90 in travel pay.

Bro. Henry would become financial with Mu Omega Chapter in Philadelphia through the encouragement of Bro. Joseph Sessoms, Jr. So impressed with the perseverance personified by Bro. Henry, on November 9, 2019 the QueVets honored him with the Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award at a Veteran's Day program held at the Frat House. In addition, an honorary doctorate degree from Lincoln University, originally planned to be awarded to Bro. Henry in 2020, has been rescheduled to be presented posthumously to his family during Lincoln's 2021 Commencement ceremony.

Bro. Henry's story continues to inspire and is a true testament to the Fraternity's Cardinal Principle of Perseverance. It is a reminder to all that one should never stop fighting for what is right.

To view more information on Bro. Henry, visit the Memorial Website: <https://memorialservice.wixsite.com/nelsonhenryjr>

Philadelphia, PA. On Saturday, May 9, 2020 Omega lost one of her most loyal and courageous sons, Brother Nelson Henry Jr., at the age of ninety-six. Soon after being hospitalized on May 1, 2020 from acute symptoms consistent with COVID-19, Bro. Henry succumbed to complications of the virus at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Bro. Henry was a World War II veteran who received an honorable discharge almost 75 years after the Army kicked him out because he was African American.

The Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) unanimously agreed to change Bro. Henry's discriminatory "Blue Discharge" from 1945 to honorable. The ABCMR found that an injustice had occurred in the case of Bro. Henry.

The "Blue Discharge" was a practice that affected both African American and LGBT soldiers by the discriminatory actions of commanding officials. Over 48,000 service members received their Blue Ticket



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

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2	16	Pi	Egiefameh	Andrew
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	512	Mu Omega	Cherry	Mark
2	512	Mu Omega	Edwards, Sr.	Mark
2	543	Upsilon Phi	Ray III	James
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Longdon	Ashur
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Lee	Thomas
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl
2	958	Eta Mu Nu	Norman III	John H.

Expulsion List

These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings.

2	16	Pi	Taylor	Timothy
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	206	Rho Zeta	Dobson, Jr	Alfred
2	212	Psi Zeta	Clark	David
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Hammick	Selvin
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Liverpool	Steve
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Capps	Kwesi
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Johnson	Hakeem
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Keston	Frank
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Howard	Lance