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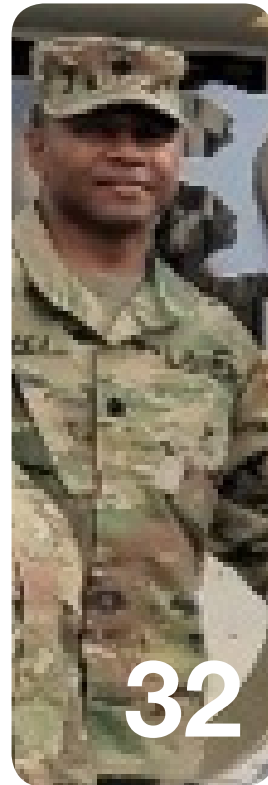
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Greetings Good Brothers of the Mighty Third District,

As always, I am humbly honored to have served these last two years as the District Representative of the “Premiere District”! We have consistently remained at the forefront of the Fraternity’s efforts to revolutionize and enrich our service to the Brotherhood. Our District always directs the way by providing groundbreaking ideas, broad-minded guidelines and procedures and intelligent best practices that have been implemented by other districts and IHQ. We have started to streamline our processes and operations by making our techniques more user friendly. We are further active on social media to make sure “We tell Our Story”!

There are a number of other creativities that we will implement to nurture camaraderie within the District including research analysis of our council meeting and annual meeting schedules. Particular focus will be placed on running our meetings efficiently and operating with a level of preparedness that will permit handling our business more expeditiously. The 1st Lady and myself are very excited and grateful to be able to attend this commemorative occasion!

I want to again, express my sincere gratitude for your support. I am truly proud to have stood in a place where such Greatness arose from!

Yours in Omega,
Brother Ezekiel Dennison, Jr
3rd District Representative



Chaplain Rev. Dr. James Edwards, III

Knitting a Friend to Knot a Friendship ~ I Samuel 18:1-3 (4/26/17)

Are there any brothers, wives or mothers who know how to knit? I mean really know how to make something; knit a scarf, a sweater, or a hand warmer? Can you knit an overcoat? I'm just kidding about that!

If the answer is yes; then that's good because there are still a few who possess the knowledge and skill of knitting. It seems to be a dying art in our communities.

It's different today from what it used to be when I was a child. During that time it seemed that almost every household had at least one person who could knit. Grandma or Mom, Aunt Mae or Baby Sis would take rolls of yarn at some point each day and thread and loop it together, making a beautiful creation, and fastening it at the end with a knitting knot.

Unlike the girls, most boys in my youth never tried nor were they invited to participate in this craft endeavor. It definitely was not seen as the omega "manly" thing to do. But since there were so many women in my family who helped to raise me, I remember hearing terms like rib stitch, and garter stitch. They repeated these words, almost as a reminder to themselves, "Knit one; Pearl two."

It almost sounds like a term which could be utilized to define the beginning of a friendship. As one person kits love from their heart and soul, it is to be knit to the spirit of another. The writer in Proverbs 17:17 recorded these words, "A friend loveth at all times."

To knit is that technique for producing a two dimensional fabric made from a one dimensional yarn or thread. To knit is an approach that is the procedure for developing a friendship and occurs when two individuals are "hooked" together and become one in the spirit.

Those words almost echo as the definition of a marriage, don't they? "What therefore God has joined together... Mark 10:9. Granted, friendship should exist between a husband and wife and even more. But there are other kinds of friendship, as well.

Brothers, when more than two Ques converse, you hear words like, "Brother Big Daddy, Swing So Hard, Good to the eyes, let me introduce you to my LB, my number two, my back door, he is a true brother, a good friend."

Though certainly in another vernacular, a similar scenario is what is recorded in our text in I Samuel 18:1-3 (KJV). Highlighted in these passages of scripture is the beginning of a friendship. "And it came to pass when David had made an

end of speaking unto Saul that the soul of Jonathan (King Saul's son) was knit with the soul of David and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." He loved a friend so much that he would make a covenant with him, strip himself of his coat, his garments and his sword, his bow and his belt. He gave them to David, his friend.

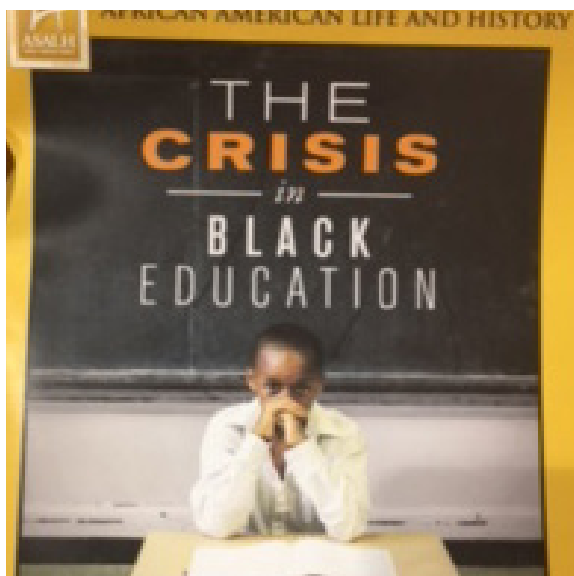
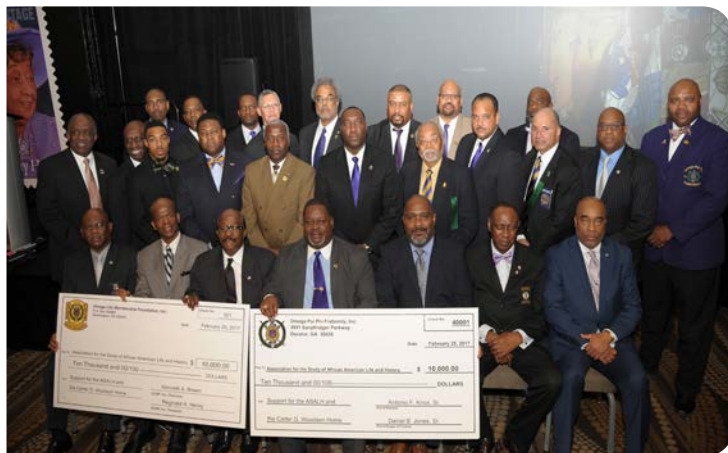
Jesus did the same for you and me. He stripped Himself to clothe us and emptied Himself to enrich us. Then he took upon Himself, our rags and our sins. He gave Himself to be crucified on an old rugged cross that we might have a right to life and have it more abundantly. Can I get a witness?

"He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24. Jesus is the ace brother in all of our lives. "Oh, how I love Jesus because He first love me." "Knit One; Pearl Two." Previously I asked the question, "Are there any skilled knitters out there?" Those who responded were probably small in number. Allow me in closing to turn the question around. Are there any knitters out there who join their souls to the soul of another in order to establish a lasting and true friendship? If so, you have surely done as Jonathan did with David and as Jesus has done with us. He has knitted our souls to Himself and in many cases to the soul of another.

Robert South, an English divine of old once said, "A true friend is the gift of God, and he only, who made hearts; can unite them." Regardless of our age difference, frat seniority, or whether one crossed over the burning sands as an undergraduate or graduate, one Omega man can say to another Omega man, we have truly been knitted together and "friendship is essential to the soul."



ASALH Event



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Founders

Just Ω Love Ψ Cooper Φ Coleman



Founders' Day Celebration



Third District Founders' Day Celebration

Home of the Mother Pearl





Achievement WEEK



Achievement Week Upsilon Nu Chapter

Upsilon Nu Achievement Week Program



Richmond, Virginia November 20, 2016 Upsilon Nu Chapter celebrated its Forty-Fifth Achievement Week Program. The Achievement Week Committee, co-chaired by Bro. Robert Lester and Bro. T.R. Darden organized a program that acknowledge not only the outstanding efforts of fiscal year 2015 - 2016 but some of

the stalwart contributors of Upsilon Nu whose longevity to the Fraternity had to be recognized.

The program opened with "Lift Every Voice and Sing" all three stanzas, led by Bro Wilbert Curtis. Normally only the first stanza is sung but we embrace the entire song stated Bro. Lester and Bro. Darden.

Basileus Bro. Jeff Tarpley welcomed brothers and guests to the Achievement Week program. He thanked the committee chairmen for their outstanding work and also the members of their committees who have sacrificed their time and in many cases their financial assets as well, to support programs that have uplifted Richmond and the greater Richmond area", stated Basileus Bro. Jeff Tarpley.

He also thanked his leadership team, Vice-Basileus Bro. Michael Swain, Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Jerome Jackson and

Keeper of Finance Bro. Matthew Peanort II.

Four Brothers were recognized for fifty year anniversaries Bro. Nelson Lawson, Bro. Ronny McNeil, Bro. Joseph Stills and Bro. Napoleon Peoples. Bro. Raymond Cowans was recognized for his fifty-five year anniversary. Unfortunately only Bro. Peoples and Bro. Cowans were able to attend the program. Yet they spoke tearfully and glowingly of the acknowledgement by Upsilon Nu and the love they have maintained for the Fraternity.

Bro. Lester informed the attendees Upsilon Nu chapter was founded forty-five years ago at the home of Bro. Cowans forty-five years ago. That announcement brought a standing ovation, Bro. Cowans beamed with pride. The Achievement Week Program is more than a presentation of awards, though the awards are an important part of the program. Achievement Week is a celebration of the culmination of the efforts of Upsilon Nu via its committees and some individual efforts, but mainly what Upsilon Nu has done to uplift our community.

Upsilon Nu had an outstanding fiscal year of recognition for its service. The chapter received "Social Action Chapter of the Year" award (Large) category at the 83rd District Meeting.



Achievement Week Banquet



The Achievement Week Banquet was held on Saturday November 19, 2016 at the Living and Learning Center on the campus of Virginia Union University. The theme: "Omega Men: Living the Founders Vision". Bro. Alexander "Jack" Mosby, a retired school administrator from the Richmond Public Schools and a retiree from the U.S. Army with the rank of Major, served as the events Keynote Speaker. In his address, Brother Mosby focused on accomplishments of Omega and the Phi Phi Chapter. Throughout the years, the fraternity has demonstrated "Living the Founders Vision" by being leaders in the fight for the rights of our people; for our service to the less fortunate; for our feeding the homeless, food drives, clothing drives, voter registrations and street cleanups.

The program began with a welcome by Brother LeRoy Mason, Chairman of Achievement Week and invocation by Bro. Melvin Rose, Chaplain of Phi Phi. The History of Achievement Week (Silent Reading), Brother Tony Garrett (Spring 2015), was the Master of

Ceremony.

Our award winners were:

2016 Citizen Service Awards: Kiva Rogers; Marcus J. Newsome, Ed.D.; Kimberly Martin. Citizen of Year: Pam Mines. Zeta Chapter: Charles Young Award: Specialist Jarvis Bigger; Omega Man of the Year: David Hayes.

Oliver Hill Community Activism Award: King Salim Khalfani (Edward Duane Hudson). Superior Service: Brother Jonathan Miller; 500 Mile Award: Brother Twan Adkins; Founders Award: Brother Charles Fordham and Omega Man of the Year: Brother Greg Whitted.

Brother Gregory Whitted, the recipient of The Omega Man of the year Award, exemplifies our Four Cardinal Principles of: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. He is the embodiment of our motto: "Friendship is Essential to the Soul". The

Omega Man of the Year Award is presented to a Brother who has made significant



South Hampton Roads Omegas Host Joint Achievement Week Banquet



PORTSMOUTH, VA—Lambda Omega, Zeta Iota, Gamma Xi, Sigma Kappa Kappa and Tau Lambda chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. culminated a week of activities by celebrating the achievements of their respective members, community leaders and a high school essayist at a joint annual dinner celebration. The annual event was held Sunday, November 20 at the Pavilion at Bide-A-Wee Golf Course in Portsmouth, VA. Michael Williams, Zeta Iota, served as emcee. A capacity crowd was on hand to hear a keynote address given by Chief Tonya Chapman, Portsmouth's Chief of Police.

Theodore Wilder was Lambda Omega's Omega Man of the Year. Earl P. Fraley received the Norfolk-based chapter's Founders Award, and Emanuel Swindell was their Superior Service recipient. The chapter also recognized Norfolk Mayor Kenneth Alexander as their Citizen of the Year. Zeta Iota, located in Portsmouth, selected their own Dr. Roosevelt Green, DDS, its Citizen of the Year. Michael Williams was their Omega Man of the Year, and Arthur Ray was recognized for his Superior Service. Gamma Xi recognized Congressman

Bobby Scott as their Citizen of the Year. They presented their Founders Award to Turan Smith and recognized Reggie Matthews as their Omega Man of the Year. Nathan Woodard and James Barber were both recognized for Superior Service by the Va. Beach-based chapter. Chesapeake's Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter presented community activist, Nishell Buffalo as its Citizen of the Year. Omega Man of the Year honors went to Justin Hampton, the Founders Award to Will Bronson and Superior Service to Kodi Fleming. Old Dominion's Tau Lambda Chapter presented Morgan Michael Collens as its Citizen of the Year and Leon Brewington as its Omega Man of the Year. The \$1000 award for best essay written by a high school senior went to Darren Johnson of Tallwood High School in Va. Beach, VA.

The members of the Joint Achievement Week (JAW) committee were Kenneth Edmond, Derrick Gilbert, Michael Mitchell and Michael Williams. Dwayne Barber is the Basileus—president--of Lambda Omega, Lloyd Jackson, Jr. heads Zeta Iota, Gamma Xi is led by Turan Smith, Sigma Kappa Kappa by Justin Hampton and Leon Brewington leads Tau Lambda.



Achievement Week Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter

PLL Chapter's Omega U Mentorship Program Supports Achievement Week with Veterans



Omega U students from Freedom (FHS), Potomac (PTHS), and Colgan (CHS) High Schools dedicated a week of service for Pi Lambda Lambda Achievement Week by helping facilitate multiple events to honor America's very bravest and honor all Servicemen and women. Omega U students from the Freedom's Campus partnered with INOVA & FHS in hosting a blood drive on November 10, 2016 at FHS. Omega U students assisted in registration, setup, handed out refreshments, and donated blood. Omega U Students from CHS and FHS participated in serving veterans at the VA Hospital in the District of Columbia on Veterans Day, and partnered with Northrup Grumman (NG) in packing 2,130 packages for the USO for current service men and women in the Armed Forces on November 12, 2016. Students help NG reach a USO milestone of packing over 370,000 packages for current service men and women over the past 13 years.

Omega U is the youth mentorship program of Pi

Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., an international nonprofit social and civic service organization that has over 700 chapters with 100,000 members in 14 countries worldwide.

Since the Chapter's founding in Dumfries, Virginia in January 2004, PLL has supported public and community events across the region benefiting scholarship, health promotion, youth mentorship, citizenship and social action. Pi Lambda Lambda (PLL) was recently named the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated International Chapter of the Year Award. This recognition marks the third time since the Chapter's founding in 2004 that PLL was honored with the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Fraternity.

Pi Lambda Lambda serves Prince William County, the cities of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Stafford County.

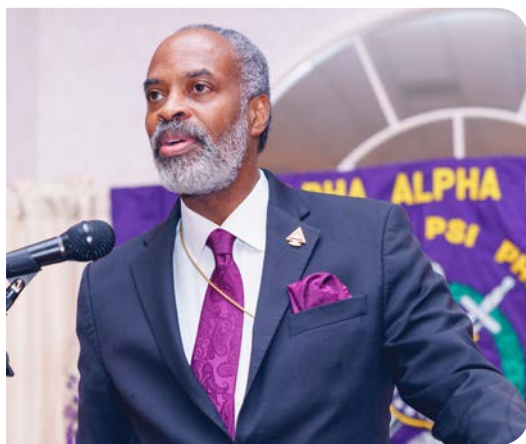


Achievement Week

Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter



The Brothers of Psi Alpha Alpha and Eta Delta Delta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Incorporated will host its Annual Achievement Week Banquet. The guest speaker is the Bishop Dr. Stacatto Powell, Grand Chaplain of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Entertainment will be provided by Brother Keith Wilson and two of our 2016 Talent Hunt participants Miss Arielle Brown and Mr Christopher Love.



Achievement Week Omicron Omega Chapter



On November the 12th, 2016, the Omicron Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc. hosted its annual Achievement Week celebration. Achievement Week is one of Omega Psi Phi's 10 mandated programs by which the fraternity recognizes and rewards the noble efforts of its community leaders and awards scholarships to several students.

Attendance included 120+ members from the community to help celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of the local community.

Instead of a typical speaker, four chapter members gave a personal speech connecting to the meaning and impact of each of the Four Cardinal Principles and what impact each has had on their lives.

The Chapter recognized Mr. M. McFarland of Brunswick, Ms. D. Brown of Greenville and Rev. A. Hargrove of Mecklenburg as Our Citizens Of The Year.



The chapter also awarded scholarships to its 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the essay contest. The Omega Man of the Year was presented to Bro. Ronnel Pearsn. The night ended with great excitement and with a sense of anticipation for next year's celebration. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. takes great pride in its service to the community. It was a pleasure to continue to honor local individuals doing great work within the community and the many deserving students.



“It’s Your Day to Shine!”

With relatively low unemployment, positive economic news and strong housing market forecasts, it’s no surprise this year’s wedding season has started with a bang. I have no doubt that many brothers will be “hopping” the broom! Unfortunately, when it comes to getting married, most grooms simply rent a traditional black tuxedo; and encourage all of their groomsmen to do the same in order to participate in the ceremony. I’ve long been a proponent that grown men should own grown men clothes. Therefore, the first sin that I pray you will avoid this season is renting a tux!

If you have long dreamed of standing at the altar with your bride all decked-out in a black tux, then who am I to throw shade. Just make sure you invest in buying a nice tux and have it tailored as if it were custom-made to fit your frame. It’s a great investment and you can rest assured that the razor sharp tuxedo hanging in your closet, can be worn again to your next awards pre-



Bro. James Hackley,
1-87-ZAA

sentation, black-tie affair, gala or any other formal occasion. Even if you own a tux or your heart is not especially set on wearing a traditional tuxedo, please always remember that your “special” wedding day should indeed be special. Therefore, let’s leave that tuxedo jacket hanging in the closet, and opt for a dapper seasonal dinner jacket paired with your traditional black tuxedo trousers. Besides, please note that “technically” the standard black tuxedo jacket should only be worn after 6:00 p.m.

in the evening. If you are planning an early ceremony and wear the non-traditional dapper look, you will not only be sartorially correct, but you’ll be mad fly as well! But what about your “LBs” and the other groomsmen in the wedding party, you ask? Well...! Those dudes can just wear standard black tuxedos while you shine.

Highlights

encourage
mad fly ^{decked}

“*raxor sharp*”
Presentation



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Alpha Omega Chapter

Alpha Omega's Omega Men for Homeless

For more than 7 years, Alpha Omega Chapter, through its Omega Men for Homeless Men program has provided nutritious meals, clothing, access to hygiene, peer counseling, resource referral, and fellowship to those faced with the challenges of homelessness in our community. The program endeavors to provide a sense of normalcy and hope to people who due to their circumstance, struggle to experience either.

WUSA Channel 9 News

Omega Psi Phi's Alpha Omega helps D.C.'s homeless



On Sunday, December 11th, WUSA Channel 9 News covered the Omega Men for Homeless Men football fellowship, an event hosted by Alpha Omega chapter during every 1pm Washington NFL team football game. The news story was aired at 6:30pm and 11pm the day of the event. News coverage of our efforts was made possible in very large part by the initiative of Brother Chris Branton (3-15-Alpha Omega), who leveraged his contacts at the news network to document and report on our good works in the community. As a result of Brother Branton's initiative we have been contacted by Medstar Health and are now discussing different ways we can partner with them to increase our impact in the community related to improving health and mental health concerns.

Thank you Brother Branton and all the Brothers who manage and volunteer to deliver UPLIFT through the

Omega Men for Homeless Men program

Christmas Eve 2016

On Saturday, December 24, the men of Omega and



their families and friends came together to bring some Christmas cheer to the homeless. Each year at this time, as a part of the Chapter's Omega Men for Homeless Men program, Brother Frank Borris organizes an impressive team of volunteers to provide food, clothing, toiletry items, and fellowship, to show that we care. As always, Brother Borris' lovely wife, Jill, and a host family, extended family aka friends come together with fraternity brothers and the homeless to spend the afternoon watching football, listening to music, and eating a warm, nutritious meal.



This year NBC News Channel 4 covered the event, which will likely be aired sometime during the holiday season.



Omega Academy field trip to the NOAA



On December 3rd, the Omega Academy presented by Alpha Omega Chapter and Brother Manson Brown and his team of engineers hosted over 20 youth at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a memorable session on applied engineering and science. Youth were treated to NOAA's Science on a Sphere—a NOAA invention—which is a six-foot diameter globe capable of showing dynamic, animated images of the atmosphere, ocean, and land of a planet. The sphere provided an exciting visual display of what NOAA does using satellite technology, mathematics, and modeling to monitor global weather and atmospheric conditions for the United States government, and other public and private agencies.

Youth were able to experience what NOAA does to monitor storms, hurricanes and weather reporting for the military, shipping and airline industries and to monitor oceans, polar caps and glaciers, and climate change.



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Alpha Omega

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We Feed Our People 2017-"A Day Of Service!"



On a cold and cloudy day on January 16, 2017, the men of Omega Psi Phi Incorporated spanned out across Washington DC in support of "We Feed Our People". Omega men, members of the "Divine Nine" and other organizations came together to help the less fortunate at the Martin Luther King Library in Northwest and the Children of Mine Youth Center, Inc. (2263 Mt. View Place, SE Washington, DC 20020) in the historic Anacostia neighborhood to serve meals, distribute winter clothing and toiletries.

Martin Luther King (MLK) Holiday is more than just a day off---We Feed Our People is a community based coalition of concerned individuals and organizations formed in Washington, DC during 1988. "This event commemorates the works and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by reaching out to those most

vulnerable, the homeless. The mission is to provide a nutritious meal and warm clothing to homeless citizens in the Nation's Capital as a way to keep the work of a great hero alive."

On this day, all served with great enthusiasm despite the cold temperatures---spirits were high and the people were blessed for the opportunity! I would like to extend special thanks to "Divine Nine Members", Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated for their participation and support at the MLK Library location. Its about teamwork!



Tau Rho Chapter In Collaboration With Cople Elementary School



On December 19th 2016, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Tau Rho Chapter in collaboration with the Cople Elementary School (Westmoreland County) leadership hosted a Staff Appreciation Breakfast for approximately 70 staff members and teachers. With many new initiatives by the Westmoreland County School System leadership in support of the staff and students, the breakfast served as opportunity to show appreciation for all they do in their daily activities which impact the lives of our future leaders!

Participants from the Tau Rho Chapter include: Brothers Lyndon Roane (Vice-Basileus), Randy Jones, Dr. Jeffrey Jones, Purcell Clark, Dr. Kevin Newman and Clifton Butts, Jr. Brother Roane gave the staff a quick overview of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and most importantly the history and legacy of the Tau Rho Chapter which was chartered in 1964. Mr. Roane further described those efforts such as how the Staff Appreciation Breakfast is just one example of Tau Rho's community outreach as a part of the Fraternity's Social Action platform. Additional events are planned for 2017.



Annual Food Drive and Youth Mentorship

The Annual Food Bag Drive event was a community engaged social event spearheaded by the Brothers of Omicron Omega Chapter. The social event was held on November 19, 2016 across the city of Lawrenceville, VA. Omicron Omega Chapter partnered with the youth from the local Boys and Girls Club, the Boys Basketball Team from James S. Russell Middle School and the Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

The project broke down into three sections. The first consisted with the volunteers distributing the labeled grocery bags to local neighbors to be filled with non

perishable items.

The second part involved partnering with the youth to pickup the bags up from the donars on the morning of the event and the final event involves delivering the donated items to the local food banks in Mecklenburg, Greenville and Brunswick Counties.

The goal of the event was to raise 1135 lbs of food to be donated to the local foodbanks and goal that was met.

Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinners



The Brothers of Omicron Omega Chapter, in partnership with the local Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, On Nov. 22nd, 2016, served Thanksgiving Dinners at the Southside Senior Citizens Center in Southside VA. The partnership was able to serve dinners to 60+ seniors.

Annual Christmas Feed the Homeless - Toy Drive

On December 24, 2016, the Annual Feed the Homeless - Toy Drive - Youth Mentorship of Omicron Omega Chapter in partnership with Shiloh Baptist Church and local youth in Petersburg. During this event, we were able to feed, clothe, give out toys and provide musical selections for the needy citizens on Christmas day. The number of people serviced was over 200 men, women and children.



Annual Omega Flowers for Valentines Day

On Feb. 11th, 2017, Omicron Omega Chapter presented flowers to three local nursing homes throughout the Mecklenburg, Greenville and Brunswick Counties.



Upsilon Nu Supports Capital Diaper Bank Drive



RICHMOND, Virginia, Wednesday December 7, 2016. Upsilon Nu continues its partnership with Capital Diaper Bank to conduct another successful diaper drive campaign. Capital Diaper Bank is a 501c3 organization that is dedicated to aiding families undergoing financial crises or disasters, helping protect and care for their children. The program began as a small internal diaper bank to decrease the number of infections caused by parents reusing diapers. The chapter made a donation in the amount of \$500.00 which will allow the Capital Diaper Bank to use those funds to either purchase diapers or toward providing life changing support services to families undergoing a crisis or disaster.

“Humbling experience to see and interact with the children who benefit from Upsilon Nu and UNSSAF unselfish giving. Reading the story “Jack and The Bean Stalk” to the 2 year old classroom and seeing their interest in the story was overwhelming. Moments like these are priceless!!!!” stated Basileus Jeff Tarpley.

Each year Upsilon Nu has increased the amount of diapers and donations it has been able to donate. There is just so

much need throughout the state and there is no social services funding for this effort, so this truly is a grass roots effort, states Brother Michael Swain, Upsilon Nu’s Social



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Upsilon Nu Chapter



Action Chairman.

Upsilon Nu set a goal to exceed last year's total contributions. "Capital Diaper Bank is an American Red Cross, Disaster Services - Partner, which works very well with our chapter programming, since we also partner with the American Red Cross via our Charles Drew

Blood drives which we hold twice a year, thanks to the great work of Bro. Raymond Fitts", states Bro. Michael Edwards, a member of the Social Action committee.

Brothers were given a tour of the facility, where they were able to see some of the children in classes. They were able also to see some of the services being provided. Ms. Bradley said the organization is working with kids as young as one year old. Many of these kids come from neglected circumstances and these services are vital. There just aren't enough places and services for the demands of the community. We have provided services for over fifteen thousand families state wide, continued Ms. Bradley. This is a passion for me and my staff, we don't do it for the money, we are hoping to get more grant support, but there is a lot of competition for grant funding so we try and make our services stretch as much as we can.



The College Transition



The TMPP seminar's topic on Saturday, 11 March 2017 was "The College Transition." The following Brothers were in attendance: Willis C. McCombs, Mike Parker, Calvin D. Farr, Cory McConico, James Victory, Stan McMillian, Mike Bass, Brian Dowe, Dexter Dean Tayvon Minor, William Verick, Quincey Nieves, and Evan Davis. The seminars facilitators were alumni of TMPP, Brother Evan Davis, Benjamin Bailey, Deon Tillman, and Ricky Gaines. The young men shared their experiences involving college, the transition from high school to college, and offered feedback and advice from each of their respective experiences of attending not only college, but Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



FEEDING 500 FOOD DRIVE

The brothers of Phi Phi and Zeta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a 4 day food drive on November 5th and 6th Kroger Grocery Store 9480 west broad street Richmond, VA 23294; November 12th and 13th Kroger Grocery Store 10800 Iron Bridge Rd Chester VA 23831. Each food drive lasted from 9am to 1pm. The brothers setup stations on the Kroger lots collecting donations, canned food and non-perishable food items. At the conclusion of the days, the brothers collected enough that fed over 500 families. On Wednesday November 16th, at the fraternity House, the brothers met with the Omega Stars (Phi Phi's mentoring program) to separate the donated food and pack bags for the thanksgiving basket giveaway.



THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVE-AWAY

To get the holiday season started and to provide Community Uplift, the Brothers of Phi Phi and Zeta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. distributed food baskets to families who attended our Annual Thanksgiving Basket Give-away event.

The brothers gathered at Mosby Court and other locations to delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to the residents. The families who received Thanksgiving baskets were pre-selected by a local agency.

The annual giveaway was created because the brothers wanted to do something in the holiday spirit to help families in the Richmond area who would otherwise not be able to afford and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal.



Social Action Joint Chapter

The Brothers of the City of Chesapeake Organized a Door to Door Voter Drive



The Brothers of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia organized a door to door Voter Drive on Saturday, July 2, 2016 in the Crestwood area of the city. Brothers walked door to door covering 250+ houses fellowshipping with the residents, handing out literature regarding the nearest voting precinct and encouraging them to get out and vote. The importance of this event was to get information out to the public that has not previously been given to them. On Saturday, July 9, 2016 there will be an election for state Senator of that particular District. Residents were not given information as to date of

which lasted from 10:00am-12:00pm. The Brother's work did not go unnoticed; Virginia Delegate Lionell Spruill personally thanked the Brothers for their service to the community. Truly these Brothers are keeping the light of Omega shining bright in the city of Chesapeake, Virginia and throughout the 3rd District.



the election, where to vote, their nearest precinct as well as information regarding the restoration of voting rights. Many of the residents expressed gratitude to the Brothers for getting the news out to the community, some even pledge to become official registered voters. Brothers Marvin A. Shepherd, Cliff Hayes, Delwyn Petersen, Justin Hampton, William Walker, Reginald Baines and Bryan Cherry participated in the project





Mentoring PROGRAM



Prince William County Father & Daughter Dance 2017 and Omega U

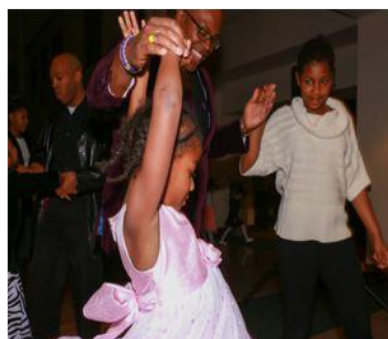


Prince William County, VA – February 22, 2017
- The Brothers of Pi Lambda Lambda (PLL) Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, participated in a Father & Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 18, as part of the Fatherhood Initiative (FI) and in partnership with the Prince William County (PWC) Social Services Program.

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Young ladies ages five to fourteen dressed in elegant,

colorful dresses and were escorted by their handsome



fathers and father figures who were equally dressed to impress.

Brothers volunteered their time serving as surrogate fathers for young girls without dads. The Brothers also supported guest registration, the coat check-in desk, and other duties as assigned.

Basileus Raymond Bell, Vice Basileus, Adrian Gore,

Mentoring Pi Lambda Lambda Chapters

Keeper of Records and Seal, Ahmad Andrews, and other PLL Brothers actively participated in all aspects of the dance. Other Brothers

registered and brought their daughters or granddaughters to the event.

The Chapter partners annually with the County's Social Services Office and members of the Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, and PWC Chapter, to represent positive male role models for the young girls. Activities included a special Daddy-Daughter line dance, candy shop, make-up station, arts and crafts, and dinner.

Professional photographers captured the fathers and daughters dancing and enjoying the festivities. Photography included portraits of each family.

Brothers Derwin Babineaux and Anthony White led PLL's coordination and participation as the chapter's FI Committee Chair and Deputy-Chair as the liaisons to the PWC Social Services Office. The Brothers' diligent efforts

include year-round communication with the staff and outreach to the Community.

Prince William County Social Services Office designed the Fatherhood Initiative as a program to help build and strengthen father- child child relationships for biological fathers sharing a co- parenting relationship with mothers of their children.

The program helps:

- Fathers build increased contact with their children;
- Servicemen who have been separated from their children due to deployment;
- Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated fathers rebuild strong bonds with their children;
- Non-custodial fathers provide financial support for their children.

PLL will continue to support the Fatherhood Initiative as part of its full engagement with the community through social action.

The Brothers make a difference and provide positive, consistent role models for fathers and their children.

Prince William County, VA – February 13, 2017 -



Omega U continues to make a significant impact on the local community and the individual adults and students involved in and supporting the program. This year the program has now expanded to five schools across the region and continues to grow with over 90 mentees enrolled.

Omega U is the youth mentorship program of Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

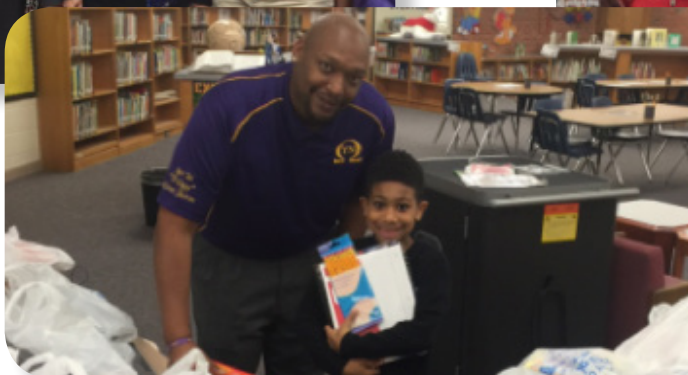
PLL's Omega U serves the greater community of Prince William County (PWC) Virginia by offering after school and in school character and mentoring workshops in five PWC campuses, 40+ hours of community service projects, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) labs, field trips, college lectures, and university tours on the weekends.

Omega U serves 90 students from 3rd grade to graduating seniors in high school in the Prince William, Fairfax, and Stafford county communities.

Since the Chapter's founding in Dumfries, Virginia in January 2004, PLL has supported public and community events across the region benefiting scholarship, health promotion, youth mentorship, citizenship, and social action. Pi Lambda Lambda (PLL) was recently named the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., International Chapter of the Year Award. This



Upsilon Nu Provides School Supplies to Mentoring Program

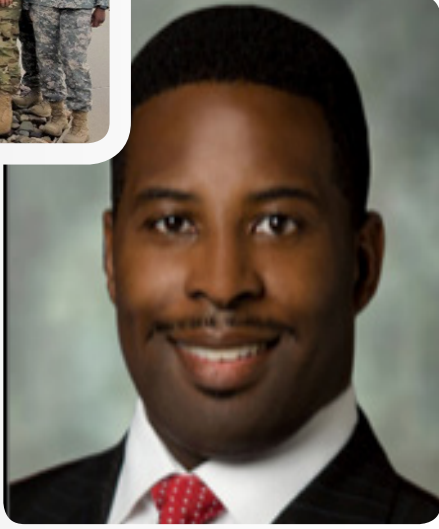


Henrico, Virginia, Upsilon Nu Brothers provided supplies to the Mentoring Program conducted at Highland Springs Elementary School to help cut the gap in supplies that the school provides. Working with the youth frequently allows us to develop a much better relationship. Highland Springs Elementary School has one of the highest levels of students without fathers in the home, in the area. "Though we cannot change their home situation, we can try to create an environment where the kids feel they are the center of our attention", stated Bro. Robert Brown, Jr.

Scholarship is one of the hallmarks of our cardinal principles; we take this effort seriously as we continue to work with these youths. While we work with these youths we try to give them confidence in their successes and help them believe in their abilities. The supplies will offer some

relief to the teachers who, all too often reach into their own pockets to provide supplies for their student.

"Currently there are eighteen participants in the program who are getting the opportunity to get support. We are looking to grow the program to other schools in Eastern Henrico", stated Bro. Robert Brown, Jr. I want to give a special thanks to the other Brothers who help make this effort possible. Brothers Miguel Johnson, Alex Deas, James Hunter and Aaron McNair, they have been a vital part of this program and without them this program would struggle. The program is weekly so it allows us to become very familiar with the kids and administration since we are there so frequently. Highland Springs Elementary School is classified as "Partially accredited: Improving". It is our hope that these supplies will help the students and the teachers as we continue to implement the mentoring



Omega RECOGNITION



Recognition 3rd District Chapters

3rd District Legislative Lobby Day at General Assembly



Richmond, Virginia Monday February 20, 2017. Upsilon Nu visited the State Capitol to meet with members of the state legislature. Brothers from across the Third District came to the Capitol to talk with our elected officials about issues of interest.

This is one of the initiatives the District Representative Bro. Ezekiel Dennison had on his agenda for the District. He also wanted youth present to see how parts of the government work together and hear the different ideas about legislation.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe listened to concerns from the Brothers and made the point to say that we all should be focused on state level issues because state issues are what really impact our lives more so than many at the federal level. The governor stressed



the importance of the November Gubernatorial election and the need to have someone that can veto unfair legislation that negatively impacts out communities, such as gerrymandering, The Affordable Care Act and voting rights among others.

Del. Bro. C.E. Cliff Hayes, Jr. (Sigma Kappa Kappa), who represents the 77th district helped organize this event also had his staff assemble an information package with the agenda for the day. It contained a booklet of the contact information for the Delegates and Senators and a list of the talking points. Bro. Hayes walked the Brothers through the lawmaking process and the roles of various committees and their relationship to the lawmaking process. Bro. Hayes officially recognized the 3rd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from the floor of the House of Delegates. He pointed out the



Recognition 3rd District Chapters



many programs and initiatives that occur in the 3rd District.

Del. Bro. Luke Torain (Pi Lambda Lambda), who represents the 52th district, spoke on the committees he serves on and how they lead to the resolution of

legislation.

Several members of the state legislature took time from their busy schedule to come and speak with the 3rd District contingent to talk about some of the legislation that is being discussed and negotiated. A big topic of conversation was the current configuration of the General Assembly and how it will be impacted by the coming election in November for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth.



To the left District Representative Bro. Dennison speaks with Lieutenant Governor Ralph S. Northam on issues that are of concern on both the state and federal level. The Lt. Governor explained his position on some of the concerns expressed and how he would like to see them addressed if he is elected governor in the November election.



A Joint Resolution commending Upsilon Nu chapter was presented to Basileus Jeff Tarpley during the Legislative Day event. "I am proud to accept this resolution on behalf of the Brothers of Upsilon Nu. We are especially proud that this was a joint resolution that was approved by both houses of the legislature in a time of high partisan behavior," stated Bro. Tarpley. I want to thank Bro. Michael Edwards for his commitment to helping tell our story and by extension the story of the 3rd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Upsilon Nu has been coming to the Capitol for several years as part of our Voter Registration Education and Mobilization effort. Brother T.R. Darden and Michael Harris have been on the front lines in organizing this event. It is also great that this event is held during Carter G. Woodson's Black History Month. This year there were seven kids present at the event



Recognition Pi Lambda Lambda TRIP

LTC Ron Blanch Leads an Officer Professional Development Trip

Prince William County, VA November 28, 2016 Brother Lieutenant Colonel Ron Blanch, an active member of member of Pi Lambda Lambda (PLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity located on Woodbridge, Virginia and an United States Army Contracting Officer coordinated an Officer Professional Development (OPD) trip on 19 October 2016 for several Military officers for his organization, the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Acquisition Center. The OPD trip was to the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) York facility in York, Pennsylvania. The facility is contractor owned and produces the Paladin howitzer, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and the M88 Hercules recovery vehicle.

The OPD provided many lessons on program management, contract management and application of lean processes. Facility managers also provided information on how DCMA supported all military and nonmilitary organizations globally. DCMA is the Department of Defense (DoD) component that works directly with Defense suppliers to help ensure that DoD, Federal, and allied government supplies, and services are delivered on time, at projected cost, and meet all performance requirements. DCMA directly contributes to the military readiness of the United States and its allies, and helps preserve the nation's freedom. Before contract award, DCMA provides advice and information to help construct effective solicitations, identify potential risks, select the most capable contractors, and write contracts that meet the needs of our customers in DoD, Federal and allied government agencies. After contract award, DCMA monitors contractors' performance and management systems to ensure that cost, product performance, and delivery



schedules comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

Brother Ron L. Blanch was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Lambda Xi, Seoul Korea, in 2000. He felt that the OPD for his fellow officers and sharing the article with the brothers of his fraternity and members of the community would provide a better understanding for all. Brother Blanch knew that Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) is the United States federal government organization that is

responsible for performing contract administration services for the Department of Defense and other authorized federal agencies and to share this with the brothers that have business with or work for a contractor that could utilize their services would be a win-win for everyone.

Brother (LTC) Ron L. Blanch was honored during the PLL's annual Omega Psi Phi Achievement Week Banquet on November 12, 2016 when he was awarded the prestigious Colonel Charles D. Young Military Leadership Award for his service to the Military and the Fraternity. Charles Young was the third African-American graduate of West Point, the first black U.S. national park superintendent, first black military attaché, first black man to achieve the rank of colonel, and highest-ranking black officer in the Regular Army until his death in 1922. COL Young was also member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is an international non-profit social and civic service organization that has over 700 chapters with 100,000 members in 14 countries worldwide.



Alpha Omega and Kappa Psi Brothers Meet Estonia President and Discuss Politics and World Issues



"I advocate for international travel for all," said Brother Brian Punter. "It was reinforced for me during this trip that Omega's role in educating the local communities is crucial and I'm glad Kappa Psi Chapter takes this seriously."

Brother Punter was referencing a trip from earlier this month when he and Brothers Brandon L. Wyatt Esq. (Kappa Psi Chapter) and Frank Borris (Alpha Omega Chapter) traveled to the Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence in Tallinn, Estonia to meet with country and political leaders. The visit, a part of their World Executive MBA pursuits at the George Washington University (GW), had goals of providing direct access to the inner workings and leaders of institutions shaping global business, government and cyber policy. The Brothers will graduate in December 2017 and all look forward to using their skills to change the world.

"We are called to a much higher purpose than that on which we tend to focus," Brother Borris added. "How and where we exercise our singular and collective prowess matters. This experience has made me a better Omega man."

The Brothers' and their cohort met with Estonia President Kersti Kaljulaid and discussed her top initiatives and issues that were amplified by the U.S. presidential election. The Brothers said that a key takeaway from the meeting was that many in the Baltic region are increasingly expressing concern related to the potential for aggression from their emboldened Russian neighbors.

In addition to meeting President Kaljulaid, meetings were also held with the US Ambassador to Estonia, the Rector of Tallinn Technical University, the Minister of Defense, the UN Ambassador for Estonia/Former Minister of Foreign Affairs (Secretary of State), and other prestigious dignitaries from the Estonia parliament.

"Scholarship and perseverance really stood out to me during the trip," Brother Punter added. "Estonia has made great strides in education and pressed towards progress after getting their independence; they are now cutting-edge in so many areas."



Brother Wyatt agreed. "As both an Omega Man and attorney, I have encountered many communities that need the help of true Men of Omega both abroad and in our own backyards (Washington, D.C.). It is our duty as Omega men, to continue to lay a lasting positive foundation, through community service and in our daily pursuits, so that others may 'Stand on the Shoulders of Giants' and succeed in life."

All three Brothers express appreciation for their friend, Bro. Errol B. Williamson, Jr., Director of Recruitment for the GW World Executive MBA Program, for his brotherly and steadfast support of their scholarly endeavors. Brother Williamson is also a 2013 graduate of the program and works tirelessly to ensure other Brothers are afforded the same opportunity.

The Brothers are looking forward to influencing the world now more than ever and strategizing ways that the Kappa Psi and Alpha Omega Chapters can create long-lasting changes.



Recognition

Tau Lambda Chapter

Tau Lambda Participates in Manhood Monday



Norfolk, VA- As a portion of achievement week, Tau Lambda participated in the Manhood Monday, a district wide initiative that has been encouraged by Isaiah West, the 2nd Vice District Representative. The basis for this weekly initiative has been to promote a positive and professional image of the undergraduate chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in the Third District. Manhood Monday calls for each undergraduate chapter to use social media to display their branding efforts. However, in typical chapter fashion, Tau Lambda placed its own spin on things. Since 2011, the chapter has engaged in a weekly form of positive visual representation, in which they have appropriately entitled it "Tau Lambda Tuesday." The brothers currently in the chapter take great in pride in the weekly display of sophistication. "Our prophytes strongly impressed upon us the importance of looking professional and business-like on Tuesdays," said Bro. Brandon Franklin, the chapter Keeper of Records and Seals. As a person who was not keen on dressing up, Tau Lambda Tuesdays have helped me fine tune my business attire. "I am now constantly looking for ways to improve my look," Franklin said.

The students and faculty of Old Dominion University have noticed Tau Lambda effort to maintain a clean appearance on a weekly basis. I definitely appreciate their dedication to their chapter image," said Lesa Clarke,

the director of Old Dominion's Office of Intercultural Relations. Clarke, who has been a mentor to various Black students on Old Dominion's Campus, urges young black men to seek out their inner businessman in the mold of Tau Lambda. "It is important that our young brothers learn how to properly tie a tie, how to dress for an interview; all of those things are essential," continued Clarke. Junior Jessica Hill said that "Tau Lambda has set an excellent example of how black males on campus should carry and present themselves", providing a further testament to the influence the chapter has on campus attitudes and perception.

The long term goals of Tau Lambda Tuesday are to reinforce a positive brand around the Tau Lambda



Chapter and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as a whole. "We want to be seen as Omega Men first, not as "Que Dawgs", said Ryan Wilson, Chapter Vice Basileus, when asked about his opinion of the chapter image on ODU's campus. "If we continue to look and act to part, and set the tone for Black males on campus, we will see the results we sought out to see."

Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.



Proclamation for Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter

Whereas, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated has established and rechartered Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter in Chesapeake, Virginia;

And whereas, Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter was rechartered under The Third District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated on July 15, 2016 and chartered in 1998;

And whereas, Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter; has provided excellent community service that shall be Cherished and stay steadfast to the fraternity and the people of the Chesapeake area;

And whereas, Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter has proudly upheld the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift in support of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and for Chesapeake, Virginia;

Be it therefore resolved that, on behalf of the Supreme Council and the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, we hereby declare November 27, 2016 as Sigma Kappa Kappa Chapter Day in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Submitted this the 27th day of November 2016.

Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., 40th Grand Basileus
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

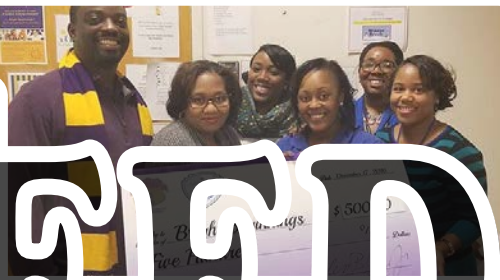


FINANCIAL LITERACY



The Male Protégé Program held a seminar on Saturday, 18 March 2017, and the speaker was Bro Ezekiel Dennison, Jr., 3rd District Representative, who presented Financial Literacy. The Protégés were exceptionally enthused about Brother Dennison's seminar, who was extremely charitable as he gives those who answers his questions correctly, a financial prize. Brother Dennison covers topics such as interest, credit cards, loans, banking, etc. Brothers Calvin D. Farr, Mike Parker, Rossie Johnson (Vice Basileus), Jack Robinson, Brian Dowe, Jack Robinson, Elisha Morris III, Stan McMillian, and Dave Childers were present.





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Are you living yours?



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The Unintended Circumstance of

Do we reclaim people or ideals? Do we retain rosters or values? I am of the mind that if we aren't reclaiming ideals and retaining values, the people don't much matter. While we have several worthy precepts that define and bind us, there is none greater than friendship – that state of relatability characterized by a sense of closeness and comradery brought on by shared experiences, ideals, and attainments. The genius of our most fundamental organizational constructs challenges us to actively nurture friendship in one another. It also challenges each one of us to establish, nurture, and sustain a friendship with Omega. If we are serious about improving the age-old circumstance of detachment that limits the fulfilment of our purpose and potential as an organizational force for good, we need to be a better friend to Omega and Omega needs to be a better friend to its sons.

I did not have the good sense or good fortune to experience Omega as an undergraduate, therefore, I am admittedly measured in the sharing of my perspective. Though I only know a portion of the story, I have sought out, spoken with, and listened intently to several very thoughtful and conscientious Brothers about their experiences and related thoughts on this circumstance of detachment. One such Brother described an all too common scenario by which Brothers upon graduation are met with the displeasure of the body politic that exists within graduate chapters, districts, and on the international level (an experience not lost on graduate chapter initiates either). The spirit they had come to know, love, and embody while undergraduates seemed to be in their eyes lost on the larger organization – and the seeds of detachment were planted. Culturally, these seeds have taken root and have been nurtured by the compounding forces of expediency, ego, self-aggrandizement, provincialism, anti-intellectualism, the status quo, and the justification that comes from others of like experience and perspective (the echo chamber). The common reaction is to limit their interests and enthusiastic allegiance to their undergraduate chapters of initiation where the spirit is ever-present, undiminished, and most of all, recognizable. For far too many others, Omega is put under a bushel and the



friendship dies altogether.

Of course, there are many exceptions to this scenario. Many Brothers have reacted differently to this process of adulteration and redefinition. After all, whether we like it or not, life changes, responsibilities increase, and the business must get done. The question in my mind is, how do we transform the group of Brothers who sustain their friendship with the organization from the exception to the rule? I encourage and invite every Brother who cares about Mother Omega to help answer that question and, more importantly, implement the answers. Although I have several ideas, in the interest of space and time, I submit that we are best served if we are guided by the belief that “Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.” – Kahlil Gibran

I recently wrote the following letter to the 1970 Alpha Chapter Line, Freeze's Rolling 28, after agreeing to perform an Omega service at the recent home-going celebration for their line brother, Colonel Joseph W. Chesley, Jr. Brother Chesley was a good man and good friend who served his country honorably. He was a Brother who understood what it meant to be a friend to Omega. Due to a service-related illness, Brother Chesley had not been able to be active with the fraternity for several years. Based on the many expressions of friendship in support of an Omega service on behalf of Brother Chesley, I chose to honor him and our most fundamental organizational precept by performing the requested service. Though we all must strive to befriend Omega, I offer this as an example of how too, Omega must befriend its sons.

Good evening Brothers,



Headline ARTICLE

It is with humility and respect that I draft this message. I am on a flight returning home from a long work week and am reflecting on your request for an Omega memorial service for Bro. Chesley. It is unfortunate for me that I did not meet Bro. Chesley as it appears he was well-liked and a good friend. If friendship is truly essential to the soul, and I believe it is, then please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of your friend and line brother. Seems to me that although we cannot avoid suffering the cold business of the fraternity from time to time, none of our suffering means much if we don't take time to extend the warm hand of friendship. Again, my condolences and prayers are with you all.

I wanted you all to know that it was your example of friendship displayed during this time that factored heavily into my decision to ask the chapter to perform the Omega service. There are times when we are asked to perform an Omega service for Brothers when it is not evident that our departed Brother even valued friendship, in addition to not doing his part to support the needs and good works of the fraternity. This was clearly not the case with Bro. Chesley, for it is my sense that your friendship was important to him. Nonetheless, this circumstance of detachment has hardened the fraternity making it very difficult for Brothers who serve in leadership positions when faced with requests of this nature.

That said, I won't lecture, pass judgement, attempt to opportunistically exact some quid pro quo, or otherwise harden because I do not believe that is brotherly. I do, however, feel it is my responsibility as a Brother to appeal to you to pay this gesture forward. Make it easier for us to say yes to others who reach out under similar circumstances by encouraging your own line brothers who aren't supporting the fraternity in some tangible way, to get involved.

I think there is real genius in our organizational constructs. "Friendship and Fraternity" remind us that it is important to seek and nurture friendship in one another, and it is equally important to be a friend (as described in our Ritual) to the organization, and vice versa. Friendship costs. Friendship takes time and patience. A friend remembers us when we have forgotten ourselves. I am honored to have the opportunity to direct the organization to remember and be thankful for the

time we had with Bro. Chesley. Thank you for that opportunity. I only ask that you remember Omega. If I'm not mistaken, the fraternity currently records nine of Freeze's Rolling 28 currently support the fraternity by paying membership dues. Pay it forward. Please forward this message to your line brothers. Take this opportunity to get involved if you aren't already. Come to a chapter meeting, mandated program, or a fellowship event. Call a detached line brother and ask him to pay his dues. Better yet, take up a collection to help a detached line brother who may be struggling to pay his dues. All these things will help us in leadership say yes to others who come after you, and you never know, you might meet a new friend or become reacquainted with an old one.

We need you Brothers. As long as I'm around, you will always have a friend in Alpha Omega.

If you are currently detached and would like to pay your dues, you can do so online by going to <http://alphaomegachapter.org/chapterduesorderform.html>. After payment, you will be contacted by the KRS who will finalize your reinstatement.

We will be in touch soon regarding arrangements for Bro. Chesley's service. I truly look forward to it.

Sorry for the long message...this is what happens when I have time on my hands. The good thing is that doesn't happen often.

F.I.E.T.T.S.
Bro. Lucas



Moments Remembered

An Undergraduate Speaks Out!

Omega In Retrospect: Rededication of an Idea

By Gerald Lane

Xi Sigma Chapter—Xavier University, New Orleans

It is now time for us to pause and reflect upon Omega with respect to where we stand today compared to seventy years ago. Have we lived up to the ideals and standards set by our Founding Fathers? Has the fraternity built amidst controversy and unpopular decisions succumbed to the pressure of an apathetic and cold society? These are the types of questions to which all brothers of our great fraternity should address themselves.

At first, Omega's needs were few and basically simple. All that had to be done then was to establish the foundation and principles that are manifested by every true Omega man today. Gaining acceptance of Omega Psi Phi was difficult, but now only a tattered page of many in its history. Today, however, Omega's needs are countless, and can be satisfied only through the total efforts of its members.

We are faced with one crisis after another and the world is in dire need of our help. This help cannot be given until Omega Psi Phi reevaluates its purpose and goals, thus producing a universal ideology.

The younger generation of Omega men are confused because they are being led to believe that the standards set before them are no longer valid. If this is the case, then how can we justify the success Omega

has achieved in the past? The truth is, that the basic principles and goals set for Omega in 1911 are unchanged. The manner in which we reach these goals and exemplify these principles will vary with time and necessity. The reason we tend to show some inconsistency with our ideology may be due to increased pressure from university administrations and the general public. However, this should not lead to a state of paranoia because these attitudes and feelings are unchanged after some seventy years. While we are accountable to these different groups, this is no reason to compromise the high standards of excellence and achievement to which members of this fraternity are accustomed.

There is no need to change any of the basic things Omega stands for—to do so would mean the creation of an entirely different organization, foreign to the existing membership. Therefore, the success of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is not dependent on our ability to produce a new purpose for our organization, but rather a simple reminder that we, being men of like attainments and "men of similar ideas of fellowship should bind themselves together" to exemplify manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift to the world; based on the belief that "friendship is indeed essential to the soul."

Article from Win 81/Spr 82



District CALENDAR

March

- 3/15** * IRS filing must be Submitted to IRS prior to March 15, 2017
- 2/20** * ASALH Black History Luncheon
- 3/18** * TMPP Financial training session
- 3/19** * Delta Omega, Omicron Omega and Nu Psi Talent Hunt
* Talent Hunt: Deadline
- 3/24** * Zeta Omicron Chapter 70th Anniversary Celebration
- 3/24** * MSP for Alpha Iota and Lambda Omega
- 3/25** * Mardi Gras 2017, Zeta Omicron, Alpha Alpha and Kappa Iota Iota Chapters

April

- 4/8** * MSP for Omicron Omega Initiation (2)
- 4/14** * PSI Alpha Alpha: MSP Initiation (8)
- 4/14** * Eta Delta Delta: MSP Initiation (6)
- 4/15** * Tau Lambda (ODU): MSP Initiation (2)
- 4/15** * SKK: MSP Initiation (4)
- 4/21-23** * 1st District Meeting, Location: Boston, Ma
- 4/27-30** * Eighty-Fourth Third District Meeting, Washington, DC: Host Chapter: Alpha Omega

June

- 6/17** * Kappa Psi Boat Ride, Alexandria, VA



Brothers Entered Into OMEGA CHAPTER

March, 2016 – March 28, 2017

Name	Induction Chapter/Year	Chapter	Entered Omega Chapter
1. Jasper Cabell	Zeta Sigma '48	Gamma Omega	March 13, 2016
2. Stephen Vaughan	Alpha	Delta Omega	March 22, 2016
3. Bobby Dean Lincoln, Sr.	Lambda Omega '90	Lambda Omega	March 22, 2016
4. John Organ, III	Gamma Omega '48	Gamma Omega	March 26, 2016
5. Dave Grant	Omicron Sigma '64	Zeta Omicron	March 28, 2016
6. Jeff Matthews, Jr	Beta Delta Delta '13	---	March 28, 2016
7. Wilton V. McMillan	Psi Nu '75	Psi Nu	April 16, 2016
8. Eddie Kolb	Gamma Omega '62	Gamma Omega	April 28, 2016
9. Harrison Parker	Alpha Omega	Alpha Omega	April 28, 2016
10. Rob Vauters	Pi Gamma '73	---	May 1, 2016
11. Ronald Wilson	Psi Nu '73	Psi Nu	May 5, 2016
12. Ernest Hawkins	Alpha Omega	Alpha Omega	May 10, 2016
13. James L. Randall, Sr.	Delta Omega '82	Delta Omega	May 18, 2016
14. Eugene Montague	Epsilon '87	Pi Lambda Lambda	May 22, 2016
15. William H. Shepperson	Rho '49	Lambda Omega	July 7, 2016
16. Bernard Ames	Nu Psi '46	Pi Lambda Lambda	July 26, 2016
17. Hugh L. Brown	Zeta '55	Alpha Omega	August 10, 2016
18. Daniel Jerome Butler	Alpha Omega '11	Alpha Omega	August 12, 2016
19. Charles E. Thomas	Eta '51	Alpha Omega	September 20, 2016
20. George B. Jones	Kappa Omega '61	Alpha Omega	September 20, 2016
21. George B. Jones	Nu Psi '48	Psi Nu	September 28, 2016
22. David Harris	Pi '47	Gamma Omega	October 8, 2016
23. Tenus F. Thompson, Sr.	Zeta Epsilon '48	Omicron Omega	October 8, 2016
24. Norris J. Johnson	Nu Psi '55	Delta Omega	November 16, 2016
25. Harold Cook	Alpha '66	Alpha Omega	December 2, 2016
26. Spencer Mayfield	---	Alpha Iota	December 10, 2016
27. James Battle	Sigma Epsilon '70	Kappa Iota	January 16, 2017
28. David Pendergast	Kappa Psi '60	----	February, 2017
29. George Moody	-----	----	March, 2017
30. Warren Atkins	Pi Gamma '83	Zeta Mu Mu	March 12, 2017

(*) Information omitted from last year's report

Submitted by Brother Reverend Dr. James Edwards, III

(**) 100 years old

