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The Keeper of the Dream**

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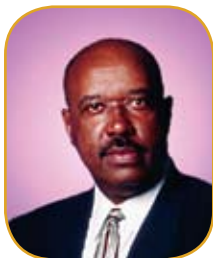
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Became the 19th honoree in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage Stamp Series on February 1, 1996.

Professor Frank Coleman (1890-1967)

Frank Coleman was born in Washington, D.C.
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Professor and head of the Physics Department, Howard University
U.S. Army Officer, World War I

Dr. Oscar J. Cooper (1888-1972)

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Doctor of Divinity Degree (Honorary), Morgan College, 1935
U.S. Army Chaplain, World War I
Bishop, Methodist Church

Omega has a rich heritage to be protected, celebrated and enhanced!



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

Communications Director

Brothers:

I am pleased to offer you this transitional edition of *The Oracle*. It is transitional because the 75th Grand Conclave voted affirmatively to discontinue production of Omega's Clarion Call. Obviously, that unexpected action caused a disruption of our publication production activities. We are now trying to bridge our external and internal requirements into one publication. Going forward, we will draw upon the excellent talent within our midst to reframe and refocus our efforts.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is a dynamic organization and organism. As a living entity, we struggle to balance our local and regional perspectives into clear and coherent international actions. The cover of this issue highlights our triumphal journey from Selma to Montgomery culminating on the steps of the Alabama State capitol Building. Although it was a reenactment of those fateful events, it was, nonetheless, a moving experience.

Since that day, our organization has formally endorsed the candidacy of Barack Obama as the next President of the United States of America. In addition, in rapid succession, we have tightened our belts, responded to the call for leadership by encouraging our peer organizations to join hands to get out the vote, and focused the energy of our numbers on a massive effort to increase the number of voters in this historical election.

We are also initiating an Organizational Assessment to ensure the opportunity for success as we enter our second century as an organization. Complete details and an opportunity to participate in the activity are available on our website.

Finally, the discussions are over, the design is complete and our 100-year commemorative jewelry is available for sale. Complete details for purchase are in this issue.

Charles Johnson, Jr.
Communications Director

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct serves as a foundation of values designed to develop and promote the Cardinal Principles upon which Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded. Men who are initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. voluntarily accept membership into an organization of men dedicated to the advancement of the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Perseverance, Scholarship, and Uplift through emphasis upon academic excellence, community service, and personal growth. The Fraternity seeks to provide opportunities, both in and outside the organization, to develop scholarship, manhood, integrity, and sound judgment, as well as the social and ethical values, which serve as a foundation in civilized societies for respectable conduct. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the organization's pursuit of its cardinal principals and national program objectives. The integrity of the Fraternity depends upon each member's acceptance of individual responsibility and respect for the rights of others. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. expects that its members will not lie, steal, cheat; engage in dishonest or unlawful behavior nor any behavior intended to inflict physical or emotional harm on another person or property. Those members who are enrolled at colleges or universities are also expected to abide by university policies and comply with directions

of university officials acting in performance of their duties. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is also committed to fostering the importance of disciplinary standards as they relate to the mission of the Fraternity and as a primary means for instilling commitment to honesty, personal integrity, and a higher degree of ethical conduct traditionally expected of the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The disciplinary rules described herein are to be considered the "moral minimum" within the Fraternity. This Member Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy are meant to provide strong guidance as a minimum moral standard with which all members should strive to exceed. The Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy have been established by the Fraternity to protect its purpose, to provide for safe and orderly Fraternity activities and, where applicable, to safeguard the interests of the university community by asking Members to uphold the rules and regulations of the universities that allow Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Chapters to exist. Hearings or appeals conducted as a part of this process are not courts of law and they are not subject to many of the rules of civil or criminal hearings. However, because some of the violations of these standards may also constitute violations of law, members may be accountable to civil and/or criminal authorities and, where applicable, to a college or university for their actions.

Member Expectations

A. Members shall respect the aims and objectives of the Fraternity and shall work within the framework of policies, procedures, guidelines or regulations of the Fraternity and, where applicable, those policies, procedures, guidelines and regulations prescribed by the college or university that the Member attends.

B. Members shall abide by all rules, policies and procedures found in the Fraternity's Constitution and Bylaws, the Ritual, this code of conduct, policy resolutions approved by a Grand Conclave, the Orders of the Supreme Council, the Orders of the Grand Basileus, the Orders of the District Representative, and such additional regulations as may be enacted in accordance with existing rules.

C. Members will strive to conduct themselves according to the Fraternity's cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

D. Members shall be responsible for their own behavior, recognizing that their actions reflect upon themselves, their peers, and occasionally others.

E. Members shall avoid actions that violate or diminish the collegial, academic, personal or professional ethics or the legal and civil rights of peers, the public, university personnel, or others who may be affected by their actions.

F. Members shall respect the dignity of all persons and will not physically, mentally, psychologically abuse or haze any human being nor allow themselves to be physically, mentally, psychologically abused or hazed.

G. Members will strive to bring into the Fraternity men who will benefit from conducting themselves according to the Cardinal Principles of the Fraternity and men whose membership in the Fraternity will benefit the Fraternity.

H. Members shall regard, refer, and treat Members and all individuals with civility and respect.

I. Members shall respect their property and the property of others and will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.

J. Members shall pay any and all chapter, district, or international dues and assessments required for the Member to remain in good standing with the respective chapter, district, and international office.

K. Members in good standing will make efforts to attend chapter, corridor, state, district and Grand Conclave meetings.

L. Members in good standing will make efforts to support all of the Fraternity's mandated programs.

M. Members who are students shall abide by those academic standards established by the Fraternity and by the college or university as a whole.

N. In addition to this Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy, all members who attend colleges and universities are expected to abide by the policies and regulations that govern the duties, responsibilities and conduct explicitly or implicitly described in the university's publications.

**FROM THE DESK OF
THE MANAGING EDITOR:**

The Oracle

EDITORIAL BOARD POLICIES

The Oracle is the official publication of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This publication is charged with providing a quality magazine which is representative of the high standards of the organization and contains substantive and informative materials for its readers.

EDITORIAL BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All chapter articles must be submitted directly to the District Director of Public Relations before the deadline dates. This will allow for editing by the District Director of Public Relations prior to submission to the International Editor. **All articles will be submitted by the DDPR's by email only to lhq-moderator@oppf.org.** A maximum of three articles per chapter will be allowed per publication / edition.

All articles must be reviewed for grammatical perfection, correct spelling, and proper tense and syntax. They must also be reviewed for acceptable composition and form, relevance and journalistic style. The articles should address who, what, when, where, and how. They should not exceed one page and they should be single spaced only. Photos should have captions which will properly identify the persons and the event **or they will not be used.**

The Oracle Editorial Board reserves the right to reject any article or to make any editorial changes deemed appropriate.

Oracle Delivery

In order to insure that a copy of The Oracle is received, Brothers must have a deliverable address. The "My Page" section of the Fraternity's official website will allow an instant update of your address. Go on line to www.oppf.org to make any needed changes. Brothers should also check with their local post offices to verify if there are any pending address forwarding requests, mail holding requests or address change requests on file.

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The Friendship Foundation:

The Friendship Foundation Inc. (FFI) professionally manages Omega World Center. The staff of property management professionals has been recognized for its outstanding customer service. The facilities are available for Awards Ceremonies, Business Meetings, Classes, Seminars & Forums and Weddings & Receptions.

Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.:

The Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. was established in 1984. It was chartered to aid organizations involved in charitable, educational, scholastic and scientific pursuits. It has supported a number of Uplift and Scholastic projects and initiatives started and endorsed by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Omega Charities, Inc.:

Omega Charities, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides educational and youth training for young men and community services for the needy throughout the United States.

Omega Development Corporation:

The preferred usage of the Omega Development Corporation is to be Omega's primary non-profit entity that partners with other various organizations for the purposes providing good will to humanity.

Omega Federal Credit Union:

With the potential to have more than 100,000 members, Omega Federal Credit Union has opened many financial avenues for the Fraternity's members, families and employees. Working with an excellent team of dedicated Board Members and Committees, we now have a competitive, financially secure credit union. Brothers are encouraged to join, save, borrow and take advantage of all the services available. Omega Federal Credit Union will continue to increase its services and welcomes new ideas, input and suggestions to make this credit union the finest in the world at servicing the needs of the Brotherhood.



Brother Dwight Fryer

Hard Work And Brotherhood, The Keeper Of The Dream

A cold steady rain fell on April 4, 2008 at 4:30 AM when I arrived at the National Civil Rights Museum. On this day in 1968, I was ten-years-old when Dr. Martin Luther King had been murdered at this place. Today, there were numerous events held around the country and world to commemorate this fortieth milestone since the assassination of the dreamer. My memories of the giant oaks swaying in the elementary school yard across the street in my rural hometown just east of Memphis flooded my mind. I remembered that my father came home from work early because some of his co-workers, our neighbors who happened to be white, had said they were happy someone got Dr. King.

Omega Brother Tom Joyner and his Tom Joyner Morning Show were in town. Their broadcast tent was set up at the foot of a staircase near the south end of the former Lorraine Hotel, since converted to a place of pilgrimage for the quest for equal rights, a monument to

the life, dream and legacy of Dr. King.

Tom, his on-air colleague Sybil Wilkes and other members of his staff halted their flurried preparations to welcome me to their world of frequent remote radio productions in support of good causes. I had been invited to visit this key show along with several others. Tom and I acknowledged our fraternal ties in Omega Psi Phi and our talk turned to the similarity in the weather this morning and on the evening Dr. King was killed. I told him about my literary work and he congratulated me for pursuing and achieving my dreams.

A TJMS team member lifted his head from a group huddle over stacks of devices, lights, phones and wires atop and under a corner table. He said, "Tom, Dave's on the line." Tom stepped away and picked up the telephone. Tom said, "Super Dave! What do you have for me this morning?" Tom's perfect radio voice, cadence and energy warmed me, like it had millions for decades. We could not hear the caller's reply, but later I came to understand that "Super Dave" quarterbacked each TJMS episode. Tom relayed the plans to his players—much to my chagrin, old-school and brown-skinned brother J. Anthony Brown was not there. I moved toward a sliver of empty space in another corner of the tent. Each TJMS staff person moved like a part in a well-oiled machine. Another ambitious event at a fascinating locale unfolded. Today, like in the Katrina aftermath, the truth was spoken; people were entertained, informed, rewarded and touched by a man unafraid to show his brotherhood and kindness via the integrity of a bold brilliance and raw sense of humor that only Sybil occasionally reigned in.

My first recollection of Tom Joyner came from a 1980s newspaper article about an African American radio disc jockey who traveled between a morning show at KKDA (K104) in Dallas and an afternoon show at WGCI in Chicago every day. These efforts earned Tom Joyner the nicknames of "Fly Jock" and "the Hardest Working Man in Radio." He developed a vision of positively touching African American lives through his sometimes zany humor, often shocking commentary, creative and passionate fund raising actions for HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities), gift giving moments, literature, radio soap operas—Redbone has always been my favorite—thought provoking information, celebrity guests, and ever-present old-school music. Any person of color will tell you that this light-skinned brother with Alabama and South Carolina roots and his BlackAmericaWeb.com internet site are to Black radio what Oprah is to television.

The TJMS went on air at 5:00 AM CST. Tom said, "We got Rev. Al Sharpton on the way. He'll be here by 5:30. Al Roker of the Today Show on NBC will join us for a simulcast with the TJMS and Rev. Jessie Jackson is coming by later along with Clarence Jones, former speech writer, fund raiser and attorney for Dr. King. Also, Bishop Charles Blake, the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God In Christ, will be our guest this morning. We'll talk by phone later with Tom Brokaw from NBC." I smiled, sat next to Tom's assistant in a plastic folding chair, and, like a boy in the late hours just before Christmas Eve, waited for the gift of witnessing this procession.

Each guest arrived and crammed into a chair around the U-shaped, simple folding tables at the center of the small tent. Some stayed longer than others, but each spoke about Dr. King and what his sacrifice meant to this country and humanity. Rev. Al Sharpton's grasp of historical events in the Civil Rights Movement and their application in today's world was amazing. Rev. Jessie Jackson displayed a physical and verbal presence equal to any. Bishop Blake articulated his church's mission to help mankind and outlined numerous programs COGIC has implemented around the United States and the world.

They discussed Dr. King's leadership, life, family and career. Lines from his famous speeches were recounted along with his significant achievements, marches, and activities. On this anniversary of his murder, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was remembered as a man whose abilities could have made him a university president or professor, a captain of industry, or a successful pastor at a peaceful congregation in any city in America. Instead, his brotherhood sacrificed all that for his true dream—people should be judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. Dr. King came to Memphis to help garbage workers. Their dream included garnering a living wage and working conditions already afforded their white counterparts with similar positions. These men desired respect.

Al Roker spoke of growing up in New York City, the son of a transit authority worker. This network weather man with a love for well-seasoned Southern barbecue, like that described in my first novel "The Legend of Quito Road," recounted how the subject of the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. King often made it to his family's dinner table. Barrister Clarence Jones, a Scholar in Residence at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute at Stanford University discussed his book *What Would Martin Say*. He also spoke about equality with a brilliant fire obtained from the frontline years of determined work

by a seasoned movement member. Forty years later, he recalled the events that preceded Dr. King's fateful visits to Memphis to help with the Sanitation Workers strike as if they occurred a few days ago. Mr. Jones talked about the planned Poor Peoples' March on Washington that would include all the poor, black and white. He recalled the unpopular position of Dr. King's opposition to the Vietnam War and what it was like to work for a visionary with a true concern for the common man.

Tom showed his patented smile. He whispered to Sybil and she joined him with a pretty grin. Tom said, "Rev., how do you do it?" Rev. Sharpton leaned forward and stared at our host. Tom said, "Rev. Sharpton, it's pouring rain outside! You don't have a hat or an umbrella, but every hair is perfectly in place." Tom shook and then rubbed his bare head. The moist air filled with laughter; the preacher smiled and began another discourse on the Movement, American history and the viable candidacy of a Black man for the highest office in this land. This behavior seemed to be a part of their routine. Comments on Rev. Sharpton's famous hair were customary and tolerated. Their jocularity reminded me of Rev. Samuel "Billy" Kyles, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church in Memphis, and Ambassador Andrew Young's recaps of the humorous moments in the minutes before Dr. King's death. The tough subjects that life may bring often deserve a mind and spirit break only humor can afford.

The dignitaries arrived, telephoned and departed. The TJMS did similar shows weekly, but this was a rare event for me, a special day off, a brilliant moment in the midst of a stormy day and life. Ten years ago I had survived colon cancer at forty and buried my sixteen-year-old child three years later from bacterial meningitis. Amidst that destruction and chaos, I wished for the opportunity to write, speak and teach. After several years of hard work buoyed by faith and brotherhood, two published novels, and many miles later to deliver positive messages to those who hear, my dream showed more life than I ever hoped. My work involved enabling others to follow the path toward their life goals. Like Omega men present and past, my job was to learn and do all I can and to be nice to folks.

Through each TJMS revealing conversation or side-twisting joke, I remembered Dr. King saying, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!" The guests talked about the 2008 presidential election and how Dr. King's work enabled the candidacy of Barack Obama at

this critical juncture in U. S. history. Several guests wondered aloud what I pondered in private. “What would Dr. King think of the plight of African Americans, our country, Senator Obama’s viable run for the presidency and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?”

Just after 7:00 AM, Tom Joyner returned from a trip outside. He had visited with students from HBCUs LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis and Rust College in nearby Holly Springs, Mississippi. He took pictures and showed love, like a big-brother of kin. He was encouraging, witty, funny, patient, direct, courageous, kind, gracious and generous, classic Tom Joyner moments. Founders Cooper, Coleman, Just and Love would be proud—Tom lived the cardinal principles like all Omega men should.

Tom paused to say goodbye and pose with me for a photo. Super Dave was on the line. Tom moved to his place beside Sybil. He put on his headset and spoke into the microphone. “It’s thirty minutes past the hour on the TJMS and Tom Brokaw from NBC will be our next guest on this 40th Anniversary of the death of Dr. King.”

I raised my umbrella and walked toward my dream through the opening. The banter of the students mixed with the patter of the falling rain. I spoke to them, following my brother’s example. That morning my commitment grew to make my every interaction with all I met a pleasant and dream-building one. It was my job, dream and joy. Take a few moments this historic season to reflect on the changes and accomplishments of the past forty years. Tremendous progress has been made, but there is still so much work to be done. Hard work and brotherhood fueled my hopes that morning. These two traits had kept me strong since a stormy April night rocked our world when I was ten-years-old and unsuccessfully tried to kill our dreams.

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75th Grand Conclave Historic Tour Selma to Montgomery National Voting Rights Trail



Grand Basileus, Brother Warren G. Lee and Brother Frederick Douglas Gray

On the morning of July 17, 2008, the Brothers of Omega and their wives and families enjoyed the rare opportunity to participate in a Fraternity sponsored planned tour of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. The tour's first stop was a visit and inspirational service at the historic Browns Chapel AME Church. The tour then proceeded to the National Voting Rights Museum and a sobering interactive tour of the Slavery and Civil War Museum. The high light of the tour was the symbolic assembling at the north base of and crossing of the Edmond Pettus Bridge of March.

The Grand Conclave Historic Tour proceeded to its final destination,

the capital building in Montgomery, AL. There on the capital building steps, a number of speakers addressed the Brothers and their families to include Florida State Representative, Brother Anthony "Tony" Hill as well as the Grand Basileus, Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr.

The National Voting Rights Trail was established by the United States Congress in 1996 to commemorate the events, people and route of the 1965 Voting Rights March in Alabama. The March route is designed as a component of the National Trails System and is administered by the National Park Service.

The 54-mile trail follows the historic voting rights march by beginning at the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church in Selma, and crossing the Edmond Pettus Bridge. On March 7, 1965, as non-violent marchers crossed the bridge, they were tear – gassed, beaten, and their procession stopped by the law enforcement officers. This event came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

The marchers traveled along U.S. Highway 80 in Dallas County, continued through Lowndes County and Montgomery County, and ended the five day trek at the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery. Twenty-five thousand marchers concluded the historic march in Montgomery on March 25, 1965 with many notable speakers who addressed the crowd at a concluding rally near the capitol building. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered one of his most notable speeches at the rally. As the result this event, the Voting Rights Act was passed on May 26, 1965.

Historians view the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March as one of the last great grassroots campaigns for human rights and the summit of the modern civil rights movement that originated in the 1950s. The March and complimentary events brought the issues associated with voting rights to the forefront of the United States political agenda and raised the nation's consciousness about the struggle of Black Americans for equal rights.

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Xi Omicron News

by Brother James W. Reynolds

During 2008, the brothers of Xi Omicron have been busy holding high the light of Omega with various Social action and mandated program activities.

FEB: During this month, the chapter conducted its annual Black History Month program. This year's program consisted of a workshop on Arthritis on 21 February at 6:30 p.m. at the Omega Center. It was presented by two certified Arthritis trainers one of whom is Brother Barrington Dames with additional panelists being a nutritionist and Chiropractor. On February 28th and 29th the chapter conducted its Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Black History Month Spiritual Revival to provide the Brotherhood and community with spiritual uplift. Returning for the third year, this year's Revival guest minister was the Reverend Ferrell Duncombe, The Grand Chaplain of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Pastor of the St. Paul AME Church, Montgomery, AL. Music was provided the first evening by the Progressive Union Men's Choir where Bro. Rev. Dr. Wayne Snodgrass is Pastor, and on Friday evening by The First Missionary Baptist Brotherhood Choir. A total of 285 persons attended the two day event, including 65 brothers. Bro. Karl Henry serves as Chair and Coordinator of the Annual Black History Program.

Also on 14 February, the chapter partnered with the Athletic Department of Alabama A&M University hosting a Valentine dinner attended by some 75 couples with 40 being Brothers and Quettes or significant others. This event resulted in a donation of \$1400 to the AAMU Athletic department. Brother Charles Howard chaired and coordinated this event. The next day, Brother Barrington Dames and ten Xi Omicron Brothers attended the North Alabama Pan Hellenic Council Wine and Cheese Tasting which generated a \$300.00 contribution for NAPH

scholarships.

MARCH On March 11, Bro. E.C. Rentz, Chapter Basileus, and Bro. Wayne Leonard, State Representative, attended the Omega Day at the Alabama State Capitol building. This event provided the Brothers an opportunity to go to the state capital and meet various lawmakers and hear presentations and discuss state wide concerns and issues.

APRIL: Xi Omicron celebrated its 60th Anniversary on 30 April. This event was also a reclamation project with all brothers in the city; both financial and non financial, invited to celebrate the birth and longevity of the chapter in the community. Approximately 175 brothers attended and five immediately were reclaimed. Bro. Barrington Dames Chaired and coordinated this event.

JUNE: Xi Omicron led the way in the annual Sickle Cell Walkathon by having the largest number of walkers present, 47, for an organization. This is a distinction that Xi Omicron has captured several times in recent years; along with raising the largest amount of contributed funds, again this year with over \$1800.00! It was a proud moment for Brother E.C. Rentz, Vice Basileus of Xi Omicron and Executive Director of the local Sickle Cell Foundation. Brother Lathan Strong, coordinated the Xi Omicron support effort and looks forward to a repeat next year

JULY: During this month, the chapter awarded Brother Jeremy Taylor the Robert A. Carter Undergraduate Scholarship Award to assist in his humanitarian work in the poverty stricken caste system of India. While there he took record of injustices toward the local people and also helped with the construction of a community building. This was a \$1,500.00 award.

Xi Omicron sponsored the attendance of four (4)

male youth at the 2008 National Youth Leadership Conference in Birmingham, AL during the 2008 Conclave. These youth were Jeremy Jorgan, Justin, Jorgan, Emores Petty and Dominique Petty. The students were excited and grateful for the opportunity and couldn't stop talking about the experience.

AUG: Since August of 2007, Brothers Michael S. Taylor and Steven D. Little have led and coordinated a Mentoring and Tutoring program at a local middle school. This is an after school activity that provides academic tutoring, mentoring and behavioral guidance and encouragement for young men in a structured environment. Although the number sometimes varies, the average number of participants is about 12-15. . The name for this group of young students is the Omega Climbers. Other brothers supporting this effort are: Barrington Dames, John Everett, Anthony Jones, Tellus Langford, Wayne Leonard, Levar Love, Marvin Orr, Marion, Pullam, Robert Mathis, Ralph Redrick Lathan Strong and E.C. Rentz.

Finally, on Friday August 8 Xi Omicron held a voter registration drive at the Omega Center. Twenty five (25) persons were registered. Refreshments were provided. The voter registration drive has been done at all of the Chapter events this year and will continue up to the election. Brother Evell Bowie, Vice Basileus is Chairman, Brother Joe Winston is Vice Chair of the voter registration project and team members are Marion Pullum, Augustus Smith, Shoan Franklin, Michael Taylor and E.C. Rentz.

Brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. helped raise over \$1,500 for Officer Dewayne Collier by fielding a team for the Jackson Police Department's flag football fundraiser.

Officer Collier was shot in the line of duty during the attempted apprehension of robbery suspects in July. The football game, held August 2nd 2008, allowed the brother to display comradery and community "Uplift". This is one of many events the chapter does throughout the year in Jackson, MS to improve the community. The Brothers enjoyed the competition and being part of such an uplifting event. Chartered in 1933, Beta Alpha is the oldest chapter of Omega in the state of Mississippi.



Brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter.

The Beta Alpha Chapter and Upsilon Epsilon Chapter



Jackson State University Violence Prevention Work Shop

The Beta Alpha Chapter and Upsilon Epsilon Chapter are working together to inform students attending Jackson State University.

The graduate chapter and undergraduate chapters

of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held a "Violence Prevention" presentation at Jackson State University on September 9, 2008 in the Student Life Center. More than 60 students were in attendance. The presentation featured two lecturers, Brother Frederick Burns and Dr. Mary Nelums, who advised the group of means of stress management and avoiding confrontations. It is the first of a series of five "Think Before You Act" presentations that will take place on the campus of Jackson State University this fall, other presentations scheduled include Voter Education, Personal Development, Health & Safety Awareness and Sex Ed 101.

The two chapters will also sponsor a can food drive and clothing drive in the fall. Founded in 1933, Beta Alpha is the oldest graduate chapter in the State of Mississippi. Upsilon Epsilon was chartered in 1949 at Jackson State University.

Zeta Phi Chapter committed to making a difference in Indianapolis



Brothers of Zeta Phi Chapter

On Saturday August 30, 2008, the brothers of Zeta Phi Chapter gathered to assist The Habitat for Humanity organization for their upcoming September home building sites. The chapter gathered at the Habitat warehouse on E. 22nd Street to layout and cut new

carpet for future Habitat homes and clients. This event inspired so much enthusiasm in the brothers that the chapter committed to completing the real work on the home site the following week.

So, on that following Saturday, September 6th, Omegas helped to make a dream come true for a young sister and her family. The entire family participated in the build with the brothers, and saw first-hand that Omega is more than regal colors and exciting hop shows. The brothers did mostly carpentry work on the interior, finishing most of the closet and pantry rooms. The goal for this project to complete all the work by September 15, 2008.

Special acknowledgement to the Social Action chairperson Bro Darren Bost, and his very able committee of Bros. Charles Price, Tyrelle Collins, and Ron Scurry.

Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter (Chicago, IL) Health Fair/Charles Drew Blood Drive 2008

by Brother LeMarr "Spedy" Ketchens

Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter (Chicago), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., had a very successful Health Fair/Charles Drew Blood Drive on June 28, 2008. This event is getting larger and larger. Here's a list of participants: Korle-Bu Medical Center, LifeSource, University of Illinois Medical Center, Working for Togetherness, Kennedy-King College of Nursing, Real Men Cook, Chicago Dept. of Public Health, Barbara Williams Insurance, McDonald's, Thresholds, Jamba Juice Company, LTXM Clinical Services, University of Illinois Extension, National Stroke Association, Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association, & Chicago Department of Voters Registration

The list of health screenings that took place included: Blood Pressure, Sickle Cell, Bone Density, AIDS, Kidney

Health, Prostate Cancer, Diabetes, Blood Chemistry, Cholesterol, Asthma, Hepatitis, Syphilis, Whole Blood Donation, Complete Blood Count, Bone Marrow Screening and Registration

The Informational Seminars included: Cord Blood, Diabetes, Cholesterol, Asthma, Obesity, Nutrition, Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer, Insurance, Poison Control, National Stroke Association, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and other health related education

For the third year in a row, there were nearly 100 people who participated in the event! Of that 100 participants, there were 13 pints of donated blood and nearly 10 registered for the Bone Marrow Registry. There was a Brother who was found to have hypertension, and he was given some important advice and a successful referral for treatment. We also had a Voter Registrar, registering 5 people – everyone else was already registered. Great job, Omegas!

On an ending note, the Nurses from Kennedy-King College were excellent. Very professional, attentive, informed, and helpful. They were blessed to hear words of wisdom from a Registered Nurse of 20+ years, who was just stopping by and saw the students and gave them some encouragement. She also shared a few experiences with them. After that, we gave each student nurse a certificate of appreciation because everyone wants to be appreciated and that profession warrants it.

“Englewood loves the Omegas (Chicago, IL)”
by Brother Lemarr Ketchens

Englewood is a small community on the south side of Chicago that has an abundance of crime and poverty.

With that in mind, the Brothers have been supporting this event for over 20 years to show the youth that you can become successful and positive.

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Chicago Chapters showed unity for this worthy cause. This year marked the 47th year that the Englewood Back to School Parade was held. Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter has been very active with this event and was accompanied by members from Iota, Mu Xi, Chi Lambda Lambda, and Sigma Omega Chapters.

Brothers were handing out school supplies along the parade route, which was from 56th and Halsted to Ogden Park (65th and Racine). This is the first time the original route has been used in a very long time due to the construction phase of the new Kennedy King College (located at 63rd & Halsted).

A host of community activists and politicians came out for this annual event. This year's Parade Marshal was Mayor Richard Daley (Chicago). He encouraged the children and parents to start school on time (September 2, 2008). Chicago's top cop, Jody Weis, accompanied the mayor along with several Chicago Aldermen and Illinois Officials.

After the parade ended, the brothers remained on stage passing out more book bags. Each book bag was filled with school supplies – some were tailored for a specific age or grade. All in all, the children received over 235 book bags filled with school supplies donated by the chapter. Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter would like to thank the Chicago Brothers who chipped in and helped out with the book bag distribution, parade and crowd control, and food distribution. The men of Omega did good in the hood!

Brother Delquan Dorsey Appointed Executive Director of the State of Kentucky Office of Minority Empowerment

By: Brother Al Cornish



Brother Delquan Dorsey

Governor Steve Beshear recently appointed Brother Delquan Dorsey as the new Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment (GOME). Mr. Dorsey began his duties on February 4, 2008. In his new role, Bro. Dorsey's department's mission is to work for the success

of minorities throughout the Commonwealth. The office was charged with the primary responsibilities of ensuring that all minorities are better represented and receive equal access in the following areas of empowerment: economic development, education, healthcare, housing, government services and criminal justice matters. In addition, the department encourages public debate on issues affecting Kentucky's minority populations, opens access to public services and ensures public policy is fairly and equitably implemented.

Brother Dorsey is the former Director of Network Organizing for Making Connections in Louisville, a previous Policy Advisor for former Jefferson County Commissioner Darryl T. Owens, and the Assistant State Coordinator for the NAACP Voter Empowerment Program. He provides leadership to the African-American community and worships at the Bates Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Dorsey has a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Mr. Dorsey is married to Shealonda Dorsey and they have 2 sons Delquan, Jr. and Destin and reside in Louisville.

Congressman John Yarmuth Presents Theta Omega Chapter With Special Recognition Award

By Brother Al Cornish



Congressman John Yarmuth, U.S. House of Representative, (center) and members of Theta Omega Chapter.

Congressman John Yarmuth lauded and thanked the members of Theta Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for their many contributions to the Louisville community. In his opening remarks, Congressman Yarmuth said that he was aware of the chapters work over the past weekend with the "Habitat for Humanities, Walk for Cancer and voter registration drive." He went on to say, "Your efforts to make the community better makes my job easier." He praised the Chapter's Men of Quality Program and Lifestyles Choice's Forum which provides mentoring support to African American youth in the Jefferson County Public School System.

He presented the Certificate of Special Recognition to Basileus, Warren Shelton and Social Action Committee Chairman, Lester Sanders, which read "In recognition of your community service and dedication to providing outstanding support and mentoring to the youth of Louisville."

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated was founded on Friday, November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. by three undergraduate

students and one faculty advisor. The founders were Howard University students Edgar Amos Love, Frank Charles Coleman, and Oscar James Cooper. The first faculty advisor was Dr. Ernest Everett Just, who early on was accorded the status of founder by the three undergraduates. From its inception, the fraternity has worked to build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Today, Omega Psi Phi has over 700 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait. There are many notable Omega Men recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, education, and government at the local, national and international level.

2008 Sixth District African American Quiz Bowl -by Brother Gary Bussey

Charleston, SC— Iota Iota Chapter of Raleigh, NC and Mu Alpha Chapter of Charleston, SC both sponsored students that competed in the first annual Black History Awareness Competition at the Sixth District Annual Meeting on Friday, April 18, 2008. The purpose of this quiz bowl “brain game” was to educate students on the rich history of the African American culture.

The competition featured students from grades 8 –12. Iota Iota sponsored a team from Southeast-Raleigh High School (Raleigh, NC) advised by Mr. William Walker. Mu Alpha sponsored a team from Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (Charleston, SC) coordinated by Mrs. Verda James. Both teams won their respective local competition, giving them the opportunity to match up against

each other in the district contest.

Students were quizzed and educated on essential African American history at the high school level. Questions featured prominent North & South Carolina black history, as well as influential brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The competition consisted of three rounds: Preliminary, First (Royal Purple) and Second (Old Gold), utilizing a buzzer system and short answer approach of displaying the student’s black history comprehension.

Throughout the competition, the students from each team truly exemplified their knowledge of the study material and appreciation of black history facts. The audience was amazed by these students’ knowledge of black history.

The first 6th District African American History championship went to Southeast Raleigh High School. Both teams received special designed T-shirts, certificates for participation, and plaques for their effort. The winning team also received a cash prize of \$500 from the Sixth District.

The quiz bowl competition was pioneered by Brother Dr. Theodore Coker (Omega Chapter) and hosted by Mu Alpha since 1979. Brother Gary Bussey from Iota Iota Chapter introduced the competition to the 6th District Representative, Charles Worth, at the annual summit in August 2007; where it was adopted as part of the Omega Day committee’s objective for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

The event was a major achievement and success for the 6th District. Special thanks to the Omega Day committee, and brothers from Iota Iota and Mu Alpha Chapters for developing and supporting this monumental competition.

Rho Xi Chapter Blood Drive

by Brother Omar A. Sesay



Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter With Volunteers

On, June 06, 2008, the brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter teamed up with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to hold a very successful Charles R. Drew Blood Drive at the Walmart Shopping Center in Clute, Texas.

This was the third quarterly blood drive for the chapter at this particular Walmart and the turn out was outstanding. Walmart management, as well as the local residents thanked the brothers for hosting another successful event.

The enthusiasm of the management and local residents was overwhelming.

We exceeded our goal of 43 units and ended the day with 51 units.

The blood drive was such a success that Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and Walmart agreed to the next quarterly drive scheduled for September 27, 2008 from 9am-3pm.

Special thanks to all who participated.

Rho Xi Chapter

by Brother Omar A. Sesay

On May 27, 2008 the brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter in Freeport, Texas met with the administrative staff of Carter G. Woodson, K-8th located at 10720 Southview, Houston Tx to discuss formally adopting the school, specifically the special education department for the upcoming school year of 2008-2009. The school's namesake Carter Godwin Woodson (December 19, 1875-April 3 1950) was an African American historian, author, journalist and the founder of Negro History Week, which became Black History Month. He recognized and acted upon the importance of a people having an awareness and knowledge of their contributions to humanity and left behind an impressive legacy. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The administrative staff of Carter G. Woodson K-8 approved the Rho Xi Chapter Adopt-A-School program for the 2008-2009 school years.

The mission of the Rho Xi Chapter Adopt-A-School program will be to provide a mentorship for young men within the special education program. The mentorship will be designed to offer tutoring in the area of reading, as well as the development of social and self-esteem skills at least once monthly.

The Adopt-A-School program provides necessary support and resources that will increase the levels of learning intensity for young students. We believe this to be an opportunity for young men to emulate our principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift and carry these same principles into adulthood.

Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter greatly appreciate the opportunity and look forward to working with Carter G. Woodson K-8 this coming school year, 2008-2009.

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**Tau Tau Chapter's Annual Youth
Leadership Conference:
A Short History of Manhood Training in
South Los Angeles**
by Brother G.D. Taylor, Ed.D.

Los Angeles, CA June, 2008 - Fifteen years ago, Brother Ricky Lawrence Lewis, former 12th District Representative, was reading through issues of the Oracle. He came upon a story that caught his attention.

The story highlighted an intervention strategy that a Chapter on the East Coast used to work with young African American men in the community. The Chapter sought to help shape their lives so that they might have a better chance of becoming enlightened, productive, and engaged citizens.

The Chapter's efforts seemed to be making a difference in the lives of young African American men in their community. These Omega men were role models of success; they tutored, mentored, and more importantly -- reached out to encourage young kids to stay in school -- to do something that would enable them to live the good life.

Impressed by what he read, Brother Lewis, who was 1st Vice 12th District Representative in 1993, envisioned that Tau Tau Chapter, like the Chapter back East, could make a difference. The story served as inspiration for him to become fully involved and invested in providing a similar service to inner city youth in the second largest metropolis in the nation greater Los Angeles.

His vision was that Tau Tau Chapter would be the epicenter for manhood training of this same demographic. Lewis knew that such undertaking

would take perseverance, dedication and long term commitment. He gathered as much information as he could about the program; and, began a dialogue with the Tau Tau Chapter brothers to assess their interest in replicating such a program. The rest is history -- the Youth Leadership Conference was begun in Compton, CA.

But Tau Tau Chapter was not alone in this effort. Bound by the same set of precepts and values, brothers affiliated with other LA basin chapters joined with Tau Tau to make this venture work, including: Zeta Rho, Lambda Omicron, Phi Beta Beta, Mu Alpha Alpha, Pi Rho and Zeta Tau.

This collective represents a membership and volunteer workforce in excess of 400 college educated African American businessmen, educators, engineers, lawyers, physicians, dentists, corporate and civic leaders as well as public service leaders.

The Community: Why Tau Tau Chapter? Why Compton, California? Tau Tau Chapter was founded in Compton on February 3, 1961. Its mission: to perform community service in Compton and to work with schools and youth -- in Compton.

In 1993, Compton, a predominantly African American and Hispanic community south of Los Angeles had its troubles; it was mired in poverty, gang violence, had one of the state's highest crime rates and political corruption scandals (AP). "This was a problem in LA, period -- and the rappers in Compton just put it on the map," explained Brother Lewis.

Compton, a major player in the evolution of Gangsta rap, gave rise to incredibly young and talented artists -- most notably Dr. Dre, Dj Quik, the late Eazy-E, Ice Cube, McEiht, Tyrese, Compton's Most Wanted and more recently, The Game.

To add to its troubles, the quality of Compton's school system was questionable. Its poor academic and financial conditions caused the state to take control; a state administrator was brought in to turn things around academically and financially.

Times have changed since then, however. On June 2, 2003, the state returned local control to the Compton Unified School District and the system has repaid a \$20 million debt to the state.

"Since the state first became involved in 1993, Compton Unified has put its fiscal house in order and, most importantly, is well on its way to turning the district schools around when it comes to academics," state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said.

In capturing the attention of Compton's young Black teenage boys in the early 1990s, did Tau Tau Chapter with its Youth Leadership Conference initiative inadvertently play a role in the redemption of the school system?

Brother Paul W. Turner, Manager, LA Metro Division, Time Warner Cable Business Class, seems to think so. In a note to Brother Lewis, he asserted, "I know that the YLC had a positive impact on the young men and their families."

Turner believed, by capturing the attention of the young men and their families, the school system had to change. He said, "By having several key members of the school system as well as at least one member of the Compton City Council involved in the program," a changed school system was inevitable.

The First Program: The first Tau Tau Chapter intervention program was held on the campus of Los Angeles Southwest College in 1993. They wanted the experience to be "men-to-boys" and "boys-to-men." More than one hundred young boys ages 13 to 18 attended with their fathers.

Where fathers were absent, the men of Tau Tau were there to talk to the young men -- to answer their questions, to allay their fears -- to provide definition and direction to their lives as well as bring life to the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. Since its inception at Howard University in 1911, these principles have guided the programming and direction of the Fraternity.

Tau Tau Chapter's intent was to disturb the status quo -- to encourage these young men to think about attending college after elementary and high school. Thus, the theme and emphasis was on encouraging young Black kids to stay in school and to value education as a means to an end.

Personnel from local universities attended the conference and assisted by presenting information to the young students about the college going experience. Universities that participated included: University of California-Los Angeles, University of Southern California, California State University-Los Angeles, California State University-Dominguez Hills, California Polytechnic State University-Pomona and Loyola Marymount University. They informed parents and students about the admissions process.

Tau Tau Chapter's youth initiative also concentrated

on building leadership skills of the young men. They were taught life skills that only African American men and fathers could teach their sons. Tau Tau sought to "sow the seeds of manhood," said Brother Lewis.

Since its first leadership conference in 1993, thirteen others have been planned and implemented. A slight adjustment in the program qualifications was made after the fourth year; the qualifying age for participants was expanded to include 8-to-18-year-olds.

In 1995, Brother Lewis was elected 12th District Representative. One of his many initiatives was to launch the Youth Leadership Conference on the district level. Since then, the leadership conference has been held each year during the 12th District's Annual meetings which are held in various cities throughout the 10 state western region.

Program Policies, Practices and Curriculum: Recognizing that young people grow and develop differently, Tau Tau Chapter's leadership training is designed to address the developmental needs of the young people they served.

Its policies, practices and curriculum stem from core values and principles handed down by the founders of the Fraternity. The specifics of the program have been perfected over a fourteen year time period.

What happens in the lives of these young people from South Los Angeles when they are mentored, tutored, and allowed to interact with men of accomplishment? Do these programs make a difference? Apparently they do, according to Daniel Brown's

mother. "Thank you, thank you, thank you," she said. "My son really had a life impacting experience today at the Youth Leadership Conference. It has been a long time, since I've seen him light up with excitement about any program he's attended."

Excited about her son being excited, she continued, "He was able to tell all about what happened and what he learned, and he was asking me questions about other things we've talked about - that now made a LOT of sense. I think he just might be a future Omega Man! Blessings." She signed her note, "a happy mom."

The Present: The Youth Leadership Conference continues to grow. Through its Foundation, Omega Educational Foundation, Inc, Tau Tau Chapter will hold its 15th Conference, Saturday, October 28, 2008.

The theme is: "The Tools of Power." It will focus on pertinent issues facing young African-American males. "It continues to provoke our youth to think," said Brother Lewis.

Described as a milestone by conference leader Brother Lewis, the 2007 leadership conference increased by about 75% over the previous year. "We reached a milestone with the 14th Conference; we have touched the lives of over 3000 African American young men 8-to-18-years-olds over the last 14 years," he said.

Lewis continued, "Our year round mentorship program, led by Brother Ronnie Walker is a major success. It allows us to have one-on-one contact with

young men to help them develop life skills."

But, what does the future hold for the program? He promised, "We plan to grow by expanding the Conference to 500 young men in 2009." The need is there, he told the sponsors, "and we hope you will support us again." Sponsors have included: Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Pitney Bowes, Amgen, Countrywide Home Loans, Washington Mutual, Union Bank Foundation, Toyota, Raytheon, Volvo Cars, South Bay Jack & Jill, AT&T, UPS, Target, Hewlett Packard, NIKE and Wells Fargo.

Did the leadership conference inspire? Did it make parents smile? According to this parent it did. "Thank you so much for Saturday. The boys really enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. I really appreciate your giving me the information to share with my family; they had a wonderful time. Elijah really enjoyed himself seeing so many positive role models. He said he will have a 4.0 gpa for next year."

Finally, other Greek letter organizations want to become involved. A sorority wanted the organizers to know that it was interested in collaborating with the Foundation to present future conferences.

As offered by the sorority, "Ricky, thanks again for allowing us to volunteer at the Youth Conference. It was such a blessing to see the good work ... right before our eyes ... the ladies from my chapter were so impressed by the Brotherhood and leadership. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with the Tau Tau chapter."

Accolades: During the past 14 years, the Youth Leadership Conference has matured. It has grown and the appreciation by the community and fraternity leadership is obvious.

The program has captured the interest and attention of the 33rd Grand Basileus, Brother Moses C. Norman, Sr. and the 28th Grand Basileus, Brother Jim Avery.

In an email message, Brother Norman told Brother Ricky, "I continue to applaud you and the Brothers of Tau Tau chapter for the dedication and commitment that you are making in shaping the lives and future of thousands of young boys and teens through the Annual Youth Leadership Conference."

The 33rd Grand Basileus added, "I wish that this kind of story could be the norm throughout Omegadom." Inspired by what he had learned about the program, Brother Norman continued his praise.

He said, "Our Founders, along with scores of other Men of Omega, are pleased with your work." Tau Tau Chapter is intent on continuing to make a difference in the community.

The Fraternity's national leadership is poised to help bring this initiative into the light. "Brother Lewis: Your program with the youth in CA should be an article considered for one of our national publications," said Brother Avery, 28th Grand Basileus.

The Graduates: Over 3,000 young Black men's lives have been touched by the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., here in the Los Angeles area. Many have attended college and are returning to help others as they were helped while in their developmental years.

But "it is tough to keep track of them," admitted Lewis, as their living and housing situations are fluid. In the

fourteen year history of the program, many have completed college and several are now members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

"As a youth who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, it was a rarity to have dozens of professional black men reach out in such numbers," said Christopher Walton, former 12th District 2nd Vice DR and alumnus of the YLC. Walton said the knowledge he gained while attending the Saturday Academy helped him in his preparation for attending college and enabled him to envision "what it takes to be a real man in the community."

While recruiting members into the fraternity is not the intent or purpose of the Tau Tau YLC, adding to its membership has been a positive unanticipated consequence.

The Future: The most recent issue of The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, Weekly Bulletin, June 12, 2008 (www.jbhe.com/latest/index.html), reported new data from the U. S. Department of Education that shows a persisting gender gap in African-American bachelor's degree attainments between Black men and Black women.

In the 2005-06 academic year, according to the report, Black women earned 94,341 bachelor's degrees, almost double the number earned by Black men. While the number of bachelor's degrees earned by black men is up more than 40 percent over the past decade, Black women now earn two thirds of all bachelor's degrees obtained by African Americans.

Given this reality, what does the future hold for the YLC on the West Coast? And what difference do such

initiatives make in adding to the quality of life of the African American community?

Brother Thomas E. Meade, Jr., a former member of Zeta Rho Chapter who now resides in Indianapolis, IN indicates that Tau Tau Chapter and Omega Psi Phi are in the "forefront" of "seeing a problem in our community and by taking the leadership and initiative to address the it," have inspired other organizations "to take action."

He said, "This program model has been reviewed by other non-Greek organizations." Circle City Frontiers, Inc., the Indianapolis chapter of the National Frontiers Service Organization, reviewed and implemented a very similar program and, he continued, "I am aware of churches in Indianapolis and in Phoenix, Arizona that are interested in starting a similar program."

Brother Lewis continues to be optimistic about the future and of the role the fraternity can play in the manhood training of young African-American men. He believes the initiatives of the fraternity world-wide can cause the type of change that will add quality to the lives of young men in the Black community and possibly improve the statistic mentioned above.

He said, "We plan to expand the Youth Leadership Conference to have over 1000 young Black men attending. Eventually, we will own a building structure to touch these young men on a daily basis, and continue to make a difference in their lives."

As the men of Omega Psi Phi persist in their effort to positively affect the lives of young African-American inner city teens, they are confident that their work is making a difference.

For more information about Tau Tau Chapter's Youth Leadership Conference, contact Ricky Lawrence Lewis at tele: 323.658.2995 or rickylewis@earthlink.net.

Psi Xi Chapter, 2008 Rites of Passage Young Men's Mentoring Program: "Don't Call Me Boy".



Participants of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Psi Xi Chapter Mentoring Program: "Don't Call Me Boy"

On behalf of Basileus, Bro. Crittenden K. Ward, Vice-Basileus, Bro. Charles K. White, Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Bruce T. Stewart, and Keeper of Finance, Bro. Edward Bibb, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Psi Xi Chapter of Ventura County are proud to announce the completion of the 2008 Rites of Passage—Young Men's Mentoring Program: "Don't Call Me Boy". Psi Xi Chapter is appreciative and thankful for the twenty young men from grades 9-12 and their parents who participated in our program. As a result from the surveys taken from our participants, we found the program to be worth the efforts taken in the preparation and facilitation of all the presentations, workshops and field trips which were a part of the program's agenda. Our three-month itinerary began with a Welcome Session which provided the foundation for the following workshops: Career Objectives and Finances; A Focus on the

Importance of Education; African History; Leadership and Community Service; also various Relationship topics. In addition, the young men participated in serving food to the homeless for a day and attended the 2008 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 12th District Meeting Youth Leadership Conference, which was held in Manhattan Beach, CA. The Closing Session was an uplifting graduation dinner that included a special recognitions' award ceremony.

Since it's charter in 1978, Psi Xi Chapter continues to be very active in the civic and social activities of Ventura County, while maintaining the preparation of its members for greater usefulness in the cause of humanity, freedom and dignity of the individual, along with aiding the downtrodden of humanity in their effort to achieve a higher social, economic, and intellectual status.

We, the Brothers of Psi Xi, welcome interested young men to attend and participate in our 2009 Rites of Passage Program. We know it will be beneficial to you as you prepare to take your place in society as men who will make a positive contribution to our community. For more information, please contact Bro. Fundi Legohn, Mentor Program Committee Chair, at (805) 415-8570 or Bro. Charles K. White, Vice-Basileus, at (805) 300-8282. Mailing address: Psi Xi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., P.O. Box 5723, Oxnard, CA 93031-5723. www.omegaphiphi12thdistrict.org

Talent Hunt Demonstration: A Grand Slam in B'Ham

July 13, 2008 - Birmingham, AL - What comes to mind when you think of Birmingham, Alabama? For some, it may be their birthplace or the home of



2008 Grand Conclave Talent Hunt Demonstration Participants

family and/or friends. For others, you may think of significant aspects of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. For Men of Omega, we think about our most recent Grand Conclave, held July 11-18, 2008, in historic Birmingham!

Over the years, Grand Conclaves have always been full of brotherhood, networking, business meetings, politics, etc. However, nothing is more anticipated and exciting than our Grand Conclave Talent Hunt Demonstration (THD), one of our internationally-mandated programs. And, the 2008 Talent Hunt Demonstration was not a disappointment!

As expected, each of our 12 districts, including our overseas 13th District, selected a district Talent Hunt winner to participate in our THD, which is not a competition; it is simply a display of some of the finest young artists in the United States and abroad.

On Sunday, July 13, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center, each of the 12 participants were introduced, in district order from one to thirteen, with a brief biography given

by the Master of Ceremony, Bro. Ernest Goode, co-chairman of the International Talent Hunt Committee. There were no strikes and no outs; only grand slams!

The twelve performers – 5 classical instrumentalists (4 pianists and 1 violinist); 3 contemporary vocalists; 3 classical vocalists; and 1 contemporary instrumentalist (alto saxophone) – took the stage as only professional artists could. They were confident and skillful, and gave superb performances!

For their efforts, each of the participants received a specially-designed medallion, a plaque, and a check for \$1,000 from the Omega Life Foundation.

This group of "artists" made it clear why the Grand Conclave Talent Hunt Demonstration is no longer a competition, but a demonstration. How do you adjudicate gifted talent when everyone "bats 1000!"

Raleigh, North Carolina is the site of the 2010 Grand Conclave THD. Don't miss this "hit," or you will be "out!"

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Commissions Centennial Jewelry.

In 2011, Omega Psi Phi will be reaching an important milestone in its 100-year history. “Our challenge is to continue to work and uplift humanity. Throughout the years, Omega’s chapters have and will continue to mentor youth, sponsor blood drives, raise money for scholarships and charitable causes and start initiatives that encourage our Brothers to make a difference in the lives of Black People. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is accustomed to leading the way. Let’s continue to make Omega the beacon of courage and leadership in all the things we do.”

Warren G. Lee Jr.

38th Grand Basileus

(A portion of the ring sales will go into **The Centennial Endowment Fund** and help support these efforts.)

The Story of the Ring

This event occurred in the office of biology Professor Ernest E. Just, the faculty adviser, in the Science Hall (now known as Thirkield Hall). The three liberal arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman. (*Their names are noted on the stairs of the panel on the Centennial Ring*). Omega continues to flourish as we celebrate in 2011 our Centennial, (*represented by the unique Omega “100” crest*). Largely because these four founders were men of the very highest ideals and intellect; (The 4 point stones on the outside bezel of the Centennial ring hold a place of honor for these men) the Founders selected and attracted men of similar ideals and characteristics. It is not by accident that many of America's great black men are/were Omega Men.

To this date, there are very few Americans whose lives have not been touched by a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as the four cardinal principles. (Represented by the four Amethyst Point Stones in the inside bezel of the Centennial ring).

A decision was made regarding the design of the Omega Psi Phi Emblem, (*Represented on the side panel of the ring*) and thus ended the first meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Omega Psi Phi currently has 13 districts (*Represented by the 13 rays of sun shining above Thirkield Hall*). On Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty adviser, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, “**friendship is essential to the soul**,” the name Omega Psi Phi was derived.



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Members of Omega assist at a local food drive in Tuskegee, AL.

Lambda Epsilon Chapter Building A Legacy Of Community Service

by Justin F. Marshall

Lambda Epsilon Chapter has pledge to become a more profound community service oriented chapter of Omega. A few of the community service projects that we have worked on throughout the community of Tuskegee, AL have included: After school tutorials, in which we tutor students K-8 in homework assignments also for upcoming exams. We now volunteer at the local High School, Booker T. Washington's, football games running the concession stands and working the chain gangs and yard markers on the field. We also participate in numerous food drives throughout the community and conduct numerous community service events on the campus of Tuskegee University. Such drives and service events include a voter's registration drive; campus clean ups and blood drives.

These are just a small number of the community service events conducted through out the community of Tuskegee, AL. Here at Lambda Epsilon Chapter we strive daily to serve, and some how, make a positive impact on the community of Tuskegee, AL.

Hopefully, the pictures we have provided will enlighten all Brothers as to some of the events that are conducted here in Lambda Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Tuskegee, AL. The undergraduate Brothers here at Tuskegee University are making the utmost effort to better the community.

Brother Anthony Burdell takes over Civilian Tenant Unit at Anniston Army Depot

by: Herman Terrell



Brother Anthony Burdell assumed management of Anniston Defense Munitions Center

Anniston, Alabama. Brother Anthony Burdell formally took over management of the Anniston Defense Munitions Center (ADMC) at the Anniston Army Depot on May 29, 2008. Brother Burdell is the first civilian to head the center since 2004.

Brother Burdell previously served as the center's deputy to the commander. He will run operations and manage personnel for the next four months, until the next military commander takes control.

ADMC employs 125 civilians and is one of three major tenant organizations at the Anniston Army Depot. Brother Burdell started work at ANAD in 1985,

transferred to chemical agent organization in 1990 and became the deputy to the ADMC Commander in May 2007.

Brother Burdell currently serves as the Keeper of Records & Seal for Theta Tau Chapter in Anniston, Alabama. He also serves on the Alabama State Council as Keeper of Records & Seal for the state of Alabama.



Brother Joseph Chad Perry Passes North Carolina Bar Exam

by Howard G. Herring, Jr.



Brothers of Zeta Alpha Chapter

Henderson, NC—The Zeta Alpha Chapter is pleased to announce that Brother Joseph Chad Perry passed the North Carolina Bar Examination and is now working in the Durham County Public Defenders office.

Brother Perry received a Bachelor of Arts degree in

English from Winston-Salem State University in 2004 and his Juris Doctorate degree from North Carolina Central University in 2007.

Brother Perry is a member of Zeta Alpha Chapter serving Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren counties. He is pictured being sworn in with his father, Ernest Perry Jr; friend Savaun Murphy and Judge J. Henry Banks.

Zeta Alpha Chapter Welcomes Six New Brothers

by Brother Howard G. Herring, Jr.



Brothers of Iota Iota Chapter

Henderson, NC - The Zeta Alpha Chapter initiated six new members on Saturday June 14, 2008 in Henderson, NC. The new members were Tyree McLaughlin, Cory Daniel, Michael Putney Jr., Prentice Hargrove, Horace Townsend and Bryan Greenfield.

The initiation ceremony was conducted under the supervision of Brother Fred Thomas, Regional Membership Selection Process Chairman. Zeta Alpha is composed of brothers from Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren Counties.

Iota Iota Chapter Spring 2008: Lampados to Brothers

By Brother Michael A. Boykin

Raleigh, NC— The Iota Iota Chapter was the first

graduate chapter within the Sixth District to participate in the pilot lampados program. The lampados were initiated into the Fraternity on April 04, 2008. The twelve brothers are known as "Glory Road."

Brother Ramel Bunch, Iota Iota Chapter Vice-Basileus, served as the Dean of Pledges during their pledge process. The new brothers are a welcomed addition to the chapter.



Omega Psi Phi and General Electric Join Forces for Leadership and Success

By Brother Michael A. Wright

Birmingham, AL - Grand Basileus Warren Lee, Jr. unveiled the General Electric/Omega Networking Initiative during the opening plenary session of the 75th Grand Conclave in Birmingham, AL. The initiative will be a yearlong, national leadership development program sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the General Electric (GE) Company.

The model focuses on African-American collegiate Omega Men majoring in: Mathematics, Science, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science, and Business (finance, management, and marketing). The program is designed to develop a pool of outstanding African-American male collegiate leaders for the company and the country.

Brother Michael A. Wright, International Chairman-Career Fair and Bro. Tony Mathis, General Manager, Aviation, for GE, have functioned as co-developers with a host of more than 50 Omega Men in the General Electric Company. Look for updates regarding the initiative in the coming months.

Brother Charles Wynder, Sr. – A Strong and Inspiring Competitor!



Brother Charles Wynder, Sr.

Few veterans who compete in the annual National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG) can compare with Brother Charles Wynder, Sr. from Williamsburg, Virginia. He is an inspiration to all. At age 67, he is usually up at 5:00 a.m. every day. He

alternates between cycling and swimming workouts each morning. "It is definitely not easy getting up that early. I owe it to myself to keep in shape and I do it because I can in honor of those who cannot." Brother Wynder, who spent 30 years in the Army, is a retired Colonel. He receives treatment at the Veterans Administration (VA) in Hampton, Virginia for a knee injury he sustained while in service. Sports and fitness are vital ingredients of the VA's National Rehabilitation Special Events. Physical activity and friendly competition engage the mind as well as the body and Brother Wynder finds biking and swimming therapeutic. "Cycling and swimming are sports of momentum, the more you swim and ride, the more you want to swim and ride", he says. He is the proud recipient of the NVGAG 2006 George Gangi Inspiration Award, in recognition of his ability to inspire all in attendance at the annual event. Through his sportsmanship, determination, attitude and support of his fellow veterans, Brother Wynder sets an example for all to follow. He said the Gangi Award

has been his greatest honor "it is special knowing that my peers and others see me as inspirational". Brother Wynder won 4 Gold Medals during his 8th NVGAG competition in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 19-25, 2008. During this week long contest, he finished 1st in the 25 yd Backstroke, 50 yd Backstroke, ¼ mile Bicycle Sprint, and ½ mile Bicycle Sprint. Although he is a perennial top athlete at the Games, competition is secondary to the camaraderie experienced among fellow veterans. Brother Wynder always tries to get the word out to other veterans about the national competition. He tried to encourage Former Grand Basileus, Brother Burnel E. Coulon, a fellow veteran and current resident of Indianapolis, to sign up for next year's Games. Brother Coulon retorted with his usual humor and said that Brother Wynder "is an old man acting like a young boy". Brother Wynder is looking forward to returning to Birmingham, Alabama, the sight of our 75th Grand Conclave, where the 2009 Games will be held. No matter how many medals he collects, Brother Wynder's true legacy is the way he inspires other veterans. He says "giving is a necessary ingredient, not just for success in competition, but for daily living as well. In order to compete you have to give something. You give your time to train. You give money to travel. You give up bad habits to stay in shape, but you get so much more in return." In his spare time, Brother Wynder gives back to his community. He says "life is a constant process of deciding what you are going to do and then doing it". His motto is "to live most and serve best". He volunteers with numerous organizations, mentors youth, lawn bowls with the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club, and serves as a positive influence in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He has a very special spirit and a clear understanding of what life is all about. Brother Wynder is the Basileus of newly Chartered Zeta Mu MU Chapter in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Bayer Corporation Awards \$10,000 to Iota Phi Foundation for Community Service and Economic Empowerment

Brother Bob Downing

Pittsburgh, PA – Iota Phi Foundation was awarded



Brothers Fontenot and Kendrick

a \$10,000 grant by Bayer Corporation for its demonstrated history of contributions to community growth in the city of Pittsburgh. This resulted directly from the efforts of Brother Carlo Fontenot adhering to the qualifying guidelines and Brother Fred Kendrick articulating a presentation with the legacy of annual programs and our history of giving in accord with the fraternity's mandated programs. Both brothers are employees of Bayer Corporation.

In 2008, Pittsburgh was celebrating its 250 year history and Bayer's Pittsburgh facility was celebrating its 50 year history. To commemorate Bayer's 50 year celebration, Bayer's Board of Directors decided to award five \$10,000 awards to regional non-profit organizations that had a strong history of giving back to the city. Rebecca L. Lucore, Executive Director of Bayer USA Foundation, announced the award April 24, 2008 to Bro. Greg Spencer, President of Iota Phi Foundation.

Competition was extensive. Some of the Bayer

Committee were emotionally impacted by stories of how families were provided food for the holidays, educated on the issues of voter registration, provided free community health screening, taken on historical black college tours, and how African-American men modeled Manhood principles that help inspire youth to apply intelligence in life through Scholarship and Perseverance . . . and basically, Iota Phi's Uplift.

Bayer Corporation unanimously awarded the \$10,000 grant to Iota Phi Foundation on the basis that its cumulative efforts built bridges for youth to realize aspirations and respect for self, family and community.

The Bayer USA Foundation requires a report on the use of this grant within 2 months of using it. Brothers of Iota Phi and members of Iota Phi Foundation intend to expand our endeavors with the use of these funds and apply this experience to other corporate philanthropic efforts in the future. As of date, a unique mentoring program for African-American males in grades 6-12 is being developed within this mold.

For the growth of brotherhood and empowerments, we will pursue such opportunities.

Sixth District Counselor Elected to Lead NC Defense Attorneys' Association

by Brother John Ervin

Durham, NC– Sixth District Counselor Brother Brian O. Beverly was recently elected as President of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (NCADA) at its annual meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

The NCADA is an association of nearly 1,000 North Carolina civil defense attorneys who represent corporations, other businesses entities, professional organizations and individuals in all types of civil litigation matters. He will serve a one year term as president.

Brother Beverly is a shareholder with the law firm of Young Moore & Henderson in Raleigh, NC where his practice areas include transportation liability, medical malpractice liability, premises and retail liability and insurance coverage litigation.

Brother Beverly was also recently honored by Business Leader Media as a 2008 Pro Bono Impact Award Winner at its annual Pro Bono Luncheon in May 2008.

He currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Wake County Bar Association and served on the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association from 2001–2004. Brother Beverly is currently active with Beta Phi Chapter in Durham, NC and was initiated through Psi Delta Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1988.

Theta Omega Chapter Of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Celebrates A Day Of Community Service

By Brother Al Cornish

May 16th could have just been an ordinary day in Louisville, Kentucky but the brothers of Theta Omega Chapter decided it was just as good of a day as any to

have a day of community service.

The Social Action Committee chaired by Bro. Lester Sanders planned the day which began with work in conjunction with the local board of realtors on a Habitat for Humanity home located at 1907 West Chestnut Street in the historic west end of Louisville. Brothers hammered, sawed, climbed and carried materials as work proceeded on the construction of the home. A total of 12 brothers participated in the effort. Bro. Sanders stated "We as Omega Men have made it our responsibility to be involved in our community. Helping complete this home will ensure that a needy family has the dream of a lifetime – their own home. And we can take some pride in knowing that we were part of it." Bro. Sanders, a realtor himself, understands the importance of home ownership. "I work with families throughout this community and am able to see the joy and the change that is brought into their lives through the purchase of their own home." says Sanders.

That evening members of the chapter participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the historic Central High School, where Muhammad Ali attended and graduated. This event was chaired by Bro. Mike Fulton. "There are so many lives that have been affected by and loss to cancer in our community including family members of mine as well as other chapter members. We felt it only right and fitting that we do our part to support the efforts of the American Cancer Society" said Fulton. The chapter set a goal of raising \$2,000.00. The chapter exceeded its goal and collected \$2,525.00. In addition, the chapter was awarded the best team in 3 out of 5 categories

- BEST NEWCOMER TEAM, BEST SPIRITED TEAM and received the DISTINGUISHED BRONZE CLUB Award. Bro. Harold Crawford (affectionately known as Dirty Harry) was the top donor bringing in \$590.00.

Brothers spent the entire evening and into the wee hours of the morning (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) walking the track. A member of the chapter had to be on the track at all times during the 12 hours. When not on the track, brothers enjoyed games, activities and other festivities but even more importantly some "good ole' Omega camaraderie and friendship.

Bro. Sanders closed the day by saying "This is what Omega is all about – Uplift – and what we have done during this Community Service Day is to uplift the lives of many citizens and residence of our community and for that I and the brothers are proud!"

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated was founded on Friday, November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. by three undergraduate students and one faculty advisor. The founders were Howard University students Edgar Amos Love, Frank Charles Coleman, and Oscar James Cooper. The first faculty advisor was Dr. Ernest Everett Just, who early on was accorded the status of founder by the three undergraduates. From its inception, the fraternity has worked to build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Theta Omega Chapter was established on December 12, 1922 and was the 5th District (Kentucky and Tennessee) 2007 – 2008 Social Action Chapter of the Year for Chapters under 50 Members.

Today, Omega Psi Phi has over 700 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait. There are many notable Omega Men recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, education, and government at the local, national and international level.



Manhood
Scholarship
Perseverance
Uplift

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“...Gonna be a man in motion. All I need is a pair of wheels. Take me where my future’s lying. St. Elmo’s Fire...”

John Parr

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A BROTHER HAS GONE FROM OUR MIDST
AND SAILED TO GOLDEN SHORES.

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A FRIEND HAS PASSED THE FINAL TEST
AND WALKS THROUGH PURPLE DOORS.

THE CIRCLE HAS AN EMPTY PLACE
A VOICE WILL RAISE NO MORE
THE SONGS OF FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE
UPLIFT FOREVERMORE
WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES.

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A LIGHT GOES FROM THIS EARTHLY LIFE
THE VISOR CLOSED AGAIN
YET ALL THE HEAVENS OPEN WIDE
TO LET A NEW STAR IN.

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A BROTHER LEAVES THE CHAPTER ROLES
AND MOVES TO OTHER WORLDS
FOR WHEN WE SAY OUR LAST GOODBYE
HE WALKS ON STREETS OF PEARLS.

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES.



Alpha Phi Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Brother Jesse Champion, Sr.

by Brother Rufus L. McGhee, III

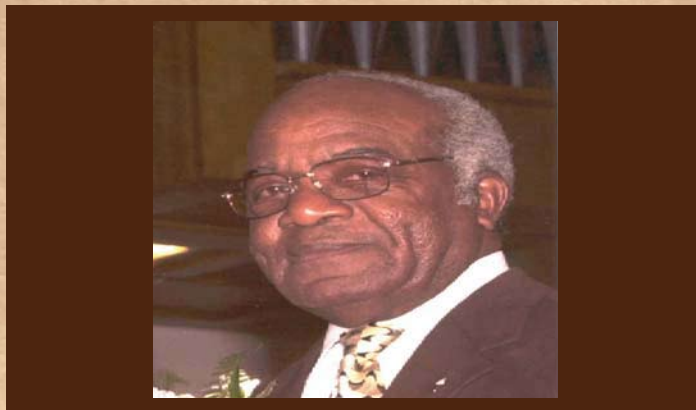
Whereas it has pleased the Heavenly Father to transition from the labors of this earthly life to the sweet rest and fellowship of the Saints in heaven our dearly beloved.

Brother Brother Jesse Champion, Sr , a devout Christian, was a faithful, committed, and longtime member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Birmingham. Brother Champion received his early education in the public schools of Birmingham, Alabama and received his high school diploma from A.H. Parker High in 1945. He was called into the Armed Services (Navy) in 1945 shortly after graduating from Parker.

He began his professional career as an instructor in the City of Gadsden (AL) and later taught instrumental music at Council Elementary School in the Birmingham School System. He also taught in the Flint, Michigan Public Schools.

Gifted with a tremendous voice and quality, Brother Champion was the featured vocalist with the Sun Ra Orchestra, the Jimmy Chappell Band, and the Birmingham Heritage Jazz Band. He became a dynamic radio personality as a popular disc jockey hosting a modern jazz Sunday afternoon program on Birmingham's first black-oriented radio. His impeccably smooth delivery, command of the English language, and previous radio experience led to him becoming the "first" black news anchor and reporter at radio station WERC in Birmingham from whence he retired in 1990.

Fraternally, , Brother Champion was a "charter member" of the Nu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Alabama A&M College in 1948. He later joined Alpha Phi Graduate Chapter where he served on many key committees in key capacities. He served as the Chapter's Director of Public Relations for a number of years. He also served as the 7th District Editor and as a member of the District's and International (Singers) Que Chorale. His faithful and untiring service resulted in the Alpha Phi Chapter awarding him the Founder's Award in 1998 and inducting him into the Chapter's Hall of Fame—Class of 2001. Brother Champion touched the lives of many who will forever be indebted to him for sharing his talents, knowledge, wisdom, and especially his friendship and brotherhood.



William Amos "Bill" McGill

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William Amos "Bill" McGill passed away August 5, 2008, in Detroit, Michigan.

Brother McGill lived a life of service and was the ultimate model of "My Brother's Keeper". He never knew the father for whom he was named. His mother died when he was seven years old. He was relocated from Kingstree, SC to Wilmington, NC. and reared and nurtured by his older brothers.

Brother McGill attended Morehouse College and was initiated through the Psi Chapter in 1946. To help pay for his schooling while at Morehouse, Bill operated a store that was supported by fellow classmates. His classmates included: Martin Luther King, Jr., Charles Bert Willy (eminent professor of Sociology at Harvard), Lerone Bennett (Senior Editor for Ebony Magazine), his Omega Brother Dr. Samuel Cooke (past President of Dillard University); and he was mentored by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (past President of Morehouse College).

Brother McGill graduated from Morehouse College with a B.A. degree in Political Science in 1947. He later received a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and completed further studies at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

Brother McGill retired after a stellar career of public service. He was the principal for Statesboro Junior High School, Statesboro Ga., and Political Science teacher at both Grambling State University and Wayne County Community College. He held numerous positions in the City of Detroit, Wayne County government, and the State of Michigan.

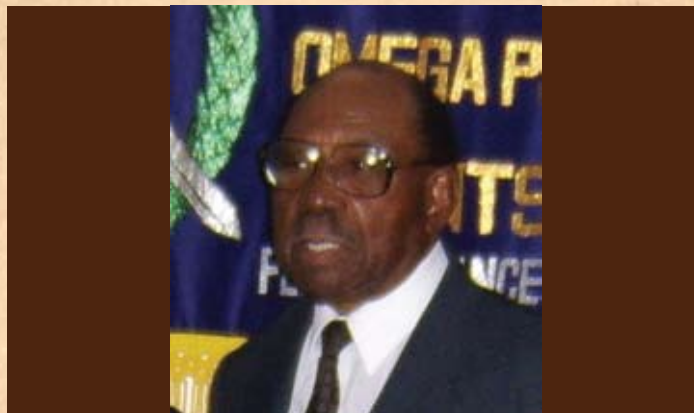
Brother McGill served Omega in many capacities during 60+ years of service. He was a past Basileus and Vice Basileus of Nu Omega Chapter. He served as Chairman of Nu Omega's UNCF pledge drive.

He was almost single handedly responsible for raising over 20 million dollars for UNCF during his tenure as National Alumni Council President and Detroit Inter-Alumni Council President. At his church home of Oak Grove A.M.E., Bro. McGill served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He also held various other professional memberships.

Outside of Omega, Brother McGill served as President Emeritus of the Detroit Chapter of the Morehouse Alumni Association. He also sat on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services and the Michigan Community Action Agency Association.

Brother McGill was a mentor, teacher, scholar, administrator, fundraiser, and friend who will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his loving and faithful wife Juanita.



Brother Alfred Gilmore (A.G.) Adams Sr.

May 25, 1916 - May 10, 2008

Alfred Gilmore "A.G." Adams Sr. was born May 25, 1916, in Linden, AL to the late Mary Shields Adams and Alf Adams. He was the third of eleven children born to this union. Early Saturday morning May 10, 2008, Bro. Adams was called to eternal rest at Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL.

A lifelong educator, Brother Adams, touched the lives of thousands of students throughout the State of Alabama. He received his elementary and secondary education at Linden Academy, Linden, Alabama. He earned both his B.S. and M.Ed. Degrees from Alabama State University doing further study at both the University of Cincinnati and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Preparing young minds for lifelong success was Brother Adams' passion. He began his education career as a teacher at Muddy-wood in Marengo County. He then became a teacher and coach

at Industrial High School (now Druid H.S.) in Tuscaloosa, Alabama before sharing his excitement for knowledge with students at Lakeside High School in Decatur, Alabama. By 1948, he was being heavily recruited to leave the classroom and accept the charge as leader and innovator. He accepted this challenge and was appointed principal at Moulton High School in Moulton, Alabama. He continued to lead the way for thousands of students and teachers as he took the helm at Ralph Bunche High School in Andalusia, Alabama and last at Council Training School in Normal (Huntsville), Alabama. He last served the education of secondary children as principal of Council Training School in Normal, AL. His leadership and outstanding talents have produced a high caliber of graduates many of whom have become great leaders in their own fields. He retired from Council Training School as a full fledged member of the local and national chapters of the prestigious Phi Delta Kappa Education Honor Society.

Upon his "retirement", Brother Adams continued to serve the education community. He accepted the position as Director of the of the' Northern Area In-Service Project and later became Educational Consultant for the Alabama State Department of Education. He "retired" again after influencing and encouraging even more youth to pursue their dreams when he became Director of Admissions and Records at Alabama A.&M University.

In 1962, Brother Adams and his family joined Lakeside United Methodist Church. As a member of The Lakeside United Methodist Church for 46 years, he tirelessly, lovingly and faithfully served whenever and where ever he was needed. He was active on both the local and conference levels of the United Methodist Church. He spent many years working with the Administrative Board, Trustee Board, and Financial Committees of Lakeside Church. Mr. Adams served for over 24 years as treasurer of the church along with spearheading major restoration and renovation building projects at Lakeside from 1985-1995. In 2002, the church honored A.G. Adams, Sr. as Layman of the year. Brother Adams led his family into a life of service and spirituality at Lakeside United Methodist Church. At the time of his death, he was an active member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

For 63 years, he dedicated his talents and abilities in service with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was a founding member of Nu Epsilon Chapter at Alabama A & M University and Xi Omicron in Huntsville where he also served as its Basileus in past years. In 1994, Brother Adams received the Founders Award from XI Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He dedicated his talents and abilities as a role model for the "youngsters" as they began their own service to the community. Along with this involvement, he was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of North Huntsville, devoting 15

years of service as their treasurer. He further divided his time among the Coleman Grand Lodge of Alabama Ancient and Accepted II Scottish Rite Masons, NAACP and the AARP. Because of his genuine concern for improving the quality of life for the growing number of Senior Citizens in the Huntsville community, he accepted the challenge of serving as District Team Leader for the AARP organization. This position gave him the opportunity to negotiate and support national projects on behalf of Senior Citizens.

As a highly sought after educator, whose ideas and visions were respected throughout the nation, Brother Adams was invited to participate in many prestigious events. Among these were his participation in the National Conference on International Affairs in Washington, D.C. and his inclusion as a member of a group which spent twenty-one days on a European Educational Study' Mission.

THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR HAVE NOURISHED AND INSPIRED MANY.

Theta Tau Chapter - Anniston, Alabama

by Brother Tony Burdell



Brother (Dr.) Gordon Rodgers, Jr. was initiated into the fraternity in 1938 and has been a faithful member for over 69 years. Brother Rodgers was a charter member of Theta Tau Chapter. Anniston's first black city councilman, Dr. Gordon A. Rodgers Jr., died at Wellstar Hospital in Douglasville, Georgia. He was born on October 28, 1915 and was 92 years of age.

After graduating from Talladega College in 1937 and the School of Dentistry at Meharry Medical College in Tennessee in 1941, Rodgers entered the Army the following year. He was promoted to the rank of Captain while on duty with the 92nd Division in Italy in 1944. After the war, he came back to his birth city of Anniston and set up his dental practice on Cooper Avenue.

In 1954, he presented a 43-signature petition to the Anniston City Board of Education, asking that the schools be desegregated in compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The board rejected the request, but that it had been presented at all was testament to the emergence of the NAACP into the world of white public meetings.

Brother Rodgers proposed the formation of a Commission on Human Relations for Anniston; several years later this seed of an idea became the Committee of Unified Leadership, a biracial group that kept lines of communication open during tense times.

Born into a sense of duty — his mother was president of the black equivalent of the local PTA and his father was a medical doctor who practiced for many years in Anniston — Rodgers found a mission in the struggle for civil rights for blacks.

As president of the state NAACP, Rodgers took time out of his dental practice to travel across Alabama to register blacks to vote. He was president of the group in 1956 when a court injunction banned its activities due to alleged ties to Communist subversion.

On March 4, 1962, Dr. Gordon A. Rodgers Jr., local dentist, has announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Public Safety. He is the first African American ever to seek office in Calhoun County. In his announcement for the public

safety post candidacy in 1962, Rodgers said, “No government can do everything, and the government that tries will fall of its own weight. The creative initiative of individuals, who support government under law, is the backbone of the good society.” Brother Rodgers lost that election but later, in 1969, became Anniston’s first black city councilman. A leader who described himself as one who “relax(es) in the heat of battle,” Rodgers took on his share of conflict.

A 1965 lawsuit charging illegal discrimination by Anniston Memorial Hospital stated that the previous year Rodgers had visited a patient there only to have a receptionist tell him to go out and come back in the door closer to the “Negro ward” of the institution. Under terms of the Hill-Burton program for federal assistance to hospitals, institutions could not maintain segregated facilities.

A council-manager form of Anniston municipal government took effect in 1969 and Rodgers wanted to be part of it. Despite persistent intimidation from the White Citizens Council, including a cross-burning, Rodgers won the right to represent the people of Ward 2. Eighty-six years after Anniston opened to the public, the city had its first black councilman. He was sitting at the same table as Councilman Jimmy Gardner, a bakery owner and segregationist whose store had once been the site of a protest against Gardner’s refusal to serve blacks.

After his political career ended, Rodgers focused his energies back to his dental practice; his daughter, Beverly, joined him in the work in 1989. Boy Scouts had long benefited from Rodgers' attention, specifically Troop 305, and he received the prestigious Silver Beaver award for his contributions.

In 2002, Rodgers and the late Anniston City Councilman Chester Weeks Jr. received special recognition from the local chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for their willingness to step out in front, as a drum major would, and make their world a better place. "People can't see past their noses if they don't understand politics and city government," Rodgers once said. (Excerpts from the Anniston Star Newspaper, December 24, 2007).

Alpha Phi Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Brother Wallace Jackson

by Brother Rufus L. McGhee, III

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Graduate Chapter lament the transition of our beloved brother, Wallace Jackson, after 74 years of faithful service to God, country, family and friends.

Bro. Jackson was a committed and longtime member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, a graduate of Tuskegee University; professionally employed with the United States Postal Service attaining the rank of branch postmaster. Bro. Jackson was an active and dedicated member of Alpha Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. where he served in many leadership capacities including Basileus of the Chapter and Chairman of the Trustee Board of the Omega Fraternal Association, Inc. As a result of his unwavering commitment to Omega, the Chapter awarded him the Omega Man of the Year in 1972 and induction into the Alpha Phi Chapter Hall of Fame in 2004.

We hereby joyously proclaim joyously proclaim our love and admiration for his life, his leadership and his commitment to the cardinal principles of Omega. In view of his noble and measurable testimony which exemplifies Christian manhood and devotion to our Creator, we give thanks to the Heavenly Father for Bro. Jackson's years of service and we wish to convey our deepest and sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Brother Thomas E. Harris Enters Omega Chapter

By Michael Putney, Sr.

Henderson, NC—Brother Thomas Everett Harris was born on December 27, 1957 in Granville County, NC to Frank Harris and the late Lucille Chavis Harris and departed this life on Sunday April 27, 2008 at his residence.

Brother Harris was married to Eunice Grady Harris of Jackson, Mississippi on January 29, 1987 in Augusta, Georgia. Brother Harris was educated in the Granville County School System and graduated from J.F. Webb High Senior School in 1976. He matriculated to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech and Theatre Arts with a minor in English.

Brother Harris was pursuing a Master of Fine Arts Degree from North Carolina Central University and was scheduled to graduate on May 3, 2008.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps and began his active duty career at Ft. Gordon, GA. His assignments included tours at Ft. Benning, GA, Ft. Bragg, NC, Ft. Sill, OK and Ft. Lewis, WA. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a captain in 1989.

Brother Harris was initiated into Delta Phi Chapter in Tacoma, Washington in 1985. He was a Charter Member of Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter established at Ft. Gordon, GA in 1986 and was the chapter's first Keeper of Finance. He was an active member of Zeta Alpha Chapter, served previously as Keeper of Records and Seal, and was Chairman of the Talent Hunt Committee.

Brother Harris was active in the Prince Hall Masonic Organizations. He was elevated to the highest Masonic Degree (33rd Degree) in October 1998 in Dallas, Texas during the annual Convocation of the United States Supreme Council, Prince Hall Affiliation. He received statewide recognition by being awarded the Secretary of the Year at the annual Potentates' Charity Ball.

Brother Harris was a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators and National Educator's Association.

His passing is a tremendous loss to his family, friends and Zeta Alpha Chapter.

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Brother Steven Eric Young

Brother Young was a devoted member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Young was an active supporter and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated into the organization at Miles College through the Eta Epsilon Chapter. He continued his affiliation with the Alpha Phi Graduate Chapter in Birmingham, Alabama. Brother Young was dedicated and worked to achieve success in all Chapter activities on the local, State, and International levels. Because of his years of faithful and devoted service to our beloved Fraternity, Brother Young's impact will be forever remembered.

Brother Young entered into Omega Chapter on May 27, 2008. May he have eternal rest and may God give his family everlasting peace.

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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Chapter Basilei and Keepers of Records & Seal

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01	000530	Eta Phi	Vernell	Baker	Frederick	Powell	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
01	000647	Iota Chi	Everton	Mandley	Joshua	Garvin	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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02	000707	Chi Rho	William	Tyson	Louis	Hertzog	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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02	000619	Delta Upsilon	Charles G.	Davis	Khary	Nickson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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02	000739	Eta Pi	Anthony	Hayes	Ozro	Wells II	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
02	000735	Gamma Pi	Teddy	Taylor	Gordon G	Everett	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
02	000717	Iota Nu	Walter	Wyatt Jr	Windsor	Jones	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
02	000532	Iota Phi	Kenneth	Minefield	Eugene	Curtain, III	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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02	000682	Upsilon Tau	Lee	Isabell Jr	Reginald	White	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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03	000894	Omicron Kappa Kappa	Ricardo C	Sewell	Mark	Williams	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
03	000544	Phi Phi	Glenwood	Hence	Gilbert	Johnson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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04	000550	Delta Alpha	Marvin	Horton	Ronald	Johnson, Jr.	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08

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05	000045	Chi Psi	Markel	Eskridge	Derrick	Williams, Sr	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
05	000528	Epsilon Phi	Larry	Strong	Adrian	Baskin	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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06	000620	Epsilon Upsilon	Maury	Williams	Charles	Whitesides II	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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07	000900	Phi Kappa Kappa	Reginald	Sullivan	Rodney	Sylvester	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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08	000520	Upsilon Omega	Charles	Shelton III	Eric	Latham	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
08	000746	Xi Pi	Brett	Britton	Vernon	Gray	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000310	Alpha Delta Delta	Michael	Lewis	Hulan	Washington	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000334	Alpha Delta Epsilon	Cantrelle	Larkins	Eric	Davis	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000856	Alpha Iota Iota	Michael	Hartman	Phillip	Taylor	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000928	Alpha Mu Mu	Nkrumah	Dixon			01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000901	Chi Kappa Kappa	Perry	Daniels, Jr.	Charles	Baker	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000666	Delta Tau	Kemp	Oubre, Sr.	Steven	Pierre	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000597	Epsilon Omicron	Herman	Long	James	McBride, Jr.	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000645	Eta Chi	Henry	Jackson	Clifford	Stewart	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000576	Eta Iota	Bryan	Johnson	Douglas	Brown	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000910	Eta Lambda Lambda	Kenneth	Jones	Dwayne	Conner	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000641	Gamma Chi	Anthony	Ford	Leroy	Bunch	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000595	Gamma Omicron	Jim	Fuller Jr	Eddie	Thompson Sr	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000840	Iota Gamma Gamma	Marcus	Branch	Willie	Banks Jr	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000557	Lambda Alpha	Calvin	Beal	Josh	McDaniels, Jr.	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000890	Lambda Kappa Kappa	Troy	Williams	Leslie	Parms III	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000153	Mu Beta	Henry	Hayes	Christopher	Johnson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000674	Mu Tau	Gustavus	Washington	Curtis	Sanders	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000582	Nu Iota	Louis	Tennison	John A	Thompson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000250	Nu Kappa	Jon	Killen	Jon	Killen	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000846	Omicron Gamma Gamma	Van	Newborn	Kenneth	Brown	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000276	Omicron Lambda	Quinton	Moore	Michael	Criswell	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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09	000678	Pi Tau	Bobby	Burkes Sr	Oscar	Epps Jr	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000569	Psi Alpha	Gregory	Thompson	Vernard	Grice	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000638	Psi Upsilon	Tyrone	Hughes	James	McBride, Jr.	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000824	Rho Beta Beta	Roosevelt	Meads	Michael	Stewart	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000655	Rho Chi	James	Clemons Jr	Kevin	Semien	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000725	Rho Nu	Leo	Varner, Jr.	Jerome	Davis	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000517	Rho Omega	Lawrence	Anderson	Kenneth	Thomas	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000540	Rho Phi	Joseph	Davis	Johnnie	Brown Jr	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000773	Rho Xi	Jeffery	Williams	Anell	Smothers	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000255	Sigma Kappa	Brandon	Wady-Smith	Dennis	Higgins II	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000542	Tau Phi	Ronald	Laurent	Rodney	Riles	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000554	Theta Alpha	Ronald	Patterson	Karras	Jackson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000173	Theta Delta	Tarayl	Taylor	Mitchell	Williams	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000245	Theta Kappa	LeDaryl	Roberson	Phillip	Singleton	01-Nov-07	01-Nov-08
09	000623	Theta Upsilon	Alcus	Davis	Israel	Nelson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000658	Upsilon Chi	Brion	Jackson	Donta	Wright	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000589	Upsilon Iota					01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000797	Xi Alpha Alpha	Georon	Rawlings	Bobby	Benjamin Jr	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
09	000629	Xi Upsilon	Sylvester	Pace	Warren	Marks	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000925	Chi Lambda Lambda	Terry	Chambers	Gregory	Hardaway	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000811	Delta Beta Beta	Marcus	Ballard	Justin	Johnson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000834	Gamma Gamma Gamma	William	Weeden	Arlington	Davis III	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000009	Iota	Andre	Garner	Bobby	Lay	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000741	Iota Pi	Ennis	Young	LeMark	Payne	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000892	Nu Kappa Kappa			Matthew	Fisher III	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000513	Nu Omega	Steven	McReynolds	Douglas	Capers, III	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000745	Nu Pi	Anthony	Richardson	Pasquell	Robinson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000848	Rho Gamma Gamma	Michael	Ward	Bernard	Cale, Jr.	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000063	Rho Sigma	Eric	Crump	Eric	Crump	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
10	000679	Rho Tau	Marvin	Burruss	Robert	Brothers Jr.	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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12	000722	Xi Nu	Phillip	Brooks	Robert	Woodson	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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13	000693	Theta Rho	Clinton	Lee, Jr.	Byron	Matthews	01-Nov-07	31-Oct-08
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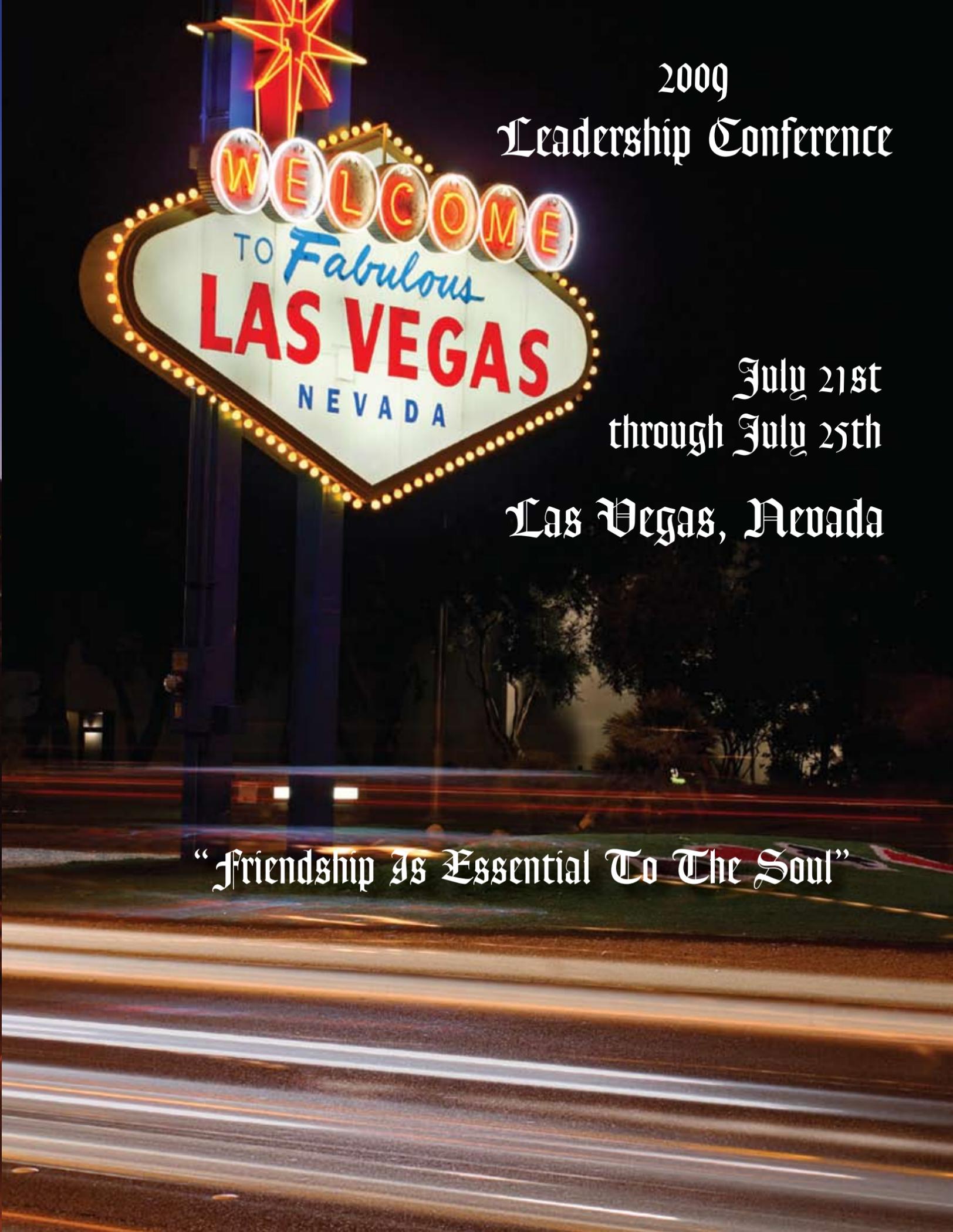
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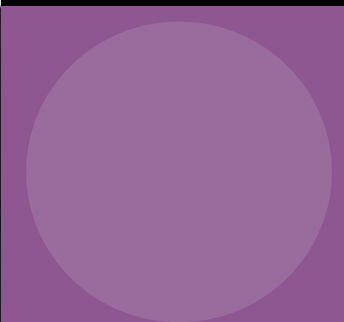
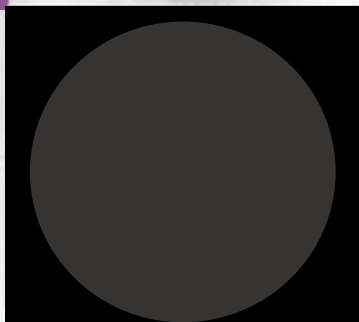
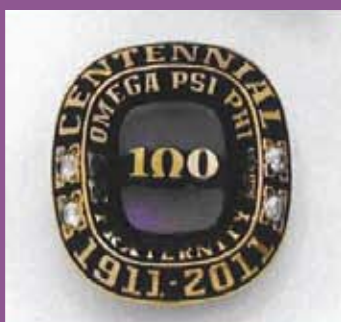
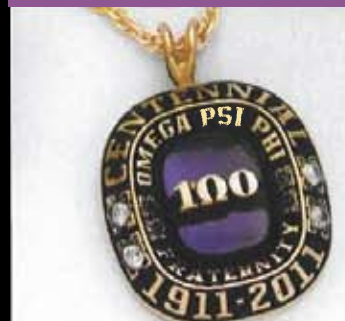
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