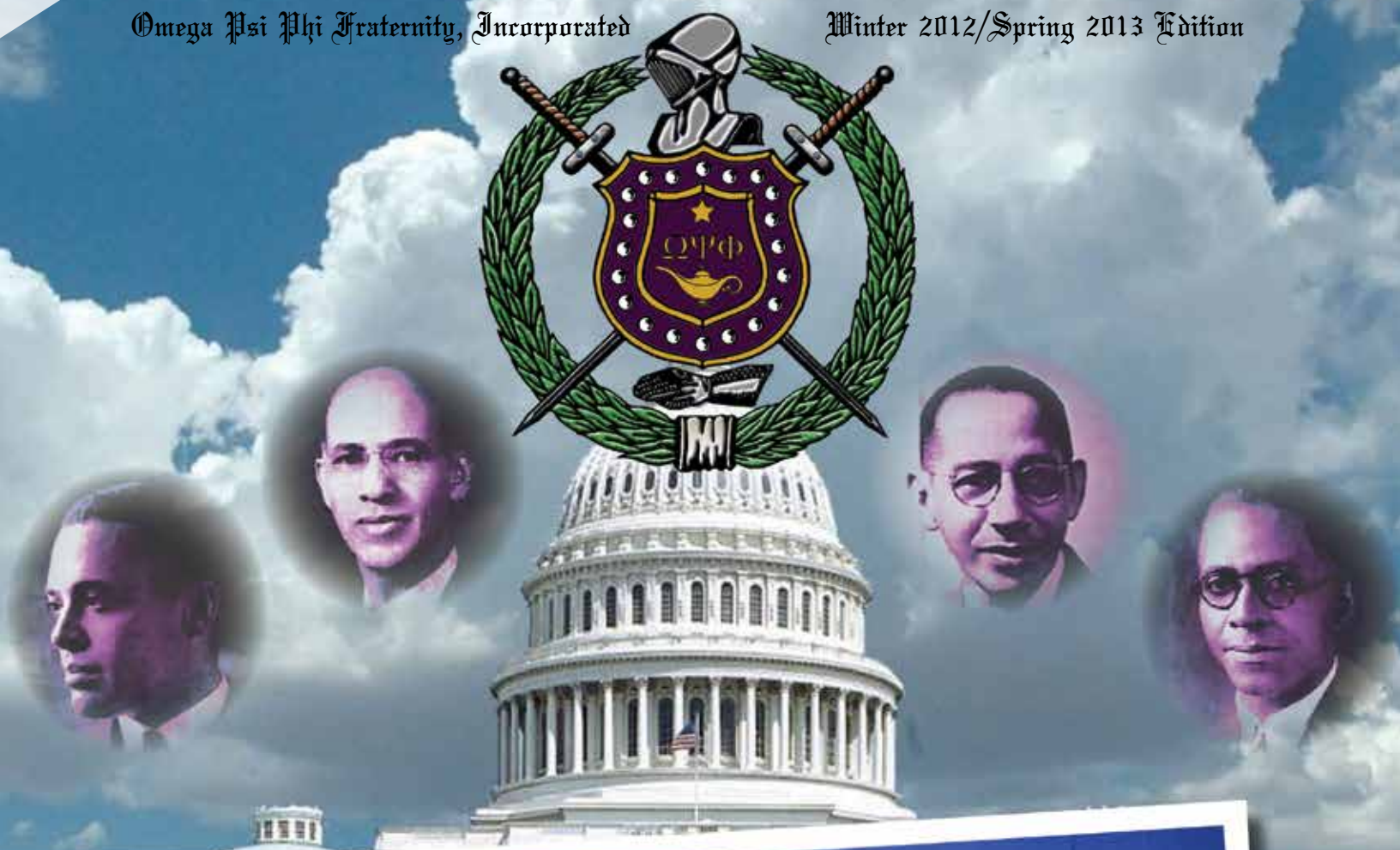


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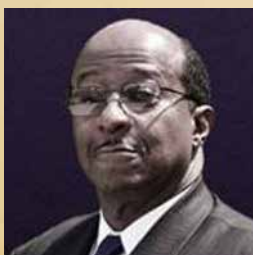


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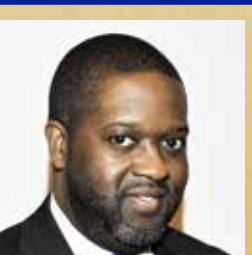
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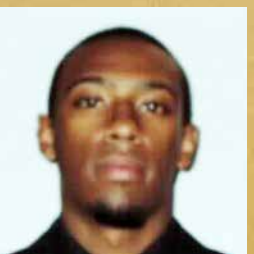
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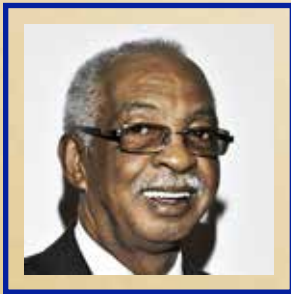
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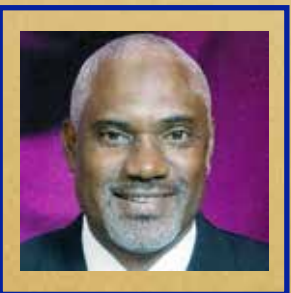
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# Message from the Grand Basileus



*My Brothers,*

I am blessed, proud, and pleased that you selected me to lead our beloved Fraternity at this unique moment in time. The challenges have been significant, yet the work has been rewarding. We have focused our stewardship on restoring the esprit' de corps', the Royal Purple and Old Gold thread that bonds the brotherhood.

Each day we work to continue earning the brotherhood's confidence in our leadership team. During my first term, I have led the team to every District in Omega, to increase transparency and avail ourselves to the brothers' concerns. I chose face to face contact rather than the worldwide web. I believe with Friendship and Fraternity, Omega men can decide the question in the best interest of our beloved organization.

Together, we put forth a successful Centennial Celebration in less than 10 months; we were immediately faced with the first Grand Conclave of Omega's second century, which was previously awarded; and the grand celebration on November 17, 2011 at Howard University. All of these represented Omega in ways that respected our brand.

We have used technology to improve conference registration and initiate electronic conclave reports for posting two weeks before the meeting, thus bringing significant savings to our bottom line. Additional improvements will follow.

God has given us the glorious privilege of witnessing the sunset of our first century and dawn of our second. With this blessing, let us all do well our parts. Together we can be the difference that we seek.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew A. Ray".

Dr. Andrew A. Ray

39th Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated



# Message from the Editor to The Oracle



**Brothers,**

Please join me in extending sincere appreciation to Brother Milbert O. Brown, Jr., Assistant Editor to The Oracle, for organizing this edition of The Oracle. When Omega called on Brother Brown to take on this enormous task of producing The Oracle, he did not hesitate to step up.

While I was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation New Dawn 2011-2012, my work behind the scenes for Omega continued for The Oracle. Now that I am back in the United States, our goal is to get back to a regular schedule for The Oracle. Our District Directors of Public Relations, Chapter Reporters, committee chairmen, and brothers in general are our greatest assets as we record the news and history of Omega. Thank you for your continued patience.

Comments may be sent to [editortotheoracle@oppf.org](mailto:editortotheoracle@oppf.org) at your convenience.

Brother Michael A. Boykin  
*Editor to The Oracle*

## From the Assistant Editor to the Oracle



Several years ago, I began my journey as a member of the Fourth Estate-- journalism. My humble voyage started when as a sly 2nd grader, my teacher selected me as the class reporter. Quickly, I rushed home and told my parents that I wanted to become a reporter. Later, I entered college as a freshman journalism student in the mid-1970s.

My first college job was working as a layout & design assistant on the university newspaper in the basement. After a while, I asked about writing stories for the paper, but the writing jobs that paid were reserved for the upperclassmen. After writing a few free stories, I discovered if I became a photographer, I would be paid and could exit my nighty basement location. So, it was during my early years at Ball State University where I was trained to perform several duties in the journalism profession. Also, that early training would be important as I worked on our beloved Oracle. I had the task of editing over 500 articles and 3, 500 pictures for this Oracle issue.

As an undergraduate member of Omega Psi Phi's Upsilon Beta chapter, I first served the Fraternity as the chapter's historian. After a successful career as an editor, photojournalist and writer for several major newspapers and public affairs agencies, I embarked on my second career as a college journalism professor and a multi-media consultant.

It has been a great honor serving as the Assistant Editor to the Oracle, coordinating information with Omega editors, editing national & international stories. Working on this issue of the Oracle reminded me of the nights when I worked on the university newspaper on the ground floor--in the basement.

- Brother Milbert O. Brown, Jr.

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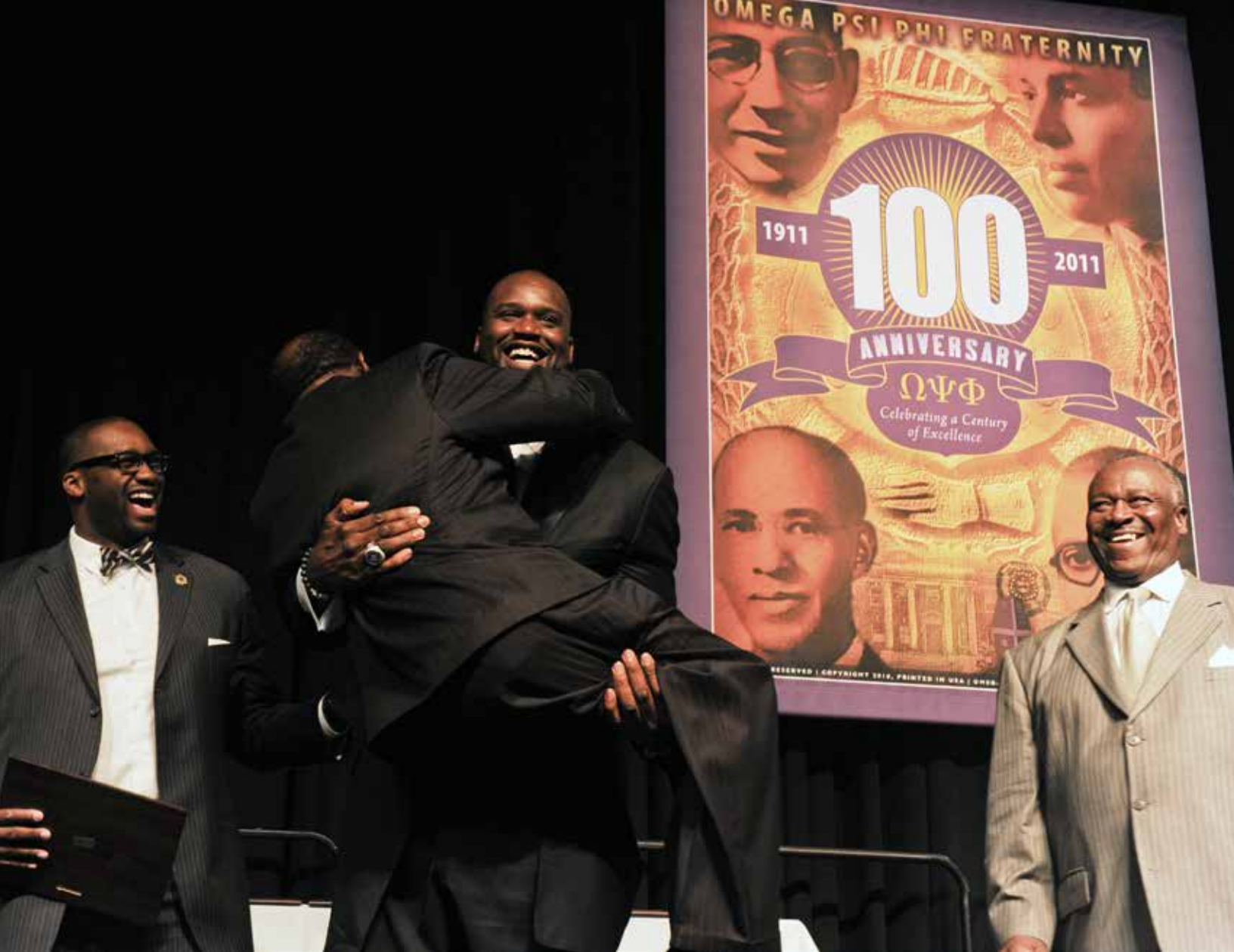
**T**housands of Omega men, clad in Royal Purple and Old Gold, traveled to Washington D. C. in July 2011 to celebrate the founding of the nation's first Black Greek letter fraternal organization at a historically black college. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded November 17, 1911 on the campus of Howard University.

*"The Centennial was a glorious moment in time, when Omega Men from their respective stations in life met on the plane of friendship and fraternity...and parted on the square of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift."*

*Dr. Andrew A. Ray, the Fraternity's 39th Grand Basileus.*



# Omega Psi Phi Celebrates 100th Year



*Brother Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, (center) joined Grand Basileus Andrew A. Ray (r), and Brother Antonio Knox during Omega's Centennial. Photo by Bro.Stan Muhammad.*

*ABOVE: Brother Shaquille O'Neal picks up Brother Andrew A. Ray, the Fraternity's Grand Basileus during the Centennial Celebration's Salute to Omega Men in Sports and Entertainment.*

*Brother O'Neal, an All-Star player recently retired from the National Basketball Association. He was one of the top 100 NBA players in the league's history and is a future Hall of Famer.*



The Centennial Conclave continued to have a profound impact on members when they returned home. More than 20,000 Omega men attended the five-day gathering held at the Walter Washington Convention Center. Fraternity leaders said the conclave focused on community service, youth mentoring and philanthropic efforts.

The highlight of the Conclave included a surprise meeting with President Barack H. Obama. Dr. Andrew A. Ray said President Obama opened the dialogue by mentioning that he was familiar with Omega's work in support of his Fatherhood Initiative. That effort, led by Brothers Thabiti Boone and Robert Fairchild, has brought a strong focus on the role fathers play in the lives of their children and in the community.

The Fraternity is playing an integral role in President Obama's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. Chapters left Washington, D.C. energized and empowered to conduct programs and events that promote the role patriarchs and men have in the life of their children.

*"Chapters have pledged to work to change government policies in their communities, because they believe government agencies should be challenged to foster better communications and create working relationships that address policies affecting fathers involvement in the lives of children," Dr. Ray said.*

**Picture right:** Brothers at the Salute to the Military event.

Another highlight of the Centennial Celebration, was the memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony that took place at Arlington National Cemetery, honoring Brother Colonel Charles Young, a recipient of the NAACP Spingarn Medal and one of the first Black men to graduate from West Point. During the ceremony, Brother Colonel Angelo Riddick described Colonel Young as a "true warrior, who exemplified the Four Cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift."



A salute to Omega men who are serving or who have served in the military capped that day's activities. Omega's ranks include more than 20 military generals and a host of officers and enlisted Soldiers.

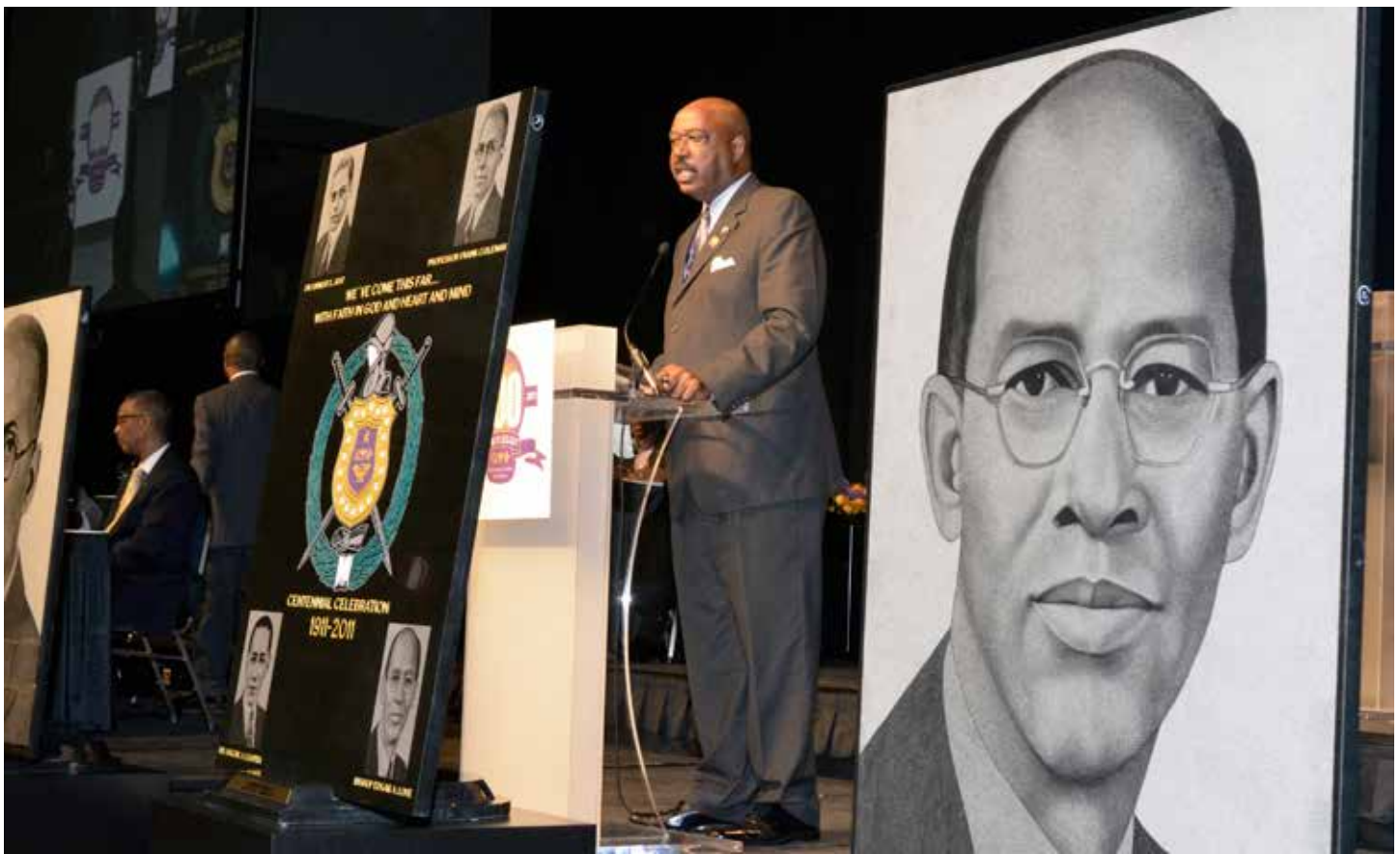
During the Undergraduate Luncheon, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, encouraged the Fraternity to help build the pipeline of the next generation of high-quality teachers in the nation's classrooms. In September 2010,

the agency launched the TEACH campaign, which encourages more young adults, especially minorities and males, to pursue careers in education.

Former Second Vice Grand Basilei were recognized for their service to the Fraternity. Among them was the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., who has been an Omega member for more than 50 years. Brother Jackson also was the keynote speaker during the closing night Founders' banquet. During the event, Jackson challenged

members to live up to the vision and mission laid out by the Founders and to pursue social justice and economic equality. At the banquet the descendants of three of the Fraternity's four Founders were recognized.

Dozens of Omega men were recognized for their professional and civic work. They included entertainer Bill Cosby; NBA legend Michael Jordan; comedian/radio personality Rickey Smiley; U.S. Rep. James Clyburn; former Virginia Governor



*Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr., the 38th Grand Basileus speaks as he is surrounded by images of Omega Psi Phi Founders.*

Douglas Wilder; NASA Administrator Charles Bolden; former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher; Ernest Green of the Little Rock Nine, Black Enterprises publisher Earl Graves; Essence magazine founder Ed Lewis; and Vernon Jordan, former leader of the National Urban League.

Other members who work in the fields of business, civic, politics, and medical fields also received recognition. A number of public forums, black-tie dinners, receptions, dances and community service efforts were packed into the week-long celebration. A number of events, parties, stepshows and memorials occupied members' schedules. The 55-voice Omega Chorale, led by Brother Henry Porter, performed at various Centennial events.



*Brother James Manns attended the Bricklaying Ceremony at Howard University. He was initiated in 1994 through Zeta Omega Chapter.*

Inside the convention center, the Fraternity's History and Artifacts Committee featured archival displays from each district. Members, both young and old, were able to view Omega's historic photographs and items.

The Fraternity paid homage to its Howard University roots by donating nearly \$500,000 to the school. Other events centered around Omega's emphasis on community service, social action programs and philanthropy. Members also took part in a march to the home of Carter G. Woodson, a member of the Fraternity. The National Parks Service is restoring Woodson's former residence.

Less than 50 years following the end of slavery, Omega Psi Phi was founded. Dr. Carter G. Woodson was one of the nation's leading historian during the early years of the Fraternity. Inside the third-floor biology office, three Howard University students and their faculty advisor sought to address the racial hostilities of the day.





*Brother Louis Russell, (center) of Lambda Epsilon Chapter, was a new generation of younger Omega men who attended the historical Centennial Conclave. He was joined by several of his chapter brothers both young and old, as he listened to speakers after the bricklaying ceremony at Howard University. Oracle staff photograph.*



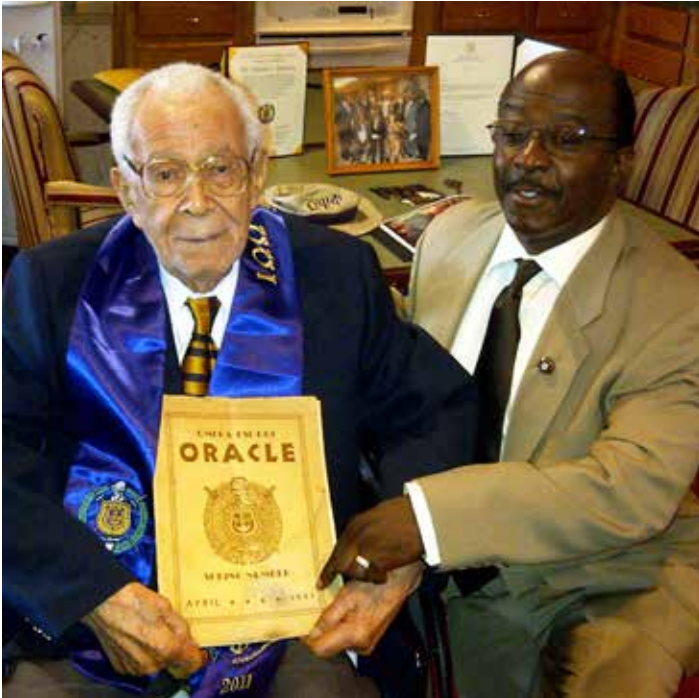
Osscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman, Edgar A. Love and their advisor, Dr. Ernest E. Just were led to create our Fraternity based on high ideals, as well as uplifting the African American community. “Part of the work during the Centennial was that the organization can expand its philanthropic activities,” said Dr. Andrew A. Ray, the Fraternity’s 39th Grand Basileus.

Dr. Ray also added, “we celebrated the legacy of our Founders and the Omega men who guided us through our first century, and we dedicated ourselves to enhancing their legacy in our second century.”

**Picture Left:** Brother Marvin C. Brown, Sr., (Lt. Colonel, Army, Ret.) joins his son, Brother Marvin C. Brown, Jr., in front of the entrance to the Science Hall at Howard University. The Browns represented a multi-generation of Omega families that attended the Centennial Conclave.



Multiple generations of Omega men greeted each other, shared stories and reminisced while impromptu stepshows dotted the landscape. As brothers received their service awards for 70, 50, 40, and 25 years of service to the Fraternity, one could see the joy from their smiles. During the Centennial Conclave, Brother Benjamin Spaulding was presented the 80 Year Service Award. He was initiated into Alpha Omega in 1931.



*Brother Benjamin Spaulding holds a copy of the 1931 Oracle with Grand Basileus Brother Andrew Ray. He received his 80th Year Service Award at the Centennial Conclave. Oracle staff photograph.*

Brother Rudolph V. Boone, Sr., 84, who joined the Fraternity in 1949 through Mu Psi Chapter at North Carolina A&T University said, “he saw Omega as a network of professional men and leaders who used their skills and resources to help others.”

“I was joining a group of men who had aspirations for high goals in life, as individuals and as a brotherhood,” added Boone, whose son Rudolph Jr., joined the fraternity in 1971 at North Carolina A&T State University. “I became deeply aware of what Omega men were doing on college campuses, on their jobs after completing college, and the contributions made in the communities in which they lived. Omega men were strong family men and effective leaders in all walks of life, and they did the things that inspired my desire to be the best that God made me to be,” he said.

Today, the fraternity’s membership exceeds 125,000, in more than 700 undergraduate and graduate chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

“Omega men have been and continue to be warriors in the pursuit of justice and equality. Community service and the uplift of others have long been a part of our DNA,” said Brother Ray.



*Brother Michael Parham, Sr., with Brother Willie C. Roberts (right) at the Centennial Conclave’s Founders Banquet. Brothers Parham and Roberts received their 40-Year Service Award.*

*They were undergraduate line brothers at Iota Chapter. Currently, Brother Parham is a member of Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter in the 10th District. Brother Roberts is a member of Sigma Iota located in the 12th District. Photograph by Brother Stanley Muhammad.*

***“We experienced a moving moment in time as the spiritual strength of Omega was brought forth. We were truly blessed.”***

***- Dr. Andrew A. Ray  
39th Grand Basileus***



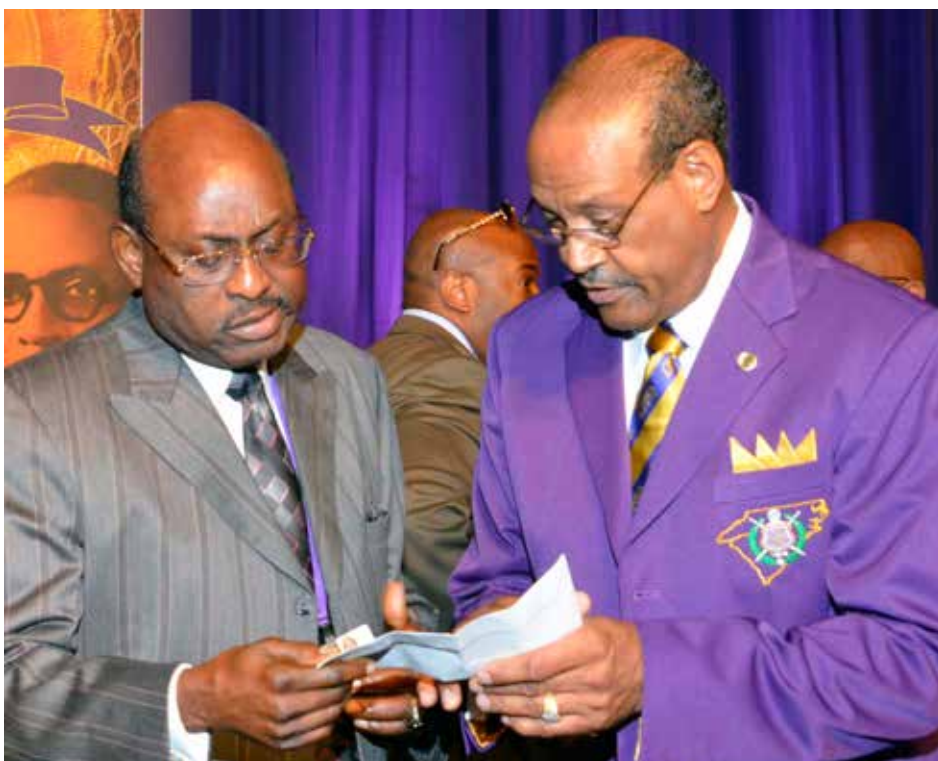
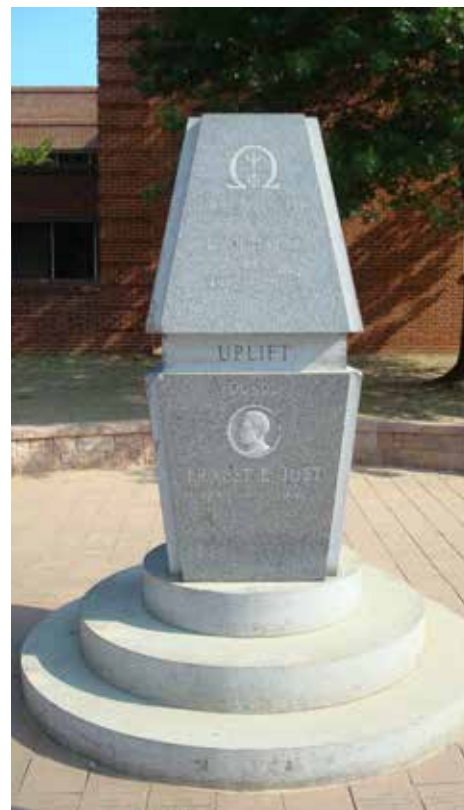
# Centennial Conclave

**B**rothers Michael Falker, Ronald Taylor and Herman Smith (in front) join together on the campus of Howard University. All three Omega men were undergraduate members of Upsilon Beta Chapter.

**Below:** Omega men take a photograph on the steps of the Thirkield Science Hall at Howard University. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was organized in this building.



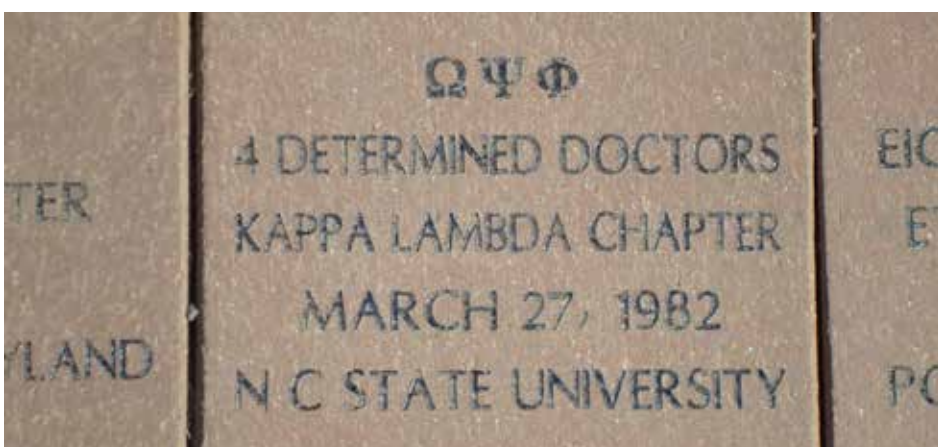




**Top Left:** Brother Jesse Junius, a former 4th District Representative, smiles as he talks with several Ques during the bricklaying ceremony.

**Top Right:** The Founders Monument at Howard University.

**Center:** Brother Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, the Fraternity's 35th Grand Basileus, looks over event plans with Brother Maurice Crump, Sr. (on right).



**Bottom:** A detailed view of the bricks that were purchased by Omega men and chapters for the 100th Celebration. The bricks surround the Founders Monument on the campus of Howard University.



# President Obama meets with Omega Leaders at the Conclave Celebration



*President Barack Obama poses for a photo with the leadership of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, July 29, 2011. (Official White House Photo by Lawrence Jackson)*

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**RIGHT:** Brother Kenny Calvin holds his undergraduate chapter's banner, Tau Sigma, in front of Thirkield Science Hall at Howard University-the birthplace of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.





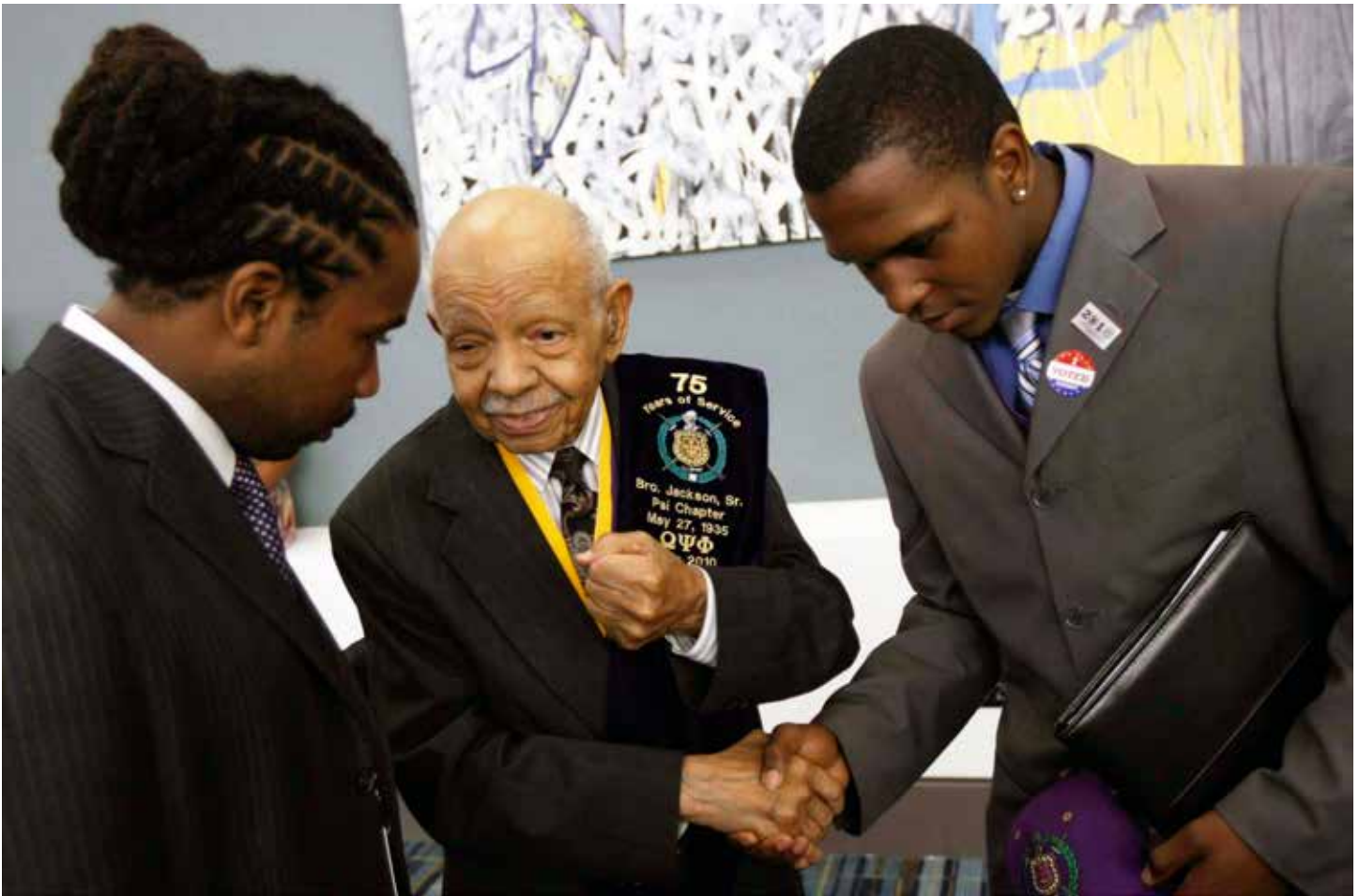
**The Centennial "Salute to the Military,"** honors Omega who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States of America. The three Omega men who serve as Military Honorary Chairs include: Vice Admiral Manson K. Brown, U.S. Coast Coast (left); General William E. "Kip" Ward, U.S. Army, retired, (center) and General Charles F. Bolden Jr., USMC, retired (on right). Brother Bolden is the current Administrator of NASA and a former NASA astronaut.

**TOP LEFT:** Brother Albert Smith escorts Omega men into the Founders Banquet.

**CENTER LEFT:** Brother Michael Littlejohn discusses current events at the Life Membership meeting.

**BOTTOM:** Brother C. Tyrone Gilmore, the 34th Grand Basileus.





*Brother Dosh Jackson (center) shares his years of Omega experience with younger Omega men.*

# The Fraternity and Bro. Jackson turn 100

*Story by Bro. Milbert O. Brown, Jr., Assistant Editor to the Oracle*

**O**n February 22, 1911, nine months before Omega Psi Phi was started, a significant event occurred. A baby boy entered the world on that quiet wintry day. His parents proudly held him in their small wooden framed home.

The Jacksons welcomed their first child, Dosh, into the humble, but crowded confines of a two-bedroom house that they shared with another family. Dosh was born in the segregated reality of Macon, Georgia.

As Omega began its second century, a wiser Brother Dosh Jackson also starts his second century of life. "The Fraternity must set an example for future generations," said Brother Jackson. According to Jackson "being 100 years old is not important, if you are unable to leave a positive example of living and service to others." Brother Jackson is Life Member 284.

"I was inspired to join our Fraternity after spending five-days with Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love. I knew Omega was the organization I was going to be a part of," said Brother Jackson. Jackson mentioned that he was the chauffeur for Bishop Love when he arrived in Atlanta to attend a conference as the guest of Bishop William A. Fountain, Sr.

"During my four-years as a student at Morris Brown College, I was Bishop Fountain's and his son, Dr. William A. Fountain, Jr., the President of Morris Brown, personal chauffeur.

After returning to Macon from New York City, I formed a band called the Nighthawks and I played tenor sax for the group. I was just playing with the band at dances when he met the Fountains at a conference in Macon," recalls Brother Jackson.



Dr. Fountain asked me, 'Why aren't you in school?' I told him, "I couldn't afford school." He then said 'Do you want to go to school?' I replied, "yes." The president said 'you go home and get your bag.'

*"I got my suitcase and I packed my one suit, and I drove them back to Atlanta from Macon in 1935. That's how I got to Atlanta, the place I have been ever since," said Brother Jackson.*

Brother Jackson noted that during his week with Bishop Love, he was captured by his warm personality and his ability to make friends so easily.

Dosh Jackson said one of the more interesting stories Bishop Love told was when he and the other Founders were having problems working with Howard University's administration in establishing the Fraternity as a national organization.

"Omega Psi Phi didn't have a chapter at Morris Brown College, but it just so happened that all of my business classes were taught at Morehouse College by Professor J.B. Blayton, Omega's Grand Keeper of Finance. I wanted to be an Omega, and I asked if I could be allowed to pledge through Morehouse's Psi Chapter."

After approaching Professor Blayton with my intentions and making a call to Bishop Love, I joined the Lampados Club with six other young men from Morris Brown. "For 11 months, I learned about Omega as a member of the Lampados Club and was initiated through Psi chapter on May 14, 1935," said Brother Jackson.

Soon after his membership into Omega, Brother Dosh was one of the founders of Alpha Sigma Chapter at Morris Brown College. Later his younger brothers, Andrew and Wesley Jackson, joined Omega through Alpha Sigma. Brother Jackson's son, Dosh, Jr., also joined Omega Psi Phi.

Brother Jackson commented that Brother Love and the Founders intended the Fraternity "to involve men working together within an organization that benefits the community, society and upholding the principles of manhood.

Unfortunately, there are many Brothers who join the Fraternity, and treat the organization like a social club. They are initiated and we do not see them anymore as participants in the Fraternity," added Jackson.

After graduation from Morris Brown College, Brother Jackson joined Eta Omega Chapter in 1938. He later retired as a budget analyst with the U.S. Postal Service. Brother Jackson was also the owner of Jackson Electronics and was a member of the National Systems Contractors Association. Brother Dosh Jackson is the father of four children and is married to the former Juliette Lindsay.

Before joining Omega, Jackson witnessed the beginning of the Great Depression and the problems of segregation. "After finishing high school, I moved to New York City to work. Shortly, after my arrival in 1929, Wall Street crashed. That evening the company's president lost \$6 million, and he killed himself by jumping in the Hudson River. Out of work for over three months, I stood in the bread line outside of Father Divine's building to get a meal," said Jackson.

"Things got so bad I just went back home to Macon, after working as a cook in Maine," laughed Jackson. As he returned to Macon in the early 1930s, he said, "Jim Crow was superior. If I walked on a public sideway, and a white women approached, I would have to get off the sideway until she passed. There was nothing first class available for Blacks—everything was secondary.

We had one theatre and if you were Black, then you had to enter from the back and go upstairs," commented Jackson. He also said "In a way segregation was good because it forced us to communicate and stay together. Now, many of those who benefited from desegregation have forgotten where they came from. They have forgotten about their fellow man. Atlanta's Dr. King never forgot how to connect to people and his fellowman," noted Brother Jackson.

According to Brother Dosh Jackson "you do not grow old by living a number of years. You have to maintain a good mind, and in all things never give up hope. I still feel like I am 50."

# Omega's Rededication

## *Celebrating 100 Years of Brotherhood and Service*



The brothers stood in the coolness of an autumn evening breeze. The still moments from the distinguished occasion on November 17, 2011, will be remembered for ages. One hundred years before, three Howard University undergraduate students Frank Coleman, Oscar J. Cooper and Edgar A. Love founded the Fraternity with assistance from their faculty advisor, Dr. Ernest E. Just.

The idea for the creation of Omega Psi Phi was organized at Howard University's Thirkield (formerly Science) Hall, only a few steps from where Omega men stood on this perfect night.



Earlier, thousands of brothers arrived on campus to celebrate the Centennial Rededication Program in Washington, D.C.

Brother Burnel E. Coulon, 31st Grand Basileus, and Brother Lloyd J. Jordan, 36th Grand Basileus, presented historical reflections of the Fraternity's 100 years of brotherhood and service to communities worldwide.

Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, delivered an emotional address held at Howard's Cramton Auditorium. Due to overcrowding, some Omegas in attendance were directed to another building, while others stood outside as they witnessed history.

***Words and pictures by Bro. Milbert O. Brown, Jr.***



**LEFT:** Brother Don Lee led the procession of Grand officers and Omega men to the Founders Monument on the campus of Howard University.

**LEFT/BOTTOM:** An emotional Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray prays in front of the Founders Monument.

**TOP:** Brothers sing the Omega Hymn in front of the monument.

**CENTER/RIGHT:** Brothers escorted Omega's Grand Officers to the Founders Monument holding gold and purple lanterns.

After the program, Omega men walked in a quiet and dignified procession to the Founders Monument. Alpha Chapter (Howard University) brothers escorted the Fraternity's Grand Officers through campus as they held two lit lanterns—one purple, and one gold. On this night of celebration and rededication, Omega men could view the glowing lights from Thirkield Hall building in the distance. The spirit of Omega's brotherhood will never be forgotten, especially on this special night—the Fraternity's 100th birthday.



*Omegas joyfully step after the completion of the short program held at the Founders Monument.*



# Omega begins its second century of service



Omega men from throughout the United States as well as Europe, the Caribbean and the Middle East gathered in Minneapolis to celebrate the Fraternity's first Grand Conclave of the organization's second century.

The 78th Grand Conclave was held July 5-12, 2012 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Under the theme, "*Community Meets Character*," the biennial event focused on community service, youth mentoring, and philanthropic efforts, recognition of the fine arts and celebrating Omega's decades of social action achievements.

"You came from far and near to extend the hand of Friendship and Fellowship with the best of humanity," said Dr. Andrew A. Ray, the 39th Grand Basileus.

"We celebrated entering our second century of service and remain emboldened by the spirit and vision of our four Founders," Ray said.

Dr. Ray was elected to another two-year term as Grand Basileus. Also earning re-election for a second two-year term were First Vice Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox Sr. and Grand Counselor Christopher M. Cooper. Curtis A. Baylor was elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; W. Kelly Shannon was elected Grand Keeper of Finance; Tony Q. Cobb, Jr. was elected Second Vice Grand Basileus; and Donnel Jones, William Matthews and Leon Spencer were elected as Undergraduate Representatives to the Supreme Council.



***“We celebrated entering our second century of service and remain emboldened by the spirit and vision of our four Founders.”***

*Dr. Andrew Ray*



**LEFT:** Bro. Colonel Matthew Coleman, 13th District Representative (center) with the four Omega brothers who were recently initiated in Great Britain.

**Left:** Rev. Brother Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., (center) was the keynote speaker at the Brothers Only Dinner and Rededication Ceremony.

Dr. Christopher T. Curry will continue to serve as Grand Chaplain. A number of black-tie dinners, receptions, dances and community service efforts took place throughout the conclave.

Among the conclave highlights included a Youth Leadership Conference held at the University of Minnesota. The program provided leadership training for 100 young men throughout the United States. It targeted youth ages 8-18 and was facilitated by more than 25 Omega men.

Course offerings included self-esteem awareness, goal-setting and achievement, health and wellness,

social and personal responsibility, family unity, academic excellence, and conflict resolution.

A Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Match Day was held on July 7 at the University of Minnesota. “Bigs and Littles,” enjoyed breakfast together and discussed the importance of mentoring and setting goals.

Bigs and Littles also participated in activities designed to allow Bigs and Littles to develop a stronger connection. Activities also included a BBBS tailgate which celebrated college life and careers. Omega Psi Phi, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the President Obama Fatherhood Initiative Block Party took place at North Commons Park. The blockparty showcased the importance of mentoring and fatherhood in order to build strong communities and national leaders.



# *Epsilon Rho and Xi Chapters welcome Ques to Minneapolis for the Conclave*



*Omegas, Quettes and the public received their morning exercise as participants in the 5K Fun Run and Walk in downtown Minneapolis. Oracle photograph by Brother Reginald Braddock.*

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was among the first Black-Greek Letter Organizations to give its support to the White House Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. The initiative focuses on the President's ongoing effort to promote fatherhood and strengthen families and communities. Omega chapters worldwide continue to sponsor male mentoring programs and each year have awarded millions in scholarships to college students.

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., who has been an Omega man for more than 52 years, spoke during the "Brothers Only" dinner and rededication ceremony. Brother Jackson urged Omega men to continue efforts to uplift the African-American community that included registering people to vote and mentoring young males.

Also during the Grand Conclave, the Fraternity awarded over \$110,000 in scholarships. The event marked the first Grand Conclave for several Omega men who reside in Great Britain. The young men were initiated during a special ceremony. The Grand Basileus was joined with a delegation of Omega men who also conducted the chartering event at the University of Birmingham in London.

Brother Ray said Omega was the first black fraternal organization to charter a chapter in England. "We are proud to say that Omega has invaded the British Empire," he said. Brother Ray said the good work and community outreach performed by Omega men during the Minneapolis Grand Conclave will continue to yield dividends long after they have returned to their homes around the world.





**LEFT:** Rev. Dr. Christopher Curry, Grand Chaplain leads the Sunday Worship Service.

**BELOW:** Stuart T. Turner, Grand Marshal of the 78th Grand Conclave.



**ABOVE:** Brother Lloyd J. Jordan, Esq. 36th Grand Basileus.



**LEFT:** Brothers Donnel Jones, Undergraduate Representative; Curtis A. Baylor, Grand KRS (center) and W. Kelly Shannon, Grand KF, receive the oath of office as members of the Supreme Council.



# *Xi Chapter holds Youth Leadership Conference at the University of Minnesota*



**TOP:** Supreme Council members and Omega leaders at the Youth Leadership Conference held at the University of Minnesota.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Brother Dr. Andrew Ray, the Grand Basileus with brothers at the Omega Street and Lawn Party.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Brother Dosh Jackson and Brother Michael Boykin attend an event in downtown Minneapolis.

*PHOTOGRAPHS BY ORACLE STAFF*

# YOUTH SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT



**T**he Talent Hunt competition showcased the Fraternity's commitment and support of the fine and performing arts. Each of the 12 participants performed in one of the selected categories: vocal, instrumental or an interpretive dance.

The participants were high school students from across the nation who represent each of the Fraternity's geographical districts.

## ***Que Stepshow Brings Excitement To Crowd***

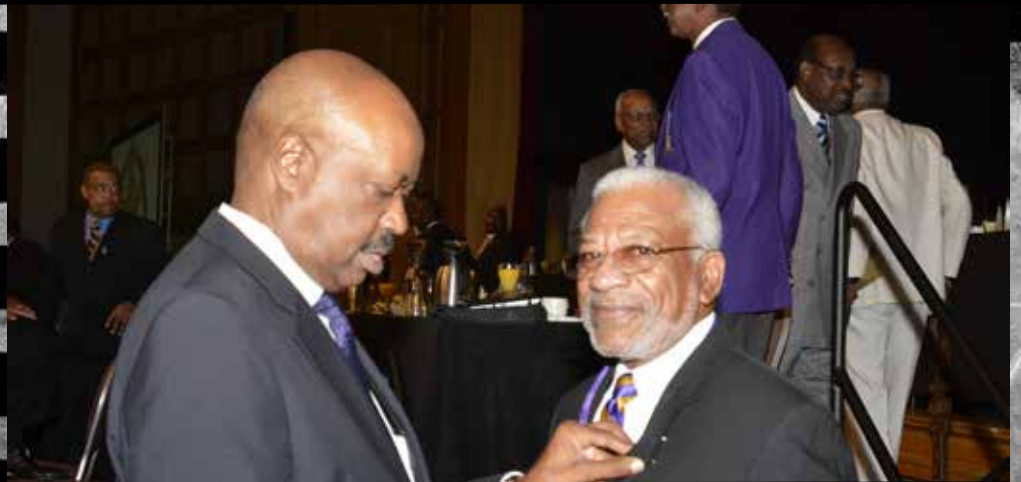


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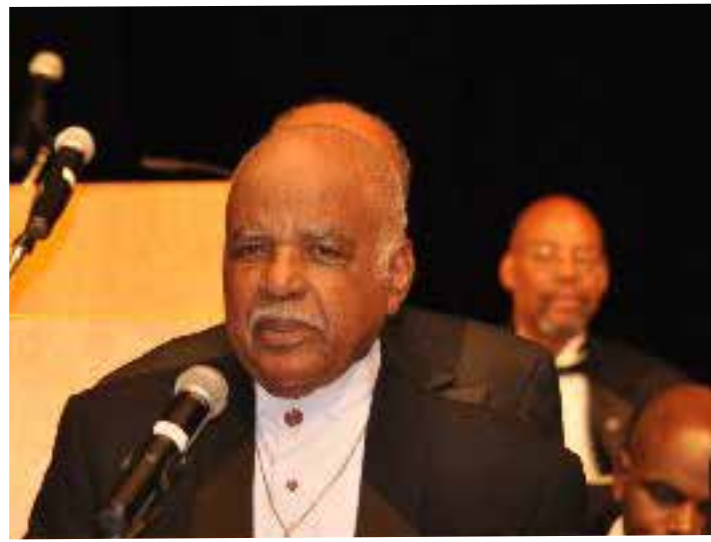
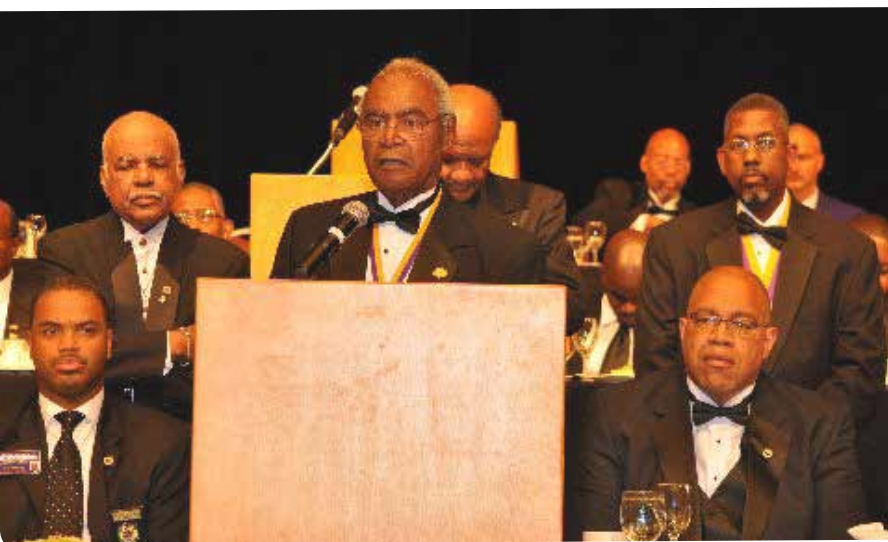


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# *Undergraduates Leading the Way:*



*(left to right) Brother Velemseniwenkosi Shabangu; Brother MacAndrew Clarke; and Brother Mashama Binns. All three brothers are from the 13th District. They received a combined total of \$16,500 in scholarship awards for 2012.*



*(left to right) Brother Ricky Lewis, OLMF Board of Directors, Brother Andrew Ray, 39th Grand Basileus; Brother Nathan Jester, scholarship recipient; Brother Lawrence E. Moon, OLMF Chair; Brother Akim Rogers, Scholarship Chair; Brother Lewis Sears, OLMF Board of Directors.*



*Brother Nathan Jester of the United States Naval Academy received honors for being the 2nd District Scholar of the Year and the International Scholar of the Year for 2012.*

# 78th Grand Conclave International Scholarship Award Recipients



## ***International Scholar of the Year (\$10,000 Award)***

Nathan Jester - 2nd District - U.S. Naval Academy

## ***District Scholar of the Year (\$6,500 Award each)***

Bertany Jean-Louis - 1st District - Sacred Heart University

Nathan Jester - 2nd District - U.S. Naval Academy

Donnell Gaston - 4th District - Xavier University

Tony Coley, Jr. - 6th District - Elizabeth City State University

Brandon Johnson - 7th District - Miles College

Johnny Johnson, Jr. - 9th District - Louisiana State University

Milton Grays - 10th District - Central Michigan University

MacAndrew Clarke - 13th District - Carleton University

## ***Founders' Memorial Scholarship - Undergraduate (\$5,000 Award each)***

Ebosele Ayewoh - 2nd District - Cheyney University

Travis Sabb - 6th District - Wofford College

Velemseniwenkosi Shabangu - 13th District - Birmingham City University

## ***Founders' Memorial Scholarship - Graduate (\$5,000 Award)***

Ron Osborne-Williams - 2nd District - Widener University

## ***Ronald E. McNair Scientific Achievement Scholarship (\$7,500 Award)***

Christopher Ricks - 2nd District - U.S. Naval Academy

## ***Herman S. Dreer Leadership Scholarship (\$5,000 Award)***

Braxton Jackson - 6th District - North Carolina State University

## ***George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000 Award)***

Michael Jules - 12th District - California State University, Long Beach

## ***Undergraduate Scholarship Grant (\$5,000 Award)***

Mashama Binns - 13th District - Birmingham City University

## ***Graduate Scholarship Grant (\$5,000 Award)***

Jeremy Whidbee - 6th District - Campbell University



*First African American to win an individual Olympic Gold medal*

## Brother Hubbard Jumps into Olympic History

*Story by Brother Robert "B.J." Browne, Tenth District Director of Public Relations*

In 1924, nearly 90 years ago, history was made in Paris. Omega Psi Phi's William DeHart Hubbard ascended to the podium becoming the first African-American to win an Olympic gold medal in an individual event. Hubbard's winning long jump on July 8, 1924, was a proud moment for Omega and Black people around the world.

Brother Hubbard was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 25, 1903. William had a spectacular high school track career. His academic abilities as well his athletic gifts caught the attention of Lou Barringer, a University of Michigan alumnus.

Interestingly, Hubbard attended Michigan after winning a newspaper subscription contest. In 1921, the Cincinnati Enquirer, one of Ohio's largest newspapers, was running a subscription contest. The contest included 10 high school students in the newspaper's circulation area.

The student, who could enlist the greatest number of new subscriptions, would be awarded a \$3,000 college

scholarship to attend the school of his choice. Hubbard, with the support of some die-hard Michigan alumni, signed up the most new subscribers. He won the contest and enrolled at the University of Michigan with enough money for tuition.



According to *Black Past: Remembered and Reclaimed*, after Hubbard's arrival on campus, he was not allowed to run varsity track. "He had a mediocre sophomore year, but during his junior year he won the 100-meter dash in 9.8 seconds and a long jump distance of 24 feet 10 inches." At trials held at Harvard

University, Brother Hubbard won a place on the United States 1924 Olympic team.

In 1924, the aura of the eighth modern Olympiad, made a profound impression on the 21-year old Hubbard. For Hubbard, participating in the Olympics could only be rivaled by the excitement of winning a gold medal.

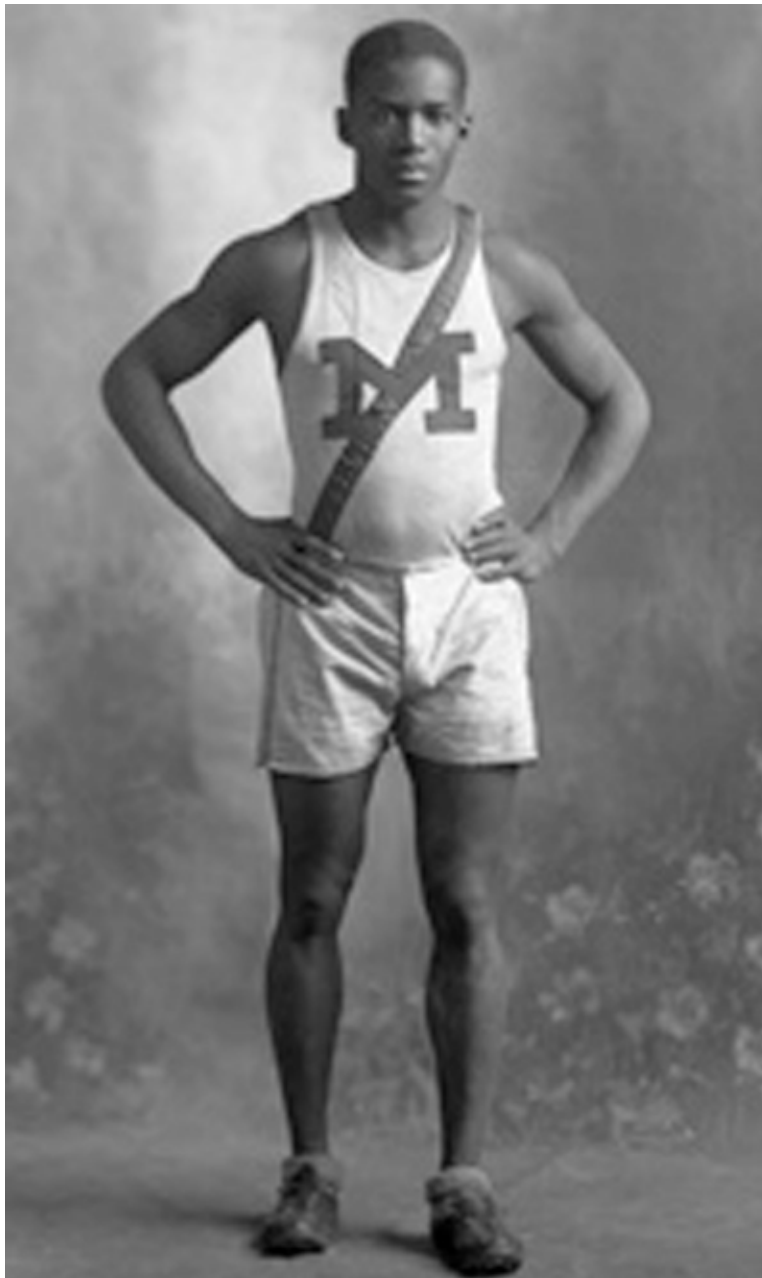
His chances were almost erased on his first jump as Brother Hubbard hit the take-off board at top speed and his front spikes touched the ground, just beyond the board for a foul.

That was bad enough, but his heel was severely bruised due to countless practice jumps.

Contestants were given three preliminary trials, and those with the better marks received three final trials. On his second jump, with stakes raised higher because of the supersensitive bruised heel, Hubbard reached far enough out to make the finals. Later, still trailing in the competition, he started down the runway on his sixth and final jump. In stride and gaining speed, he hit the take-off board well and landed 24' 5-1/2." That jump propelled him into international prominence. A year after his Olympic gold, Brother Hubbard became the world record holder in the long jump. Also, in 1926, he tied the world record in the 100-yard dash.

Following his gold medal performance in Paris, William returned to school at Michigan.

While back on the University of Michigan- Ann Arbor campus, Brother Hubbard excelled in academics and was an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was initiated through Phi Chapter. Brother D. R. Jones, Phi Chapter's Editor, wrote about Brother Hubbard's athletic achievements in the 1920s. Brother Hubbard has been featured in several of the Fraternity's documented histories, and countless times in *The Oracle*.



In 1957, William DeHart Hubbard was voted into the National Track Hall of Fame. In 1960, Brother Hubbard, was voted one of the "Ten Greatest Athletes" at the University of Michigan. He was inducted into their Hall of Honor in 1979, and Ohio Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1985. Brother Hubbard entered Omega Chapter June 23, 1976.

In 2010, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Phi Chapter, established a scholarship fund honoring William DeHart Hubbard; with funds benefiting students who desire to pursue their academic endeavors at the University of Michigan. The scholarship is endowed through the University of Michigan and has a

target goal of more than \$100,000 in available funds.

Spectators from around the globe watched the Olympic Games in London. Eyes were glued to TV screens and Internet browsers on the highly anticipated heats that featured Jamaica's Usain Bolt. Bolt, a five-time World and three-time Olympic gold medalist, follows the legacy of William DeHart Hubbard, an Omega man.

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*Brother Frank Fennell holds a model of an Air Force airplane, (C-130). Lt. Colonel Fennell (USAF, Ret.) flew more than 13,000 flight hours as a navigator during his distinguished military career. Oracle staff photo/Bro. Milbert O. Brown, Jr.*

## Omega's Fennell trained by the "Red Tails" as a cadet

*Story by Bro. Milbert O. Brown, Jr., Assistant Editor to the Oracle*

**W**hile sitting at the dinner table eating with the family, my mother said she witnessed something strange. 'I was in the yard feeding the chickens and I saw two fools flying a little plane—I thought they were going to fall out and kill my chickens.' After a while I laughed, "Mama that was me in that plane."

As Brother Frank Fennell recalls his adventures, a warm light peeked over the room's blinds giving his stronger-than-average, 82-year old frame comfort as he perched in the wooden kitchen chair.

In real life and in fairy tales, it is often believed that special angels are dispatched from heaven with the mission of enriching a person's life that might otherwise be unaccomplished and wasted. When Frank Fennell was born in 1930 as the next to youngest

of seven children in a small town called Seguin near San Antonio, a celestial committee decided to fly down from heaven and help a little Texas kid who wore glasses fulfill his destiny.

"Daddy was a common laborer and Mama used to be the help for white folks—caring for their children, washing clothes and cooking. With all of us, my parents were just trying to scratch out a living," said Brother Fennell.

After high school, Frank got a series of menial jobs working at Randolph Field, an Air Force Base near his home. "I knew I had something to offer, but I didn't know how to break out of it. I was shining white officers' shoes in the barbershop and in the cafeteria on the base. Later I was working in a dry cleaning plant.

***“If you want to know what hell is like—get a job in the summer at a dry cleaning plant in Texas,” laughed Fennell.***

By all historical references, young Frank’s hand was programmed for a shovel, but heaven had something else in mind. Two episodes in Fennell’s life altered his direction—a plane ride and a coach who insisted he attend college.

“One day I was hitching a ride from the base and one of the young pilots gave me a lift. When we began going over a hill and a bumpy road in his yellow convertible, he said, ‘it’s just like going up in an airplane isn’t it?’

I said, “how would I know? I never have been up in an airplane. So he whips down a road to a little airfield, and we got in an open seated airplane.”

“As we begin to tool around the air,” he said, ‘do you know where you live, and do you think you could find it?’

“Do you see that water tower about five miles over there? Go to the next water tower and look to the right and my house is right down there. So he went about a mile, and banked the plane to the right and Mama was out in the yard feeding the chickens.”

The pilot said ‘you’d make a good navigator’ and I said, “What’s that?” ‘Well that’s the guy that directs the plane and tells the pilots where to go.’ “After that experience, I never thought anything else about it ” smiled Fennell.

I had been out of high school for two years when my coach met me on the street after leaving work at the dry cleaning plant. He said, ‘why aren’t you in college?’ and I answered “because I can’t afford it, then the coach replied ‘you got too much potential. If I get you a work-study scholarship to Tuskegee would you go?’

I said, “of course I’ll go, and that’s how I ended up at Tuskegee in ’49,” said Fennell. Five-years after his first plane ride, Fennell was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant and an Air Force navigator. He graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1953.

As a navigator, he flew over 13,000 flight hours; plotted air navigational missions over 100 countries and served in the Vietnam conflict. “I have been in Iran, Iraq, at the North Pole, South Pole, and on every continent. I have literally covered the world in a C130 or C-141 airplane as a World-Wide Transoceanic Navigator,” noted Brother Fennell. He retired from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1974.

Like it was yesterday, ROTC Cadet Frank Fennell can recall the rich experiences of standing at attention before his instructor, Lt. Colonel Herbert Eugene Carter. “He was a short fellow-only about 5 feet 5, but he was a distinguished officer, and he carried himself in a dignified matter. I can’t imagine depicting Tuskegee Airmen in any other way” said Fennell.

Lt. Colonel Carter was Tuskegee Institute’s Professor of Military Science and Tactics (PMS&T) and an original member of the famed 99th Fighter Squadron, the Tuskegee Airman—the “Red Tails.” Another Tuskegee Airmen who served on staff during that time was Captain George “Spanky” Roberts. As a combat pilot, he was the second commanding officer of the 332nd Fighter Group.

“My heart was wrapped up in Tuskegee. The school has so much meaning for me. One night as a cadet sitting in the room with the guys, someone said they were interested in a fraternity.

They said that the Omegas were the toughest. The Ques on campus had a lot of fun, but they were the leaders—so that’s the reason I joined Omega,” said Brother Fennell. He was initiated through Lambda Epsilon Chapter in 1951.

Fennell landed in Alabama at the beginning of one of the most important periods in civil rights and military history. In 1949, the Air Force had been re-established as a new-armed service two-years earlier, and in May, the military began integrating.

Now in his autumn years, Brother Fennell relaxes on his comfortable black sofa talking to his wife, Bettye. As the trees surround his Columbia, Maryland, home, he remembers his experience with the “Red Tails” as a young cadet and Omega man.

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*Brother Fennell is a Life Member at Tau Pi Chapter.*



*Nannie Helen Burroughs remembered*

# Gamma Pi Chapter Leads Omega's Salute to Forgotten Woman of Black History

*Story by Brother James Alexander, Jr.*

**I**t may seem unusual that a fraternity would lead the way in honoring the legacy of a sorority woman, but when it comes to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Gamma Pi Chapter, that is not unusual. Two of the four Cardinal Principles of the Fraternity -- *Scholarship and Uplift* -- don't have gender-eligibility requirements when it comes to whom Omega serves. That was evident when Gamma Pi Chapter observed Black History Month 2012 by joining forces with the American Automobile Association to honor the work and legacy of Nannie Helen Burroughs.

Who is Nannie Helen Burroughs? An overlooked African-American civil rights advocate, religious and education figure, she lived in the early 1900s in Washington, D.C. She was president of the Baptist Women's Convention and established a school for Negro girls in the city in 1909. The school and a street are named in her honor in the nation's capital, and that is really the extent to which most people in the metro area know her. She is also an honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Pi's involvement in today's program is tied to the passion and perseverance of Brother James E. Wyatt, a 62-year-member of the Fraternity and a retired U.S. Army Colonel. Brother Wyatt has spent his years since retirement from the military researching Nannie Helen Burroughs' background

and persuading AAA and others to give her proper respect and attention, even if posthumously. AAA's role as a partner with Gamma Pi and Omega Psi Phi is even more interesting. It was the result of Brother Wyatt's research in which he discovered through a Library of Congress letter, that Nannie Helen Burroughs was mysteriously denied a \$12 AAA membership in 1930. During that time, she was very outspoken and disagreed with the U.S. President's direction on the plight of Negroes in America.



Brother Wyatt's work and dedication resulted in a powerful, moving and informative Black History Month tribute to Nannie Helen Burroughs at Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. The tribute was conducted as part of the chapter's signature

educational program --Project ENRICH. The program is a four-year program for Prince George's County students beginning in ninth grade. The students in the program participate in monthly lectures, seminars and academic enrichment sessions at Bowie State University in preparation for college.

Brother Willie Hines is director of Project ENRICH and worked closely with Brother Wyatt and AAA to merge the two efforts together to serve a double-edged purpose: to correct a wrong in Black history and use it as a "teachable moment" to highlight values Nannie Helen Burroughs espoused.

The highlight of the tribute -- which captured the interest of local media in attendance -- was the symbolic presentation of Nannie Helen Burroughs' long-overdue AAA membership card posthumously on stage. AAA officials flew in from Florida to make the presentation. Local Nannie Helen Burroughs historian, Dr. Traki Taylor-Webb served as the "stand-in" for the late Ms. Burroughs in receiving the membership card, and she in turn presented the symbolic membership card to Brother Wyatt as a token for his efforts.

Like many people, including many who know their civil rights history:

***"I had never heard of Nannie Helen Burroughs ... but what she was saying was work hard, be proud and lift others up with you."***

**AAA Spokeswoman Ms. Yolanda Cade**

Iconic NBC newsman Tom Brokaw, author of the best-selling "The Greatest Generation," even sent a personal note to Brother Col. Wyatt that was read at the program: "We must all commit to the values Nannie Helen Burroughs personified."

Adding depth and emotion to the program and to Nannie Helen Burroughs' values and legacy were the convincing and heartfelt testimonials of several Project ENRICH students, who spoke onstage about their experience in the program and how they have benefited from Project ENRICH.

One parent, Ms. Najmah Bass, said that Project ENRICH program has helped her children become better students. "My participation in this program has given me the tools to embark on a journey of success that is now easier for me to attain," said one of the students.

Gamma Pi has almost 100 youth participating in the 2011-12 version of Project ENRICH. Following the Black History Month program, Brother Col. Wyatt presented the students and others to a more in-depth look at Nannie Helen Burroughs' life.

AAA ended the ceremony with a formal presentation to Brother Wyatt and Gamma Pi Basileus Brother Gordon Everett, giving them a souvenir copy of the AAA membership card.



**The Nannie Helen Burroughs AAA Member Card**

Others who attended the historic program included: Omega Psi Phi's (then) Second District Representative, Brother Kenneth E. Rodgers; Sylvia Cyrus, Executive Director of Association for the Study of African American Life and History; Burroughs School principal Rita Johnson; and Rev. James Coates, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church and a pallbearer for Nannie Helen Burroughs in 1961.

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### ***A SHORT HISTORY OF NANNIE H. BURROUGHS***

Nannie was born in Orange, Virginia, to the union of two former slaves in 1879. Her father, John was a Baptist preacher and farmer. Jennie, Nannie's mother, shared household duties with her husband, John, and was a cook. During her early years, she attended school in Washington, D.C., later attending college at a historically black college, Eckstein-Norton University located in Kentucky.

While living in Louisville, she was a secretary for the Foreign Mission Boards of the National Baptist Convention. Nannie Helen Burroughs gained national attention after delivering a speech, "How the Sisters Are Hindered from Helping," before the National Baptist Convention in 1900.

As a noted orator, Burroughs is remembered by history at the turn of the 20th century for her contributions in business, education and religion.





## Delta Chi Chapter Aids in Recovery Effort

**A**fter two powerful tornados landed on June 1, 2011, the residents of Springfield, Massachusetts described the unusual weather event as unexpected as a thief in the night.

The twister-laden tornados churned the waters of the Connecticut River before touching land—damaging hundreds of homes, toppling trees and leaving four people dead.

The City of Springfield is the site of the famed National Basketball Association's Hall of Fame. More than 26,000 residents did not experience the bright lights of the NBA Hall's mystique, as their homes were without electricity for several days.

Within hours of the aftermath, Omega's Delta Chi Chapter arrived in their purple and gold work attire. Enthused by a strong commitment to serve the community, the men of Delta Chi provided a quick response in the assistance of relief efforts.

The chapter was central to the recovery process as their hands removed fallen tree limbs that rested on neighborhood homes and vehicles.

As they bent their backs, their glove-covered fingers moved through the ruins of broken glass, trees, and dirt. The brothers were reminded that their work in the community demonstrated the principle of "Uplift."

The brothers were assisted by the Department of Public Works in clearing blocked streets crowded with debris. Also, joining Delta Chi brothers in this community service project were young mentees from the chapter's Bridge to Manhood program.

With so many lives upended and dreams ruined, city officials mobilized a citywide campaign that provided food and supplies to those affected. The spirit of "we care" motivated Delta Chi's brothers, as they aided in the recovery efforts through a rare storm that affected so many residents.

## Chapter starts first outdoor camp expedition

# Chi Omicron Sponsors Boy Scout Campout

NEW HAVEN, CT- The Chi Omicron Chapter partnered with the Boy Scouts of America in forming the chapter's first Boy Scouts Campout Expedition.

Chi Omicron's Brother Mike Fletcher and Brother Alonzo Ricks led a group of boys from New Haven on a one-week long camping expedition. The campout grounds were located at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford, CT.

Similar to Omega, the mission of the *Boy Scouts of America* is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The young scouts also learned the rules of the outdoors during the campout event.

According the Boy Scouts of America's Outdoor Code, it states: "As an American I will do my best to:



The camp provided the scouts with an opportunity to explore the outdoors, while offering them an alternative as well as traditional social activities.

The boys also learned basic scout survival techniques, leadership skills and the importance of education. For many of the boys, this trip was their first time away from home and their first campout experience.

- (1) Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- (2) Be careful with fire.
- (3) Be considerate in the outdoors.
- (4) Be conservation-minded."

Undoubtedly, Chi Omicron's first Scout Campout Expedition provided each scout, a lasting memory, and their outdoor experience will be indelibly etched into their mind for years to come.





## *Brother Neal's Commitment to Coaching*

**B**rother Eugene “Gene” Neal recently celebrated over 30 years of dedication and commitment to the community and youth of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Brother Neal is the Chief Executive Officer and Head Coach Emeritus of the Firebirds Track Club. In 1981, Neal co-founded the Firebirds Track Club. Thirty years later, the team has impacted the lives of more than 3,000 area youth.

Neal’s leadership helped to establish the Firebirds as one of the best track and field teams in the Washington and Baltimore region. Prominent officials such as the Mayor of Gaithersburg, the County Executive of Montgomery County and the Governor of Maryland have recognized the Firebirds.

Coach Neal served for 28 years coordinating youth activities for the Montgomery County Recreation Department. During the year, in addition to his work at the recreation department, he coached track, youth football, basketball and soccer teams.

Brother Neal holds professional certifications as a USA Track and Field Level-I Coach, a National Sports Professionals Association Certified Personal Trainer, and a USA Track and Field National Official. He also trains youth in speed, agility and strength at Champions Field House in Montgomery County, MD.

Brother Neal, a member of Mu Nu Chapter, is a graduate of Morgan State University where he was initiated into Omega through Pi Chapter in 1967. He received a B.S. in physical education and health from Morgan State.

He was a running back on Morgan State’s football team and was named to the College Football’s Centennial team. Brother Neal is the patriarch of an Omega legacy. His two sons, Brother Anthony Neal and Brother Derrick Neal serve in Mu Nu Chapter with their father—Coach Gene Neal.

*Story by Brother Troy K. Manigault,  
Mu Nu Chapter*

## Pi Omega and Pi Chapters provide key social action projects in the City of Baltimore and throughout the surrounding metro area

### THE DRESSING ROOM

On March 28, 2012, Pi Omega contributed 16 women's business suits. The chapter's Dressing Room Project is a program sponsored by Women Behind the Community, Inc. The Dressing Room provides three outfits of clothing "free-of charge" to clients coming from welfare to work or near-poverty situations that would not allow them to purchase suitable wardrobes for the workplace. The clients are referred to the Dressing Room by authorized employment agencies and/or training programs. The Dressing Room assists its clients in selecting an appropriate outfit for the job interview. If the client is hired, the client is allowed to return to the Dressing Room to select additional outfits.

### ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

On March 29, 2012, Pi Omega Chapter donated a laminating machine to Valencia Jones's Kindergarten class at Arundel Elementary/Middle School. Arundel Elementary/Middle School is located in Baltimore's Cherry Hill neighborhood. The children were in need of a laminating machine to laminate literacy and math games, and activity cards to make them more durable. The students will use the activity cards and games throughout the entire school year.

### SARAH'S HOUSE

On April 3, 2012, Pi Omega Chapter contributed 35 men's suits, 16 women's suits, and a variety of other clothing items. The mission of Sarah's House is to provide safe shelter, daily meals, personal as well as professional casework support for those in need. In the spirit of the biblical figure, Sarah's House welcomes with hospitality those who come to the house and tries to offer a sense of hope in the face of homelessness. Located on the edge of the Fort George G. Meade Army base, Sarah's House accommodates up to 125 people daily, in a combination of emergency shelter and transitional housing.

### R.U.L.E.S. FOR BLACK MEN SYMPOSIUM

Pi Chapter, the undergraduate chapter on the campus of Morgan State University hosted the 2nd Annual Restoring-Uplifting-Leadership-Education-Success (R.U.L.E.S.) For Black Men Symposium. on November 19, 2011.

The event was held on the campus of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference was designed to help young men rise above negative stereotypes and become productive assets to their respective communities.

The day long male-only event aims to empower underrepresented male groups through collaborative learning and group building. The symposium tackles specific issues and concerns affecting African-American males by way of panel discussions, age-focused workshops, and breakout sessions.

With an attendance of over 300 males ranging from nine years and older, the brothers of Pi Chapter strive to guarantee that the next generation of male leaders will be well-equipped with the tools needed for great success.

R.U.L.E.S won the Program of the Year Award in 2010 and the Chapter was asked by Morgan State Administration to turn the program into an annual conference due to the success of the event and positive feedback.

### SOLES4SOULS

In February 2012, Pi Chapter launched its "Soles4Souls" campaign to collect funds and monetary donations to help change the lives of others across the world. The event was held on the campus of Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD.

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based nonprofit that distributes shoes to people in need throughout the world. Soles4Souls has given away over 5.5 million pairs of shoes since 2005.



## Omega Chapters Present Forum Highlighting Domestic Violence

In New York City, Omega's Epsilon, Epsilon Pi and Omicron Chapters collaborated with the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, in hosting the Fourth Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Forum.

The event was held at the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University (LIU). The focus of the program was to educate young people on the perils of domestic abuse.

The Fraternity made Domestic Violence Awareness one of its international initiatives four years ago after Epsilon Chapter hosted the first forum. Since the first forum, Epsilon Chapter has continued to host the program annually and remains committed to addressing this important issue.

"This year we wanted to involve our undergraduate men from Omicron Chapter and take the forum to a college campus," said the Basileus of Epsilon Chapter, Brother Charles Coleman, Jr.

The highlight of this year's Domestic Violence Forum was the keynote address by Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes. Hynes shared his personal story of growing up in a household where he witnessed his mother being abused by his father. His touching remarks were underscored by his commitment to fighting domestic

violence. District Attorney Hynes also discussed the work he had done in establishing the Brooklyn Family Justice Center for those affected by domestic violence.

The District Attorney also noted that he implemented the nation's first Domestic Violence Unit in the Prosecutor's office.

"Because of the alarming numbers of young people involved in domestic abuse situations, it is critical that we reach out to college-aged students. We want them to be able to recognize the signs of an abusive relationship early, and know what to do and where they can go," said Brother Coleman.

The program also featured candid testimonials from the audience as well as a spoken word contribution from Long Island University student, Katherine George.

*"October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, and we firmly believe the messages delivered through this forum will carry on well after the conference. Domestic violence is serious, it happens too often, and we need to be cognizant, and proactive every day,"* said Epsilon Chapter's Brother Ervin C. Roberson, II.

## Chi Rho's Domestic Violence Walk-A-Thon

Chi Rho Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual Purple Footsteps Against Domestic Violence Walk-A-Thon in Deer Park, NY.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness against domestic violence in our communities throughout Suffolk County, Long Island.

Funds raised from the event will be used to support programs and organizations that assist domestic violence victims.

These programs include, but are not limited to, The Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Chi Rho Development Corporation.

Domestic violence is a problem in our communities and is especially increasing among our adolescent population.

The funds will also go toward building programs exclusively geared towards families and teenagers. Sessions will teach preventative measures, coping skills, anger management and group therapy in eliminating violent behavior. Improper behavior, both physical and or non-physical leads to domestic violence.

*Story by Bro. Jason F. Callahan*



### *Brother Nathaniel Nichols Elected As Judge of Delaware County Court*

**CHESTER, PA**-Epsilon Pi's Brother Nathaniel C. Nichols was elected to serve as Judge on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania.

Brother Nichols earned his undergraduate degree from Howard University in political science. During his senior year, he joined Alpha Chapter.

After his studies at Howard, Brother Nichols graduated from Columbia University's prestigious School of Law with a Juris Doctorate (JD) degree. Previously, he was a clinical professor and Dean of Students at Widener Law School.

In private practice, Judge Nichols was the founder of Early, Nichols and Givens Law Firm. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Delaware County Bar Associations.

In Omega, he was voted by his chapter, Epsilon Pi as the "Omega Man of the Year." In 1990, the 2nd District Council recognized him for his outstanding service to the Fraternity and District.

### *Bro. Lee elected as college trustee, fellowship named in honor of Bro. Amprey*

**B**rother Bakari G. Lee, Esq. of Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter was elected as the Northeast



Region Chair of the Association of Community College Trustees in October 2011. Brother Lee, Vice Chair of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees (Jersey City, NJ), is also a member of the law firm of McManimon & Scotland.

He is a graduate of Florida A&M University and he earned his Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law.

**O**mega's former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Walter G. Amprey was honored by Johns Hopkins University's School of Education.



Baltimore University named a fellowship in his honor, *The Walter G. Amprey Visiting Fellowship*. Brother Dr. Amprey was the former Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Baltimore City Public Schools.

He is noted as an urban education reformer and esteemed John Hopkins University alumnus.



# Tau Pi Chapter's Rededication Celebrates 36 Years of Service to the Community

It was on a gray and chilly wintery afternoon in January 1975, when 16 men gathered for the first meeting in the comfort of a modest room. They were simply re-engaging a bond that each had once taken separately under diverse circumstances and at different times in life. They were together that memorable afternoon to plant a seed.

Most of the men assembled at the meeting had never met one another before. The men from various backgrounds had one thing in common—they were men of Omega.

On April 19, 1975, after a few meetings in Columbia, Maryland, 16 Omega men founded a new chapter, Tau Pi. The chapter celebrated their 36th anniversary and service to the greater Howard County, Maryland area on April 20, 2011.

The chapter of doctors, soldiers, scholars, kings and, common men held their Rededication Ceremony at the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center in Columbia. Brother Robert W. McGlotten, Jr. served as the Master of Ceremony as a room of Ques patiently listened.

“Omega’s 100th year Conclave was the catalyst for our rededication this year, and we hope this will become an annual chapter signature program,” said Brother Dr. Julius Chapman, the chairman.

The ceremony rekindled the spirit of brothers as they prepared for centennial events. Some of the highlights were Brother Carl L. Haggins sharing his experiences as an undergraduate Omega at Virginia State College.



Brother Haggins, a long-time member of Tau Pi, was initiated in 1948 through Nu Psi (*Photo Left*).

Brother Charles L. Brown, another SAGE brother, also presented his impressions of the chapter’s development. Bro. Brown joined Omega at Florida A&M

College in 1951, as part of Upsilon Psi Chapter. The brothers were also enriched when four brothers, who were initiated into the chapter spoke. They represented four different decades of the chapter’s existence.

The generational speakers that represented each decade included: Brother Calvin C. Zellars, 1970s; Brother A. Clinton Sellers, 1980s; Brother Frank L. Miles, 1990s and Brother Eric J. Clark, 2000s.

Some of the chapter’s service to the community includes a well-defined youth mentorship program, food and clothing drives for the disadvantaged, educational Black History programs, a health fair and blood drive at local hospital facilities.

Throughout the chapter’s history, members have served on district and international offices and committees.

## Second District Chapters Work In Their Communities

**BALTIMORE, MD**--On March 14, 2012, Delta Beta Chapter hosted a forum entitled, "A Women's Worth" at Coppin State University. The forum held discussions about the plight and joys of women in their careers, home and social life. The forum also presented a conversation about what women should expect and require from men.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**--On April 3, 2012, Zeta Iota Iota Chapter sponsored their 6th Annual Brother Hervie Blyther Memorial Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Tour. Over 30 students toured the campuses of several (HBCU). The toured schools included: Clark Atlanta University, Howard University, Lincoln University, Morehouse College and Spelman College.

**HARLEM, NY**--February 10, 2012, Sigma Beta Beta Chapter's mentoring group "Boys to Men" attended the 16th Annual Carter G. Woodson Program. The event was held at the Mother AME Church. The purpose of the "Boys to Men," program is to provide coaching, mentoring and motivation for young males from minority groups. Dr. Andrew Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, and Brother Thabite Boone, International Fatherhood Committee Chairman, both attended the event.

**WESTCHESTER, NY**--February 2012, Omicron Iota Chapter celebrated Black History Month by ushering in two new programs. The program sites included: New Rochelle's New York Remington Boys & Girls Club and Mt. Vernon's Armani Charter School. The chapter brothers developed an internet scavenger hunt which provided clues to search the web and identify major accomplishments by African Americans.

**WILMINGTON, DE**--November 2012, Nu Upsilon Chapter presented their Omega Village Enrichment Program, for young males in grades 6 through 12. The goal of the program is to engage young people in a variety of cultural and educational experiences that broaden their knowledge and exposure.



### Theta Mu Mu Chapter helps SEED Program Students

**W**indsor Mill, MD – On February 16, 2012, as part of the Read Across America Program, Theta Mu Mu Chapter began helping young men at The SEED School of Maryland. Brother Evan Murray serves as a counselor at the SEED Foundation and viewed the program as an excellent opportunity for the chapter to reach young men.

Responsible for operating the school is Omega's Dr. Khalek Kirkland. He leads the academic, boarding and student support service programs.

SEED schools are high performing college-preparatory public boarding schools that serve students from traditionally under-served communities. The SEED School of Maryland is one of only two SEED schools in the nation.

Each month, the young men are tasked with reading a book, which the brothers of Theta Mu Mu also read. On a chosen day, the brothers reconvene with the young men and divide into groups.

During the meetings, a review of the book is conducted and the young men are challenged to think critically and analyze the reading for content and meaning. "As a sponsor to the SEED Foundation, Theta Mu Mu is filling a void in the lives of many of these young men," noted Brother Murray.



# Zeta Iota Chapter Celebrates 70 Years of Service

Grand Basileus Dr. Ray guest speaker

Report by Brother Roosevelt T. Green

**Z**eta Iota Chapter held its 70th Anniversary banquet on September 24, 2011, at the Edmonds Center in Portsmouth, VA.

The guest speaker was the Honorable 39th Grand Basileus Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray. Brother Ray spoke about the chapter's commitment to the community using the anniversary's theme *"Refined Brotherhood, Youth Empowerment and Community Uplift."*

"We are in a relay race, and we may be dropping the baton in dealing with today's young people. They must move from a virtual life to the reality of life," said Dr. Ray.



Zeta Iota Chapter received its charter on September 12, 1941. The first meeting took place at 30 Manley Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, home of Brother Talmadge Johnson. At this meeting, Ellis F. Corbett, Fourth District Representative, from Lambda Omega, presided at the chartering of the chapter. At that time, Virginia was the only state in Omega's Fourth District.

Other Brothers in attendance included: Joseph Tazewell, George E. Roundtree, Talmadge Johnson, M. R. Dinkins, Thaddeus Shelton, Curtis Parker, Mark L. Andrew, Charles Wilson, Charles Whidbey, Elmer Gordon, W. O. Watts, Joseph N. Green, Sr., and Dorsey Vick.

Visiting Brothers that attended the charter ceremony were: Ellis F. Corbett, District Representative from Lambda Omega, Thomas Shields and William Wilson of Lambda Omega,

Other highlights during the chapter's anniversary program included a Proclamation to the chapter by Portsmouth Mayor Kenneth Wright. Brother Morris Barco also provided a progress report about Zeta Iota's adopted school, Hodges Manor Elementary.

## Pi Lambda Lambda Top Contributor for "Step Out to Fight Diabetes"

**Prince William County, VA** - Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter raised over \$11,725 in the 2011 "Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk." The event was held on October 15, 2011, at Prince William County's Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge, VA. According to the chairmen Brother Craig Turman, "We had over 30 brothers in attendance and it was truly a beautiful sight."

Brother Turman also noted that a lady came up and said, 'You guys in the purple really do some good things in the community--my hats off to you.'

- Dr. Jimmie Jacobs, Chapter Editor



## ***Brother Colonel Reyes cases colors at Ft. Monroe after 188 years***

**Hampton, VA** - Kappa Iota Iota's Brother Anthony Reyes, Colonel, U.S. Army declared Fort Monroe's military mission over after 188 years of Army service at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, September 15, 2011.

In 2005, the base was listed for closure under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. "Many employees, community members and Soldiers did not believe this day would come, they thought or hoped that Freedom's Fortress would somehow dodge the bullet," said Colonel Reyes.

While presenting a symbolic key to Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell, Colonel Reyes, said "I can tell you today that Fort Monroe's mission here is complete and we can all say well done."

COL Reyes also said, "Today is not about endings. It's not about sorrow. It's not even about sadness. It's about honor. Whenever Fort Monroe was called upon to serve, it stood ready, proud and able. Today is really a celebration of a new beginning for our beloved Freedom's Fortress."



*Colonel Brother Tony Reyes on (left).*

## **Alpha Omega Chapter uplifts homeless men**

**Washington, DC** – Alpha Omega Chapter's *Omega Men for Homeless Men* program exists to aid and assist men caught in the struggles of living as they work towards steps in achieving a fruitful and productive life," said Brother Walt Hill, the program's chairman.

Since 1983, the Father McKenna Center on the campus of Gonzaga College High School has served homeless men of Washington D.C. The Center also provides homeless men meals, hosts regularly scheduled luncheons and discussion topics that relate to their plight.

Many of the men are faced with challenges, but viable solutions are provided by the chapter's program, added Brother Hill. For the past 18 months, Alpha Omega strategically partnered with the center by adding another dimension to the chapter's service to Black men.

"Omega men openly share their concerns and respect to this often forgotten population," commented Brother Hill. According to statistics, almost 90% of homeless men in the Washington metropolitan area are Black. Hill noted, "Every man has a story. It is our responsibility to take part in the next steps of their recovery. Omega Psi Phi's involvement through mentorship serves as a catalyst of support and understanding."

On the first Monday of each month, and each Sunday during the NFL season, as the Washington Redskins play, chapter brothers gather with homeless men at the Father McKenna Center. Alpha Omega brothers share a rich and connective dialogue with the men.



## Navy Commander Brother Troy selected for Senior Sea Duty



**Ft. Eustis, VA** – Kappa Iota Iota's Brother Milton W. Troy, III, a Commander (LT. COL) in the United States Navy, was selected in the FY 2012 Commander Sea Duty Board.

Each year, the Navy conducts a highly competitive screening board to select the best Supply Corps officers, at the rank of Commander (LT. COL), to serve as Department Head aboard the Navy's large afloat platforms or as Commanding Officers for Navy expeditionary support units.

This year, Brother Troy was one of six selected, out of a pool of 45 highly qualified and competitive Supply Corp officers in his promotion year group. Such a selection is considered a major milestone in a Navy Supply Corps officer's career path. Selection for Commander Sea Duty is definitely considered a prerequisite for future selection to Captain (O-6) and beyond.

Commander Troy is currently stationed at United States Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA, where he serves as the Fleet Services Officer for the Atlantic Fleet. Brother Troy was initiated through Zeta Beta Beta in 2001. During his naval career, he has also been a chapter member in Phi Gamma Gamma in Kuwait, and Kappa Omega.

## White House honors Brother Isaac King

**Washington, DC** - The White House recognized Brother Isaac King of Alpha Omega as a Champion of Change for his work with the Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP). As the co-founder and Chief Financial Officer of CYEP, Brother King's programs include initiatives on fatherhood and mentorship.

The award was presented by Joshua DuBois, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and Michael Strautmanis, Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement. During the award ceremony, a panel discussion was held with the 10 honorees. Discussions focused on the important role that fathers and mentors play in our communities.

The Champions of Change program was created as a part of President Obama's "Winning the Future" initiative. Each week, a different issue is highlighted, and groups of Champions, ranging from educators to entrepreneurs, are recognized for the work they are doing to better their communities.

## *Brother M. Miner receives Faculty of the Year Award*

**Va. Beach, VA.** –Brother Michael Miner of Kappa Iota Iota Chapter was the recipient of the 2011 Faculty of the Year Award for the University of Phoenix (Virginia Beach).

Brother Miner has been a faculty member since 1999, teaching courses in statistics and research. He also provides instruction in business ethics, business management and mathematics. Professor Miner is an independent consultant for the Department of Defense. Brother Miner, an Omega Life member, is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel.

## Brother F. Patterson receives Legacy Award



**B**rother Frank B. Patterson received Alpha Chapter's Legacy Award on December 17, 2011. Alpha Chapter is the "Mother Pearl," founded at Howard University.

Brother Patterson, known throughout the Fraternity as "Frankie P" was presented the award at the Legacy Ball. The event was held at the Westin Washington Hotel in Washington, DC.

*Right: Bro. Patterson*

## Brother Spencer Mayfield Inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame

**Suffolk, VA** - Brother Spencer Mayfield Jr., a coaching legend and standout prep basketball player was recently inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame.

Brother Mayfield, with his signature white towel draped over his shoulder, spent over a quarter of a century prowling the sidelines of John F. Kennedy and Nansemond River High Schools in his hometown of Suffolk, Virginia.

During his stellar coaching career, Brother Mayfield guided his teams to 411 wins, four Virginia High School League State championships ('73, '83, '92, and '95), seven state final four appearances, seven regional titles, and 13 district championships.

His 1983 squad finished with a perfect 26-0 record, and the following season his 1984 squad extended that winning streak to 49 games before finishing with a 21-2 record. In 1995, following his fourth state championship, Brother Mayfield was named Virginia Coach of the Year.

Brother Mayfield's legendary basketball talents at Suffolk's Booker T. Washington High School earned him an athletic scholarship to Elizabeth City State College (ECSC). Following a stellar collegiate career at ECSC, Brother Mayfield began his career as a coach in 1969, and retired in 1997 with a career record of 411-132.

## Brother Smith named Engineer of the Year

**Newport News, VA** – Brother Darryl Smith was awarded the "2012 Black Engineer of the Year" honor at the Global Competitiveness Conference in February 2012. The conference held in Philadelphia, featured science, technology, and engineering.

Brother Smith is an electrical engineering manager at Raytheon Intelligence and Information Systems and has provided engineering support in five different countries.

As a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter, he was recently presented with the chapter's *Superior Service Award*. Smith received a B.S. in electronic engineering from Norfolk State University.



## 4th District Chapters celebrate Achievement Week

**D**elta Alpha Chapter held its Achievement Week events in Dayton, Ohio.

At the beginning of the week, chapter brothers attended service at Corinthian Baptist Church and held their annual Talent Hunt featuring 13 students from four high schools. Martaya Alexander, a junior from Stivers High was selected as the winner for her modern dance performance. Later in the week, brothers and their families participated in the chapter's Family Bowling Night at Capri Lanes.

Delta Alpha's Achievement Week activities were culminated with their annual Scholarship and Founders Banquet held at the Dayton Racquet Club. Fourth District's own Brother Christopher M. Cooper, Esq., Grand Counselor, was the keynote speaker.

***One of the highlights was Brother Cooper presenting Delta Alpha's Brother Turk Taylor with an award for 65 years of service. (PICTURE ABOVE)***

Other awardees included: Brother Jason Ward as Omega Man of the Year; Brother Ferguson Johnson, Founders Award; Brother Christopher Welch, Colonel Charles Young Award; and Brandon McKinney as the chapter's Citizen of the Year.

**B**eta Iota Chapter held their 21st Achievement Week Celebration at the Mill Golf and Conference Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Dr. Michael DeHart Harris, an Associate Professor of African American Art History at Emory University, presented the keynote address.

Dr. Harris is the grandson of the late Brother William DeHart Hubbard. Dr. Harris spoke passionately about his grandfather as an Omega man, while he was a child.

Brother Hubbard was the first African American to win an individual Olympic

Gold medal in 1924 and a founding member of Beta Iota Chapter.

The chapter presented the Omega Man of the Year Award to Brother Stanford T. Williams, the 4th District Representative.

Other awardees included: Brother Robert A. Crump, III, Citizen of the Year; Brother Anthony Wood, Founders Award; Brother Mike West, Superior Service Award and Brothers Kenyon Hackworth and Ken Wheeler received the Basileus Special Recognition Award.

**YOUNGSTOWN, OH**—On November 4, 2011, Psi Omicron Graduate Chapter and Zeta Gamma Undergraduate Chapter, celebrated the James P. Lottier, Sr., Achievement Week Banquet. The event was held at the Mahoning Country Club in Girard, Ohio.

The highlight of the event was when Shirlene Hill, the mother of the late Brother Jamail Johnson, accepted the Undergraduate Man of the Year Award for her son, posthumously. Brother Johnson was a member of Zeta Gamma Chapter and a student at Youngstown State University. Brother Johnson was also awarded the Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year by the 4th District and Internationally, at the Centennial Conclave in 2011.

**CLEVELAND, OH**—On November 12, 2011, Zeta Omega commemorated Omega's 100th year with the chapter's Russell T. Adrine Achievement Week Gala. The event was held at Cleveland's Hyatt Regency Hotel. The chapter presented honors to three community leaders: C. Ellen Connally, President of Cuyahoga County Council, Community Leader of the Year Award; Dr. Charles Modlin, Executive Director of the Minority Men's Health Clinic at the Cleveland Clinic, Citizen of the Year Award; and Burt Saltzman, founder of Dave's Supermarkets, Business Leader of the Year Award.

**PIQUA, OH**—On November 14, 2011, Xi Iota Iota Chapter held its 20th annual Achievement Week Celebration at Edison State Community College. The keynote speaker was Dr. Walter G. Amprey, a former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and President & CEO of Amprey & Associates.

**COLUMBUS, OH**—On November 19, 2011, three chapters held their Centennial Founders Day program at Ohio State University. The chapters included: Mu Iota, Iota Psi and Sigma Psi. The awardees included: Brothers Bryan K. Dirke, Omega Man of the Year; Dewey A. Ortiz, Sr., Superior Service Award; Grand Counselor, Christopher M. Cooper, Founders Award; Dr. Wilbur H. Weddington, MD, Founders Day Award for Medicine; Mittie B. James, Citizen of the Year and Bishop Timothy J. Clarke, Founders Day Award for Community Service.



*Brother Stanford T. Williams, 4th District Representative; Rev. Dr. Christopher T. Curry, Grand Chaplain (center) and Brother David Reliford, District Marshal at the Fourth District Meeting in Canton, Ohio.*

## Kappa Tau Chapter hosts Fourth District Meeting in Ohio

The 71st Fourth District Meeting was May 3-6, 2012 in Canton, Ohio. Brother David Reliford served as District Marshal and Kappa Tau was the host chapter.

In between the meeting's plenary sessions, brothers attended a special event at Canton's Pro Football Hall of Fame. Other activities included a concert by Ohio's Zapp Band. Several brothers also shared stories with students at Hartford Middle School. The school visit supports the Fraternity's Fatherhood Initiative.

For the second year in a row, Mu Chi's Talent Hunt participant, Hayden Jackson won the competition. Jackson, from Springfield and a student at Shawnee High School, showcased his musical talents. The brothers from Central State University's Eta Gamma Chapter, "The Grand and Glorious," won the Fourth District's Marchdown Contest.

One of the highlights included Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, initiating 20 new brothers into the Fraternity.





**Institute, W.V--***The brothers of Theta Psi Chapter celebrate the chapter's 85th anniversary. In Fall 2011, at West Virginia State University during the school's Homecoming, Omegas held a ground breaking ceremony. This will be the site of chapter's long-awaited monument.*

## *Holbert elected as new council member*

**B**rother Ben Holbert of Zeta Omega Chapter, a former popular television newsman moved from the news anchor desk to a seat on the Woodmere (Ohio) Village Council. Brother Holbert spent over 20 years as a reporter presenting news and information on WUAB-TV, WOIO-CBS, WKYC-NBC AND WKJMO-1490 AM.

"I've been serving my community in one form or fashion since I was an undergraduate student governor at Kent State University," said Holbert. Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Ronald B. Adrine and Cuyahoga County Council President C. Ellen Connally presided over the swearing-in of the new council members. Brother Holbert specifically asked Judge Adrine, also an Omega man, to officiate his swearing in.

"In 2004, I had a conversation with the Judge where he told me point-blank," 'Ben, leadership emerges,' Holbert recalls. "I never forgot Adrine's words and that is the precise reason why I am a council member today."

Brother Holbert is a graduate of Kent State University and currently completing an MBA at the University of Phoenix. He has served at every level within the Fraternity, including duties as the Director of Communications.

In neighboring Orange Village, Ohio, Brother Mark A. Park, Jr. was re-elected as councilman and re-elected to serve as Council President. He also serves as Fiscal Officer for Cuyahoga County, the most populous county in the state of Ohio.

# Zeta Omega, Beta Iota Chapters support Fatherhood Initiatives

**Cleveland, OH--**Zeta Omega Chapter gathered at Case School to welcome fathers in the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative "Fathers Walk 2012."

"There was no better way to witness this than to be a part of this great initiative. It was heart-warming to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they walked into school with their fathers," said Brother Temuin Taylor, the school's principal.

The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative (CCFI) seeks to strengthen families in the Greater Cleveland community by encouraging fathers to play a more active role in nurturing and raising their children.

**Cincinnati, OH--**Beta Iota Chapter held its 9th Annual "Daddy and Daughter Dance." The dance is an opportunity for fathers in the Cincinnati area to spend time with their special girls. The event, sponsored by Toyota, was part of the chapter's Fatherhood Initiative program.



**COLUMBUS, OH--**During the holiday season, Mu Iota Chapter partnered with the Forest and Trees Theater Group in sponsoring "The Christmas Wishes and Christmas Fun Party." Food and activities were provided to the youth at the Glenwood Recreation Center.

## Psi Omicron Leads Voter Registration Drive

**YOUNGSTOWN, OH--**On January 24-25, 2012, Psi Omicron Chapter conducted a voter registration drive at Youngstown State University's Kilcawley Center.

As the chapter prepares for the upcoming election season, Brothers Gerald Gipson and Carl Davison led the effort in distributing literature and explaining to the students the importance of voting.

*Report by Brother Kevin C. Miles*

The chapter registered over 70 student voters. Brothers that participated in the campus activity included: Brothers Gerald Fordham, Kevin C. Miles, Harry Johnson, III, Jonathan Huff and Steve Limley.

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### *Other contributing reports by:*

- \*Bro. Robert A. Crump, III
- \*Bro. A. Chris Kennerly
- \*Bro. Jarrett A. Thomas
- \*Bro. D. Craig Stubbs
- \*Bro. William Waters

\*Brother Dr. Fred Aikens, 4th District  
Director of Public Relations



# Tennessee Chapters attend Omega Day On the Hill



**From l to r:** Bro Jonathan B. Adair, Bro. Cedric Fleming, Bro. Julius Witherspoon, Bro. Andre Boykin, Bro. Clint Boyd, Jr., Bro. Geoffrey Rhett, Bro. Harold Love, Jr., Governor Bill Haslam, Bro. Sean Waller, Bro. Marcus Ellis, Bro. Robert Brown, Rep. Bro. Joe E. Armstrong, Bro. Bill Smith, Bro. Bobby Cain, Bro. Woody Bell, Bro. Artis Flowers, and Bro. George Thomas.

**M**embers of various Tennessee chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. met at the Tennessee Capitol Hill in 2011 for their annual Omega Day on the Hill.

The event held in Nashville, invited Omega men to address elected State legislators with issues that affect their communities. The Omega chapters that attended the event included: Omega Lambda Lambda, Gamma Phi, Iota Beta and Rho Psi.

“Omega Day on the Hill is one of the most significant events for our chapters. It allows Omega men to have direct contact with public officials,” said Jonathan B. Adair, of Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter. The event also featured a presentation from Meharry Medical College. Meharry’s Wellness Project is a program that partners with Historically

Black College and Universities (HBCUs) to promote health, and to determine new ways to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses in surrounding communities.

The project is composed of student health ambassadors from Fisk University, Lane College, Knoxville College, Lemoyne-Owens College, and Meharry Medical College.

In addition to meeting with Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, the Omegas also met with members of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators. The Black Caucus’ members included: Rep. Joe E. Armstrong (District 15), an Omega man; Rep. Karen D. Camper (District 87); Rep. JoAnne Favors (District 29); Rep. Brenda Gilmore (District 54); Rep. Mary Pruitt (District 58); Rep. Lois DeBerry (District 91) and State Senator. Thelma Harper (District 19).

# *Omega Power Twenty celebrates its second year anniversary*

**N**ashville, TN – February 2012 marked the second year anniversary for Gamma Phi Chapter's benevolence program called Omega Power Twenty. The program is a monthly prayer conference call for members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The intent of the program is to allow an avenue for men of Omega to dwell together in unity to pray. All members of the Fraternity are invited to participate. The call is scheduled for the last Friday of every month at 6 A.M. (Central Standard Time). Each call has a theme and a topical prayer is offered that addresses the theme.

Previous prayers have been offered for healthy marriages for wisdom to make right and wise decisions. Other prayers have included: our nation's leaders, finances, protection of undergraduate brothers, and victims of natural and man-made disasters.

A portion of each call is set aside to recognize special prayer requests that brothers have for themselves or their loved ones. Different prayer warriors are used on each call, to offer both topical and special prayer requests.

To date, 73 different prayer warriors, from around the United States, have led prayers on behalf of the brothers and their loved ones.

Participants on the call have dialed in from all around the United States, and as far away as Kuwait. "That's the beauty of this type of call," said Brother Clint Boyd, Jr. Brother Boyd is the chaplain of Gamma Phi Chapter and facilitator of the Omega Power Twenty prayer conference call.

"I thank God for you Brothers on this conference call. I have been involved with this conference call a little

bit over a year now. I'm just grateful for the Brothers who I have not really had the pleasure of meeting, but have been praying for me," said Brother Chester Harden of Mu Iota Chapter. Brother Harden presented a testimony about the progress of his young son who is battling a rare form of cancer during the conference call.

## **The conference call details are as follows:**

Date: The last Friday of every month

Participants: All members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are welcomed

Time: 6 a.m. Central / 7 a.m. Eastern / 5 a.m. Mountain / 4 a.m. Pacific

Dial in Number: (760) 569-9000

Participant Access Code: 382145#

Audio Playback Available Anytime at: <http://omega5d.us/FifthDistrict/power-twenty>

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**Clarksville, TN-** On Jan. 16, 2012, Psi Phi Chapter participated in the annual celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. The event was held at Burt Elementary School. Omega men were provided the opportunity to speak to young boys ranging from the ages of 11 to 13. The chapter also presented the importance of focusing on education and the history of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

**Nashville, TN –** In May of 2011, the members of Gamma Phi Chapter launched a new benevolence program called the Omega Widows Assist Program (OWAP), a restoration, repair and maintenance program for widows of Gamma Phi Chapter. Chapter members provide light, short-term work projects around the homes of widows of Gamma Phi members who have passed on to Omega Chapter.



## Phi Chi's internationally renowned Brother Alexander returns for performance at the White House

**O**mega's Maestro Travis W. Alexander of Phi Chi with his renowned choir were invited back to the White House after their 2011 national debut performance.

Brother Alexander, with his North Carolina A&T University choir, performed again on February 17, 2012 during a White House Black History Month program. President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama requested them back for an encore performance.

Brother Alexander serves as Director of University Choirs, Piano and Organ Professor at North Carolina A&T State University. Alexander is an internationally known conductor, concert organist and tenor. He has performed in concerts throughout England (London and Wales); Italy (Rome, Florence and Venice); West Africa (Accra, Cape Coast and Elmina) and Canada (Montreal, Ontario and Niagara Falls).

"What an extraordinary honor and privilege it is for me and my students to be allowed to perform in the most prominent venue worldwide. Even most world-renowned performers can't boast of having performed in the White House.

This is an experience that my students will forever cherish and hopefully will spark a greater academic enthusiasm within them toward practicing and perfecting their musical craft. This is a once in a lifetime experience, and we are not taking it lightly," said Brother Alexander.



In a brief four-year tenure, Alexander has doubled the choir size and made it nationally renowned

through its concert tours, appearances and riveting and versatile choral repertoire. The choir's repertoire includes classical masterworks, Negro spirituals and gospel music.

The North Carolina A&T University Choir under the direction of Maestro Alexander, treated the Obamas and the White House staff to: "*Lift Every*

*Voice and Sing*" –Roland Carter, "*Way Over in Beulah Land*" –Stacey Gibbs, "*God So Loved The World*" – Carl Nygard, "*Ezekiel Saw The Wheel*" -William Dawson, "*Anthem of Praise*" –Richard Smallwood and a "crowd pleasing" Motown Review including hits "*Respect*" and "*In The Midnight Hour*."

During his White House performance, Professor Alexander was awarded the rare opportunity to play a solo classic on the "Eagle Leg," a custom-built grand model-D concert piano by Steinway & Sons. The historical piano was presented as a gift to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938.

In addition to his teaching duties, Brother Alexander is the Minister of Music at Gethsemane AME Zion Church in Charlotte, NC. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina's School of Music. Brother Alexander serves Omega, as a member of the Sixth District Talent Hunt Committee and the Basileus of Phi Chi Chapter.

***Above: Brother Alexander at White House with "Eagle Leg" model-D grand concert piano.***

## *Brother Jessup named to DNC Charlotte Post*



**C**harlotte, NC – On September 3, 2012, Brother Torre J. Jessup was named deputy executive director of external relations for the Democratic National Convention.

He is a member of Pi Phi Chapter. Brother Jessup, a graduate of Morehouse College, joined U.S. Representative Mel Watt's Washington office as a staff assistant in 1994.

Brother Jessup moved to Charlotte, the next year as the district liaison and was promoted to community liaison where he was responsible for community and member outreach.

Brother Jessup was elected as an at-large delegate from North Carolina to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

## *Omega's Bro. Singleton WU's Sullivan Winner*



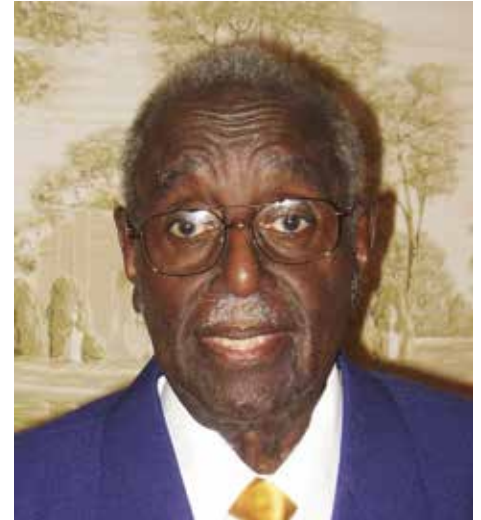
**R**ock Hill, SC - Brother Ray Singleton, Psi Kappa was named the 2011 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award winner during the Winthrop University Student Life Awards Ceremony on April 19, 2011.

The award is given annually to honor a graduating student with an outstanding record of service to Winthrop University.

Brother Ray Singleton graduated with a B.A. in Theatre Performance. In Fall 2012, he began graduate studies majoring in counseling.

"It was truly an honor to receive such a prestigious award for doing what I love, serving others," said Brother Singleton.

## *Hall of Fame for Shaw University's Bro. Jacob Allen*



**R**aleigh, NC - Brother Jacob B. Allen of Iota Iota Chapter was recently inducted into Shaw University's National Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

Brother Allen played defensive tackle on Shaw University's 1947 Championship football team. He played for the university from 1946 to 1949, prior to joining the Army.

In 1997, Allen was awarded the 50th Anniversary Hall of Fame Award by the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

"It was a honor to receive such a distinguished award from my school. I grew up around Shaw University and it has been a major part of my life. I try to give as much back to Shaw as it has given to me," said Brother Allen.



# *Sixth District Omega Men direct special summer camp for NC & SC young males*

Several Omegas from throughout the Sixth District conducted the annual Boys' Summer Leadership Camp. The 2012 camp was held at the YMCA Camp Hanes in King, NC. Over 175 North Carolina and South Carolina young males from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds were participants.

Some of the camp activities included: horseback riding, swimming, nature hikes, crafts, team sports, battle-ball, alpine climbing tower and water ziplining. Omega men provided the young males with educational sessions in CPR training, conflict resolution, etiquette training and healthy decisions.

The Sixth District's Social Action Committee acknowledged brothers who diligently served as counselors and trainers during the camp's 25th year of success.

Awards were named in honor of several Sixth District iconic Omega men. The named awards included: The Brother Marshall E. Smith Award for Best Skit Presentation; The Brother Charles "Chucky T" Turner Award for Outstanding Camp Counselor; The Brother Jimmy Hinson Award for Outstanding Omega Staff Member; The Brother Antonio Coor Award for Outstanding Camper and The Brother Walter Funderburk Award for the Cleanest Cabin.

"We truly thank all Omega brothers who served as camp counselors, on the Omega staff team and as chaperones for their chapters. Without their presence, the camp would not have been a success," said Brother Fred Thomas.



Omega Camp Counselors included: Brothers Jeremy Brannerman of Alpha Delta Zeta; Jason Seabrooks of Mu Epsilon, Stefan Cornelius Ashford of Kappa Lambda; Phillip Gilmore of Psi Mu; Chris Vaughn of Lambda Psi; Addison Williams of Psi Delta and Lance Sanders of Lambda Gamma.

*Photo: Bro. Joe Lewis conducts a CPR demonstration.*

Other counselors were Brothers Kevin Mood of Kappa Pi; Marcus Curry of Chi Zeta; Kenneth Evans of Epsilon Epsilon; Joseph Payne of Rho; Charles Miller of Rho; Marques Reese of Rho; Terry Clark of Rho; Jaware Robbins of Delta Psi; Lamarr Thornton of Lambda Gamma and Brandon Johnson of Lambda Gamma.

Omega staff included: Brothers Frederick L. Thomas, Al White, Newton Rucker, Marvin Jeffcoat, Joe Lewis, Melvin Mitchell, Jack Martin, Melvin McDaniels, Edmund Lewis, Gene Patterson, Tito Knooce, Charles Marant, Roscoe Killett, Herb Washington, Ni-Eric Perkins and Cedric Luckey.

## Brother Dr. Anthony T. Spearman named NAACP Minister of the Year



**Hickory, NC-** Rev. Brother Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, pastor of Clinton Tabernacle AME Zion received the **Minister of the Year Award** during the North Carolina NAACP convention. The 68th Annual North Carolina National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Convention was held in High Point, NC.

The nomination from the Hickory Branch of the NAACP described Reverend Spearman as “the quintessential example of the visionary pastors who have set the standards for how ministers can courageously serve in the modern day civil rights movement.” Brother Spearman is currently the chair of the Religious Affairs Committee for the North Carolina NAACP.

“Our Minister of the Year Award goes to a person who understands and attempts to live out the calling of God,” said Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, president of the North Carolina NAACP State Conference.

At the General Assembly in May 2010, Rev. Spearman was arrested as part of the “State of Emergency Seven.” He and others were demanding that the state budget not be balanced on the backs of the poor.

Brother Spearman has fought vigorously for the rights of workers to organize, against the death penalty, reforming the criminal justice system and improving education for all children.

When asked how he felt upon receiving the award, Dr. Spearman said, “I do not engage in the civil rights struggle for awards sake. I am gripped by the thought that people across the state of North Carolina valued the efforts I have made during the year. Love motivates me to do the work of justice.”

Brother Dr. T. Anthony Spearman serves Omega as the Basileus of Delta Nu Chapter.

*“I do not engage in the civil rights struggle for awards sake... Love motivates me to do the work of justice.” -Brother Dr. Anthony T. Spearman*





## 7th District's Upsilon Gamma Gamma and Sigma Alpha Chapters fulfill Omega Psi Phi's Mandated Programs

**D**uring June 2012, Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter completed two major social action events in the city of Augusta, GA.

The chapter participated in Operation Giving Back, a clothes drive and were servers at a food kitchen. Both activities were significant to the community and were part of the Fraternity's mandated programs. Operation Giving Back held at Grace Street Church of Christ provided over 200 people with clothing items. This was the third year the chapter has collected clothing for the less fortunate.

The chapter joined the Golden Harvest Food Bank, and Master's Table Soup Kitchen in feeding Augusta's homeless. The brothers served hot lunches and many brothers brought their children to participate in the community service project.

**ABOVE:** Brothers of Upsilon Gamma Gamma preparing clothes for Operation Giving Back.

The experience gave them a life lesson in helping others who are less fortunate. Brothers helped set up the facility, wash dishes, and perform various other duties throughout the day.

Over 400 guests were served during the event. Many of the personnel who served food to the homeless on a regular basis asked the men of Omega for future support at other events within the community.

**Miami Gardens, FL-** On Saturday June 18, 2012, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Chapter joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church's Feeding & Clothing Ministry, in helping distribute clothes and food to needy families. During the one-day event, over 92 families were provided food.

# Eta Rho's Drew Blood Drive Helps Community

**St. Petersburg, FL**-Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Eta Rho Chapter, held its annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive at the Sweetbay Supermarket on April 23, 2012.

Over 20 chapter brothers attended the event with several residents donating blood. The blood drive accumulated over 17 units of blood and an additional four units of blood plasma.



*The U.S. Post Office issued the Drew stamp in 1981.*

"This is so needed in the black community, and if we do not have more blood drives in the community we would be in trouble," said a blood donor. The chapter continues to educate the South St. Petersburg community about the importance of blood donation and how it saves lives.

The representative from Florida Blood Services was amazed at the overwhelming number of participants at this year's event. Brother J.P. Moses also added that there is a disparity amongst Florida African-American blood donors, which translates into a need for them to give blood.

Brother Charles Drew was an outstanding athlete at Amherst College. He later joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity before attending medical school at Montreal's McGill University.

As a medical researcher and physician, Brother Drew was selected as the first Black surgeon chosen as an examiner on the American Board of Surgery.

During World War II, Dr. Drew's research helped to improve blood transfusions and blood bank storage.

His work with the United States Blood for Britain project led to the creation of the American Red Cross Blood Bank. Unfortunately, Brother Drew died due to injuries sustained as a result of an auto accident. Many myths surround Brother Drew's death and the medical care he received. Brother Dr. Charles Drew joined Omega Chapter in 1950.

*Report by Brother Orlando A. Pizana*

## Beta Lambda Lambda Chapter Activities

**Lawrenceville, GA**- Beta Lambda Lambda Chapter partnered with The BLL Experience during their April 2012 March of Dimes event. Over 18 chapter members volunteered at the Gwinnett County March for Babies as they prepared tents and tables for the event.

In keeping with the chapter's efforts to provide high school students with an opportunity to strengthen their college profiles with community service activities, school-aged children worked with brothers during the event.

At the beginning of the year, the chapter participated in the building project with Habitat for Humanity in Gwinnett County. "This was a valuable opportunity to align the Omega brand with a highly respected organization like Habitat for Humanity. The experience increases the chapter's profile and people's awareness about the great things the chapter is doing in the community," said Brother Chris Houston.





*The brothers of Eta Gamma Gamma Chapter-- In celebration of the Fraternity's 100th Year, the chapter held their first Omega Scholarship on October 1, 2011 in Waterloo, IA.*

## Omicron Iota Iota 's service impacts the community

**I**n the first city of Kansas, there is a place dedicated to "Unity: For the Love of ALL People," this is the motto of the Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum in Ft. Leavenworth.

For over 15 years, Omicron Iota Iota Chapter has had a partnership with the Allen Cultural Center and Museum. Since 1994, the chapter has provided structured academic assistance for the center's after school tutoring program.

The center offers a glimpse into the history of African-Americans, both locally and nationally. The Allen Cultural Center was created to ensure that the rich heritage of African-Americans would not be lost in the heartland of Kansas.

Some the center's programming presents awareness about African-American history through cultural activities. Also, through research and presentations, the center helps to improve interracial understanding.

Phyllis Bass, affectionately called "Mother Bass," serves as the center's director. She has been honored by the chapter several times as its Citizen of the Year Award recipient. The community and Omicron Iota Iota are forever indebted to Ms. Bass for establishing an environment for learning.

The chapter is also involved in working with troubled youth at the Atchison Youth Residential Center (AYRC) in Ft. Leavenworth. The facility director is Omicron Iota Iota's Brother Johnnie Jones.

Brothers have shared their stories of failure and success, so that the youth understand life experiences and problem-solving skills.

The Omegas of Omicron Iota Iota are recognized as stable male role models and mentors. The chapter also provides social opportunities to the population as methods for reducing delinquency.

## Omicron Xi's Bro. Rice wins journalism award



Brother Glenn E. Rice, of Omicron Xi Chapter was the recipient of the Gannett Foundation Award for Innovation in Watching Journalism. The National Association of Black Journalists at their annual convention held August 2011, in Philadelphia presented the award.

Brother Rice and another reporter investigated the unsolved homicide of Leon Jordan – a Kansas City civil rights leader. Jordan was a co-founder of the influential Freedom Inc. political group and one of Missouri's most powerful black politicians. Jordan was gunned down during the early morning hours on July 15, 1970, outside his Green Duck Tavern.

Despite a massive investigation at the time, the case was never solved to the satisfaction of the county prosecutor -- until recently. The police investigation, which mirrored many of *The Star's* findings in a series of articles, found that the Italian mafia and a group of black gangsters both appeared to have played a role in the conspiracy that led to Jordan's slaying.

Brother Rice has been a reporter for the Kansas City Star since 1988. He serves Omega as the Public Relations and Communications Chair and is a former Eighth District Representative.

## Gold Program Travels to Topeka

WICHITA, KS—The brothers of Gamma Upsilon provided their mentoring group Gentleman of Leadership and Distinction (GOLD) with a trip to the state's capital, Topeka. During the historical visit, the young males toured the Brown v. Board of Education Museum.

The purpose of the GOLD mentoring program is to expose the young males to new educational venues. The program helps them understand the political process. The GOLD group also met with Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

## Xi Pi Chapter's Showboat Event Promotes Education



*James Mason, Vroman Wright and Kelly Werthmann with Brother Samuel C. Hunter Jr., a founder of Xi Pi Chapter and a former Tuskegee Airman (far right).*

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO— Xi Pi Chapter along with the Uplift Foundation presented their 9th Annual Omega Showboat. In addition to providing an exciting evening of amateur entertainment, the Showboat highlights the importance of educational pursuits for young people.

The Xi Pi Chapters' Showboat is a fundraising event with the proceeds invested in assisting disadvantaged high school seniors pursue higher education. The generous support and commitment from corporations, civic groups, and individuals in and around the Pike Peak region resulted in the creation of the 501(c) (3) non-profit Uplift Foundation. Xi Pi Chapter and the Uplift Foundation have been able to award over \$52,000 in scholarships to some 53 young deserving youth in the surrounding area.



# Beta Upsilon Chapter's Project Manhood influences the dream of a little boy

## *A Boy's Dream*

**O**mega Psi Phi's Beta Upsilon Chapter continued their 10 year old tradition of preparing and delivering Thanksgiving dinners to the St. Francis Homeless Shelter in Omaha, NE. The dinners were packaged at Mount Mariah Church on November 24, 2012.

*(Picture on right)*

The chapter's most influential project encompassing youth involvement in the Omaha community is its Project Manhood.

The brothers share their lessons with the children, both after school and during monthly evening meetings at Central Park Elementary.

Some of the project activities include exposing the young students to business leaders at various venues. "I feel that visits in the community are essential for the participant learning process.

It's one thing to hear about business practices, but it is different to go outside of the classroom and meet with business executives in their environment," said Brother Trevis Sallis, the coordinator of Project Manhood.

Eight-years old, Nicholas Banks was a participant in the chapter's after school Project Manhood. At the

time Nicholas Banks was a third grade student at Central Park Elementary School. "I was taught the lessons of being a man. I learned how to tie a tie, stand up at a dinner table when a woman arrives, business attire and professionalism," recounts Nicholas.

Now an adult, Nicholas Banks also said, "I never forgot the impact the Omegas had on me. As I became older, I had a desire to also help others."



Banks recalls that during his childhood, "most young boys dreamed of becoming athletes, who were featured on television.

My friends' walls were graced with big posters, and their wardrobe of overpriced apparel was their attempt to mirror their favorite heroes."

No one in Nicholas' family was affiliated with a Greek-lettered organization. Because of his experiences with Omegas at his school during a young age, Nicholas wanted to be a Que.

On April 2, 2011, Nicholas' boyhood dreams were fulfilled; he became an Omega—first influenced by the men of Beta Upsilon Chapter.

## Grand Officers attend Eighth District Meeting

**Kansas City, MO** – April 12-15, 2012, the 63rd Eighth District Meeting was hosted by Beta Omega Chapter. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn CoCo-Key Water Resort.

A welcome reception was held for our 31st District Representative, Rev. Brother Dr. Robert C. Scott. The welcome was graced by the presence of several members of the Supreme Council.

Those who attended were 39th Grand Basileus Brother Dr. Andrew Ray; Brother Christopher Cooper, Grand Counselor; Brother Stuart Turner, Grand Marshal, and Brother Kenneth Barnes, Executive Director. Dr. Ray spoke to the brothers with words of gratitude, encouragement, and uplift.

Past 8th District Representatives that were present included: 15th District Representative, Brother Lynn Beckwith (1975 - 1978); 17th District Representative, Brother Charles "BeBe" Shelton (1979 -1982); 19th District Representative, Brother Lloyd Jordan, Esq. (1985 - 1988); 21st District Representative, Brother Doug Williams (1991 - 1992); 26th District Representative, Brother Kenneth Patterson (2002 - 2004); 27th District Representative, Brother Larry Burks (2004- 2006); 28th District Representative, Brother Jeffery T. Smith (2006 - 2008); 30th District Representative, Brother Glen Rice (2008 - 2010); and 31st District Representative, Brother (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott (2010 -Present)

2012-2013 Eighth District Council included:

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative; 1st Vice District Representative, Brother Ray Brown; 2nd Vice District Representative, Brother Julian Davis; Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother James Ball; District Counselor, Brother Stefan C. Hughes, Esq.; Keeper of Finance, Brother Kermit Ervin; District Public Relations, Brother Osuman O' Issaka; District Chaplain, Brother Rev. Dr. Larry King and the 64th District Marshal Bro. Furman Sizemore.

## Iota Delta Delta holds Canned Fooddrive

**Cape Girardeau, MO** - On the campus of Southeast Missouri State University, the brothers of Iota Delta Delta (IDD) held their first Canned Food Drive.

All donations were given to the SEMO Food Bank. The collaboration with the food bank kicked off the chapter's involvement with National Hunger Month.

In addition to the food collection, brothers volunteered at Franklin Elementary School. During the school week, they assisted teachers in the classroom, read to the students, and counseled students with disciplinary issues. Iota Delta Delta Chapter also volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Girardeau.

## *Upsilon Omega honors Soldiers*

**St. Louis, MO** – February 18, 2012, the men of Upsilon Omega, along with Alderwoman Kacie Starr Triplett and Director of Public Safety, Charles Bryson, presented awards to three outstanding soldiers —SFC Kevin Hartmann, 1SG Paul Drago, and 1SG Robert Nesbitt—who are part of a small Battalion of Drill Sergeants in Granite City, IL. 334 REGT.

These soldiers, all employees of the City of St. Louis, have served meritoriously and with exceptional distinction on two extremely important fronts.

## *Bro. Stancil appointed to Board*

**Omaha, NE** – Beta Upsilon's Brother Dr. Marvin L. Stancil, MD, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha. Brother Stancil is Associate Professor at University of Nebraska Medical Center in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He also serves as the OB-Gyn service Chief for The Nebraska Medical Center and Medical Director of Labor and Delivery at The Bellevue Medical Center in Bellevue. Previously, he served in the U.S. Air Force's Medical Corps and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.



# Chapters help children prepare for school

**P**si Alpha Chapter and Alpha Delta Lambda logged over 200 hours in the collection of school supplies for children in the greater San Antonio area.

During the start of each school year, some students are unable to afford needed supplies. The combined efforts of the two chapters help to establish one the largest school supply drives in the southern Texas area.

The chapters gave cash donations, secured items from a variety of merchants and maintained a warehouse for the school supplies. They also used a school bus to help transport the school items to the selected schools.

Another back to school initiative that the chapter has been involved with since 2003 is the Free Haircut Program. The idea for the haircuts came from a Psi Alpha brother who had spent a great deal of time mentoring students at Carroll Elementary School. It was brought to his attention that many male students

were unable to get a new haircut before the start of school. Crowds of children excited about the upcoming school year sat patiently with family members waiting for their haircuts.

The brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter, in association with the Williams Barber College, offered free haircuts to area students. In addition to the chapter paying for over 500 haircuts for students, all barbers were provided lunch.

A Psi Alpha brother commented that the barbershop environment is an experience and a good haircut provides self-esteem for many young students.

The chapter sponsors the Roosevelt Junior Roughriders, a youth football and cheer organization, in the Texas Youth Football Association. The chapter donates over \$500 each year to assist with replacing equipment and is actively involved in mentoring several of the players




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## Rho Xi Chapter Support Relay For Life and Food Bank Activities

**Freeport, TX-**The brothers of Rho Xi Chapter participated in the 2012 Susan G. Komen Relay for Life Race for a Cure. The event was held at Rice University in April 2012. The Omegas, with other service organizations in the Houston area, walked over 35 laps in support of the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure.

Rho Xi Chapter joined brothers from the Houston Area Coalition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in packing and loading vehicles at the Houston Food Bank. Brothers helped the food bank in distributing 46,270 meals during the weekend of April 16-17, 2012.

## *Omega's Delta Xi and Theta Theta team up for Breast Cancer awareness*

**Dallas, TX** - Breast cancer is one of the most recognized forms of cancer, with over 1.3 million people diagnosed annually.

Sadly, a cure for this potentially deadly disease has not been found. In an effort to raise funds to find a cure for this affliction, members of the Theta Theta and Delta Xi chapters solicited funds and participated in the Susan G. Komen for the Cure 5K walk to promote awareness.

Several members set aside June 11, 2012, to help raise over \$1,500 to help this cause, while enjoying each other's camaraderie.

The North Texas affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has been organized since 1991. This year's walk consisted of over 15,000 participants. The funds that were raised will assist in promoting breast cancer awareness, early screenings and advancing treatment options.

The Theta Theta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity was founded in 1972 on the campus of East Texas State University (now Texas A&M – Commerce) and the Delta Xi Chapter was established in Greenville, TX in 1985. The two chapters assist in supporting community efforts in the northeast corridor of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro area.

## **Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter promotes literacy and scholarship**

**San Antonio, TX** - On July 23, 2012, the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter located at the University of Texas at San Antonio hosted their annual "Teacher Supplies Salvage Sale."

This event was held on campus and one of the main objectives was to assist new teachers. The chapter donated hundreds of books to teachers in order to promote literacy and scholarship.

The books came from libraries, schools and various businesses in the local area. The chapter collected an intellectual treasure trove of items including picture books, novels, history books and interactive style books.

Participants were able to enter the room filled with educational resources and were able to depart with boxes of free books. Small donations were accepted. Proceeds from the event provided monies for a college scholarship for a local high school student.

Parents and students showed up early, and there was a line well-before the event opened. Teachers were very excited to organize their classrooms with the books and other educational materials.

The items helped put an assault on illiteracy in the San Antonio area. The Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter hosts this event every year and it has proven to be a great success.

## *Omicron Pi Provides incentive for student reading*

**Killeen, TX** - On December 15, 2012, an assembly was held at Ira Cross Elementary School to honor the avid readers who participated in their school's reading program called "Que Bucks." A total of 656 students participated during the first half of the year.

The Killeen-based Omicron Pi Chapter has been supporting the reading program at the elementary school since 2000.

The brothers of Omicron Pi presents the school with \$1,400 each school year as an incentive for students involved in the reading program. The school's principal and staff have tracked the growing success of the program since its formation.

Through the Que Bucks Reading Program, the chapter continues to focus on youth educational development.



## *Gamma Eta Chapter shines Omega's light on the campus of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville*

The brothers of Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (UAF) realize that first impressions are lasting ones to students on "The Hill." Many incoming freshmen will arrive on campus as young, impressionable students.

They will be watching the Omegas every move. With that in mind, the brothers of the Gamma Eta were eager to exhibit their actions and their words: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift at the 2012 NPHC Interest Gathering.



The event was held on August 23, 2012. An integral part of the program involved an active representation of each NPHC fraternity and sorority on a panel discussion for all interested students. Students asked very diverse questions, including learning about each organization, as each panelist described the history of their organizations, both nationally, and locally at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

An extremely friendly environment was facilitated as the student attendees were comfortable asking several questions to the Greek panelists.

Some of the questions asked were:

- 1) How should you let a fraternity/sorority know that you are interested without being too forward?
- 2) What have you gained from joining an NPHC organization...and why did you join your organization?

3) What is hazing and does your organization haze?

4) How much does it cost to join an NPHC organization?

5) What do you look for when considering a new member?

6) What requirements are needed to join your organization?

7) Does your fraternity/sorority offer scholarships?

Brother Booker was one of the panelists that provided thoughtful and insightful commentary, which was well received

by all of the students in attendance.

To conclude the event, students were invited to visit with each NPHC chapter at their respective exhibition tables. The Gamma Eta Chapter had an impressively decorated table that included a wood-lacquer Fraternity shield, gold boots and several District and International publications.

It was not surprising that the Gamma Eta brothers were inundated with interactions during this NPHC post-program reception.

*(Pictured Above): L-R: Bro. Dr. Paul. D. Adams, (Chapter Advisor), with UAF students: Bro. GeJuan D. Jordan, Bro. Jesse M. Booker and Bro. Mbato Nkwocha.*

## Theta Chi Chapter presents Annual Que-nic Scholarship Awards

Theta Chi Chapter hosted its 17th Annual Scholarship Que-nic. The event was started to provide resources to supplement the chapter's annual scholarship fund for local youth that were graduating from high school and needed additional financial support to enter college.

Theta Chi Chapter has demonstrated a commitment to adhering to the Fraternity's mandate (Scholarship) that is critical in uplifting our youth.

There is a tremendous amount of pride that goes into this event every year. The event also is a demonstration of the commitment that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Theta Chi Chapter has toward preparing our youth for the future.

Several types of contributions have allowed the chapter to keep costs down over the years, resulting in more funding for scholarships.

Brother Kenneth Burkins, chair of Theta Chi's Scholarship Committee has worked diligently with Houston area high school counselors and advisors in finding talented students who are in need of financial assistance.

The recipients of Theta Chi Chapter's Mary Grant-Henry Scholarship included:

**Alana Anderson** of Houston, TX, a graduate of Alief Taylor High School, attending Rice University.

**Vanity Hill** of Missouri City, TX, a graduate of Hightower High School, attending Louisiana State University.

**Oluwafemi Adunbarin** of Missouri City, TX, a graduate of Thurgood Marshall High School, attending the University of Texas at Austin.

**Taylor Turner** of Missouri City, TX, a graduate of Hightower High School, attending the University of Texas at Austin.

## Brother D. Jackson Named as Nation's Best Naval Science Instructor



Lambda Alpha's Brother Dominique Jackson, U.S. Navy, Lieutenant was recently named as the recipient of the Colonel Leo A. Codd Memorial Award, presented to the "**Most Outstanding Naval Science Instructor**" in the nation. The Codd Award is given to the top three ROTC instructors in the country from each branch of service.

The "**Most Outstanding Instructors**" are chosen from more than 1,000 candidates located at over 170 colleges and universities nationwide. Recipients of this prestigious honor have demonstrated Codd's principle that the best guarantee of peace is a strong United States. Brother Jackson was nominated by his commanding officer that touted him as the most significant contributor that he has ever worked with.

Brother Lt. Jackson is the Assistant Professor of Naval Science in Southern University's Naval ROTC program. Jackson earned his B.S. degree in criminal justice in 2004 from Southern University. After receiving his commission as a Surface Warfare Officer (Ship Driver) in 2004, he has held titles such as Weapons Officer, Force Protection Officer, Damage Control Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant and Chief Engineer onboard US Navy vessels.



# Brother Darryl Jones Receives U.S. Patent Award

Story by Brother Keith D. Bullock

Brother Darryl L. Jones was the recipient of an award from the United States Patent Office. Jones was presented the honor for his participation in the design and development of the Cord Wrap and Power Plug Receptacle Arrangement for the Temporary Mobility Kit (TMK).

The growing trend today among automobile manufacturers is to reduce vehicle weight and comply with or surpass fuel economy requirements. The lightweight TMK helps address this issue by replacing the heavier spare wheel and tire assembly.

While the TMK is compact in size, it includes a dual-purpose air compressor and tire-sealing system to temporarily repair a damaged tire until it can be permanently repaired or replaced. The TMK is, indeed, a game-changer for immediate tire repair however; it did not have a practical electrical cord storage mechanism which made it difficult to return the TMK to its intended storage space after use.

Brother Jones and his colleagues resolved this issue by incorporating two things: (1) a peripheral channel, in the TMK's housing, about which the cord portion of the electrical plug assembly is wrapped; and (2) a plug-receiving aperture to retain the plug. These two modifications eliminated the need for extra effort, on behalf of the user, to re-store the electrical cord.

Brother Jones is a Product Global Wheel and Tire Engineer in the Chassis Engineering Division of Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. He is a native of Chicago, Illinois and founder/CEO of Eccentric Marketing -- a premier nationwide event marketing, planning, and promotional firm.



Brother Jones volunteers his time positively impacting youth in the metro Detroit community by working with the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP); National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and Think Detroit/PAL organizations.

Brother Darryl Jones received his Mechanical Engineering degree from the Alabama A&M University. He is also an active and dedicated member of Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter in Southfield, Michigan.

Brother Jones has also served on the chapter's executive board as the Keeper of Records and Seal (KRS) and Vice-Basileus. He currently serves as the Tenth District Social Action Committee Chair and the Assistant District KRS.

He was a past recipient of the Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter's Omega Man of the Year and Superior Service of the Year Awards.

# Omega brothers share the “Gift of Life”

**I**n April 2005, Epsilon Rho's Brother Jerome Bill Aiken was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease, which would change his life forever.

From dialysis to chemotherapy in November 2005, Brother Aiken decided to inform the brothers of the troubling news. After hearing the news, Brother Simon Shannon decided to be tested in hopes of assisting Brother Aiken.

He discovered that he was a match for a possible transplant. In 2006, Brother Aiken received a new kidney from Brother Shannon at Hennepin County Medical Hospital.

Once he was healthy, Brother Aiken was determined to become involved with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF).

He was nominated and elected to NFK local Board of Directors in 2010, which covers Iowa, Minnesota, and the Dakotas (North and South); he is currently the board chair. In 2011, he was elected to the NFK 2012 National Board of Directors for two terms beginning in February, 2012.

Brother Aiken is also the chairman of the NFK's National Leadership Council Committee. Today, he often speaks at the Hennepin County DaVita Dialysis Center where he uplifts patients and their families by sharing his experience with kidney disease.

“My personal goal is to help educate the public about various aspects of kidney disease. I reach out to local organizations, churches and communities to educate individuals about the rise in kidney disease among minority communities. Since prevention is a key piece to this puzzle, I also educate about ways to prevent kidney disease,” said Brother Jerome B. Aiken.



*Brother Branden Robinson (left) with his dad, Brother Bobby Robinson (right).*

**Detroit, MI** –Nu Omega Chapter's Brother Bobby Robinson had stage four renal failure, and had to use dialysis for two-hours, three days a week. His son, Brother Branden Robinson, also of Nu Omega volunteered to be tested for kidney donation. Because he was a match, he donated one of his kidneys to his father. “I continue to thank Branden every day for the love he showed, as he provided me with a precious gift,” said the senior Brother Robinson.

Brother Bobby Robinson says he is blessed to have a family and Fraternity brothers that care, visiting him at the hospital regularly. He also said the cards were numerous from Nu Omega Chapter and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Alpha Rho Omega Chapter, where his wife, Bunice Robinson, is a member.

Brother Branden Robinson is active with Nu Omega Chapter, serving on some of the same committees his father did prior to becoming ill. Brother Bobby Robinson was initiated into the Fraternity in 1976, at Detroit's Nu Omega Chapter. His son, Brother Branden Robinson was initiated into the Fraternity in 2009, also through Nu Omega Chapter. The Robinsons are not just a father and son; they are Omega brothers who share an organ.

# Chapters promote health initiatives

Story by Bro. Eddie R. Cole

**N**u Alpha Alpha Chapter hosted its citywide Barbershop Health Fair on January 21, 2012.

The chapter's health fair was held at three African-American owned barbershop shops in Bloomington, IN. At the Hoosier Barbershop, Angela's Ebony Designs and College Town Cutters. Healthcare professionals provided free blood pressure and diabetes screenings.

"The barbershop has always been a place where we discuss a variety of topics. Instead of trying to get our men to the healthcare providers, we thought we would bring the healthcare providers to them at the barbershop," said Brother Alrick Banks, Nu Alpha Alpha's Social Action Chairman.



The barbershop has always been a bastion in the African-American community. The locale was used as an outreach station to make the community aware of services that can impact them.

The event was also designed to provide valuable health services and information to the community.

*Above: An Omega man getting his blood pressure checked at the chapter's Barbershop Health Fair.*

Co-sponsors of the event included: City of Bloomington's Commission on the Status of Black Males, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission and Laffoon Design & Marketing.

## *Epsilon Rho Chapter holds its first Prostate Cancer Symposium*

**Minneapolis, MN**—Epsilon Rho Chapter held its first Prostate Cancer Symposium on April 23, 2012 at the Northside YMCA.

Henry Crosby, Executive Director of the YMCA, was a most gracious host, allowing the chapter to invite health care professionals that treat prostate cancer patients. The symposium included educational films, pamphlets and other materials, and free screening passes for the attendees.

Also in attendance were men of Turning Point, a treatment program, designed to help men overcome drug and other related problems.

The community expressed extreme gratitude that the Fraternity would take the lead in such an important event affecting African American men. Prostate Cancer is the number one killer of African-American men.

The chapter's Health Initiative Committee also participated in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Health Awareness Day. Epsilon Rho was a co-sponsor of the Inaugural Gala For Children with Autism. Proceeds from the Gala were used to allow qualifying families, who have children with autism, to access a network comprised of 12 holistic providers.



# Rho Gamma Gamma holds health fair

**Chicago, IL**—Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter held its annual Health Fair and Blood Drive on June 9, 2012 at the Cosmopolitan Community Church. The event provided the community with a vital health screening and on-site check-ups. The chapter's event also featured a blood drive collection.

In September 2011, the chapter participated in the SEA Blue Prostate Cancer Walk/Run. The causes of prostate cancer are not fully understood, although it is believed that multiple factors can contribute to one's overall risk, including family background, ethnicity, diet, and environmental factors.

Prostate cancer is two times higher in men whose father or a brother has been diagnosed with the disease. African-American men who are age 40 and diets high in fat, may increase the likelihood of developing prostate cancer due to increased testosterone, which stimulates prostate cell growth. The goal of Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter is to help raise awareness and funds for prostate cancer research.

## Zeta Epsilon sponsors campus film

The brothers of Zeta Epsilon Chapter co-sponsored a film and discussion session with Indiana University's Black Graduate Student Association on January 24, 2012. The featured film presented at Indiana University's Bloomington campus was the 1995 socially conscious, *Higher Learning*.

"The film ignited conversation about alarming issues regarding stereotypes, education, and the future of our society as it moves forward," said Brother Elijah Moon of Zeta Epsilon.

Brother Eddie R. Cole, a doctoral candidate in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Indiana, facilitated the discussion. Topics included the lack of African-American representation on campus and supportive campus programs, among other topics pertaining to race.



Bro. Howard (left) receiving the award from NAACP East St. Louis Branch President Johnny Scott (right).

## Bro. Howard honored by NAACP

**N**u Chi Chapter's Brother Dana Howard was a recipient of an award presented by the East St. Louis Branch of National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on October 9, 2012.

The award was given to Brother Howard in recognition of his major accomplishments as a person under the age of 40 in the area of sports.

The event was held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri. The East St. Louis NAACP Branch also honored people in other fields including: arts & culture, business, communications, and medicine.

Brother Howard, a native of East St. Louis, was an All-American linebacker for the University of Illinois from 1991 to 1994. He was awarded the 1994 Dick Butkus Award as the best college linebacker in 1994.

Later, he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League in the fifth round of the 1995 NFL Draft. He also played for the Amsterdam Admirals, a NFL team based in Europe.

*Report by Brother Andrew Bailey*

## *Zeta Rho Expands Ernest E. Just Youth Science Program*

**Z**eta Rho Chapter of Los Angeles, CA., expanded their Ernest E. Just Youth Science Program to a summer bi-weekly program. The expansion of the program was made possible by a grant from the American Honda Foundation.

Youth participants now have classroom sessions once a month, with additional field exploration trips to California's premier science facilities.

African-American and Latino students have traditionally been under-represented in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines. Researchers have identified lack of preparation, access, exposure and awareness of STEM subject matter as primary factors that contribute to the low trajectories for minority youth.

Since 1999, nearly 400 middle school aged youth of color have benefitted from participating in Zeta Rho Chapter's Ernest E. Just Youth Marine Science Program.

Currently, the program spans over six days and two consecutive weekends and involves trips to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center at Rancho Palos Verdes, California, the Bolsa Chica Conservancy at Huntington Beach, California and the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific.



*Students from the Ernest E. Just Youth Science Program observe during an ecological field study at Point Vicente Interpretive Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.*

The program also provides students with a three-day sleep-over at the University of Southern California's Wrigley Marine Science Center at Catalina Island.

The University of South California trip is conducted annually for 30 middle school-aged boys and girls, many of whom lack the financial resources for participation.

The Just Youth Marine Science Program also exposes targeted youths to careers and academic pursuits in STEM disciplines, while building confidence and practical skills. The goal is to increase student's knowledge about math and science.

*Report by Bro. Norman R. Ward,  
Zeta Rho Chapter Editor*

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## **Phi Iota's Computer Camp Awards**

**PHOENIX, AZ.**--In July 2012, the Phi Iota held its 28th Annual Computer Camp Awards. The chapter recognized students for their participation in the computer skills program. Students learned computer programming and computer networking skills.

The staff consisted of Brother Marcus Green, program director, and volunteers from Phi Iota.

Support for the program included: the Arizona Council of Black Engineers, Scientist, Community Educational Services, General Dynamics C4S, KomputerEd Tools, Arizona State University, and PepsiCo.

## Omega Gents Program mentors male students

**Oakland CA-** For over 60 years, the men of Sigma Iota have been a beacon of light that has provided service to the City of Oakland and the Greater Bay area communities. One of the chapter's major activities is the Omega Gents Mentoring Program.

The needs of African-American male students are addressed through the program. Omega Gents is a mentoring program designed around the Fraternity's cardinal principles.

The goal of the program is to teach and encourage young men to plan and define the direction for their future. Monthly educational workshops, quarterly social or cultural events, counseling, coaching and networking are all important components of the program.

Omega Gents Tutoring Services concentrates on identifying any academic problem areas, addressing these areas, and tracking improvement. Key areas of academic focus are mathematics, science, english, and history.

Each student will generate challenging, yet obtainable goals and benchmarks. Students have a detailed academic work plan. The challenge is to have students reach their individual academic benchmarks.

During the program, they are awarded incentives that encourage continued hard work and dedication. The ultimate goal is for students to improve both academically and in every facet of manhood.

Some of the other activities and programs that have been provided by the chapter include: Alameda Food Bank Drive, UNCF Walk-A-Thon, Neighborhood Safety Awareness, Young Adult Talent Hunt, Back-to-School Supply Drive, Voter Registration, health care seminars, Oakland Children's Hospital Holiday Celebration, neighborhood Kwanzaa and Christmas Celebrations, political awareness and economic empowerment seminars.

## Kappa Xi sponsors special leadership youth conference

**Las Vegas, NV--**Kappa Xi Chapter held its 13th Annual Economic Summit and Student Leadership Conference on December 10, 2012 at the College of Southern Nevada West. The conference featured over 150 student attendees from grades seven through 12.

The event was presented jointly by Kappa Xi Chapter through their Uplift Foundation of Nevada, (501c3), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Theta Theta Omega Chapter, the Las Vegas Urban League Young Professionals and the Urban League Guild. Some of the workshops included: personal finance, budgeting, college financial aid sources, and teenage driving safety.

Brother Leon Pearson, President of the Uplift Foundation, said "I am extremely pleased with the turnout and the attentiveness of the young people today. Hopefully something they heard today may one day save a life."

After lunch, there was an exercise introducing students to opportunities in the Green Economy. They were separated into teams with adult team leaders that created a Green Community operation (pricing, a marketing plan, and a sales team). After developing their operation, the teams had to compete for customers. The winning team was presented with gift cards as prizes. Also, four seniors received a \$500.00 college book scholarship donated by the Quiet Storm Foundation.

Kappa Xi members that contributed to the success of the conference included: Brothers Jerry Holliday, Ken Evans, Erik Rush, Elbert Gray, Damon Hodge, Jermon Kearney, Dr. Zachary Robbins, Rev. Donald Chaney, Thomas Brown, Kevin Eppenger, Dwayne Jackson, Chris Brown, and Dr. Andre Denson.



# Theta Rho Marches to its 50th Year

*Story by Brother Trevor V. Hodge, 13th District Director of Public Relations*

**S**tuttgart, Germany – Known for its historic train rides and its seismic contributions to scholarship across Europe, Theta Rho International Chapter, “Home of the European Ques,” marches proudly to its 50th anniversary.

Chartered in Frankfurt, Germany on August 15, 1962, Theta Rho continues to be inspired by the legacy of its 15 charter members: Brothers Ernest W. Armstrong, Wilbur L. Beck, Gilbert Kleckley, Henry L. Gibson, Roy L. Goines, Johnnie C. Greer, Samuel R. Harris, Samuel B. Houston, Evander L. Humphrey, Aaron M. Jones, Nathaniel L. Keeling, Russell A. Powell, Robert L. Smith, Dudley L. Tademy, and Joseph E. Washington.

These men with extraordinary vision led the first chartering of any Greek lettered Pan-Hellenic organization in Europe. The chapter was inactivated in 1972 and reactivated April 13, 1973 with nine members. The most famous of these Brothers was Major General Matthew Zimmerman who became the U.S. Army’s first African-American Chief of Chaplains.

With the collapse of the “Iron Curtain” in the early 1990s, the fall of the Berlin Wall brought about German reunification and a reduction of U.S. Armed Forces in Europe due to the reduced Soviet threat.

“Downsizing” of U.S. Forces in Europe coupled with Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC) significantly reduced the number of brothers serving in Europe and affected predominately active Omega areas of Nuremberg, Hanau, Wuerzburg, Berlin and Frankfurt.



Today, the “Hub” of Theta Rho now centers around two major cities, Kaiserslautern and Stuttgart. At the core of this significant celebration, service remains

pivotal. The foundation of Theta Rho International Chapter has always remained firm on community and social action activities, engagements and initiatives that have touched so many communities around the world. These include donations to “Haiti Relief,” Coat Drive for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter, Clothes Drive for the underprivileged, Toy Drive for children in a Women’s Refuge and partnership with Army Community Service launching their Domestic Violence Campaign.

Theta Rho International Chapter has expanded its community service initiatives and nationally mandated programs to Liberia and the United Kingdom, demonstrating its extraordinary vision and ingenuity to reach the broader community where its membership resides.

As Theta Rho turns 50, it is resolute in its will to strengthen these initiatives and fortify its members’ commitment to Omega Psi Phi through service.

# Bro. Hallam continues Omega's rich legacy

*Brother Matthew Coleman (right), the 13th District Representative with Brother W. Joshua Hallam, "2011 District Scholar of the Year"*

Birmingham, UK –(United Kingdom) continues to add to the rich legacy of Omega Psi Phi as the Omegas living overseas make their mark on our beloved Fraternity. As Theta Rho International Chapter is strategically shaping the expansion of the Fraternity, the rolls have grown to include Brother W. Joshua Hallam. Brother Hallam, a business and economics major at Birmingham City University, was the first Omega man to cross into the Fraternity on United Kingdom soil this spring.



Brother Hallam demonstrates impeccable character and scholarly prowess that should serve as a benchmark for all young men of Omega.

He possesses a high determination to succeed in all that he pursues. This is not only manifested on the soccer field where he continues to demonstrate his athletic brilliance,

but in the classroom where he exudes resolve to overcome challenges.

His attitude to continue striving for excellence in his studies is borne out by his determination to seek appropriate experiences to complement his studies.

In attempting to describe Brother Hallam, one is compelled to look beyond his quiet demeanor and recognize his intrinsic leadership.

He has clearly mapped his career and is on a trajectory to accomplish these goals. His desire to want to pursue a path in the financial industry is commendable. However, as commendable this is deemed to be, it pales in comparison to his deeply seated desire to use these skills to improve his community and the Fraternity.

Indeed, Brother Hallam may be young fraternally, but it is evident that he has a deeply seated commitment to Omega Psi Phi and his community.

In his short fraternal life, Brother Hallam has earned the distinction of being named the 2011 13th District Scholar of the Year and was among his distinguished contemporaries at this year's Centennial celebration where he was recognized. In receiving this honor, Brother Hallam understands the importance of the Fraternity promoting scholarship.

One such way in which this is done is through partnering with organizations such as General Electric (GE). These partnerships offer opportunities such as internships that provide recipients valuable experience in preparing them for the world of work. Seeking to take advantage of such opportunities, Brother Hallam believes in the second cardinal principle (Scholarship) and its potential to assist him in achieving his career aspirations.





# OMEGA CHAPTER

## Revelation 7:15-17

*And He said,*

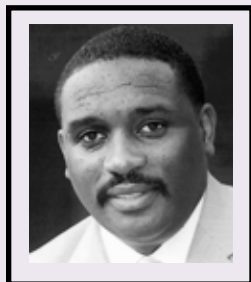
*“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;  
they have washed their robes and made them white  
in the blood of the Lamb.*

*Therefore, “they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.  
Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;  
he will lead them to springs of living water.  
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*



## Brother James L. Blair

### *Athlete and Youth Educational Leader*



**San Antonio, TX-** Brother James Lindsey Blair, was a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He was the fourth of five children born on May 2, 1960 to the late Rosie Lee Blair.

At an early age, he confessed his belief in Christ and joined Birmingham's Fifty-Ninth Street Baptist Church. At the time of his death, he was a deacon and

treasurer at Second Baptist Church.

After a successful prep basketball career at Carol W. Hayes High School, the honor student accepted a full scholarship to Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. When James ended his impressive collegiate basketball career in 1983, he had the distinct honor of being the first African-American athlete in the history of the school to have his playing jersey retired. Brother Blair was inducted into the Wofford College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. Following graduation with a B.S. in sociology, Brother Blair played professional basketball in the Philippines.

After his playing days, Brother Blair returned to his hometown, Birmingham, and worked as the Executive Director of Caring Helps Another Make Progress, Inc. (CHAMP). James saw the need to go back to the impoverished area where he grew up. CHAMP was a non-profit organization designed to help at-risk inner city youth.

Brother Blair relocated to San Antonio to serve as the Executive Director of the Miller Child Development Center, Inc. He remained at the center for 18 years in various leadership positions. In addition to Brother Blair's extensive volunteering duties, he was the co-owner and manager of Bratcher-Freeman & Blair Rental Properties.

Brother Blair, a Life Member, served as Basileus at Psi Alpha Chapter. He was initiated into the Fraternity in 1981, through Tau Delta Chapter. He is survived by his loving wife, Shawana Freeman Blair; five children; four grandchildren; two sisters and many loving family members. Brother Blair joined Omega Chapter on July 7, 2011.

## Brother Frederick D. Cason, Sr.

### *Federal service employee*



**Kansas City, MO-** Frederick D. Cason, Sr., entered Omega Chapter on February 19, 2012. He was the last of 14 children born to the union of John and Lea Anna Cason. He was born in Glasgow, Missouri on October 21, 1926.

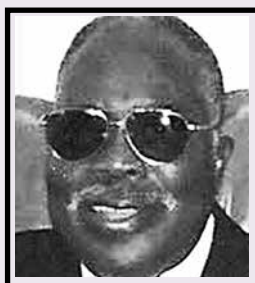
Brother Cason began his education at Lincoln University in Jefferson City,

Missouri. In 1948, he was inducted into Beta Omega Chapter at Lincoln. Before completing his education he served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Lincoln University to complete his education with a BS degree in business administration. He worked for the Army Map Service and the Federal Aviation Administration until his retirement in 1992.

The life and legacy of Frederick Cason Sr. will be cherished by his son, Dr Frederick D. Cason Jr. (Cathryn) and daughter, Sheila M. Cason-Lockhart (David); four grandchildren, Mario Shawn Friday, Marlon Lockhart, Matthew Tyler Cason and Malcolm Alexander Cason. A host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

## Brother Ladda Banks Cook

### *Chemist and Insurance Executive*



**New York, NY -** Brother Ladda Banks Cook was born on August 22, 1935 in Lancaster, South Carolina to Neely Coleman Cook and Lee Grebilue Cook. He was the youngest boy of nine children.

Brother Cook attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC where he received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry. It was at John C. Smith University where Brother Cook was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Rho Chapter on December 8, 1955.

While earning money for college in New York City, Brother Cook met and fell in love with Jessie Oliver. On December 30, 1958, while serving in the US Army, Brother Cook married Jessie, and the newlyweds moved to Tacoma, Washington immediately following the nuptials.

After his military service, Brother Cook and Jessie moved to Brooklyn, NY. Brother Cook held many jobs in his early career including working as a chemist for the New York City Department of Hospitals and Health. In 1965, he was recruited as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He worked for New York Life for 28 years before retiring in 1993.

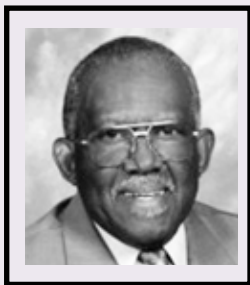
In 1972, Brother Cook was the first African American in New York State to receive a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation. He also received his Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation in 1986. Brother Cook spent the last 15 years of his career as Managing Partner for the Manhattan General Office.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 56 years after entering the Fraternity, Brother Cook entered the Omega Chapter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jessie; children, Anita and Deborah; granddaughter, Asia and several loving friends and relatives.

## Brother William “Bill” Curry

*Industrial Arts Teacher*



**Raleigh, NC-** Brother William “Bill” Curry entered Omega Chapter on July 15, 2011. He was 76 years old. Brother Curry was initiated thru Iota Iota Chapter on June 28, 1975,

Brother Curry was born and reared in Edwadsville, Virginia as the fifth of six children. He graduated from Julius Rosenwald High School in 1952. He then attended St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia earning a bachelor of arts degree in Industrial Arts. As an educator and administrator, he worked in two different states, Virginia and North Carolina for 37 years.

Brother Curry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary, sons Connie, Patrick (Omega), Eric (Omega) and Derrick; a sister, Arleda Sneed and two brothers Steven and Raymond Jr.

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## Brother Charles “Chuck” G. Davis

*Labor Administrator*



**Trenton, NJ –** Brother Charles G. Davis, Immediate Past Basileus, Delta Upsilon Chapter, entered Omega Chapter on May 23, 2011. Funeral services were held at Trenton's Shiloh Baptist Church.

At the request of Brother Davis before his death, the 32nd Second District Representative Brother Gregory Ackles officiated the Omega service followed by the Masonic and religious services. He was initiated into the Phi Sigma Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio, on March 9, 1968, and was one of two founders of the Psi Gamma Chapter at Kent State University.

Brother Davis had a stellar career with New Jersey Department of Labor where for many years he served as the highest ranking Black administrator in the department; serving as assistant commissioner on two separate occasions. During his last four years with the department, he served as the executive secretary of the Board of Mediation, where he was called upon to resolve some of the more critical labor and management disputes in the private sector.

Chuck leaves to cherish his memory, Rebecca Davis, his wife of 34 years; two children, Nikeysha (Nikki) Janeen Davis and Mark Garnet Davis; one daughter-in-law, Carissa Illig Davis; one grandson, Jackson Maxwell Davis; his mother, Lucy Davis; his sister, Sheree Davis Cunningham; one godson, Francis Dean Boyer III, and a host of relatives and friends.

## Brother Charles E. DeShields

*Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired*



**Columbia MD--** Brother Charles E. DeShields was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1931. He played football at Florida A & M College under the legendary coach Alonzo Smith “Jake” Gaither. He was a stellar player on the 1950 and 1952 championship teams. While at Florida A & M, he was a participant in the university's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program. This career prevailed over a very lucrative one in the National Football League (NFL) and the Philadelphia Eagles.

As an Army officer, DeShields was a dual rated master aviator and former senior flight instructor with more than 25 years experience in Army aviation and air-mobile operations. For his brilliant performance in the Vietnam War, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Bronze Star. Colonel Charles E. DeShields joined Omega Chapter on April 19, 2011 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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## Brother Glen T. Epperson

*Educator and Federal Service*



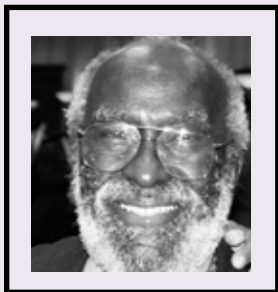
**Deridder, LA. –** Brother Glen T. Epperson entered Omega Chapter on September 09, 2011. He was initiated at Theta Chi Chapter in 1973 and was a charter member of Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter.

Brother Epperson received a bachelor of science and master of education from Prairie View A&M University.

Brother Epperson served in the United States Army, retiring from Federal Civil Service at Fort Polk, LA in 2005. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rose Lewis Denmond-Epperson; two sons, Marcus Epperson and Sylvester Denmond; one daughter, Perronda McClendon; brother, Franklin Epperson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Brother Earnest Fair, Sr.

*Social Worker*



**Chicago, IL**--On October 2, 2011, Brother Earnest Eugene Fair Sr., Chaplain Emeritus, Sigma Omega Chapter entered Omega Chapter. Brother Fair was initiated into the Fraternity by Rho Chapter (Johnson C. Smith University) in 1950.

Brother Fair was Life Member, number--67.

After moving to Chicago, Brother Fair joined and maintained membership with Sigma Omega Chapter for more than 50 years. He served on every committee and participated in all of the Fraternity's mandated programs.

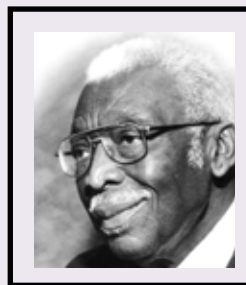
While attending graduate school, Brother Fair met and married Carmen Fowler at Atlanta University. Their union produced another, Omega man, Brother Earnest Fair, Jr. After graduating with a Masters in Social Work (MSW), Brother Fair embarked on a career in social work the Chicago Housing Authority, and later private practice.

Brother Fair, Sr. will be always remembered for his rich, deep voice, strong oratorical skills and his ability to recite a presentation that frequently brought brothers to their feet in standing ovations.



## Brother Denison D. Garrett, Sr.

*Businessman*



**Greenville, NC**--Brother Denison D. Garrett, Sr. entered Omega Chapter on May 28th, 2011. He was born on May 6, 1914 in Fairmont, NC.

He graduated from North Carolina College for Negroes (North Carolina Central University) and earned a BS in Commerce. Garrett entered the folds of Omega through Nu Alpha Chapter in 1941.

Brother Garrett was a dedicated civic, business, and religious leader whose life was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was the founder of D.D. Garrett Agency. Brother Garrett also served as a Pitt County Commissioner.

Along with being an Omega man, Brother Garrett was active with many other civic organizations. He was a member of the NAACP and Mt. Herman Lodge #35. Brother Garrett was also a loyal member at AME Zion Church where he was a Trustee, Sunday school teacher, and church historian. He is survived by his wife, Clotea; two sons, Denison Jr. and Michael; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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## Brother Lloyd B. Jackson, Sr.

*Norfolk Naval Supply Specialist*



**Chesapeake, VA** - Brother Lloyd Bernard Jackson was born March 27, 1927 in Enfield, NC. He attended Norfolk State College, but after the military, he completed his education at Virginia State University. Jackson joined Zeta Iota Chapter in 1963.

After 34 years, Brother Jackson retired from the Norfolk Naval Supply Center as an Inventory Specialist. He was a faithful member of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Brother Jackson joined Omega chapter on June 3, 2011.



## **Brother Alvin T. Jones, Sr.**

*Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired*



**Hampton, VA**--Brother Alvin T. Jones, a native of Johnstown, VA., joined Omega Chapter on October 20, 2011.

Jones was born to the late Elbert and Lillie Jones. He graduated from Central State University in 1961, with a degree in business.

He received his commission as an Army second lieutenant. As an undergraduate, Brother Jones was initiated into Omega on December 19, 1957 through Eta Gamma Chapter.

During his military career, Jones served several overseas tours in Germany and Vietnam. Lt. Colonel Jones twice received the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Bronze Star.

After his retirement, he was an active member of Zeta Omicron Chapter. To cherish his memory is his loving wife, Barbara; son, Alvin, Jr. (Brigitte); daughter, Lena (Jerry) Parker and two grandchildren, Brandon and Selena.

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## **Brother Fred J. Long**

*General Surgeon*



Brother Fred J. Long, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on July 20, 2011. Brother Long was initiated through Delta Psi Chapter at Shaw University. While at Shaw, Brother Long was an All-CIAA baseball and football player.

After his studies at Shaw, Long continued his education at Meharry Medical College, graduating with a medical degree in general surgery.

In 1989, he was inducted into the Shaw University Sports Hall of Fame. Brother Fred J. Long is survived by his wife, Peketa; children, Frederick, Whitney and Elizabeth; brothers, Robert, Kevin and Stanley and sisters, Sheila and Synetta.

## **Brother James P. Lottier, Sr.**

*Program Director and Manager*



**Youngstown, OH** - Brother James P. Lottier, a Youngstown native was born on April 18, 1915.

In early 1930s, he held the distinction of begin the first African-American to play quarterback in the Youngstown Public Schools. During his high school football career, he was All-City in 1932 and 1933. He was selected as an Ohio All State player.

Lottier attended Wilberforce University, where he was selected to the National Negro College All American Football team in 1938. Brother Lottier was initiated into Omega through Wilberforce University's Upsilon Chapter in 1936.

After service in the Navy during World War II, Brother Lottier worked as a Physical Education and Program Director at the West Federal Street YMCA

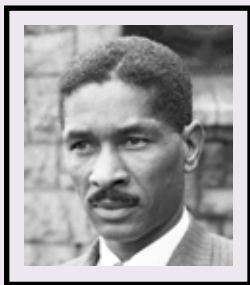
Later, he worked in a variety of management positions for the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Brother Lottier help to charter Psi Omicron and Zeta Gamma Chapters. He was a member of the Board of Trustees at St. Andrew A.M.E. Church and a Mason at Covenant Lodge No. 59.



## **Brother Rev. James Mack**

*Educator and Preacher*



**Chicago, IL**--Reverend Brother James Mack entered Omega Chapter on October 31, 2011.

Brother Mack was forced to make a decision between a pro baseball contract with the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro League or college. He chose college, but he served in WWII in the Army before completing his degree. After the war, he finished his studies at Morehouse College, class of 1948, which included Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He later entered the University of Chicago's School of Divinity.

In 1950, he married Genevieve Dunn and later was initiated into Sigma Omega Chapter. In addition to his church duties, he also served as an adjunct faculty in the History Department at Elmhurst College. Brother Mack is survived by his wife, Genevieve; daughter, Charlotte Mack, and his son, James Mack Jr.

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## **Rev. Brother Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr.**

*Pastor*



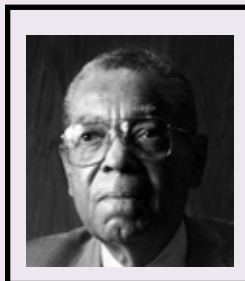
**Savannah, GA**-- Rev. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. He was initiated in Epsilon Epsilon Chapter. After his studies at Benedict College, he received a Master of Divinity from Morehouse School of

Religion's Interdenominational Theological Center. At the time of his death, he was the pastor of Connor's Temple Baptist Church.

He leaves a loving wife, Betty; three children, Benita Andrews (Timothy); Bendette McCaskill (Michael), Bennie, III; three grandchildren, Mychal, Ocoee and Louis; mother, Mattie M. Mitchell; four sisters and three brothers.

## **Brother Matthew J. Perry**

*U.S. District Court Judge*



Brother Matthew Perry was a towering civil rights figure who used intellect, hard work and courage to help end segregation in South Carolina, entered Omega Chapter on July 31, 2011.

After WWII, Perry enrolled into the state's new Law School at South Carolina State College. At that time, the University of South Carolina's Law School would not admit Blacks. Brother Perry was initiated into Omega through Xi Psi Chapter.

During the turbulent 1950s and 1960s, Perry made friends of his enemies even as he compelled resistant whites to open public parks and university classrooms to black South Carolinians. At his death, he was serving as a senior U.S. District Court judge for the state of South Carolina.

He leaves behind his wife, Hallie Perry and a host of relatives, loved ones and friends.

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## **Brother A. James Samuda**

*Engineer*



Brother A. James Samuda entered Omega Chapter on July 13, 2011. He was born in Boston, MA and after a stellar high school career, Howard University awarded him a scholarship.

He graduated with a B.S. in civil engineering from Howard and pursued advanced studies at George Washington University. He was a licensed engineer, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Life Member of Omega Psi Phi.

He leaves behind his wife, Leona Jane and host of family and friends.

## Brother Herman “Hal” Sieber

*Civil rights leader and Writer*



**Greensboro, NC** - Tau Omega's Brother Herman Sieber entered Omega on June 6, 2011. He was born in Weehawken, NJ and earned a B.A. and law degrees from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

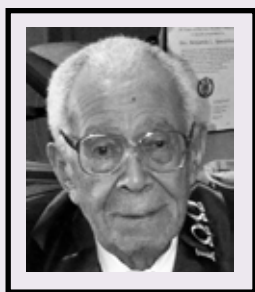
He had a varied and impassioned career. He was a speechwriter for Senator John F. Kennedy; senior researcher for the Library of Congress and Public Relations Director for the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. He taught at several North Carolina universities and was the long-term editor of the *Carolina Peacemaker*.

He authored and illustrated several books on the history of the civil rights movement. Brother Sieber was nominated for the National Book Award (Poetry) in 1956 for *"In This the Marian Year."* Brother Sieber is survived by a son, a daughter and a host of family and friends.

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## Brother Benjamin L. Spaulding

*Federal service*



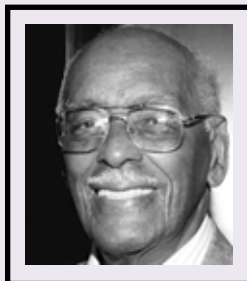
Brother Spaulding was born in Camden, SC, on October 12, 1911. He is noted as the first Omega man in the Fraternity's history to be presented an 80-year membership award. Brother Spaulding joined Omega through Alpha Chapter

in 1931.

He graduated from Howard University with a B.S. in business administration in 1935. After graduation, he began a 37-year career with the federal government. He worked as a claims examiner in the General Services Administration. He was a member of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church for over 60 years, serving on the Board of Trustees. Brother Spaulding joined Omega Chapter on March 6, 2012.

## Brother Dr. Henry “Jute” Taylor

*Scholar and Professor*



Pi Omega's Brother Henry “Jute” Taylor joined Omega Chapter on August 27, 2011. In 1938, Taylor earned his A.B. degree in chemistry from Lincoln University, PA. He received M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in solid state physics at the University

of Pennsylvania, becoming the second African-American to receive a Ph.D. from that institution.

In 1945, he became chairman of the Department of Physics at West Virginia State College. Later, he joined the faculty at Morgan State University, becoming its first chairman of the Physics Department. He was widely published and served as a liaison to the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

He is survived by two children, Brother Dwight Taylor and Trena Taylor Brown; grandchild, Jason; and two great-grandchildren, Julius and Quinn.

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## Brother LaMont Toliver

*Educational Leader*



Brother LaMont Toliver graduated from Virginia Military Institute (VMI). He later completed graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh, Virginia and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC).

Brother Toliver worked as the Director of Assessment and Advising at VMI, before arriving at UMBC in 1992.

At the University of Maryland, Brother Toliver was the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education and the Director of the nationally recognized Meyerhoff Scholarship Program.



## **Brother Harrison Tull**

*Tuskegee Airmen*



**Omaha, NE** - Brother Harrison Tull, a former Tuskegee Airmen and retired United States Air Force Lt. Colonel, entered Omega Chapter.

Beta Upsilon Chapter was proud to have Brother Tull, as a member of the chapter. The former Basileus will be missed by the chapter as well as the community.

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## **Brother Percell Ward**

*State Trooper*



Brother Ward joined Omega Chapter on December 30, 2011.

He was member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Steelton, PA. Brother Ward attended Cheyney State University.

In February 2007, he retired as a Pennsylvania State Trooper with 25 years of service.

Brother Ward memory will be cherished by his wife, Julie; three sons, Jaymes, Julius and Justin Ward; one sister, Darlena Ward; one grandson, Julius Ward; family members and friends.

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## **Brother Emmett Miburn White**

*Teacher*

Brother White of Sigma Omega joined Omega Chapter on January 7, 2011. He was initiated into the Fraternity in 1948 through Rho Epsilon Chapter.

He graduated in 1950 from Tougaloo College and later earned a M.S. from Indiana University. Brother White was a teacher in the Chicago Public School system. Brother White is best known in the Chicago area for his work with Chicago area Omegas in organizing joint Founders Banquets and other activities.

## **Brother Fred Westbrook, Jr.**

*Community servant*



**Nashville, TN** – Brother Fred Westbrook, Jr. was born on January 11, 1948 in Nashville to Brother Fred Westbrook, Sr. and Virginia Gray Westbrook.

He received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia State in biology and graduate studies at University of Kentucky, Vanderbilt University and Meharry Dental School.

He became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Gamma Phi Chapter in 1980. His father, Brother Fred Westbrook, Sr. influenced him to become an Omega. Brother Westbrook's son, Brother Dawann Westbrook is also an Omega man.

Brother Westbrook was known to the community as a servant. Through his company, Second Chance of Nashville, he helped ex-offenders to restart their lives and to readjust to society and the workplace. Through his work with the Omega's Riverbend Project, he assisted inmates in Riverbend Maximum Security Institution to prepare for successful re-entry into society.

Brother Fred Westbrook, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on April 25, 2012. He leaves to cherish his memory, a son, Brother Dawann Russell Westbrook (Diantay); daughter, Aisha Lugenia Westbrook; wife, Lauren Haygood Westbrook; devoted relations and friends.

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## **Brother Martin Whitaker**

Brother Martin Whitaker joined Omega Chapter on December 24, 2011.

He was initiated on April 7, 1979, through Kappa Eta Chapter on the campus of Seton Hall University. Brother Whitaker was known to many as Id Amin Da DA, a member of the Philly Allstars Steppers.

# Brother Dr. LeRoy T. Walker joins Omega Chapter at 93

## *A pioneer of the U.S. Olympics*



Brother LeRoy T. Walker, who overcame stifling poverty and racial intolerance to become the first Black person to coach a U.S. Olympic Track & Field team, as well as the first Black president of the U.S. Olympic

Committee, joined Omega Chapter on April 23, 2012. He was 93.

Brother Walker was a historic leader in the U.S. Olympic movement and was instrumental in bringing the Olympic Games to his native Atlanta in 1996.

In his long life, he overcame poverty and discrimination to earn honors as an athlete, coach, and scholar. “Brother Walker was truly a man worthy of emulation,” said Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus. “His life work and accomplishments are historic and he was a pioneer in the truest sense of the word. His dedication to education and service as a role model for others will be the hallmark of his life.”

Born LeRoy Tashreau Walker in Atlanta on June 14, 1918, he was the youngest of 13 children; he was reared by his mother, brothers and sisters before moving to Harlem, NY, where he lived with a brother.

As a student-athlete, he was an All-American quarterback at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., where he earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and track and field. After graduating magna cum laude in 3 ½ years, Brother Walker earned a master’s degree in Health Sciences and Physical Education from Columbia University in 1941 and a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology and Biomechanics from New York University in 1957.

Brother Walker turned to coaching when he was told that he would have to wait 18 months before he could enter medical school. His coaching career began at Benedict College and he then moved to Bishop College and later Prairie View A&M College in Texas. In 1945, he settled at North Carolina College in Durham, N.C.

During his career, Brother Walker developed Olympic medalists and numerous national champions and all-Americans. The best known of those athletes, Lee Calhoun, won gold medals in the 110-meter hurdles at the 1956 Melbourne and 1960 Rome Games, and Larry Black, Julius Sang, and Robert Ouko who won gold medals in relay events at the 1972 Munich Games.

In 1974, Brother Walker became the Olympic men’s track and field coach. Two years later, he coached the American squad for the 1976 Olympics. That team featured – hurdler Edwin Moses and the decathlete Bruce Jenner. Each captured gold medals in six events at Montreal.

Brother Walker was president of the Athletics Congress (now USA Track & Field), the national governing body, from 1984 to 1988. He advised or coached Olympic teams from Ethiopia, Kenya, Israel, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago; helped organize an American-Pan African meet; and took an American track team to China.

He was treasurer of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) from 1988 to 1992 and a senior executive who helped lead preparations for the 1996 Atlanta Games. He was named as the president of the USOC in October 1992.

Brother Walker is survived by his son, LeRoy Jr.; his daughter, Carolyn Walker Hoppe; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

### Grand Conclaves 1912 - 2012

<i><b>Conclave</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></i>	<i><b>Conclave</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></i>
1st	Washington, DC	1912	46th	San Antonio, TX	1960
2nd	Washington, DC	1913	47th	Washington, DC	1961
3rd	Washington, DC	1914	48th	Indianapolis, IN	1962
4th	Oxford, PA	1915	49th	Denver, CO	1964
5th	Washington, DC	1916	50th	Detroit, MI	1965
6th	Oxford, PA	1917	51st	Boston, MA	1967
7th	Washington, DC	1918	52nd	Charlotte, NC	1968
8th	Boston, MA	1919	53rd	Pittsburgh, PA	1970
9th	Nashville, TN	1920	54th	Houston, TX	1971
10th	Atlanta, GA	1921	55th	St. Louis, MO	1973
11th	Philadelphia, PA	1922	56th	Phoenix, AZ	1974
12th	St. Louis, MO	1923	57th	Atlanta, GA	1976
13th	Washington, DC	1924	58th	New Orleans, LA	1977
14th	Tuskegee, AL	1925	59th	Denver, CO	1979
15th	Chicago, IL	1926	60th	San Francisco, CA	1980
16th	New York, NY	1927	61st	Miami, FL	1982
17th	Indianapolis, IN	1928	62nd	Kansas City, MO	1983
18th	Baltimore, MD	1929	63rd	Louisville, KY	1984
19th	Detroit, MI	1931	64th	Washington, DC	1986
20th	Richmond, VA	1932	65th	Dallas, TX	1988
21st	Durham, NC	1933	66th	Detroit, MI	1990
22nd	St. Louis, MO	1934	67th	Atlanta, GA	1992
23rd	Atlanta, GA	1935	68th	Cleveland, OH	1994
24th	Philadelphia, PA	1936	69th	Los Angeles, CA	1996
25th	Cleveland, OH	1937	70th	New Orleans, LA	1998
26th	Chicago, IL	1938	71st	Indianapolis, IN	2000
27th	New York, NY	1939	72nd	Charlotte, NC	2002
28th	Nashville, TN	1940	73rd	St. Louis, MO	2004
29th	Indianapolis, IN	1941	74th	Little Rock, AR	2006
30th	Little Rock, AR	1944	75th	Birmingham, AL	2008
31st	Washington, DC	1945	76th	Raleigh, NC	2010
32nd	Fort Worth, TX	1946	77th	Washington, DC	2011
33rd	Detroit, MI	1947		Centennial Grand Conclave	
34th	Columbus, OH	1948	78th	Minneapolis, MN	2012
35th	Chicago, IL	1949			
36th	Boston, MA	1950			
37th	Miami, FL	1951			
38th	Philadelphia, PA	1952			
39th	Cincinnati, OH	1953			
40th	Atlanta, GA	1954			
41st	Los Angeles, CA	1955			
42nd	Baltimore, MD	1956			
43rd	St. Louis, MO	1957			
44th	Cleveland, OH	1958			
45th	New York, NY	1959			

*There were no conclaves in 1930, 1942, and 1943.*





**Bro. Kenneth Barnes,**  
Executive Director  
Omega Psi Phi  
Fraternity, Inc.



**CENTER:** Bro. Burnel E. Coulon, 31st Grand Basileus (center) and Bro. Warren Lee.

**ABOVE:** Bro. LLOYD Jordan (c) and Bro. George Grace (r), with Bro. Jonathon Griffin (left).



## SCENES FROM CENTENNIAL CONCLAVE

**TOP:** Bro. Dr. Andrew Ray (left) holds an enlarged display check for \$250,000 donated by OLMF to Howard University.

Bro. Dr. Moses C. Norman, the 33rd Grand Basileus speaks in front of the Science Hall on the campus of Howard University.





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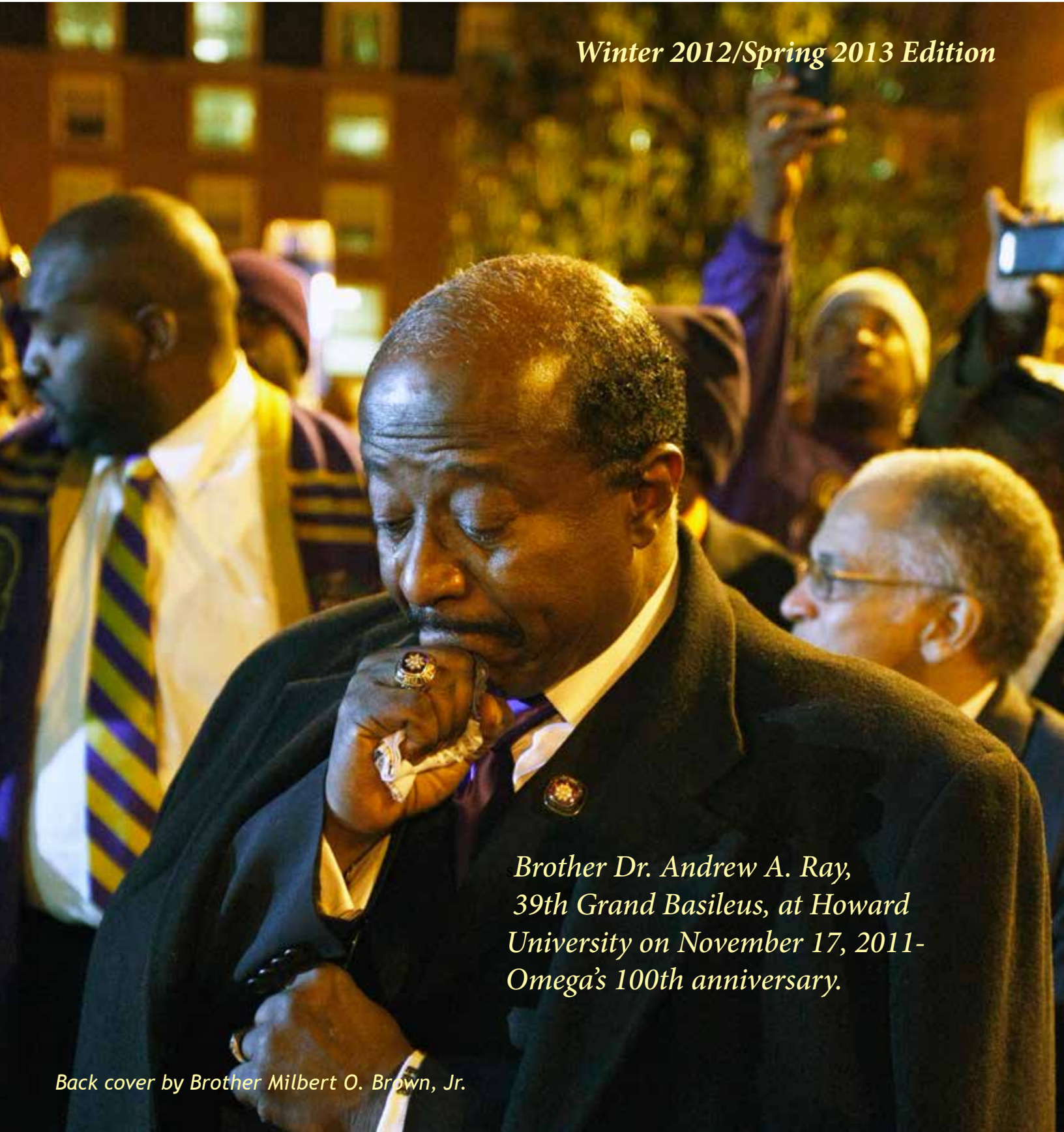
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