

MASSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE 12TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Words From The District Representative Brother James Walker



My Brothers of The Massive and Progressive 12th District,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is my deepest desire that this correspondence finds you doing OMEGA fine! There's an old adage that says, "Time passes fast, when you're having fun." It's hard to believe that it was a year ago that I was soliciting your support to serve as your 32nd 12th District Representative. I still remember the great sense of humility I felt when receiving the support of the brotherhood. You should know that I have not taken this immense honor and responsibility lightly.

The year has brought with it extreme highs as well as its challenges, but together we have persevered through them all and for that I am eternally grateful. Over the past year, we have done more to fortify our spiritual footing, strategically plan for the future, improve our infrastructure, effectively plan for the 80th Grand Conclave, continue to foster the development of leaders, treat one another with brotherly kindness while furthering Omega's cause by making a positive impact on the communities we serve. However, our work is not done!!!!

Even though we may still be climbing, it is important to stop every once and a while to smell the roses. It is in that spirit that I hope you'll enjoy this addition of our 12th District News Letter. It is a written testimony of all of the great work that many of the chapters within the 12th District have been engaged in. Additionally, it highlights stalwart brothers for their contributions, provides interesting tidbits for financial growth as well as information to fill your Omega Lamp.

I want to personally thank Bro. Myron E. Reed, our 12th District Director of Public Relations for his steadfastness in developing this communication tool. I equally encourage you to work with your chapters to make sure that your stories are told to us all.

One Love,

Brother Walker, 12th District Representative

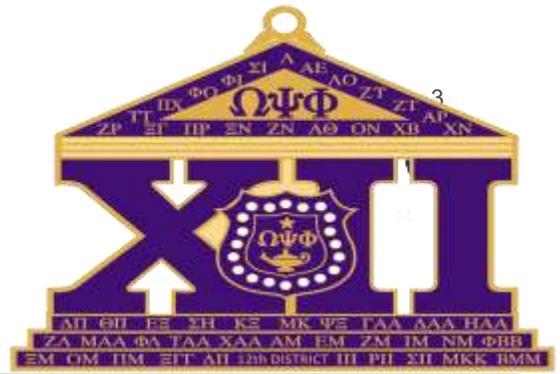


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12th DISTRICT EXEMPLIFIES SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN OMEGA!

When Brother James Walker became The 12th District Representative in 2015, he immediately set the tone that **SPIRITUALITY** would be one of the foundations of his tenure in office and the leadership team. True to his word, the District has become a spiritual pillar throughout Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Under the leadership and guidance of Brother James Walker and Brother Michael Brown, 12th District Chaplain, several spiritual milestones and achievements have been accomplished and more are planned:

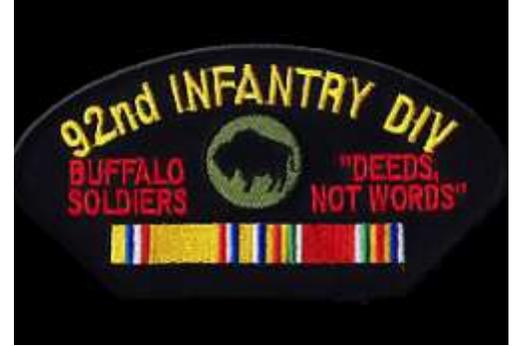
- Spiritual Revivals at each District Council Meeting.
- Frequent participation on recurring prayer conference calls convened by Brother Staccato Powell, Grand Chaplain.
- Continuation of monthly 12th District Bible Study calls including topics such as the priority, impact and benefits of prayer.
- Planned posting of Brother Brown's sermons and prayer series topics on the 12th District Website.
- Brother Michael Brown, 12th District Chaplain, has been appointed Deputy Grand Chaplain for the upcoming 80th Grand Conclave.



Brothers Dwelling Together in Unity during Spiritual Revival, District Council Meeting, Portland, Oregon, February 19, 2016



L-R, Bro. Walker and Bro. Brown addressing the audience and delivering sermon.



“History Comes to Life” Conversation with Brother Frank H. Cloud an Omega Buffalo Soldier

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Brother Carl A. Blunt
Chairman, International History & Archives Committee
32nd First Vice Grand Basileus



Bro. Frank H. Cloud was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on October 25th 1938 through Gamma Psi Chapter at Talladega College which means he is coming up on his 78th year as an Omega. Hearing that, I arranged for Bro. Don Lee to send a copy of his initiation card, scheduled a trip to LA to interview Brother Cloud, present him his card and chronicle his stories for the Museum. I was excited to meet a brother who had already been an Omega 13 years before I was born but it was his WW II exploits that had me in awe.

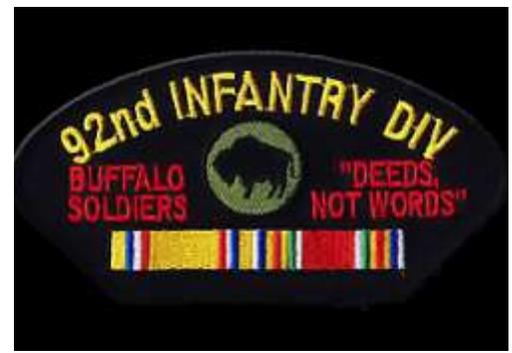
On March 12th, I had the pleasure and the honor to sit down with Bro. Cloud and listen first hand, to the vivid memories he had about Omega and his participation in World War II.

Bro. Frank H. Cloud was introduced to Omega by Dr. Bryant, his family physician and while at Talladega he, along with his brother and another friend joined the “Lampados Club”. When I asked him about his pledge period he broke into a big grin and said, ‘As Lamps, I still recall us going into the cemetery and searching for the gravestone of Data Breedlove’.

As we continued talking, Bro. Clouds son entered the room with a box of WW II pictures and the conversation shifted to Bro. Clouds military service.

Bro. Cloud was inducted into the US Army on August 29th 1942 and served in the 366th Infantry regiment of the 92nd Infantry Division (Colored as it was known then). That is the same unit that Edward Brooke served in. He went on to serve as a U.S Republican Senator.

The **92nd Infantry Division** was an infantry division of the United States Army that served in both World War I and World War II. Organized in October 1917 at Camp Funston, Kansas, the unit was formed with African American soldiers from all states. Before leaving for France in 1918, the buffalo was selected as the divisional insignia due to the "Buffalo Soldiers" nickname, given to African American cavalymen by Native Americans in the 19th century. This segregated unit was the only African American infantry division to see combat in Europe during World War II, as part of the U.S. Fifth Army, fighting in the Italian Campaign. It served in the Italian Campaign from 1944 to the war's end.⁴



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L-R Brother Cloud, March 2016 and Brother Blunt with Brother Cloud

“Fuzzy” as Bro. Cloud was called, was highly decorated with 3 Theatre Medals, the Victory Medal and 8 Bronze stars.

He had me on the edge of my seat as he told of meeting both General Benjamin O. Davis and later on, General Davis’ son, Colonel Benjamin O. Davis Jr. He went on to “spin” stories about how he volunteered to be a bugler since he had played in his High School band in Birmingham. Not because of his love for music but because he hated KP and guard duty and for the promotion to Corporal.

The interesting fact about his regiment is that unlike the other “so called” Colored regiments, his regiments officers were Black. Because of that unusual situation, there was a majority of men in his regiment from Howard, Wilberforce and those that had R.O.T.C or National Guard experience. With a need for Black officers and him being a college graduate, he joined the others at Officers Candidate School at Ft. Benning and came out a 2nd Lieutenant. Bro. Cloud went to serve as an Infantry cannon company commander and he enlightened me on how the range of the shell was determined by how many bags or charges were inserted into the field piece. Of their many assignments, his regiment was providing airstrip guard duty for the 322nd squadron, the ‘Tuskegee Airmen Red Tails’. Bro. Cloud said that General Benjamin O. Davis came through on an inspection tour and said the 366th unit was combat trained and should not be pulling guard duty, in a blink of an eye, his unit was shipped out and found themselves in a firefight outside of Somocologene, Italy against a unit they thought were German, but proved to be Austrian.

Bro. Cloud related a few more stories, but one that made my mouth drop was about Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient 2nd Lt Jim Fox. It was the day after Christmas and Bro. Cloud was to take the forward observer position on a patrol. Jim Fox came up to him and said that he wanted to take his place. Since they were both Lieutenants, one did not outrank the other. LT. Fox was adamant and finally convinced Bro. Cloud to trade, but they had to exchange pants due to the fact that Fox had pants that identified him as an officer and Cloud had khakis on. Bro. Cloud said Jim rarely wore khakis, usually had officer pants on and carried a “swagger stick”

That exchange proved to be one of immense historical relevance because the next day, while on that patrol, LT. Jim Fox, saved his unit from a German counterattack, sacrificing his own life by calling artillery fire onto his own position. When LT. Fox’s unit moved up, his body was recovered among approximately 100 German bodies. That display of self-sacrifice under fire earned LT. Fox our nation’s highest Military Award, the Congressional Medal of Honor but due to rampant racism in WW II, the CMH was posthumously awarded to LT Fox 53 years later in a 1997 ceremony by President Bill Clinton.

As I sat there with my mouth open, Bro. Cloud gave me that grin and as if providing verification to is story, said, “I still have Jim’s pants in my garage”.

Phi Iota Chapter - Leading the Way In Phoenix !



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Youth Leadership Academy
Mentorship Initiative December 5, 2015, Phoenix, Arizona

On Saturday, December 5, 2016 the brothers of **Phi Iota** chapter and **Omega Youth Leadership Academy** mentees held a Financial Literacy seminar entitled ***Act Your Wage*** on the campus of Sierra Linda High School.

The workshop was in partnership with *Take Charge America*, a leader in consumer credit counseling, and covered budgeting, savings, and fiscal management. The youth worked on budget spreadsheets and real life scenarios. Each Omega man shared personal strategies on how to be financially fit in college and later in life.

In concert was a quarterly **Parent Action Network** workshop hosted by Brother Dr. Bill Smith. “The topic was *“Eight Conversations Every Parent Must Have with Their Son”*. Bro Smith kept the parents engaged and allowed shared group insight to the challenges black males face today.

OYLA (www.oyla-usa.org) is a Phi Iota chapter youth mentorship initiative that empowers and educates males 5th-12th grade through field study trips, workshops, and college tours on how to live a healthy life while successfully pursuing and obtaining higher education.

Reported by Brothers Andrew Davis and Charles Wilson, Phi Iota Chapter

Phi Iota Chapter - Leading the Way In Phoenix !



Mentorship Initiative—November 7, 2015

Reported by Brothers Andrew Davis and Charles Wilson, Phi Iota Chapter

On Saturday, November 4, 2015 the brothers of Phi Iota and Omega Youth Leadership Academy mentees held a workshop on the campus of Sierra Linda High School.

Brother Mark Colclough presented a powerful workshop entitled “**7 Keys to Leadership**”. Youth were challenged to take their education and personal development to the next level. Also, *Brother Jay Williams* introduced the OYLA MVP College Pathway Project. This intense initiative pairs seniors with Omega mentors to help guide them through their



Brother Jay Williams introducing the *MVP College Pathway Project* to the OYLA mentees. He will be leading the Class of 2016 seniors help matriculate through their col-



Brother Thomas Perry discusses with OYLA mentees the importance of surrounding themselves with positive people and to take their edu-

17th Annual Student Leadership Conference Another Great Success, Kappa Xi Chapter, Las Vegas, Nevada

Reported by Brother Jerry Holliday

If we could sum up the 17th Annual Economic Summit and Student Leadership Conference (ES&SLC) in one word it would be “Outstanding”. The event held on Saturday, December 13, 2015 at the College of Southern Nevada – Cheyenne Campus. There was a full day of workshops, various professional presenters, STEM and financial and budgeting activities until the event ended at 5:00 PM. The one hundred and eighty 6th to 12th graders student in attendance were the tired but the beneficial recipients of a great event that you couldn’t put a price tag on.

The Economic Summit & Student Leadership Conference is presented jointly by the Kappa Xi Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Theta Theta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Las Vegas Urban League Young Professionals, the Uplift Foundation of Nevada (a 501c3) and The Las Vegas Urban League. The event established in 1998 as a way to educate the students and the public on managing money, creating wealth and meeting financial goals, the ES&SLC has blossomed into an event with something for everyone. The program is tailored toward students from 6th to 12th grade and their parents. Workshops are provided on a wide variety of STEM, finance, economic and career topics. It is free and open to the public.



The afternoon program was MAD CITY MONEY sponsored by SCE Federal Credit Union and the Center for Financial Empowerment. The moderator for the Mad City Money Program was Shay Olivarria President & CEO, Bigger Than Your Block. Mad City Money gave the students a real world simulation. Students take on the roles of adults with assigned occupations, monthly income, in some cases a spouse, various debt that can include students loans, credit cards and medical bills. The students were required to visit vendors and merchants to purchase housing, transportation, food, household items, clothing, day care and variety of other needed items. The student must develop a budget and work toward making purchases based on the assigned house hold income. Of course the students made mistakes and overspend or don’t make necessary purchases but it’s all part of the learning experience of the Mad City Money Program. Adult volunteers man the various stations and like the real world try to sale the students the most profitable items with no consideration of the student’s budget. The students found it both an enjoyable and eye opening program.

Event Chair Brother Jerry Holliday commented “this was a great opportunity for the students it provided them to a vast of amount of information that can provide a positive impact on their futures”. “We are quite pleased that in addition to providing all attendees breakfast and lunch, we presented six \$500 (\$3000.00) scholarships; distributed approximately \$1000.00 in gift cards and other prizes to the students. Every student was able to walk away with something today that will benefit them tomorrow.” Brother Holliday thanked all the organizations that participated, the volunteers, and presenters. He wanted to specially recognized Brothers Damon Hodge for his fundraising leadership of the Uplift Foundation, Maurice Page who secured underwriting to fund lunch, Christopher Brown who secured the location and all the Brothers of the Kappa Xi Chapter who came out to support the event.



Phi Omicron Chapter - An OMEGA Shining Light In San Diego, California

Reported by Brother Joseph Cummings

Phi Omicron Chapter of Holds their Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive and Health Awareness Day

San Diego, CA. On September 27, 2015, Phi Omicron held their annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive and Health Awareness Day. They solicited blood donors who were 17 and above to participate in one of our Fraternity's oldest programs in honor of one of our dearest members. The participants received over 10 hours of community service for their participation.

In addition to donating blood, participants got free blood pressure and mental health screenings as well as received handouts from Planned Parenthood on important issues concerning women's and men's health.

A truly successful event, the Brother's of Phi Omicron were able to get over 30 people to donate blood. The day was filled with food, fun and music and participants donated blood as well as learned more about their health and the health issues that affect our communities.

Phi Omicron Baja Ques Walking for Breast Cancer Awareness

San Diego, CA. On October 18, 2015, the Phi Omicron Chapter walked in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Breast cancer is one the most common cancers that kills women. Everyone has been touched by breast cancer in some way. In particular, black women are inordinately affected because of them either having no health care or a delay in treatment.

The Phi Omicron Chapter has made an annual commitment to bringing more awareness to breast cancer in our local community through our donations and participation in this event. Our donation is an investment provides in groundbreaking breast cancer research, free information and services for those diagnosed with breast cancer. Over thirty people joined our Team Omega, donated and walked to support individuals with breast cancer.

The Phi Omicron Chapter's Dr. John Arrington Mentoring (JAM) Program Uplifts Young Men in the Community

San Diego, CA- On October 3, 2015, Phi Omicron Chapter began their Dr. John Arrington Mentoring (JAM) Program. The program generally lasts through the school year. Its mission is to work with males between the 6th and 12th grade in the areas of character development, academic success, cultural awareness, and social service.

The Dr. JAM Program has two major components that are used in conjunction with each other. The first is the monthly educational component. Each month the group gets together and has a session that deals with one of the core principles of the group.

The second component is the group activity component. These events are used to build brotherhood and give the mentees a chance to fellowship with members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as well as doing community service.



Past JAM Program Participants



The Business Owner: Solutions to Make Your Company More Valuable & Successful

**By Brother Eric C. Bell
Independent Investment Advisor**



Business owners have so much on their mind every day. They are thinking of how to reach new customers, make a better product, balance the books, manage employees, and solve problems that appear by the minute. You are so busy working toward the goals and solutions, you may not identify other items that are essential to the success of your business.

Some of the items that will need attention and can make you more successful are: Succession Planning, Founders Agreements, Employment Agreements, Buy/Sell Agreements between Partners or Owners, Key Person, Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation, Deferred Compensation, Executive Bonus, Entity Structure, 3rd Party Purchase Agreements, Stock Options, Ethical Issues, Voting Agreements, Partner Disability issues and Legislative developments.

My name is Eric Bell, or as many of you know me – Brother Bell. I have been a financial professional specializing in wealth preservation, income solutions and business planning for my career spanning decades. I have seen many business owners struggle in planning on how to retain employees, plan in the event a partner or key employee becomes disabled or dies, and plan for the eventual transition or sale of their company.

Each one of these items is overwhelming on top of already running a business. However, if the owner overlooks any of these issues it could be costly to the Business and its value. I have worked with businesses on how to solve some of the problems and provide a team to aid each business with solutions.

Every business owner of any size should be concerned with many of the issues mentioned above. Each situation has its own set of items needing attention. The Start-Up will be concerned with Founders Agreements, Succession Agreements, Partner Disability or Death Issues, Buy/Sell Agreements, Voting Agreements, Entity Structure and Ethical Issues. A company in Growth Mode, may not have addressed the issues of the Start-up process. In addition, the growth company may need to start thinking of Executive Bonus, 401Ks, Non-Qualified and Qualified Deferred Compensation in order to retain employees. As the company matures, the issue of Succession Agreements, Buy/Sell Agreements or a 3rd Party Agreement may be necessary to address. Family Businesses have unique issues that should be addressed in order to provide a seamless transition to heirs.

My process is a collaborative and comprehensive one in which I first gain a better understanding about the client's business from the structure to the leadership and so on. I then propose how the collaborative process of professionals I have spent my career working with can serve and solve some of the greater issues the Business Owner is in need of.

I am looking forward to providing more detailed information in successive articles. If you should have questions or concerns, please send me an email at Bellec459@aol.com.



“OIL FOR YOUR LAMP” WHAT WERE OMEGA MEN THINKING ABOUT 70 YEARS AGO?

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THE ORACLE

“The Omega Type . . . ”

By CHARLES E. KING

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

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

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

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

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

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

The article above came directly from THE ORACLE MAGAZINE, circa May 1946. Interesting historical perspective on OMEGA and food for thought.

About The Oracle Magazine

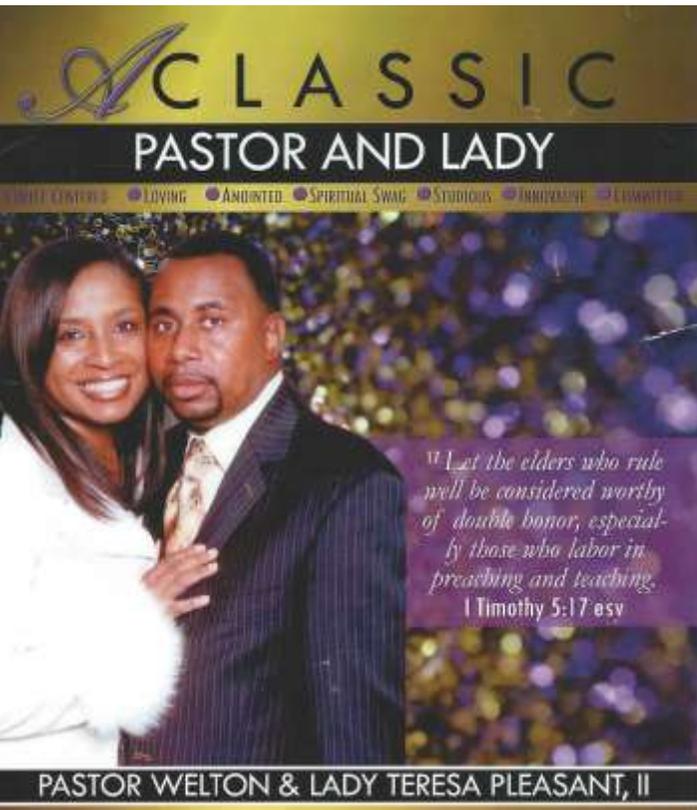
The Oracle is the official publication of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This publication is charged with providing a quality membership Magazine, which is representative of the high standards of the organization, and contains substantive and informative materials for its readers. The magazine was first published in 1919, with Brother Stanley M. Douglass (Alpha Chapter, 1915) serving as the first Editor of “THE ORACLE.”



MU ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

LEADING BY EXAMPLE IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Chartered on March 15, 1980, Mu Alpha Alpha Chapter has been serving the Orange County and surrounding communities for over 36 years. Under the leadership of current Basileus Brother Kalonji Saterfield, Mu Alpha Alpha Chapter continues to be a shining light of OMEGA and exemplifies the principles of MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE AND UPLIFT! Below are a few examples and images of recent Mu Alpha Alpha Chapter activities and highlights of a Brother in the Chapter:



On Sunday, March 6, 2016, Brother Pastor Welton Pleasant, II and First Lady Teresa Pleasant were honored for six (6) years of service and leadership at Christ Second Baptist Church of Long Beach, California. Members of the congregation, community members and Brothers of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc., were in attendance to support and show appreciation for Brother Pleasant and Lady Teresa.

L-R, Mu Alpha Alpha Brothers Saunders, Perry, Bell, Johnson, attending Christ Second Baptist, Long Beach, CA supporting Brother Pleasant's appreciation day.



February 6, 2016—Anaheim, CA— Supporting youth and community at the Orange County Black History Month Parade & Faire in association with the Orange County Uplift Foundation (OCUF.)





“COMEDY CLIQUE” BENEFIT FUNDRAISER @ FAMOUS COMEDY UNION LOS ANGELES, CA April 3, 2016, L-R, Brother Kalonji Saterfield, Basileus, Mu Alpha Alpha Chapter, and Brother Mark Smalls, President, Orange County Uplift Foundation (OCUF,) accepting check from Mr. Lester Barrie to support OCUF programs.

MU ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER PHOTO—2016



About Mu Alpha Alpha Chapter

During the Summer of 1979, Brothers stationed at Marine Cops Air Station El Toro (MCASET) contacted then 12th District Representative, Brother Arnold Butler, requesting his assistance in establishing a graduate chapter in Orange County California. Brother Butler directed Brother Ernest (Ernie) Bridges, Southern California Area Representative, to meet with the Brothers from MCASET to assist them with their request. After several meetings, it was decided that the Brothers had met all of the chartering requirements and the paperwork was forwarded to the Supreme Council.

Mu Alpha Alpha’s Charter was granted by the Supreme Council on March 15, 1980. The original Charter consisted of 12 Brothers located in the Orange County— Santa Ana/Irvine, California area. NOTE– Brother Bridges (pictured in chapter photo above on far right) is currently an active member of Mu Alpha Alpha Chapter.

GRAND BASILEUS KNOX RECOGNIZES 12TH DISTRICT FOR FATHERHOOD AND MENTORING LEADERSHIP IN OMEGA!

Quote from Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., 40th Grand Basileus

April 1, 2016—”Good Morning Brothers, Thank Brothers for making a difference, you are all doing a wonderful job!”

Brother Grand goes on to specifically recognize Brother Doctor George D. Taylor, Zeta Tau Chapter, Altadena, CA, and other Brothers on the frontline of the Fatherhood and Mentoring initiative.

The quarterly Fatherhood and Mentoring newsletter letter published under the leadership and watchful eye of Brother George Taylor has done an outstanding job of communicating the efforts and successes of OMEGA in this critical initiative. However, this publication would be remiss if it did not highlight a few of the greats works of these outstanding OMEGA MEN.

Moreno Valley, California Mayor Recognizes Mentoring Work: Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. By Brother George D. Taylor, Ed.D. Editor to the Oracle, Zeta Tau Chapter

Moreno Valley, CA – January 19, 2016 - The language on the certificate read – in part, "WHEREAS, mentoring is a longstanding tradition in which a dependable, caring adult provides guidance, support, and encouragement to facilitate the social, emotional, and cognitive development of a young person;"- this was the mayor and city council's way of saying to the men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in the two most powerful words in the English lexicon – “thank you.”



L-R: Accepting Mayoral Proclamation for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rodney Jones; Mrs. Tamra Handysides, MVHS Program Coordinator



12TH DISTRICT RECOGNIZED BY GRAND BASILEUS FOR FATHERHOOD AND MENTORING LEADERSHIP IN OMEGA!

Steve Harvey Mentoring Program for Young Men By Brother George D. Taylor, Ed.D.

January 25, 2016 – Comedian, entertainer, and TV personality Steve Harvey and crew visited Los Angeles the weekend of January 22 – 24 to engage young men ages 13 to 18 in learning lessons of Manhood 101. The event was held on the campus of the University of Southern California (USC). Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., were present to lend their support to the Steve Harvey Mentoring Program. Steve Harvey's twin daughters Brandi and Karli were present and in charge of the activities for the weekend.



Lieutenant Colonel Michelle D. Nhambure, Multicultural Program Manager, Army Marketing Research Group, Alexandria, VA and Omega Psi Phi members volunteering.



The 2016 Steve Harvey Mentoring Program in Los Angeles, CA, January 22-24.

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Steve Harvey Mentoring Program for Young Men

January 22-24, 2016, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA



Lambda Omicron's Annual Student Success Conference Set to Feature Pinc Gator as Keynote Speaker/Performer

By Brother Strawn Teague Holmes, M.Ed,
Intervention Specialist

The Mighty Brothers of Lambda Omicron are proud to present world renowned artist/producer/activist, Pinc Gator, at the 3rd Annual Student Success Conference on February 3rd, 2016, at Leuzinger High School, located in the South Bay of Los Angeles, California. The Omega Psi Phi international ambassador will serve as keynote speaker, featured performer, and workshop facilitator at the perennial event sponsored by the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Lambda Omicron Chapter, in conjunction with the Leuzinger High School Black Student Union.

The men of Lambda Omicron are honored to present Pinc Gator to the South Bay Community and to all the honorable men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who will participate, because he is the embodiment of and clearly committed to: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift; proven through his music, youth mentoring, and community activism. He is well known and loved by the brotherhood for blessing us with the International Hit, "I'm A Que" in 2006. Although Gator started working on his dream well before his smash hit became the other unofficial anthem for the Omega Men everywhere, "I'm a Que" provided for him and Omega Men worldwide, the energy and ENTHUSIASM to continue creating, serving, and representing Omega Psi Phi, Inc., internationally.

Gator speaks to the souls of Omega men and motivates the people through music by producing songs that are inspirational and uplifting, while entertaining. He has produced fight songs for professional and college teams and institutions. He constantly provides service by dedicating himself to community activism and youth mentorship. When he is not in the studio creating classic anthems, he shares his time speaking, performing, and conducting youth workshops. Therefore, Pinc Gator was indubitably chosen to be the honored special guest at the 3rd Annual Student Success Conference.

The purpose of the Student Success Conference is to promote post-secondary opportunities and to provide a unique educational experience focusing on vocational exploration, training and personal development. Many of the colleges and universities in attendance will be screening potential students to offer conditional acceptances and scholarships, while many of the professionals facilitating workshops will be screening potential students for internships. Representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools, and military academies will all be under one roof, available to talk with prospective students, provide information about their institutions, and answer questions about post-secondary educational opportunities. Students will also be enriched and educated by representatives from various law enforcement agencies on how to interact with law enforcement when encountered, and gender based break-out sessions that will address various youth issues. Selected students from all four schools in the Centinela Valley Union High School District (Hawthorne H.S., Lawndale H.S., and Loyde H.S.) will converge at Leuzinger High School to take advantage of a wealth of post-secondary educational resources.



"Instead of taking a bus load of 50 students to a college/career fair, we brought the fair to us. This way, our whole school and community can benefit directly or indirectly from so many working and educated professionals being on our campus at one time," said event organizer, beloved Leuzinger teacher, and Lambda Omicron Chapter member, Brother Damion Nunley. He adds, "and now we got the brother with The Gold Helmet with No Face Mask on the way to the 12th District for service and fellowship, let's just say I'm highly enthused."

The brothers of Lambda Omicron Chapter celebrate the 70th anniversary of the chapter in 2016 so it is only appropriate for the 1st major chapter service event of the year to be major, featuring a major, internationally known artist, performer, community activist, and ambassador for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Pinc Gator. Lambda Omicron welcomes all brothers that are able and willing to come and participate in this historical event.

In the spirit of the Omega Psi Phi mandated programs, The Student Success Conference is one of many yearly events organized, promoted, and sponsored by the Outstanding Men of Lambda Omicron. The event highlights our brotherhood's commitment to Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. As a result of our efforts, we celebrate the youth that have found success by taking advantage of the opportunities we have presented to them in previous years, and we look forward to celebrating the triumphs of the youth we will reach in the future.

Bow Ties and Stilettos on The High Seas

**Story by Brother Wenifred H. Smith II
Rho Iota Iota Chapter, Long Beach, CA**



On October 3rd 2015, the men of Rho Iota Iota (Long Beach CA) set sail on their inaugural boat ride, better known as “Bow Ties and Stilettos.” And with such a unique theme, those who attended came dressed to impress. Partygoers were dressed to the nines in the themed attire as they boarded the Grand Romance Riverboat docked at the Pike in Long Beach.

The boat ride was the idea of Brother Donovan Slack, the Basileus of Rho Iota Iota. When Brother Slack presented his vision to the chapter of a boat ride returning to Southern California, it was all hands on deck and the brothers heeded his call to pitch in with their sweat equity to make the fundraiser one to remember.

By the time the Grand Romance launched from her moorings, she was filled to capacity with eager guests looking for a good time. And a good time was had by all aboard. Guests were treated to a variety of hors-d’oeuvres while they mingled aboard the triple-decker paddleboat. The waves weren’t the only motion on the ocean as partygoers danced the night away as the DJ moved the crowd with his power packed playlist ranging from old school R&B to today’s current hip-hop.

In keeping with the riverboat theme of the night, all ladies on board were adorned with Mardi Gras beads in exchange for a dance with a brother from the host chapter. But not to leave the gentleman out, all guests were given commemorative handkerchiefs as a token of appreciation for making Rho Iota Iota’s first annual Bow Ties and Stilettos boat ride a resounding success.

The only disappointment of the night was when the vessel headed back to dock. But before the party could wind down, one more song had to be played. And with the press of a button, the pulsating baseline from “Atomic Dog” was blaring over the DJ’s speakers and just like clockwork, the Ques hit the dance floor (or wherever they were) and set out marches with pinpoint precision and white-hot enthusiasm.

Before the Grand Romance could get back to shore, guests were asking if they could purchase tickets to next years boat ride. Unfortunately, partygoers did not leave with pre-purchased tickets for next year, only promises of bigger and better and with the added advise to purchase tickets as early as possible.



Omega Men Celebrating 22 Years: Youth Leadership Conference and Mentoring Program

Destination: MANHOOD

**Reported by Brother William Perry
Tau Tau Chapter**

Los Angeles, CA – Fall classes had begun in beautiful sunny southern California. Almost six-hundred and fifty African American young men ages 8 to 18 and 260 parents (110 Fathers, 150 mothers) assembled at the University of Southern California (USC) under propitious care of brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

As guests of Tau Tau Chapter, Omega Educational Foundation, Inc., 215 Omega men from 15 different chapters and 52 volunteers, participants learned about the fraternity's four cardinal principles: manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift and effective parenthood.

This gathering began 22 years ago at Los Angeles' Southwest College. Having outgrown Southwest, the Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) was moved to Compton College in 1996; it found its newest home at USC in 2011.

"We have touched the lives of over 6100 young men over this 22-year-span saving lives one young man at a time," hailed Brother Ricky Lawrence Lewis, Founder of the YLC and president of the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc.

For 22 years, chapters throughout the 12th District have come together to provide leadership training. Led by Brother Lewis and supported by many brothers who convene weekly to plan the Youth Leadership Conference. The conference is a bastion of manhood training for youth.

Several years ago, Brother Dr. Anthony Maddox suggested adding another component to the YLC, bringing Mothers on board for a Parent Conference. Brother Lewis, asked Brother Maddox to plan programs for parents; three years ago, Brother Keith Parker began working with fathers.

**Accolades from Brother
Moses C. Norman, Sr.**

33rd Grand Basileus

"Brother Ricky, We salute you and the Brothers for your consistent dedication to the development of our youth through more productive involvement of their families, especially the mothers."



Foreground, L-R Brother Ricky L. Lewis, Executive Director, Omega Educational Foundation, Dr. Max Nikias, President, University of Southern California, Brother Dr. George D. Taylor, International Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiatives Committee.
Background—THE FUTURE!



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October 10, 2015, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA



Omega 2015 Scholarship Gala Reception

Reported by Brother William Perry, Tau Tau Chapter



Brothers of Omega, family and friends gathered on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2015 for the Annual Omega Educational Foundation Scholarship Gala Reception at the University of Southern California from 6 - 11 PM at the Town and Gown room. This year's gala was well attended by over 340 guests and to honor the 7 young African American high school seniors who were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each towards their college education. Each young man wrote an essay on the theme of Destination: Manhood. The awardees are Shane Williams, Jhourdan Washington, Daniel Tolbert, David Tolbert, Lawson Hall, Jeffrey Palmer, and Christopher Carter. Each young attended with their parents and had a chance to take pictures with the brotherhood.

The Gala committee was chaired by Brother Kary Pounders, who has been at the helm for 4 years, and saw the consistent growth of the Gala during that time. Many brothers on the Gala committee and in Tau Tau Chapter, worked feverishly during the 7 month planning phase to bring this Gala to fruition.

The 2015 Gala honoree was Brother William "Bill" Scott, Deputy Chief, LAPD who thanked the brotherhood for honoring him during this year's gala, and spoke about his desire to give back to the community. The Keynote Speaker was Mr. Christian Brown, MS Journalism, USC who was a mentee and 1999 Youth Leadership Conference attendee. Who spoke about the impact the Youth Leadership Conference and the men of Omega made in his life and helped mold decisions he has made in life.

Brother Lloyd Jordan, 36th Grand Basileus brought greetings on behalf of Brother Antonio F. Knox, 40th Grand Basileus, and thanked the members of Tau Tau Chapter for their exemplary work in the community and assisting young African American males.

Brother Lewis Sears, Chairman, Omega Life Membership Foundation brought greetings and thanked the members of Tau Tau Chapter for their untiring commitment to helping our youth. Silent Auction, good food, good people, good dancing good time had by all.



Photos—Top, 2015 Omega Educational Foundation, Youth Leadership Conference Scholarship Awardees (see names above), Bottom, Omega dignitaries and Mr. Christian Brown, returning mentee awardee.



Omega Education Foundation Partners with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA)

By Brother George D. Taylor, Ed. D, Zeta Tau Chapter

Creating and Sustaining a "Culture of Good Health and Happiness!"

Los Angeles, CA, December 15, 2015 – Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc., met Tuesday evening with Doctors at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA) to form a partnership to "Treat Kids Better" as noted on the cover of CHLA's blue information folder.



Dr. Bianca R. Edison and the Omega Psi Phi Team

Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). She received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, obtained residency training at UCLA and fellowship training in Primary Care Sports Medicine at CHLA. She has been in practice for nearly 4 years. Dr. Edison's husband (Robert) is a member of Tau Tau Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; she has participated before in the Fraternity's Youth Leadership Conference.

Seated at the head table of the conference room, Dr. Edison introduced her team member, Dr. Jeffery S. Upperman, MD, Trauma Program Director, PDRTC, who joined the meeting by telephone. Brother Dr. Upperman is a graduate of the New Jersey Medical School. His specialties include: Trauma, Disaster Preparedness and Injury Prevention; he is a member of Tau Tau Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Dr. Edison opened the meeting with: "What are your needs?" During the course of the meeting, she emphasized that Children's Hospital of Los Angeles is interested in providing service to all of Los Angeles and SoCal. "Children's Hospital of Los Angeles desires to extend its reach throughout Southern California and to be the Medical home for youth," she said.

Included on the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's team led by Brother Ricky Lewis were some of the YLC leadership team: Brothers Stephen Butler, Esq., YLC Coordinator of Roles and Responsibilities; Paul Turner, Coordinator of the young men's portion of the YLC; Robert Edison, Coordinator of the Mothers Conference; Ronnie Walker; Kwa King, Coordinator of Public Relations; and Dr. George D. Taylor, Coordinator of Command Center.

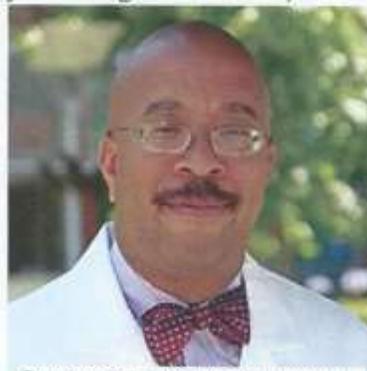
The meeting agenda was full. The group resolved to continue meeting by developing a finite list of topics for future YLCs as well as presentations directed to parents of youth and future parents. They agreed that there was a mutual interest in creating and sustaining a culture of good health and happiness among, particularly, large populations of urban youth and parents.

The most recent Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) was held on the campus of the University of Southern California October 10, 2015 and featured Dr. Max Nikias, president of USC. The next one is scheduled for Fall 2016. To see and hear president Nikias speaking to Youth at the October 10, 2015 YLC at USC go to: <http://www.omegaeducationalfoundation.org>. ///

The meeting was held in the fourth floor conference room of the hospital, located in the center of Hollywood on Sunset Blvd. It came about because of a simple telephone call from Dr. Bianca R. Edison, MD, MS, FAAP, to Brother Ricky Lewis, Tau Tau Chapter. The call was about setting a meeting to discuss a possible partnership of mutual interest - that being "saving kids' lives, one child at a time."

During the telephone call, a meeting time and date was decided upon and each invited their team to come to the table to discuss how best each could work together to better the lives of youth in the greater Los Angeles area.

Dr. Edison, MD, MS, FAAP, specializes in Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics and is affiliated with the Sports Medicine and Concussion Program at Children's



Brother Dr. Jeffery S. Upperman



Men In Front!

Tau Tau Chapter Honored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Rolling Hills/Palos Verdes Alumnae Chapter

Reported by Brother William Perry
Tau Tau Chapter

October 24, 2015

Brothers in attendance: Ronnie Walker, Ed Young, Ronan Hill, Ricky Lewis, Rodney Brooks, Derrick Horton, Paul Turner, Keith Tate, Kent Jones, Kary Pounders, and Kwa King

The brothers of Tau Tau committed to 2 full tables in support of the ladies pf RHPV Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their Men in Front Gala honoring, Stinson Brown, Mike Gipson, Dr. Mal Fobi, Ricky Lewis, Dr. Ronnie Jones, Sen. Isadore Hall, III, Dr. Gabe Hunt, Jr., Uchenna Nworgu, and Daryl Osby .

Acceptance Speech by Ricky Lewis: If my daddy and my hero were alive, he would say, son, you are in HIGH Cotton tonight!

Thank you to the ladies of Rolling Hills/Palos Verdes **Alumnae** Chapter, Chapter President, Sister **Marion White**, and Sister Helen Fobi, President of the Torch Bearer Foundation.

When you honor me you honor the legacy of my mother Ethel Lee Lewis and my Father Harvey Lee Lewis, 2 people who instilled the values of hard work, make no excuses son, and your word is your bond.

I thank my wife Vicky Lewis for her unwavering support and patience, the Good Lord show smiled on me when he sent her my way, I don't know what I did to deserve this blessing, but I show appreciate it, and our 2 sons Adisa Omari and Wyatt Lawrence for their patience with their Father, as I serve Dear Omega.

I am humbled to receive this award, and honored to be mentioned in the same vain as world renowned surgeon, Dr. Mal Fobi, Senator and future congressman Omega brother Isadore Hall, Assembly member Mike Gipson, and all the other outstanding honorees tonight.

I want to take a moment to thank the men who have served as Basileus of Tau Tau chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. since we institut-ed the Youth Leadership Conference some 22 yrs ago. Ed Young, Kwame Dow, Sean Castleberry, Ronan Hill, Walter Hunter, Todd May—**OMEGA CHAPTER**, Rod Bickerstaff, Paul Turner, Keith Parker, Arthur (Bud) Coleman, Chris Tyas—**OMEGA CHAPTER**.

In you name, I accept this award and honor!! You made this night possible....I am eternally grateful. Long Live Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Thank you!



Tau Tau Chapter Brothers attending event, L-R, Horton, King, Lewis, Brooks, Young, Walker, Tate



12th District Newsletter Editor's Notes From Brother Myron E. Reed

Brothers of The 12th District,

It has been my extreme honor and privilege to serve as your 12th District Director of Public Relations (DDPR) for the last year! With input, support and guidance from across the District, and beyond, the 12th has elevated its profile throughout OMEGA.

Although there is still much work to be done, one of our most significant advances has been the District website's enhanced "look & feel", improved functionality and ongoing addition of more robust content. Please take a few minutes to browse the site and experience the recent changes. The main driver behind the website enhancements has been Brother Quentin Davis from Phi Omicron Chapter. Brother Davis stepped up to become the 12th District Web/IT Chairman during the last Fall's District Council Meeting in San Diego. Since that time, Brother Davis has provided strategic vision, completed numerous updates and thwarted malicious cyber-attacks. Brother Davis and I would be remiss if we did not specifically acknowledge the support of Brothers Nick Thompson and Darroll Love for their advice and action to help facilitate many of the 12th District website upgrades and advancements.

Other selected accomplishments over the last year:

- Revitalized The 12th District Newsletter.
- Expanded 12th District coverage in The Oracle Magazine.
- Facilitated creation of the 12th District's 80th Grand Conclave ad that was placed in every 2016 District Meeting souvenir booklet throughout OMEGA.

This newsletter depicts some of the great works of OMEGA here in the 12th District. I encourage more chapters to submit stories and photos so we can continue to **GROW OUR BRAND AND TELL THE GREAT OMEGA STORY!**

Although the DR appointed me as 12th District Director of Public Relations, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge several Brothers, in no particular order, that have provided support throughout the journey; Fred Alexander, James Walker, Ricky Lewis, Ronan Hill, George Taylor, Lemarr "Spedy" Ketchens, Steve Hill, Honorable Steve Watkins, Carl Blunt and Kalonji Saterfield.

Lastly, I thank Brother Milbert O. Brown, Jr., Editor of The Oracle Magazine, for many decades of Friendship and encouraging and challenging me to grow as an OMEGA Man by seeking the role of 12th District Director of Public Relations.

Brothers, your constructive criticism and feedback is always welcome. I look forward to your input and seeing many of you in Phoenix at the 12th District Meeting and later this Summer at the Grand Conclave in Las Vegas.

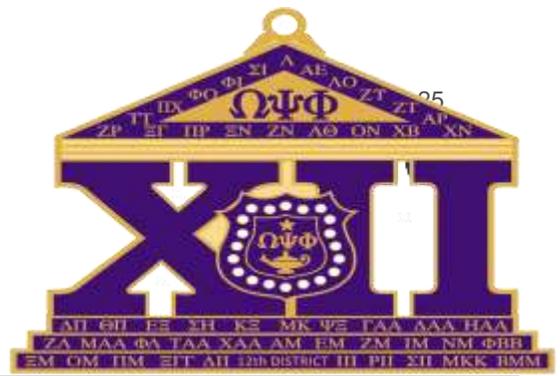
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Brother Myron E. Reed

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The 12th District Executive Board Looks Forward to Seeing you
this July in Las Vegas, Nevada

Go to WWW.OMEGATAKEOVER.COM for details



We welcome you to the 80th Grand Conclave!



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District Representative

Dennis R. Martinez
First Vice District
Representative

Second Row, left to right
Michael Brown
Chaplain

Ronan K. Hill
Keeper of Records
and Seal

Tim Waters
Keeper of Finance;

Myron E. Reed
Director of Public
Relations

not pictured

Sean Cook
Second Vice
District Representative

William E. Edwards,
District Counselor

Charles Peevy
District Marshal

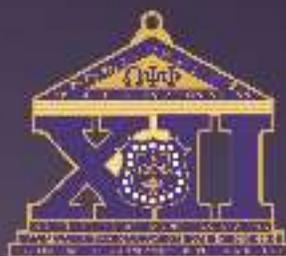
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