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5th District Represents at 2006 Conclave



DR Chase Leads Distinguished Brothers of Mighty 5th District

Plan Now for The 59th Annual Fifth District
Meeting

Host Chapter: Zeta Gamma Gamma
March 22nd - March 25th, 2007
Oak Ridge, TN



www.doubletreeoakridge.com

**Co-District
Marshals:**

Bro. Louis H Jones
Bro. Jacob Brown

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Oak Ridge, TN

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We bid you traveling grace en-route to our
District Meetings...

BROTHERS OF OMEGA



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Message From The DR



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Greetings Brothers of the Fifth District

I hope this communications finds each of you in good health. We are attempting to grow our membership and chapters within our district. In order for us to obtain a high level of membership there is a need for each of you to contribute. If we sit on the sidelines and wait silently we will be over looked and passed by. We must take an active role in increasing our membership. We must seek to find those who meet the four cardinal principles that our Fraternity was founded on.

I have met with brothers in Martin, TN about establishing a graduate chapter in that city. There is great enthusiasm from 10 current members. I am expecting this to be completed within the next couple of months. I have also met with a couple of members in Johnson City in an effort to re-activate Phi Tau graduate chapter. Phi Tau may take a little longer and more effort, but to run a marathon one must begin with one step. We are taking that step in Johnson City. I have made contact with brothers in Paducah, KY about establishing a graduate chapter in that area. They are currently pulling together all who may be interested and I plan to meet with them shortly. In addition, Gamma Iota Iota is attempting to get re-activated as the brothers in that area are making appropriate contacts.

There are a few steps that are required before Rho Psi undergraduate chapter at Tennessee State University will be allowed to come back. However, we are in the process of taking those steps to re-activation. A strong group of graduate brothers in the Nashville area are stepping up to plate to assure that when that chapter comes back that it will not meet the same pitfalls as before. We are also exploring the possibilities of getting members on the campuses of Morehead State University and American Baptist College.

New membership into current existing chapters must continue. Recently, Xi Xi chapter in Fort Knox, KY initiated a new member. Epsilon Phi, Gamma Phi, Eta Beta, and Mu Zeta have requested to conduct Membership Selection. Omega Lambda Lambda is in the process of taking 32 candidates through the Membership Selection process. Congratulations to Omega Lambda Lambda for being successful in finding such a great number of worthy potentials.

Our new fiscal year is approaching rapidly starting November 1, 2006. We must be mindful to not let our membership lapse, for October 31, 2006 is the last day that our current membership is active.

After that date we are no longer financial, unless we have submitted our dues to our local chapter, the District and the IHQ. Each chapter's year-end book should be prepared and submitted to your regional Social Action Committee representative. The District Social Action Chairman, Samuel McKenzie, will inform everyone as to whom those committee members are.

Communication will start effective November 1, 2006 to be sent to chapter email boxes exclusively. I will no longer utilize those individual email addresses for Chapter Basilei and KRSs. Due to frequent changes of individual email addresses we have chosen to go with the more permanent and stable chapter email addresses. The District Keeper of Records and Seal, Ed Morant, will provide instructions as to how they should be accessed. Brother Morant will also provide instructions on how to make request from the IHQ by using the new tracking system.

The **District Council Meeting** will be held in **Nashville, TN on October 21, 2006** and I look forward to seeing you there. May God bless each and every one of you and keep you safe and steadfast to the end of life's journey.

2006 5th District Council Meeting

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Saturday, October 21, 2006
MeHarry Medical University
Learning Resource Center
Nashville, TN

9am – 11:30 am	Call to Order Committee Reports
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	Luncheon
1:30 pm –	2007 District Meeting DR Address MSP Orientation Closing



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New Grand Basileus Speaks



Brother Warren Lee

Brothers:

I greet you in the matchless and powerful name of my Lord and Savior – Jesus, who is the Christ.

First, I thank you for your vote of confidence when you elected me the 38th Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. during our 74th Grand Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas. I am truly honored and humbled by the selection and I will strive to merit your trust on a daily basis.

Within the next 100 days, we will move promptly to improve the effectiveness of our communication. I will:

- Send a letter to all financial members outlining our short-term goals and strategies.
- Establish and use PhoneTree® to deliver broadcast messages directly to members.
- Establish web casting as a communications vehicle
- Introduce a new publication and identify new staff
- Refresh the editorial emphasis of the Oracle (aristocracy of the intellect) – January, April, July, October
- Maintain the Bulletin (members only) – February, May, August, November
- Institutionalize the Newsletter as a vehicle for new member activity – March, June, September, December
- Post key 2006/2007 dates to web page calendar



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FROM DR CHASE: Effective November 1, 2006 I will no longer send email communication to chapters by using their Chapter Basileus and KRS personal email addresses. The individuals in office change frequently and email addresses change too frequent. I will send email to the chapter's email address. Every chapter has one and our District KRS, Ed Morant, will send instructions on how to access the account. I will continue to use the District Council members, Advisors and Area MSP Chairmen individual email addresses.

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**2007 National Undergraduate
Summit**
January 26-27,2007

CONTACT INFO:

Hilton Atlanta Airport
1031 Virginia Ave.
Atlanta, GA. 30354
(404)-767-9000

This includes lodging, meetings, as well as entertainment. We have been able to secure the same rates as before, so please start making your reservations as soon as possible. They are expecting your call. The registration forms and the agenda for the Undergraduate Summit will be made available soon. Please take full advantage of the time frame given in order to make your hotel reservations. Please pass this information on.

Brian Gundy
2ND Vice Grand Basileus
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***HERE YE....HERE YE...
ALL CHAPTER EDITORS***

NEXT

ORACLE ARTICLES DUE:

“NOVEMBER 6, 2006”

(AUG – OCT)

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ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

ISSUE DUE:

“DECEMBER 10, 2006”

(OCT – DEC)

HURRICAN KATRINA RELIEF

The Brothers affected by Hurricane Katrina are encouraged to complete the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Hurricane Katrina Victim Relief form in order to receive financial assistance. Moreover, if you come into contact with any Brother impacted by Hurricane Katrina, I encourage you to print, and provide a copy of the form to the displaced Brother. All Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Hurricane Katrina Victim Relief forms must be faxed to the International Headquarters at (404) 284-1734. Please note, if a Brother does not have access to a fax machine, he may contact the International Headquarters at (404) 284-5533, and the staff will complete an application for the Brother and submit the application, immediately, for processing.

Form at: www.oppf.org

Hurricane Katrina Relief Assistance Form



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5th District Represents Founders Well at The 74th Grand Conclave



By L. Rodney Bennett, DPR - Photos by L. Rodney Bennett and L.A. Westley

Little Rock, Arkansas - Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their 74th Annual Grand Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 19 – July 28, 2006, at the State Convention Center –Downtown Little Rock. Thousands in support of Omega were in attendance as Brothers convened from around the globe to highlight the accomplishments achieved under the Administrative leadership of Immediate Past Grand Basileus Brother George Grace and his executive counsel. Of course, our very own, District Representative Horace Chase showcased superb leadership in orchestrating the Brothers of The Mighty 5th towards political empowerment through exercising character, integrity and the vision to prepare our district for greater endeavors at the local, district and international level. For the Bible clearly tells us that ‘where there is no vision, people perish’.

The Arkansas Chapters of Omega Psi Phi rolled out the purple and gold and welcomed Brothers to the warm southern hospitality of Little Rock. The official meeting was opened and several elected officials, as well as local and state dignitaries acknowledged the presence of Omega and the tremendous contributions made by our beloved fraternity down through the years. Little Rock Mayor, Jim Dailey and City Manger Bruce T. Moore, along with citywide leadership assured our illustrious Fraternity of a successful venture by working with Former President Bill Clinton and putting attractive incentives in place that translated into six-figure benefits. Never before in the history of the fraternity has so much exposure occurred before our arrival for business. It was truly a heartfelt welcome geared towards our esteemed Brothers who came from near and far to build upon our leadership’s chose theme of **“Economic Empowerment Leading to Social and Political Change”**.

Newly elected Grand Officers and incumbents include Brothers Warren G. Lee, Jr (Grand Basileus), Carl A. Blunt (1st Vice Grand Basileus), Brian Gundy (2nd Vice Grand Basileu), Charles A. Bruce, (Grand Keeper of Records and Seal), Antonio Knox (Grand Keeper of Finance), Michael Adams (Grand Counselor), Rev. Farrell Duncombe (Grand Chaplain), Isaiah Robinson (National Editor), George Grace (Immediate Past Grand Basileus), Joseph Bowers, Jr (Undergraduate/Intermediate Rep), Benjamin L. Hart (Undergraduate/Intermediate Rep), and James McKoy (Undergraduate/Intermediate Rep).

Of course, technology was visible throughout all activities. Laptop computers, blackberries, internet based cellular phones with blue-tooth leading edge features were ever present. PowerPoint presentations laced and graced presentation areas as committee work and seminars were broadcast in the mist of mega screens for easy eye work. A pleasant observation was the constant support and gentle assistance provided by the many Quettes who arrived with a spirit of servant-hood that enabled all brothers to understand that nothing tops a woman touch.

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Several events were held during the 74th Annual Conclave, including a district Talent Hunt Contest where the 5th District Winner – Ms. Stephanie Adkerson of Nashville, TN represented the district with elegance and style. To cap off the evening, a special jazz ensemble was formed by three of the talented participants who amazed the crowd with keyboard, sax and artistic instrumentals that reflect current professionals and past greats. Stephanie will receive an additional \$1,000 from Omega's International Headquarters and always be remembered by the Men of Omega, and Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter in Hendersonville, TN, which initiated her opportunity. .



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International Business



IPGB Grace gives Award



Clinton Presidential Lib



Under/Grads Kickin' it



Jazz in Little Rock



Meeting of the Minds



Get Out The Vote

The various meetings, luncheons and networking opportunities were held throughout the State Convention Center and executive suites. As always, Brothers found time to share in the politics of Omega and participate first hand in the numerous Pre-Clave and Clave events: Tom Joyner Sky Show Friday morning, Career Fairs, March Down Competition, Hospitality Suites, Vendor and Mall Shopping, Plenary Sessions, Financial Literacy Workshops, Tours of the Clinton Presidential Library and a special observance of "The Little Rock Nine" at Central High School in Little Rock. Our very own Brother Bill Cosby captivated brother via a previously recorded video with newly elected Grand Basileus Warren Lee and our Immediate Past Grand. A major highlight of the week was visit by long-time Omega beacon of hope, Brother Jesse Jackson. Always engaging and forever educating, Brother Jackson spoke openly about the imbalanced playing field in America, the inequity towards our young African American males and the issues we face as an organization for future survival. He consistently drove home the point that "knowing is not enough...now is the time to do"! We known for a long time about conditions, now we must act collectively to change the course of America and the international landscape. Education is the key and we must turn our education back to our communities where the greatest need lies. This served as a very bright spot for the 5th District as Brother Timothy Vaughn, Jr. of Psi Psi Chapter at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky was the recipient of a \$10,000 monetary award from Omega's International HQ for having the highest GPA (3.9 GPA on a 4.0 scale). One thing that Brother Vaughn is not shy about is expressing that with help and positive support, we can all achieve great accomplishments and make a difference. He is truly a strong young family man with a powerful future ahead, combined with the capacity and ability to handle the business of Omega. To that end, that is what the Founding Fathers envisioned when they came together to create our purpose and legacy. It's all about handling yo' business, which makes all of us accountable. Go Ques Go. To God Be The Glory.





Que Style Achievement

Omega Lambda Lambda Cleans Up The Highway

by Brother Bryan White

Nashville, TN - On Saturday - August 19, 2006

The Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter held its on going Highway clean up project to continue to promote uplift in the community. This quarterly project is a joint effort with the brothers of Omega Lambda Lambda chapter and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The brothers adopted this 2 county section of highway one year ago. Encouragement to continue this most noble community service effort comes not only from passers by who blow their horns and wave, but from within as we use this time to get to know one another as we labor side by side.



Omega Bro Theoplias Benson & Kappa Bro. Andrew McGlowan organized activity. Kudos for a job well done!



Grand Basileus Lee, VGB Blunt, Immediate Past GB Grace visit Omega "Adopt a Highway"

Epsilon Phi Ushers in Cool Breeze for the Elderly

by Theoplias Benson & Earl Young

Memphis, TN. It was a typical hot, first of July day in Memphis. Saturday, July 1st found many at home planning for the 4th of July holiday. Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. endured the heat in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart Super Center at 7525 Winchester Rd to bring some level of comfort to the some of the area's elderly citizens. **Fans for the Elderly** is a cooperative endeavor between the two organizations in the Memphis and Shelby Co. TN area. The annual event's purpose is to help low income; elderly citizens combat the sweltering summer heat.

The groups' collaborative effort raised enough money to buy a total of 277 fans. The fans will be distributed throughout the Community through the Aging Commission of the Midsouth See Picture →

Bro. Charles Wilson (MZ'73) Wins 5th District Founder's Award

by Brother Harold Martin

Nashville, TN - April 1, 2006 - Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their annual 5th District meeting in Nashville, TN, March 30 – April 1, 2006, at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. At this meeting **Brother Charles F. Wilson, Jr.** was awarded the Founder's Award. Brother Wilson was initiated into the fraternity through the Mu Zeta chapter at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 1973. Brother Wilson served as the single most important catalyst for founding the Omega Lambda Lambda Chapter in January 2005.



L to R: Brothers Bryan White and Charles Wilson

Liftin'
As
We
Climb!

2006 5th District Man of the Year

by Brother Harold Martin

Brother Bryan K. White is recognized as Omega Man of the Year 2006 during the 58th annual 5th District Meeting held in Nashville, TN March 31 – April 1, 2006 at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. Brother White, initiated into the fraternity through the Psi Rho Chapter in the spring of 1996, was recognized for his hard work and dedication to the local undergraduate chapters, the fraternity and the fifth district. Brother White has been instrumental in various chapter initiatives and programs: school adoption, adoption of multiple families in need, magazine donations to the chapters adopted school and other fundraising activities



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2006-2007 National Achievement Week Project

"Three Looks, One Focus: Family | Fraternity | Friendship"

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Announcement of the Annual

National High School Essay Contest

As a phase of the Annual National Achievement Week Observance

November 13-19, 2006

National Awards: Four College Scholarships

1st Scholarship, \$3,000; 2nd Scholarship, \$2,000; 3rd Scholarship, \$1,000; 4th Scholarship; \$500.00

District Awards: One College Scholarship per District of \$1,500

Eligibility: The Contest is Open to all College-bound, High School Seniors.

Contest Closes November 1, 2006.

RULES

The essay must be entitled:

"How can we as individuals make a difference in the lives of Black people?"

The essay must be **original**, neither previously published nor secured by copyright.

The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length.

Three typewritten, double-spaced copies must be submitted.

The following information for the contestant **must appear** on the **first page** in this manner.

Title:

An Essay by: _____ Home Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Contestant: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity National High School Essay Contest

Name of Chapter Sponsoring Project: _____ **Location Of Chapter:** _____

The manuscript must be postmarked not later than midnight, November 1, 2006 and **mailed to the LOCAL CHAPTER SPONSORING THE ESSAY CONTEST.**

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant to the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing right to them. Awards will be announced on or about **July 31, 2007, and the decisions of the judges will be final.** The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic. Winners will be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essays were submitted. Awards will be submitted to each winner, **upon written verification from an institution of higher education that the individual has enrolled. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required.** Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement date to be valid.

RATING CRITERIA FOR ESSAYS

- 1. Development of Topic/Thesis** (30 possible pts.) --Topic well developed (covers and develops major points, supplying enough information for understanding).
- 2. Progression** (20 possible pts.) --Composition progresses from beginning to end in a logical flow of information.
- 3. Readability** (25 possible pts.)-- Concise prose that sticks to the point and does not ramble (holds reader's attention.)
- 4. Grammar** (15 possible pts) -- Agreement of subject and verb; proper tense; correct sentence construction; paragraphing, including transitional phrases linking same. **5. Spelling** -- (5 possible pts.) **6. Punctuation** -- (5 possible pts.)

