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From The Desk of
Bro. Earl T. Young, 21st District Representative



Greetings Brothers of the Legendary 5th District:

It is always a pleasure to communicate with you in an open format, sharing the latest information of interest to this noble brotherhood.

I continue to applaud the work being done by our District Council and Committees. These Brothers continue to give, passionately, their time and abilities for the purpose of "moving Omega forward!" I take this opportunity to publicly thank them.

I would also like to thank the chapters, delegates and non-delegate members that planned for and committed time and resources to be counted at the 79th Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, PA.

The Fifth District continues to

be recognized on the international stage for the work being done in Kentucky and Tennessee. Brother Randy Crawley, **Pi Gamma Gamma (Mu Zeta)**, was recognized as the International Undergraduate's Advisor of the Year. Great work Bro. Crawley. Also, again, the winning essay for the annual International High School Essay Contest was from the Fifth District; more specifically **Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter, Miss Cambria Wilson**. Please join me in applauding the work being done down in Murfreesboro.

The 79th Grand Conclave also, brought disappointment for our District with the unsuccessful run for the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by Bro. Ed Morant. I personally believe that if Bro. Morant had the "eight" as thoroughly immersed in his candidacy as he, the outcome may have been different. There is no better candidate and no better Brother for the job. Bro. Morant did everything in his power to be elected. WE did not.

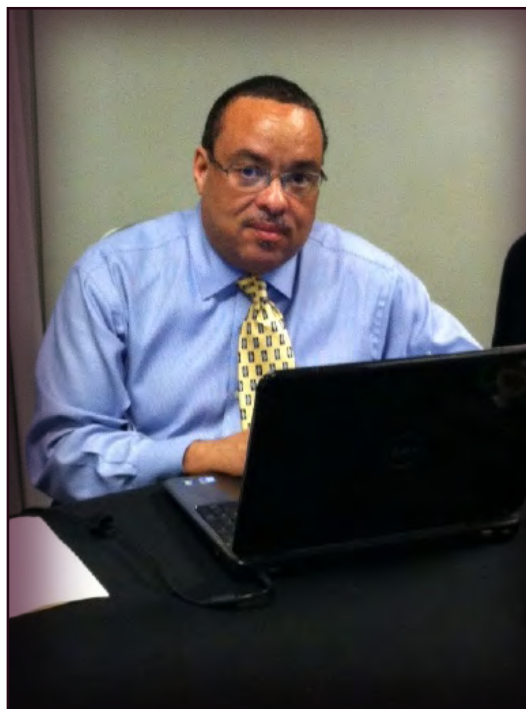
Over the past two years we

have kept some chapters alive via cardiac massage and resurrected others. "Moving the 5th Forward" is more than a cliché. It is a vision with a purpose. The vision and purpose was conceived in 1911. The process is continually evolving. Every chapter has a role to accept. Every Brother can contribute. I channel Hillary Clinton's book, "It Takes a Village" when I say to you, **IT TAKES A BROTHERHOOD!**

I look forward to your continuing support and increased involvement as we improve our processes and amplify our voice. WE are OMEGA.

Yours in Friendship,

Bro. Earl T Young, Jr.
21st Fifth District Representative



Laws of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Through that commitment I now serve as your District Director of Public Relations here in the mighty and legendary Fifth District. My commitment is to Omega and her ideals. Not to a line, a chapter or a state. I can have great affinity for those but my ultimate commitment through my oath is to Omega.

I challenge those that read this letter to re visit where your personal commitments are and how you honor them. You have seen the mantra “Faith, Family/Friends and Fraternity”. This would be a great place to start your personal prioritization. With respect to our Fraternity and commitments I would say choose one simple task that you can commit to for our upcoming fiscal year.

Brothers of the Legendary 5th District:

I greet you with the love of our Founders and as always extend my right hand of FRIENDSHIP. While pondering this letter, I wanted to share a powerful message but a simple message. We just completed our 79th Grand Conclave. Did the Founder’s envision 103 years ago that their purpose of bringing likeminded men together would still have relevance or merit? I say in my humble opinion they did in fact think that our Fraternity would flourish and sustain. I say this because they had a “COMMITMENT” to themselves and to the Fraternity they born and envisioned.

Commitment is the key! To ourselves to our Brothers and to our cause. You have heard the saying “If you don’t stand for something you will fall for anything”. I made a conscience commitment to the Fraternity over 30 years ago. My commitment was to adhere and follow the Constitution and By-

Financial and Good Standing status is inherent. Choose that unassuming committee to be a part of this year. There is much joy in passing out food baskets at holiday time to remind you how blessed you and your family are under the Supreme Basileus. Make a commitment to personally register 10 people to vote in the November elections. Mentor young Black and minority men.

Make a difference! Go and re-read “Omega’s Purpose” in the 1938 Oracle and read later on in this issue the article “The Omega type.” Make a commitment to your community, our Fraternity, your family and your God. Let’s re-commit ourselves and make our surroundings better.

Fraternal Love,
 Quincy Snider, DDPR

Brothers of the Legendary 5th District:



As we enter the final quarter of our fiscal year, I encourage you all to finish strong. It can often times be easy to become complacent after a sustained period of hard yet meaningful and rewarding work. But it

is during this time that we must push on through to the finish. Races are not won just getting to

the finish line; races are won by running through the finish line. Many chapters will be preparing for back to school supply drives, the end of the summer parties, cookouts, football, football and more football. Let us not forget our mandated programs and our pledge to service. Again my brothers I encourage you to finish STRONG!

We are, and have been, a vital part of the communities we serve. We

are, and have been, and need to continue doing the good work of Omega. Our DR said it some time ago, our 40th Grand Basileus, Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr. echoed it with the assistance of Frankie Beverly during the speech immediately following being sworn into office, “We are One (Omega)!”

Brother Bryan White
 1st Vice 5th District Representative
 LM # 6849

Greetings Brothers,

I would first like to thank you for the work your chapter has done



thus far, and encourage you to make this coming year the best and most productive one to date! We will experience significant change this fiscal year with a change in dues structure, new International Officers and

the new agenda they will undoubtedly push forward. With all this change one thing remains constant and that is Omega Psi Phi is without question the greatest Fraternity in existence! We, the Sons of Blood and Thunder, must therefore double our efforts to continue to grow our Fraternity’s significance, brand and finances. It all begins with organization!

I will work diligently to establish connection with some, and continue to connect with those other chapter Keepers of Records and Seal. I will do this initially by use of the fraternity’s email set up for each chapter. We currently have over THIRTY chapters that do not routinely check their chapter Basileus and KRS email accounts. This is unacceptable and I have committed myself to resolve this problem for those chapters that are willing to work with me and learn the Fraternity’s systems.

Secondly, I conduct quarterly conference calls to allow the chapter KRSs to provide feedback on the changes that will be happening to their “My Page” portion of the website, and others as they arise. Also this will be a great forum to com-

municate lessons learned by fellow chapters and pitfalls to which others may be exposed. This will also be an opportunity to build and strengthen relationships across the Legendary Fifth District!

Finally my brothers, I want to be the “Shall Answer Man” for all questions your chapters have concerning the business of Omega. So please do not hesitate to give me a call, text or email and I will attempt to get you an answer. The answers aren’t always positive, but I will assure them to be accurate. I am at your service.

Giving honor to God, our Supreme Basileus, humbly submitted,

Samuel P. McKenzie



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Legendary 5th District

From The Desk of
Bro. Bishop Carter, District Chaplain



Text: John 21:1-11

Fishing For Future Omega Men

Omega Needs To Cast It's Net On The Right Side Of The Ship

As we were blessed to just previously celebrated and commemorated Resurrection Sunday, Easter in the common speech, the Holy Spirit moved me to extend my preaching/Sermon from the Church to an Organization, my Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as the privileged Fifth District Chaplain.

That message from the Sermon on Resurrection Sunday was about fishing were Jesus told Peter and the other Disciples to “Cast Their Nets On The Right Side Of The Ship.” As Omega Men, we need to improve our ability to fish.

Yes, Omega Men Fish. Omega Men are called to Fish. We fish to catch resources for our personal means, for families, for our communities, and for our fraternity.

We fish to catch our livelihood, our bait for fishing is the character and consciousness of Omega,

by exemplifying it's Cardinal Principles, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. We fish to be the fathers that our founding fathers laid the foundation for us to be.

We fish to be the Men that women can look up to, that take care of their women, that respect women for being the God given “help meet” who are the greatest resource to man outside of Grace, and the mother of our children.

We fish to contribute to our communities the values and gems that are the building blocks for accountability, stability, and fertility that enhance and empower our very existence. And, we also fish to assure the life line of Omega, by recruiting men who are the cream of the crop who possess the resources that are required to become members of this great Fraternity.

In order to make the best catch, Omega must “Fish on the Right of the Ship” not at night, but in the light of Omega, implementing the real Omega Standards and not settling for less.

We must continue to “Fish On The Right Side Of The Ship,” with the mandates of our Founding Fathers, our Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, and most of all, in Godliness, promoting the Christian Faith in which Omega was found. We are not just any men, we are Omega Men. Omega Psi Phi till the day I die!

Spiritually,
Bro. Bishop Carter III
District Chaplain



CHAPTER UPDATES



Germantown, TN

SIGMA LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER MARKED 10TH ANNIVERSARY

BY Eric McClinton
SLL 10TH Chair

(Shelby Co., TN) — The men of the **Sigma Lambda Lambda Chapter** marked 10 years of brotherhood by focusing on one of the primary goals of our chapter: raising awareness about the staggering growth of childhood obesity in Shelby County. From May 23-25, the Chapter, founded in 2004 and the 921st Chapter chartered in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., held several events to mark that goal and other achievements.

On Saturday, May 24, the Chapter held its Fifth Annual **Travis D. Bobo**



The Fifth Annual Travis D. Bobo Symposium. (Photo: R. Thompson)

Symposium, an intimate Omega-only discussion, at Hamilton Middle School. Entitled “It Takes A Village To Raise A Chapter,” focusing on challenges of growing a young chapter, the panel featured current Basileus Gregory Blanchard, inaugural Basileus Mario Jones, **Psi Mu Mu (DeSoto Co.)** Basileus Michael



2014 Sundresses & Linen attendees get their groove on at the Pink Palace. (Photo: Sedrick Askew)

Smith and Fifth District D.R. Earl Young Jr. Attendees discussed a variety

of topics including “One Omega,” communication, transparency and being financial.

In addition to fellowshiping and church service at Golden United Methodist Church, the marquee event of the weekend was the 2014 Sundresses & Linen event held at the Pink Palace Museum on May 25.

Proceeds went to fund the Chapter's Omega Healthy Kids Clinic, which was held in August. The S&L turned out to be the premier event in the city. Sundresses & Linen is a classy event for adults throughout the entire tri-state area to enjoy. This event consisted of an outdoor picnic environment, indoor fine art and vendors. Our patrons' age ranged from 25-65. Brothers of Omega traveled from great lengths to celebrate this momentous occasion with SLL. The event also featured a local radio host, live band, and a DJ. Food was catered and the brothers of Omega added a touch of class by including a fashion show.

With over 1000 guest dancing and fellowshiping, the 2014 Sundresses & Linen was a complete success and will raise the bar for SLL for years to come. Visit memphisques.com for more pictures and video.





OMEGA'S HEALTHY KIDS CLINIC TEACHES LOCAL KIDS ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING



In its 10th year, Omega's Health Kids Clinic has helped hundreds of local youths to learn more about healthy living. (Photo Credit: Richard Thompson.)

BY DeWayne Sweet
SLL HKC Chair

(Shelby Co., TN) — On August 23, The **Sigma Lambda Lambda Chapter** and Aspera Inc. cordially invited the community to participate in this year's Omega's Healthy Kids, a health fair specifically catering to health of kids. The goal was to promote health education and exercise among the youth and their families.

The HKC was held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8505 Trinity Road, in Memphis. The event catered to children and their families. The event is free and open to the public.

Over the last 10 years, the HKC Initiative has impacted the lives of countless children by introducing them to a healthier lifestyle. This year, we're also focusing on providing healthy living guidance to parents. There will be free food, dental screenings, blood pressure readings and more.

In addition to the clinic, the Chapter took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness about ALS and healthy living, challenging other Memphis-area greek organiza-



HKC Attendees in one of the seminars. (Photo: Richard Thompson)

tions to step up their collective game to raise awareness about issues impacting youth.

Omega's Healthy Kids is one of the programs established by Sigma Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in step with our commitment to live our oath and serve as positive role models by being active stewards in our schools, churches, civic affairs and local businesses, further enhancing

and protecting Omega's rich heritage in the area.

The event was sponsored in part by Colgate, Walgreens, Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division, The Shelby

County Sheriff's Department and the Shelby County Health Department and Dentist Frederick Dunn.

Aspera Inc. is a registered charitable non-profit foundation dedicated to improving the outcomes of youth in Shelby County through mentoring, educational seminars, scholarships and more.

For more information, visit: www.memphisques.com.

PAST GRAND BASILEUS ANDREW RAY PRESENTS GIFT TO THE BENJAMIN L. HOOKS INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

From left to right- Bros. Reginald Green, Ben Jeffers, Grand Basileus Andrew Ray, Ms Daphene McFerren, Bro. Kenneth Barnes, Bro. Quincy Snider and Bro. Glen Sessoms



BY Alvin J. Clark
Chapter Reporter

Memphis, TN - On April 2, 39th **Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray** arrived in Memphis with a gift. After landing at the Memphis International Airport, Grand Basileus Dr. Ray, **Exec Dir. Brother Kenneth Barnes**, and **Brother Benjamin Jeffers** immediately departed for the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change located on the campus of the University of Memphis.

Upon their arrival, Grand Basileus Dr. Ray, along with **Epsilon Phi Chapter Basileus Brother Glenn Sessoms, Nu Psi 74**, presented a check for \$5,000 to Ms. Daphene McFerren, Director of the Hooks Institute, on behalf of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Bro. Benjamin L. Hooks

was born on January 31, 1925 in Memphis, TN. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the **Chi Psi Chapter**, on the campus of LeMoyne College (now LeMoyne-Owen College), in November 1942. Brother Hooks became Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on August 1, 1977, after his unanimous election by the NAACP board.

The Hooks Institute was created in 1996, by Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks and faculty at the University of Memphis; and approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Dr. Hooks donated his personal papers that spanned his career as a lawyer, civil rights activist, and judge from 2006 to 2008, to the University

of Memphis. The Papers are stored in Special Collection on campus. **Epsilon Phi Chapter Brother Michael G Floyd, Chi Psi 74**, serves on the Board of Director for the Hooks Institute. "Dr. Hooks was a man who saw injustice and fought against racism, segregation and injustice his entire life, stated Brother Floyd. "He was a role model for all those who followed him. He tried to do as much as possible to improve this nation and the lives of the oppressed."

"Dr. Hooks was one of the early icons in our Fraternity in the early 1960s," stated Basileus Sessoms. "Our Fraternity takes great pride in supporting the Hooks Institute. Their efforts will preserve his writing for years to come." Also present at the pre

sentation was Epsilon Phi Chapter Brother Dr. Reginald Green. Brother Green is the first Black President of the Faculty Senate at the University of Memphis.

The Mission of the Hooks Institute is "Teaching, Studying, and Promoting Civil Rights and Social Change". This mission coincides with the Cardinal Principals of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. which are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Throughout his life, Dr. Hooks continued to press the cause of civil rights by encouraging both the study of the American Civil Rights Movement and the identification of contemporary issues that affect minorities, the poor, and the disadvantage.



EPSILON PHI CO-SPONSORS 'MAN OF THE HOUSE' MALE MENTORING EVENT



Bro. Quincy Snider demonstrates how to tie a tie.

BY Alvin J. Clark
Chapter Reporter

(Memphis, TN) — During the Father's Day weekend, the men of the **Epsilon Phi** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Tony Nichols and the 110 Institute to host the 6TH Annual Man of The House Mentoring Event.

This event was held on June 14, 2014 at the Historic National Civil Rights Museum.

The 6TH Annual Man of The House mentoring event was a unique experience where men with "Real World" knowledge and experiences had an opportunity to provide hands-on workshops and real talk sessions with over 50 young men between the ages of 12 and 18 years old that are being raised by single mothers in the Memphis community. Young

men from across the city met at the National Civil Rights Museum to talk about their lives and learn what it takes to move from being a teenager to becoming a successful young man. This event allowed the young men to experience the next level of personal preparations, including an introduction to the list of "110 Tasks Every Young Man Should Know How to Do.... Before 9th Grade."

The young men were shown how to use basic tools, how to change a car tire, how to use the proper utensils while eating, and how to tie a neck tie and bow-tie were a few of the topics covered. The Brothers of Epsilon Phi Chapter were there to assist in the training sessions. It was a great pleasure to observe the interaction of these groups of men, young and not so young. But more importantly, it was the interest these young men showed, and they were obviously very open to the training.

Omega Men worked side by side with Memphis Police Officers, City of Memphis Employees, and Civic Volunteers to ensure that there was enough "one-on-one" time and group interaction to cover our commitments for the day. The Brothers had a great time and the young men commented on how much they enjoyed the time they spent with the men in Purple and Gold.

Scripture tells us that we should "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6 -KJV). This is why it is so important for us, as a Fraternity, to get involved in mentoring programs. So that when our youth gets old, they will know "the way he should go."

ATTORNEY BEN CRUMP VISITS MEMPHIS

Attorney Ben Crump, Bro. Bishop David Hall and the brothers of the Epsilon Phi Chapter.



BY Bishop David Hall

(Memphis, TN) Bro. Attorney Benjamin Crump, noted counsel for the family of the late Trayvon Martin keyed the Conference on Family 2014, in Memphis, Tennessee on Feb 28. Crump was invited by Bro. David Allen Hall, Sr., who serves as pastor of the host congregation, Temple Church of God In Christ. Bishop Hall is the prelate of the Tennessee Headquarters Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and



member of the **Epsilon Phi** Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He invited Bro. Crump because of his distinguished service in America and particularly the struggle to gain justice for innocent Black men, who are victims of the Stand Your Grounds Laws.

The Family Conference informed the community of Memphis about the need for awareness that family life in America is in jeopardy. The maintenance and transmission of values is essential for a healthy society and the family is the nucleus for such orientations. The conference provided an opportunity for speakers in a variety of professions and causes to impact the program. One of the chief pressures on family life is homicide, especially Black on Black killings. The conference format inspired the examination, training and development of persons. The Church emphasized Biblical principles for developing the family unit. Attorney Crump is the nation's leading advocate for

repeal of the "Stand Your Ground Laws." His wealth of information and legal confrontation with state legislatures and numerous legal systems are well documented. Bro. Crump offered a compelling statement that informed the audience that Tennessee has its own Stand Your Ground Law on the books. "Beware, you have not had your own Trayvon Martin situation, but the time and opportunity is here. Stand Your Ground Law is bad law and communities everywhere need to galvanize for change," explained Crump. Attorney Crump addressed the conference before many of Memphis' local political officials, legal and business persons.

After Bro. Crump made his speech, the Epsilon Phi Chapter hosted a reception in his honor. The Brothers were out in good numbers and honored Bro. Crump with applause and a key to the Frat House.



FIFTH DISTRICT CHAPTERS LAUNCH NEW MENTORING PROGRAM AT YOUTH DETENTION CENTER



Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. visit Woodland Hills Youth Detention Center in Nashville, TN to launch a new mentoring program for young men. From left to right: Brothers James Murray, William Dale Robinson, Byron Morgan, Phil Petrie, Montrell Toney, Rasheed Zaimah, Clint Boyd, Jr., Sidney Ware, Johnny Holmes and Greg Peaster. (Photo: Cari Hassell)

BY Clint Boyd, Jr.
Chapter Reporter

(Nashville, TN) — In March of 2014, members of five graduate chapters in middle TN and southern KY launched a service project to assist young men at Woodland Hills Youth Detention Center. The facility, part of Tennessee Department of Children's Services, provides treatment programs for delinquent male youth ages 13 to 19.

Deemed Project:UPLIFT, the program is a service project involving **Gamma Phi** Chapter (Nashville, TN), **Pi Gamma Gamma** Chapter (Murfreesboro, TN), **Omega Lambda Lambda** Chapter (Hendersonville, TN), **Psi Pi** Chapter (Clarksville, TN) and **Theta Alpha Alpha** Chapter (Bowling Green, KY).

This is the second collaborative service project between the chapters.

The first is called The Riverbend Project consisting of quarterly visits to Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville to conduct



Brother William Dale Robinson (right) shares the meaning of being a responsible man with twenty six young men at Woodland Hills Youth Detention Center.

empowerment sessions for inmates serving long-term sentences.

"The major difference between the two programs is the time spent in lock up," said Brother Rasheed Zaimah, coordinator of Project:UPLIFT and

a member of Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter. "We do group sessions and one-on-one mentoring with the men at Riverbend, but many of them will not see freedom for thirty or forty years. Many of the young men at Woodland Hills will return to society after a short time and will need guidance to help them successfully transition back into society and the work place. They have their whole lives in front of them. The question is whether they will use the opportunity to be a productive citizen or return to a life of crime. Either way we are likely to see them again. If they want help and mentoring we can do that. If not, we will see them when we visit Riverbend," he said.

The visits are ongoing on a bi-monthly basis. In addition to the group visits, the young men will receive one-on-one mentoring and assistance once released from the facility to help steer them in the right direction.

GAMMA PHI WELCOMES THREE NEW BROTHERS INTO THE FOLDS OF OMEGA

Gamma Phi Chapter welcomes new Brothers into the folds of Omega: L to R: Brother Darell Dixson, Brother Todd Boston and Brother Jim Freeman.



BY Clint Boyd, Jr.
Chapter Reporter

(Nashville, TN) – **Gamma Phi** Chapter welcomed three new Brothers into the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on April 18, 2014

Brother Darell E. Dixson received a degree in Marketing from Middle Tennessee State University in August 2011. He is a Captain/EMT with the Nashville Fire Department where he has been employed for 27 years. He has been married for 26 years and has three children – two daughters and one son. Brother Dixson loves to cook and is a skilled painter and gardener. He is a member of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, serves on the Coats for Kids Committee through the Firefighters Union Local 140, volunteers as a greeter at the Red Cross and is an assistant coach for the Music City Heat AAU basketball team.

Brother Kenneth Todd Boston earned a BA degree in Public Relations & Marketing at Ashford

University in Clinton, IA in 2012. He also has a Master of Science degree from Full Sail University in Winter Park, FL. He works in Advertising Sales / Insurance Sales at EveryCarListed.com a division of Dex Media. He is married and has three sons, one of whom is also an Omega Man, and two daughters. Brother Boston has above average computer and photography skills, is an "Old Skool" DJ and an avid golfer. He is the son of legendary track athlete Ralph Boston.

Brother James Jesse Freeman, Jr. earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Trevecca Nazarene University in 2008. He is a Metro Nashville Police officer and School Resource Officer at Maplewood High School in Nashville. He has two sons. He is a jazz lover and loves to grill/smoke food. Brother Freeman is a legacy in the Fraternity, his father, Brother James J Freeman (Omega Chapter), was made at Psi Chapter at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA in 1952. Brother Freeman is a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Nashville. He is a Master Mason at St. Johns Masonic Lodge #16 PH in Buffalo, NY.



GAMMA PHI ASSISTS WIDOWS WITH HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS AND LAWN CARE



BY Clint Boyd Jr.
Chapter Reporter

(Nashville, TN) — In June of 2014, members of **Gamma Phi** Chapter assisted four of the chapter's widows with household and lawn projects. The service projects were part of the Omega Widows Assist Program (OWAP), an ongoing restoration, repair and maintenance program for widows of Gamma Phi Brothers. The projects are provided to the widows at no cost.

The OWAP workdays are conducted on Saturdays and occur multiple times per year. This is the fourth year of the program. Currently the brothers assist 11 widows.

During the June 2014 workday, Gamma Phi Brothers completed work projects which included weed eating, hedge trimming, pruning branches, power washing, removing graffiti from a mailbox, solar light replacement, replacing hard to reach light bulbs, removing soil from a back patio and mulching.

"It was so inspiring to me to have you guys go beyond the call of duty to take on a project like this one. All I can say is that I'm grateful," said Mrs. Clara Elam, the widow of Brother Lloyd Elam (Gamma Phi '75).



Bushes before

Bushes after

OMEGA PSI PHI HELPS BEAUTIFY NORTHWEST NASHVILLE

Gamma Phi brothers helped clean up Bordeaux.



BY Clint Boyd, Jr.
Chapter Reporter

(Nashville, TN) – On Saturday, June 21, 2014 members of **Gamma Phi** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., along with other volunteers, participated in a community service event called Bordeaux Beautification & Community Clean-up. Volunteers helped to beautify the Bordeaux

community, a majority African American area of Northwest Nashville, TN. The activities for the day included trash pick-up, landscaping, trimming and painting. All of the tools for the project were provided by Judge Rachel Bell's office as part of the Rachel Bell's Adopt-A-Highway project. Special thanks to Omega brothers Coleman Goldsborough, Michael Milliner, Juan Culp, Jim Freeman and Todd Boston.





BROTHERS OF THETA OMEGA FEED FAMILIES AT KOSAIR CHILDREN HOSPITAL



Theta Omega at Kosair
Children Hospital

**BY Furman Glenn
Theta Omega**

(Louisville, KY) — On July 24, 2014 Brothers Larry Mucker (Quette Carrie Mucker), Reggie McDaniel, David Weaver, and Furman Glenn delivered food and fed families of very sick children who were under treatment at Kosair Children hospital.

Brother Mucker negotiated 50 meals from Sodexo Intl for \$200 (\$300 discount). Children's family members were appreciative and somewhat emotional at the humanitarian effort of the fraternity. Feeding the families of infirmed children is an annual event for **Theta Omega** Chapter. Meals are served at the dinner hour for approximately 1-hour time period.

Kosair Children Hospital (231 E. Chestnut St., Louisville KY) is for-

mally a part of Norton Healthcare. The services and programs cover nearly every aspect of care and treatment for children—all in a child friendly, family centered atmosphere.

For more than a century, Kosair Children's Hospital and its predecessor hospitals have cared for the children of Kentucky and Southern Indiana without regard to their families' ability to pay. Kosair Children's Hospital is Kentucky's only full-service, free-standing pediatric care facility dedicated exclusively to caring for children and is an advocate for the health and well-being of all children. The 263-bed hospital, supported by the Children's Hospital Foundation, serves as the primary pediatric teaching facility for the University Of Louisville School Of Medicine. The hospital received national attention in 2009 and 2010 when it was recognized by U.S.

News & World Report for excellence in pulmonary care.

Kosair Children's Hospital was ranked among the top children's hospitals nationwide in eight of 10 specialties in U.S. News Media Group's Best Children's Hospitals



2011-12 rankings, that cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology, gastroenterology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology & neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology.

THETA OMEGA PARTICIPATES IN VOTER REGISTRATION

Theta Omega brothers survey residents on voter registration.



**BY Furman Glenn
Theta Omega**

(Louisville, KY) — On June 7, 2014, brothers of **Theta Omega** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. joined with Kappa Alpha Psi and sisters of Delta Sigma Theta sorority to survey residents on voter registration and verifies addresses on file.

The Greek organizations met at Health Science Hall-Jefferson Community Technical College for a short period of repast before starting the arduous task of door-to-door canvassing of residents located in Louisville 1st precinct. Precinct 1 is located in West Louisville in an area predominantly populated by African Americans. The economic status of residents ranged from poverty

stricken west Louisville projects to middle class apartment and single family homes. More than 300 homes were visited during the five-hour Saturday promenade.

If the 25-blocks located on Chestnut Street were indicative of the area encompassed by precinct 1, approximately 40 percent of residents no longer lived at the address on-file. More than 30 percent of residents encountered were already registered. One Kentucky State coed was educated on politics, voter registration and was registered. A worker at the YMCA was registered.

The voter registration work is scheduled to continue on a monthly basis until November. The event concluded at the Delta Sigma Theta sorority house.





THETA OMEGA HOSTS INAUGURAL ACADEMIC TRANSITION CAMP



Commencement at the Men of Quality Summer Transition Camp hosted by the **Theta Omega** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

BY Furman Glenn Theta Omega

(Louisville, KY) — During June 23 through July 3, 2014, the **Theta Omega** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. conducted an eight-day (32-hour) Men of Quality Summer Transition Camp.

The transition camp is the phase-3 component of the broader Theta Omega Chapter Men of Quality mentoring program that is congruent with President Barack Obama comprehensive US national mentoring initiative. The President's mentoring program for Males-of-Color is aimed at enriching the educational experience for males-of-color in order to close the education-commerce gap and thereby provide appropriate skill-sets demanded by a job market contained in a continually growing more diverse technological society.

The Theta Omega Transition Camp was designed to cover 6th grade series 1 mathematics, language arts, and science classroom instructions for male students who were in transition from 5th grade to 6th grade in the Jefferson County Public Schools.

Four certified classroom instructors from JCPS provided the classroom instructions. Thirteen elementary schools located across the metro Louisville areas were represented.

Approximately 20 students (91.7 percent of all registered students) attended classes each day at Roosevelt-Perry Elementary School. Students were tested in the three academic areas at the beginning and at the end of the camp in order to audit the effectiveness of instructions and strategies. Test score averages in science, language arts, and mathematics increased 38 percent,

19.6 percent, and 20.9 percent respectively as a consequence of the Transition Camp. Several students tested at 100 percent in post transition program testing. A path forward program was constructed that included mentoring responsibilities for parents, school educators, stu-



dents and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity following the conclusion of the summer camp.

COL. CHARLES YOUNG'S LEGACY LIVES ON

Front row (l)- Brother L. Rodney Bennett and wife Vonita; Next - Brother Taft Thompson; Front Row (C) in black shirt - Mr. Chales Blatcher, Ms. Millicent Harding, State Rep Mike Denham, Historian Jerry Gore and supporter of Charles Young Cabin Project; Center (doorway) Brother Dave George

BY Rodney Bennett

(Mays Lick, KY) — On Saturday July 26, Brothers from **Psi Tau** Chapter (Lexington, KY), **Theta Omega** Chapter (Louisville, KY) and Omega Men from Cincinnati, Ohio joined members of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organization, Kentucky elected officials and local citizens and dignitaries from all walks of life across the country to spend a day working at the historic log cabin of the legendary Omega leader Colonel Charles Young.

The cabin, built in 1792 “stands as a remarkable example and testament to the power of looking to the past to understand the present, in order to have outstanding progress in the future” said Brother L. Rodney Bennett who has worked with the Campaign for the Promotion of Colonel Charles Young for the last three years.

Young was born into slavery at the log cabin in May's Lick in 1864 and his story is an inspiration for all.

His family later moved to Ripley,

Ohio and Young went on to have a distinguished military career in the United States Army. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1889; he spoke seven different languages, served as a Buffalo soldier, a military attaché (special intelligence tactician) to Haiti and Liberia during his career; additionally serving as acting superintendent of Sequoia National Park; and his most honorable achievement – membership in our beloved Fraternity of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated.

Brother Taft Thompson says “he is impressed with the achievement record of Colonel Young given his humble beginnings”. All agree that Colonel Young is undoubtedly an eternal icon on the landscape of American and International History.

The cabin, which has been undergoing a complete restoration since May 2014, has been an import-



ant step in the campaign to have Young promoted posthumously to the rank of Brigadier General. Omega planning committee members Brothers Bennett of Psi Tau Chapter, Taft Thompson and Dave George of Theta Omega Chapter, continue to work with Charles Blatcher, chief executive officer of NCBVO, Jerry Gore – Kentucky Historian, Ms. Millicent Harding, with Maysville Community and Technical College, State Representative Mike Denham and Mason County Judge-Executive James L. “Buddy” Gallenstein to promote the national campaign.

Recently, Governor Steven Brashear and the Kentucky Tourism Cabinet signed on to the project which enhanced its notoriety. A major step in the campaign is a current national tour of a bronze maquette (statue) of Young on horseback (representing his historic ride from Wilberforce, Ohio to

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YOUNG'S LEGACY continued

Brother George Dave in purple shirt and citizens of Mason Co. KY assist with Colonel Charles Young Cabin Restoration



Mall statute illustrations.

As the Brothers of Legendary Fifth District and men of Omega Psi Phi everywhere continue to press forward to fulfill our cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, may we always connect with the character, legacy and spirit of Colonel Young. For as Brother Young demonstrated "we are truly here out of conviction, and not convenience."

representation of the unlimited contributions made by God's people of truth.

If the awareness and educational exposure of the many facets of the Colonel Charles Young initiative are to succeed, brothers across the county should prepare to support a feasibility study to determine the best use for the cabin and its surrounding 38 acres. The study will also serve as an appeal to President Obama's Administration to support the presentation of the first African-American hero on horseback as a part of the National

**Historian and NAACP founder W.E.B. Du Bois
Eulogy of Colonel Young.**

The life of Charles Young was a triumph of tragedy. No one ever knew the truth about the Hell he went through at West Point. The hell he even mentioned it. The place was too great. Few knew what he had to go through in his army life. It was not enough for him to do well he must always do better; and so much and so conspicuously better, as to disarm the scoundrels that ever trailed him. He lived in the army surrounded by insult and intrigue and yet he set his teeth and kept his soul serene and triumphant.

He was one of the few men I know who literally turned the other cheek with Jesus Christ. He was laughed at for it and his own people chided him bitterly, yet he persisted. When a white Southern pygmy at West Point presented a taking food from a dish passed first to Young, Young passed it to him first and afterward to himself. When officers of inferior rank refused to salute a "colored officer" he saluted them. Soldiers did not have his respect and honor.

With his own people he was always the gentle, hearty, half-African friend. He kissed the girls, slapped the boys on the back, drew his arms about his friends, scattered his money in charity, only now and then behind the veil did his stern forehead rise and the light and pain of his heart, and when it appeared he promptly dismissed it as his music-hall beloved music, which strayed from his quick, nervous fingers, to caress and soothe his soul.

Steadily, unconsciously he did his duty. And Day by day, as his own readers know, was spelled in capitals to you his leadership, his soul, and his heart have many names scattered from him. He second going to Africa, after a terrible attack of black fever (malaria), not death. He knew it. His will knew it. His friends knew it. He had them sent to Africa because the Army wanted him. His blood pressure too high to let him go to Europe? They sent him home to die. They said his death because he was one of the very best officers in the service, and if he had gone to Europe he could not have been denied the stars of a General. They could not send a black American General. Therefore, they sent him to the fever coast of Africa. They wanted him because he was the best. He knew that they would and intended. He could have escaped it by accepting his resignation from active service, refusing his call to active duty and then he would have been paid and lived at home on his retirement pay. But Africa needed him. He did not yell and collect money and adventure from soldiers and parade in circumlocution but went quietly, quietly, and peacefully.

He is dead. But his heart is the Great Black Rock. The Ancestor of Drayton, and the Ancestor of the soldier and his shining memory. Well done! Charles Young, Soldier and Man and pioneering friend.

This eulogy was published in the February 1922 issue of Crisis magazine. Reduplicated on February 28th, 2014 at the Oakland African American Museum and Library by Charles Blatcher, III, Founder & Chief Executive Officer of the National Military Museum Foundation and Founding Chairman of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations.

An excerpt from W.E.B. Du Bois' eulogy of Col. Charles Young published in the 1922 issue of *Crisis Magazine*.

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THE LEGEND

COL. YOUNG'S BIRTH CABIN DEDICATED

The National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations
Colonel Charles Young Preservation Campaign



BY Quincy "Que" Snider, DDP

(Mays Lick, KY) — A warm cloudless day in beautiful old Kentucky, September 28 was a great occasion for Omega Psi Phi and all Omega Men. Close to 50 men of Omega along with a crowd that exceeded over 350 gathered at the dedication ceremony of Brother Col. Charles D. Young's birth cabin in Mays Lick (about 45 minutes outside of Lexington.)

The National Coalition of Black Veterans Organization coordinated this event along with Psi Tau and Theta Omega Chapters assisting. NCBVO Chairman Charles Blatcher III worked closely with Brothers Taft Thompson, George Dave and L. Rodney Bennett to acknowledge the birth home and place of our son of the 5th District Bro. Charles Young. The event unveiled the fully restored log cabin home of the Young family using 85 percent of the original wood that was dis assembled piece by piece to

complete the full restoration. A local family donated the other 15 percent of the wood that matched the time period of the Young family cabin from a cabin that was on their family land. The cabin sits on approximately 38 acres which was procured from the Amish community who also were in attendance. As Omega Men, we learn all about Col. Young and the Perseverance he had and also about His horse named Black Jack while we are candidates for entering Omega.

The crowd that assembled learned much more on this awesome and historic day. The crowd learned that baby Charles Young was born into slavery before his father's third attempt at escaping slavery came to fruition and the Young family took up residence in Ripley, Ohio. Many facts were read and unveiled during the long day of events that started the previous night with a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson (newspaper publisher), Sunday service

at 2nd Baptist Church pastored by our own Bro. Rev. Rodney Bennett (also the same church where the Young family attended while living in Mays Lick.)

The pinnacle of the events was the unveiling of the restored log cabin home as well as the introduction of the bronze maquette (statue) of Charles D. Young. The statue was prominently displayed in the center of the cabin so all could see the likeness of our honoree. The statue will travel to Louisville, KY and reside at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage the entire month of October.

Such dignitaries included our own 5th District Representative Earl T. Young; Ret Bro. Gen. William "Kip" Ward; Major Gen. Edward Tonini of the Kentucky National Guard (who made Col. Young an Honorary Kentucky Guardsman

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and who also penned a letter to President Barack Obama requesting favorable consideration to award the rank of Brigadier General to Col. Charles Young; Heather French-Henry, KY Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Charles Blatcher III, chairman of NCBVO; Congressman Thomas Massie, 4th District Kentucky; and Omega Psi Phi Brothers from all over the 5th District.

Also in attendance was Young's great-grandson, Dennis Russell, who spoke at the dedication, and his wife, Sherrie; and another descendant, Lawrence Young, several 4th District Brothers (where Col. Young spent many years in Ohio and helped founded Upsilon Chapter at Wilberforce College in Wilberforce, Ohio. Bro. Ward spoke about his connection to Col. Young as a military man and how he will push for the rank of Brigadier General to be bestowed upon Col. Young. Our DR Bro Earl Young gave awesome remarks about the character of Col. Young and how Bro. Young embodied the cardinal principles of Omega and that he was a true bridge builder for all Omegamen and a role model for all all Americans.



Inside Col. Young's birth cabin



DR Earl Young Deliver remarks at the dedication.



Col. Young direct descendants receive Kentucky Guard proclamation.

Below: (L) Brothers pose in front of Col. Young's birth cabin. (R) Young Dignitaries: Charles Blatcher III, Maj Gen Edward Tonini, Congressman Massie, Heather French-Henry, Gen. William Ward and L. Rodney Bennett.



RHO PSI ALUMNI CHAPTER RECEIVES \$10,000 ENDOWMENT FROM OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.



BY Mark Bishop and Alvino Douglas

(Nashville.TN) — The **Rho Psi Alumni** Chapter of Tennessee State University Alumni Association made history once again on June 24, becoming the 1st Alumni Chapter, Greek Letter organization on TSU Campus to receive funds from its National Fraternity office. They were awarded an Endowment Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

The Rho Psi Alumni Chapter was organized in the year 2000 and received its Charter from Tennessee State University in the year 2005. It was the 1st Greek Letter Organization to receive a Charter from the University. Also upon receiving its Charter it was also the 1st Greek Letter Organization to

construct a monument on the campus on Fraternity and Sorority Row on the campus.

The monument helped the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter raise over \$100,000.00 to put in an Endowment Fund to help fellow Undergraduate Brothers as well as students at the University to receive Scholarships from the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter.

In 2011, The Tennessee State University Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated was selected by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy. Recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy are individuals and organizations who have generously given resources to a TBR institution or have outstanding volunteer efforts

in raising money for the institution.

The idea to give back was spun from the fraternity members' desire to dedicate a monument on campus to recognize the chapter's history and achievements. The fraternity was the first black Greek-lettered organization at TSU to establish a Greek alumni chapter, the first to construct a monument, the first to establish an endowment for scholarships and is the first to be recognized for its long-standing philanthropic support with the Chancellor's Award.

Since receiving its Charter from the University in 2005 the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. has raised over \$245,000.00 in its Endowment Fund at TSU. It just completed its \$50,000.00 Presidents Challenge matching Fund 13 months ahead of schedule.



Clint Boyd, Jr.
Graduate Omegaman of the Year
Gamma Phi



Jauwon R. Cain
Undergraduate Omegaman of the Year
Mu Zeta



Randy Crawley
Superior Service Award
Pi Gamma Gamma



Lt. Cmdr. Terrence Jones
Col. Charles Young Award
Epsilon Phi



Theta Omega
Large Social Action Chapter of the Year



Pi Gamma Gamma
Small Social Action Chapter of the Year



Isaiah Marciano
District Scholar Of The Year
Theta Beta



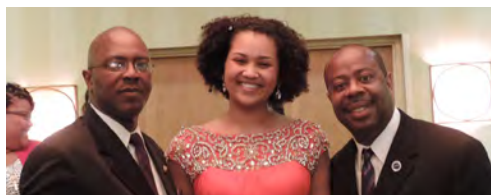
Andreas Price
Citizen of the Year
Theta Omega



Larry Mucker, Jr.
Founder's Award
Theta Omega



Epsilon Phi
Reclamation Chapter of the Year



Clark Davis
Talent Hunt winner
Psi Tau

AN OPEN LETTER TO GRADUATE BROTHERS

With troubled heart and mind, I write to you.

There is a disturbing trend in our Fraternity of declining grades, loss of focus, and a prolonged undergraduate career which is NOT a rite of passage nor are they the way of Omega. We owe our Undergraduate Brothers the hand of Friendship that is based in the Principles of Our Beloved Fraternity and not the principles of self-aggrandizement, perversion, disrespect, and a distorted sense of manhood that our society (and yes, we too) presents as the epitome of Black Manhood.

Some of what our younger Brothers are encountering resonates with our experiences, but in these trouble filled days the distractions are far greater, the playing field equally skewed, and the assault on the Black young male has reached epic proportions from within and without.

Are we staying true to our oath, if we stand by idly as our younger brothers flunk out of school (especially as our schools crumble, our communities deteriorate, and the jails fill up)? Our academic standards do not fall because we are now the "Bruhz." Unfortunately, it is NOW more popular to be OWT than OUTSTANDING.

I recently challenged our undergraduate Brothers, who can "spit" history at a moment's notice to put the same enthusiasm into their academic scholarship. Let us put our arms around our younger Brothers and challenge them to be the Great Men Omega will be proud to call her own.

Forever Lifting as we Climb,

Fraternally,

Brother Dr. Lloren A. Foster

Fifth District Scholarship Chair



Bro. Dr. Lloren A. Foster.



66th District Meeting Undergraduate Scholarship awardees: Isaiah Marciano (**Theta Beta**) - District Scholar. Ramesh Anamraju - Chapter Highest GPA (**Theta Beta**). Joseph Diggins (**Kappa Sigma**) - TN Scholar. Jamahl McDaniel (**Rho Lambda**) KY Scholar.



WHAT ARE WE HERE TO DO?



What are we here to do?

My Brothers, My Friends, it is impossible to consider yourself a true Omega Man without considering the introductory question: what are we here for? What are we here to do? How did we get to where we are in Omega? Where are we?

As I am four months into my final term as 5th District Representative, I frequently find myself evaluating the status of the 5th District and my part in it.

My primary post-election commitment was and remains “inclusion.” Inclusion is critical to the growth, fraternally, socially, fiscally and politically, of the 5th District. My visits to chapters in the Fifth were more of a social than of a business nature. I believe it is important to interact with each other on a fellowship level to build a relationship that would allow a Brother to be called Friend.

“Growth” is a broad term and specifically, for me, reclamation is a key component to the growth of the 5th

District. Additionally, we are too dependent upon new member initiations from a fiscal perspective. I am not speaking of only numbers and finances, but I will. I am speaking of mental growth; different ideas, opinions and expertise. I am speaking of chapters that value the men that have been selected as our Brothers and nurture their leadership abilities before they become disillusioned with Omega.

In “Growing” Omega in the 5th District, we cannot limit our talents to the 5th. Our growth must be extended beyond Kentucky and Tennessee. Our “Talented Tenth” must step up to our collective responsibilities here in the 5th and be prepared to pursue duties, appointments and offices on an international level. We are no less educated, no less dedicated and no less skilled. In relationship to the talent of other districts, metaphorically speaking, our bench may not be as long as others, but it is just as deep. We need our players playing!

We seek definitions, titles and symbols to be able measure ourselves against each other. If we are one, then we are only measuring ourselves against ourselves. Tangible, measurable results must be our focus if we are to “Move Forward.”

To break it down in the form of some questions:

What is ACTIVE?

What is the PURPOSE of YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Why does your CHAPTER exist (graduate or undergraduate)?

What is your CHAPTER accomplishing?

Think about it this way: Our Founders were true Friends. They have extended their Friendship to each of us through this noble Fraternity. This extension occurred through the use of solid business practices. They were business minded young men.

We have no choice but to become better at handling our business. Handling our business means planning to be in the meetings at the Grand Conclave; it means authoring as well as reading recommendations to our Constitution and By-Laws; it means having meaningful dialogue with members outside your comfy little circle, where all thoughts are the same. It means growing our district and making our voices heard through our vote and through our actions. It means exactly the same thing on the District and Chapter levels.

Involvement in the Business of Omega is critical to our Growth and continued existence. Involvement in our own political processes is not up for debate. Omega demands our total involvement as chapters and as men in all aspects of this Great Fraternity.

Long Live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Earl T.Young, Jr.

21st Fifth District Representative

XI ZETA FOCUSES ON SCHOLARSHIP



Bro. Fletcher Cleaves received the first ever academic scholarship and achievement award from the Collegiate Life Investment Fund

BY Carlton Randolph

(Memphis, TN) – On May 10, at the FedEx Forum the Magnificent **Xi Zeta** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi had five chapter members to receive their bachelor’s degree.

Anthony Freeman and Fausto Frias both received there degree in mechanical engineering, Darrell Shack in education, Bertram Williams in economics, and Robert Crockett in mathematics. DeAndre McBee, criminal justice major, and Jessie Watkins, computer science major, are two other graduates of the chapter from the fall 2013 semester.

Entering into that spring 2014 se-

mester chapter received an award from the National Pan Hellenic Council for having the highest GPA among all the fraternities in the Divine 9 at The University of Memphis from the previous semester. The NPHC also awarded the chapter for most improved GPA.

Also, Fletcher Cleaves received the first ever academic scholarship and achievement award from the Collegiate Life Investment Fund, an organization founded to spread awareness about distracted driving.

The men of the Magnificent, as they are affectionately known, were honored to have been one of three chapters in the 5th District to participate

in the 66th Fifth District Hop Show placing third. The Brothers of the Magnificent Xi Zeta Chapter are always seeking ways to build bridges for area youths. They took time out to speak to children at Hamilton Middle School during their College Readiness day.

The Magnificent Xi Zeta chapter is indeed an example of the importance of scholarship,. encouraging the youth in the city to strive for perfection and seek knowledge.



2014 UNDERGRADUATE SUMMIT

SUPPORT FROM EVERY ACTIVE CHAPTER IN THE DISTRICT



Honorary Brother Kwame Mfume

BY Randy “Cricket” Crawley, Jr., TN Advisor

(Atlanta, GA) — Each year, brothers of the undergraduate chapters of Omega come together to discuss important issues, share ideas and build friendship with undergraduate brothers from other districts in the fraternity. This year, the 2014 Undergraduate Summit took place in Atlanta in January. The 5th District was pleased that every active chapter in the district supported the summit through registration.

Undergraduate brothers that attended received an opportunity to hear from their 2nd Vice Grand Basileus, Bro. Tony Cobb. The brothers also had a chance to pose questions to candidates running for various offices at the Conclave. The brothers from the 5th District were able to be addressed directly by two 5th District candidates running for Grand positions; Bro. Earl Wilson (Candidate for Grand Basileus) and Bro. Ed Morant (Candi-

date for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal). Other highlights of the Summit include a luncheon with guest speaker Honorary Brother Kwame Mfume, former President of NAACP. Bro. Mfume challenged the undergraduate brothers to remember the standards of Omega and to accept the challenge to be different, not succumbing to the negative pressure of society. He challenged them to be leaders as Omega Men are and should be.

The um,ndergraduates also had an opportunity to work towards their career aspirations by participating in a career fair. The career fair component is something new that has been added to the Undergraduate Summit and the 2nd Vice Grand Basileus showed great leadership by ensuring that the idea of implementing a career fair was a success.

Lastly, the undergraduate brothers attended workshops to gain wisdom and awareness about particular issues that impact our fraterni-

ty. Topics covered include, campus presence, media presence, violence, and the fraternity’s new Fatherhood Initiative, supported by Pres. Barack Obama. Although it was a summit for the undergraduates of the fraternity, the undergraduate chapters could not thrive without the support of committed advisors. This year the undergraduate summit included a special itinerary for advisors. They attended workshops and training covering issues from MSP to Achievement Week reporting. The most positive feedback from the Advisor Workshops came from the information sharing session. The Advisors were able to share ideas and experiences in order to help, uplift, and sharpen each other in their duty to their undergraduate chapters. At the end of the weekend, Advisors received certificates to note their completion of training. Overall, the 2014 Undergraduate Summit was a success for undergraduate brothers and advisors.

INTERVIEW WITH 39TH GRAND BASILEUS DR. ANDREW RAY

Bro. Quincy Snider, Editor of The LEGEND: Bro. Grand, as you reflect on the last two terms of leading our great Fraternity. What are the major events (other than the Centennial) that come to mind and why?

RAY: Getting Omega’s first ED in 5 years. It brought order to a chaotic operation. Repairing Omega’s image in the Divine 9, hospitality industry and in the broader international community. Restored Omega’s credit profile in the financial industry. Returning Omega from a downgrade to a premier level of \$500,000. Established a 401K plan for IHQ Staff. Established Undergraduate Endowments on college campuses to invest in scholarship. Planted the seed for updating Omega’s History. Started unwinding Omega from the guarantee status for the entities. Assembling a team of very competent Brothers to deliver a new and positive direction for Omega.

QS: Now talk about the Centennial. What did it mean personally for you to be our leader during that 100th year celebration?

RAY: First, I thank Grand Dorsey Miller for rallying Grands and other talented Brothers in planning for the Centennial. The truth being there were no formal plans for the 100th when I came into the office of Grand Basileus. Together we delivered the Centennial in ten months. The centennial started the new imaging of Omega. Being the leader of Omega Men on the occasion of our 100th Celebration is the ultimate Honor.

QS: What one decision or action (if any) did you make that if you could do over based on more information after the fact would you have recon-



sidered?

RAY: The timing of the trial release of the first cut of the updated history. I trusted the word of a Brother that certain specifics were in place. It turned out that the Brothers word was not rooted in the reality of the moment.

QS: As the former president of the United States left office, he left President Obama an envelope. From 43 to 44 is what was reported on the envelope. What would be in your envelope to our 40th Grand Basileus from our 39th Grand Basileus?

RAY: I would say Lead well. Work for the Fraternity not individuals. Don’t let the lust of office nor the spoils of office move you to self-aggrandizement. Don’t let the Brotherhood down.

QS: Under your leadership, Omega founded a chapter in the United Kingdom. Can you shed light on their progress as well as how they have or are affecting not only their immediate communities but how this further international exposure has helped further Omega and Her cause?

RAY: The new chapter in the UK is

representing Omega well. It is the first Greek-Letter Organization black or white to be chartered on the university campus. The Brothers have solid GPAs and their community work with the shelters for battered women and the homeless supports Omega’s Mission.

QS: I am sure you will miss the office once the new administration takes their oath. Besides some rest and relaxation, what will be your role in Omega in the future?

RAY: I will wear with honor the title of Grand for a lifetime. I will continue to work for the uplift of Omega.

QS: On behalf of the 5th District 21st District Representative, Bro. Earl T. Young, Jr., I want to thank you for this interview and wish you well in your future endeavors. What last words or thoughts would you like to conclude this interview with?

RAY: Continue to be Bridge Builders and men set apart for consecrated usefulness. Be men who are the difference that we seek. God Bless this Brotherhood.



BRO. TONY KNOX ELECTED 40TH GRAND BASILEUS



Tony Knox, 40th Grand Basileus



BY Glenn Rice

(Philadelphia, PA) — Antonio F. Knox, Sr. was elected the 40th Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated during the 79th Grand Conclave that was held July 10-16 in Philadelphia.

During his acceptance speech, Knox said the Fraternity would continue its mission of community uplift as well as mentor African-American youth and champion ongoing civil rights efforts under his leadership.

Knox, a resident of Raleigh, North Carolina, was initiated into the Fraternity in 1978 as a charter member of the **Kappa Lambda** Chapter located on the campus of North Carolina State University.

Professionally, Knox is a deputy administrator for the North Carolina

Credit Union Division where his office is responsible for regulating an industry with more than two million members and \$30 billion in assets.

Since becoming a member of the Fraternity, Knox has served as chapter Basileus for **Iota Iota** chapter located in Raleigh and later he served as the 33rd Sixth District Representative. After that, Knox was elected Grand Keeper of Finance and then he was elected to serve as the First Vice Grand Basileus.

Other newly elected officers include: *Dr. David Marion* - First Vice Grand Basileus; *Anthony Kadri* - Second Vice Grand Basileus; *Kenneth Rodgers* - Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, *W. Kelly Shannon* - Grand Keeper of Finance; *D. Michael Lyles* - Grand Counselor.

Nearly 20,000 members of the

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity gathered in Philadelphia during the group's 79th International Grand Conclave held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. During the Grand Conclave, the Fraternity partnered with the Feed the Children, non-profit, Next Generation and the Malcolm Jenkins Foundation and provided 40 pounds of non-perishable items to nearly 1,300 families.

"One of the main missions of Omega Psi Phi is service to the community," said Andrew A. Ray, the 39th Grand Basileus. "And to be a part of this gathering where we are providing services on multiple levels, that's one thing we know our community needs." Attendees also participated in the Philabundance Food Distribution effort by packing food items that were distributed to families in need.



60 YEARS

Charles H. Wiggs Psi Tau
Alfred L. Motlow, Sr. Epsilon Phi

40 YEARS

Joseph E. Armstrong Iota Alpha
Melvin B. Ewell Theta Iota
Robert N. Starr Theta Iota
Evington B. Jackson Theta Omega
Henry C. Nesbitt Gamma Phi
Glenn D. Sessoms Epsilon Phi
Dwayne S. Young Kappa Iota



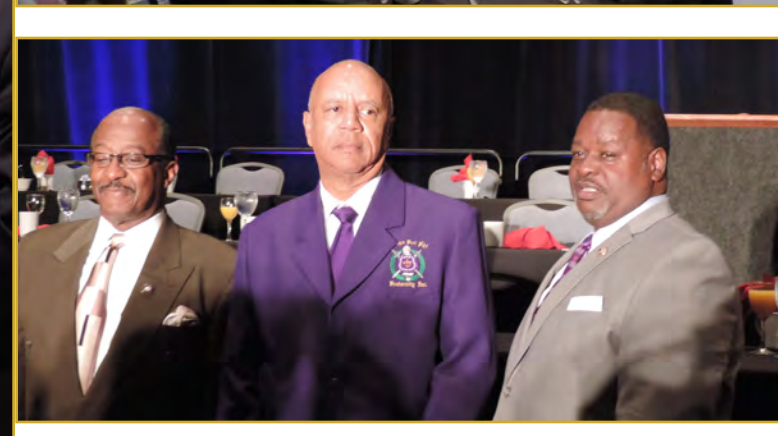
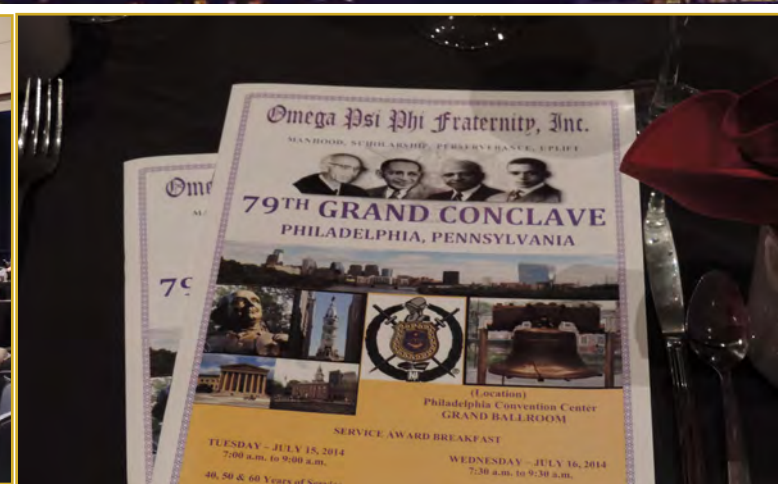
50 YEARS

Woodrow Bell Gamma Phi
Furman E. Glenn Theta Omega
Joseph D. Kyles Epsilon Phi
Dewitt Martin Epsilon Phi
Fred F. Maston Sr. Kappa Iota
Edgar J. Simmons Chi Psi

25 YEARS

Gregory J. Blanchard Sigma Lambda Lambda
Robert Humprey Jr Pi Gamma Gamma
Sean C. Owens Theta Omega
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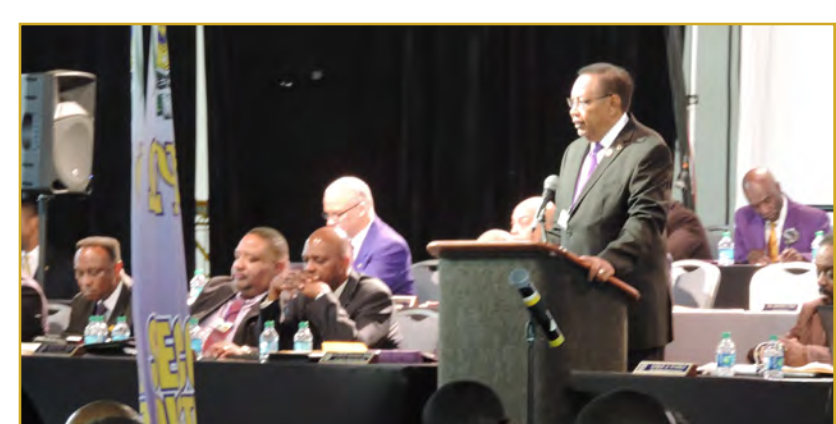
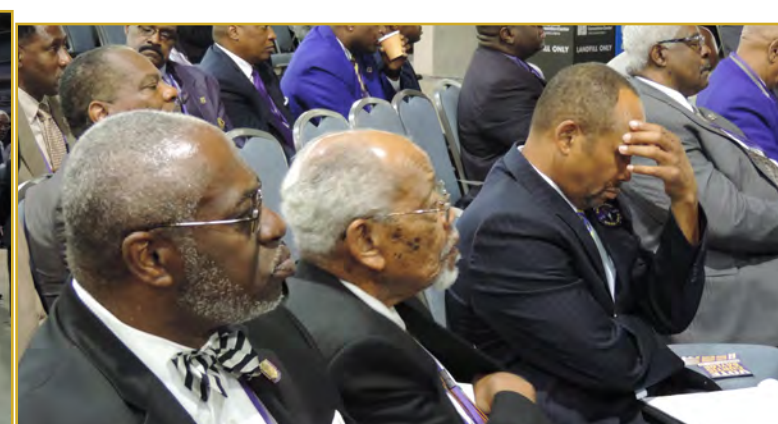
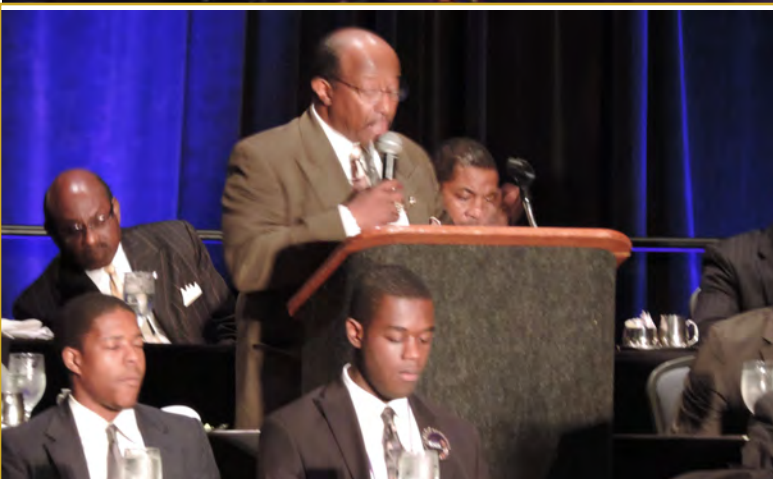
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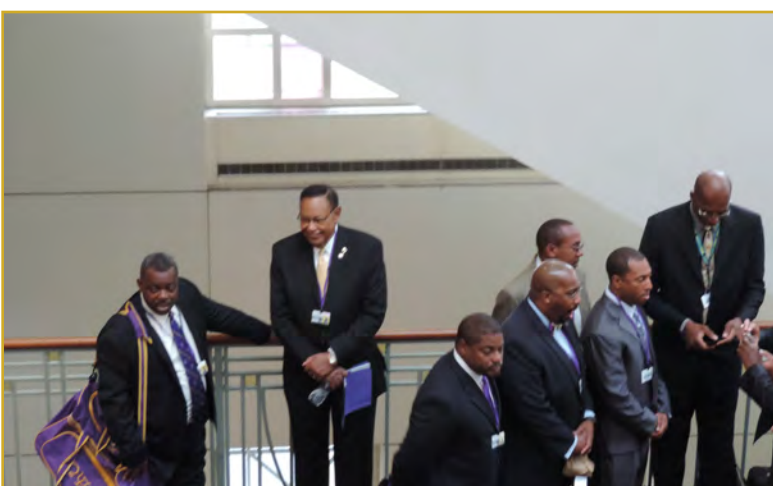
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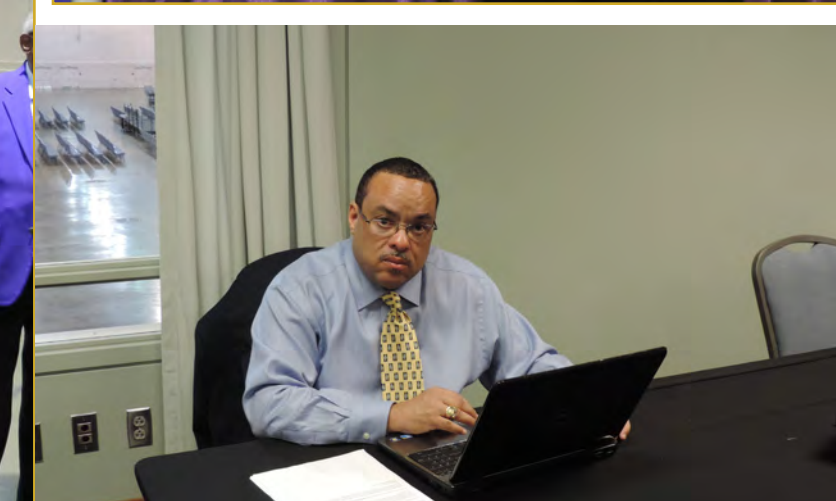
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Remembering Bro. Clint Boyd Jr. January 16, 1962 - September 8, 2014

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The LEGEND note: Bro. Clint Boyd, Jr. was an important contributor and supporter of the Fifth District E-Newsletter. In this issue, we have published several articles that he wrote about his beloved Fraternity and Chapter before his passing. We honor him. We miss him. Godspeed.

(Nashville, TN) — On Sept. 13, brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. joined family and friends for the homegoing of the late Bro. Clint Boyd, Jr. (Iota Beta/Gamma Phi) at Temple Baptist Church.

He was born on January 16, 1962 in Nashville to Barbara Jean Walls Boyd and Clinton Curtis Boyd, Sr.

Clint was selected to attend pre-engineering program at Vanderbilt University prior to his senior year in high school where he met Elaine Houston, his future wife. Clint chose to attend the University of Knoxville after his senior year in graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

Clint pledged as a freshman at the Iota Beta chapter at UT Knoxville.

Clint most recently served as chaplain and chapter reporter for Gamma Phi. Clint received the Omega Man of the Year Award from Gamma Phi in 2012 and 2013, and was the Graduate Omega Man of the Year for the 5th District in 2014.

Always a visionary, Clint created two programs that have earned national recognition while in the role of chaplain at Gamma Phi. On the last Friday of every month since March 2010, Clint has facilitated the Omega Power 20, a 20 minute conference call which allowed Omegas from around the world to unite in prayer. Through the Omega Widows Assist Program (OWAP), launched in 2011, Gamma Phi Chapter members provide light, short-term work projects around the homes of widows of Gamma Phi members.

Survived by devoted wife, Elaine H. Boyd; children, Jordan and Winston Boyd; loving mother, Barbara Walls Boyd; father, Clinton C. Boyd, Sr.; siblings, Creighton Boyd, Jena (Wallace) Colvin, Karyn Boyd; grandmother, Viola Myrick; mother-in-law, Margaret Houston; one aunt; one great-aunt and uncle; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.





Bro. Melvin Daniels – Pi Gamma Gamma

(**Murfreesboro, TN**) — Melvin Edward Daniels, Sr. was born January 30, 1952 in Rutherford County to Stella M and the late Grant E Daniels. He was baptized by the Late Rev. Hugh L. Trimble of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon. Melvin passed away on August 2, 2014 at his home.

Melvin, or “Coach D” as he was affectionately known to many whose lives he touched, was educated entirely in the Rutherford County School System, having attended Bradley School and Bellwood School before graduating Central High School in 1970. A gifted and well-rounded athlete in baseball, track and, most notably, football, he was awarded a football scholarship to attend Middle Tennessee State University where, in addition to being an outstanding tailback, he became the first African-American quarterback to play in the Ohio Valley Conference. Melvin was also a member of the school’s track and field team before earning his B.S. M.E. and Ed. S. from the University.

It was also at MTSU that, in 1973, he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.’s **Mu Zeta** Chapter (MTSU) and was also a founding member of Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter Murfreesboro, TN. He later became a lifetime member of the fraternity. Melvin started his coaching career as a basketball coach at Roy Waldron Middle School. He then moved on to coach football and track at Oakland High School, where, in 1984, he was able to lead the boys track team to a state championship – the only Rutherford County men’s track program, before or since, to ever hold the title. Melvin also served as the offensive coordinator when the Oakland football team won the state championship in 1984.

During his storied career, he served as Principal at LaVergne High school -- the first African-American in a Rutherford County high school to hold that position since integration in 1968. Melvin is survived by his wife, Lora White Daniels of Nashville; his devoted and beloved son, Melvin Daniels Jr. of Dallas, TX



Bro. Matthew Kennedy — Eta Psi

(Nashville, TN) – Brother Dr. Matthew Kennedy passed to Omega Chapter on June 5, 2014 at the age of 93. Brother Kennedy was an accomplished pianist and directed the Fisk Jubilee Singers for more than 20 years. He began playing piano as a child in the segregated South and went on to perform at Carnegie Hall and around the world.

Brother Kennedy was born in Americus, GA in 1921 to a postal worker and a teacher. He played, “It’s Me, O Lord, Standin’ in the Need of Prayer,” by ear when he was just 4 years old.

After hearing Sergei Rachmaninoff perform in 1932 in Macon, GA., where he and his mother sat in the balcony of a segregated concert hall, he started imitating the Russian pianist’s playing style. His skill won him a scholarship to the Juilliard School in New York, where he met Duke Ellington and performed at the Apollo Theater. Brother Kennedy graduated from Juilliard with a piano diploma in 1940. Afterwards he entered Fisk University in Nashville,

TN, a small school with an internationally known choral ensemble called the Jubilee Singers, who needed a piano accompanist.

After a brief stint in the U.S. Army during World War II, he returned to Fisk, became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at **Eta Psi** Chapter in 1946 and completed his degree in 1947. In 1957, he was appointed director of the Jubilee Singers and led them for the next 23 years.

Brother Kennedy was a loyal member of **Gamma Phi** Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Nashville, TN where he served as the chairman of the chapter’s Talent Hunt Committee for many years. In 2012, the chapter voted unanimously to rename the annual talent hunt contest the *Dr. Matthew Kennedy Talent Hunt Extravaganza*. Brother Kennedy served proudly in the role of Talent Hunt Chairman, influencing both young and old, until his death.

(Included excerpts from The Tennessean)



Bro. J.L. Perry, Jr. — Theta Iota

(Jackson, TN) — J. L. Perry, Jr. was born in Jackson to J.L. Perry, Sr. and Lurline Perry on March 17, 1949. Our Heavenly Father called him home on July 28, 2014.

J.L. had a long and distinguished career as a teacher, coach, administrator and athletic director. He was a teacher and multi-sports coach in the Memphis City Schools for 18 years.

J.L. served as a sports program project administrator, athletic director, head men's basketball coach and associate vice president for student affairs at Lane College.

At the time of his death, J.L. was employed as Athletic Manager for Shelby County Unified School District. J.L. deeply loved his family. He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of twenty one years,

Janis Conley Perry; mother, Lurline Perry; son, Jason (Tiffani) Perry; daughter, Angela Perry; three granddaughters, Alexandria Farsee, Jalen Perry and Madison Powell; two grandsons, Johnathan Powell and Jaxson Perry; five siblings, Thurston (Marva L.) Perry, Patricia (Robert) Cole, Lula (Fred) Perry Halley, Billy (Mary) Perry and Harold (Elizabeth) Harden; mother-in-law, Ellie B. Conley; extended family members, Cheryl Lester Perry and Mitchell Morrow, Jr., and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, J.L. Perry, Sr.

J.L. was active in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

"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.

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