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Brother George W. Case Jr., LM 2408, of the Upsilon Omega Chapter, St. Louis, Missouri, attended the 2012 Democratic National Convention



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Douglas County Commissioner Bro. Chris Rodgers of Beta Upsilon Chapter, Omaha, NE, was elected NACo President at 77th Annual Conference

District Officers

- Ω Bro. (Rev. Dr.) Robert Scott, Eighth District Representative
- Ω Bro. Ray Brown, 1st VDR
- Ω Bro. Julian Davis, 2nd VDR
- Ω Bro. James Ball, District KRS
- Ω Bro. Kermit Ervin, District KP
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- Ω Bro. (Rev. Dr.) Larry King Sr., District Chaplain
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- Ω Bro. Furman Sizemore, District Marshal

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Submission of Articles to the 8th District Publicist

(Format Revised 8/2011)

All chapter articles must be submitted directly to the 8th District Publicist, before the deadline dates to allow for editing by the District Publicist prior to submission to the IHQ Editor. A maximum of 3 articles per chapter will be allowed per publication/edition.

All articles must be:

- Reviewed for grammatical perfection, correct spelling, and proper syntax.
- Reviewed for acceptable composition and form.
- Reviewed for relevance and journalistic style.
- These reviews must be made prior to submission of any document for publication.
- Articles should not exceed one page; and they should be single-spaced.
- Photos should have captions, which will identify the persons and the event.
- Articles should address – who –what- when- where- how
- Articles should state name of writer, the name of chapter, city/state.

Brothers and Chapters wishing to publish news items in The Oracle are encouraged to do so. The 8th District Publicist will submit articles and photos on a **CD-ROM** in **Microsoft Word documents, the pictures in jpg (300 dpi resolution) attached and not on the document** which will contain all the articles and photos from various chapters.

All articles are to be submitted to :

Brother Osuman Issaka, 8th District Publicist

c/o The 8th District Newsletter

14651 Ames Ct.

Omaha, NE. 68116

Or

via e-mail: ooissaka@gmail.com

Deadlines for Submission to the District Publicist

Before March 15, for April (Spring Edition)

Before September 15, for November (Fall Edition)

Before 1, for December (Winter Edition)

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EIGHTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS NOTE

Greetings Members of the Eighth District,

As we look forward to another prosperous year in Omega, I hope that I held true to my promises and goals of restoring the Eighth District to its' prominence in the Oracle Publication. With the support of the Eighth District and the Publicist Editorial Team, we have established the Eighth District Publication, **CommuniQué**. In order to provide comrade and transparency throughout the District, the editorial team consisting of 8th Brothers was established. This team's goal is to edit and provide input to the District and International Publications. Each local chapter was provided Submission Guidelines and Suspense dates for the Oracle.



As the District's Public Relations Director, a personal commitment was made to thee District of ensuring the body would receive a minimum of three (3) publications annually. My commitment was made as you have all received your Fall, Winter and Spring subscriptions capturing various events throughout this past fraternal calendar year.

In closing, I look to establish a Chapter Publicist workshop in a Brown Bag luncheon format for all Chapter Reporters or their designees within the Eighth District to ensure that local practices are in line with all International requirements and guidelines.

Let us all build on this momentum and take the "Mighty Eighth" District to the next level.

Fraternally,
Osuman 'O' Issaka

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8th District Public Relations

"Remember, activities and/or mandated programs are not complete until an Article is written and Pictures are taken."



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Brother (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott
31st Eighth District Representative

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

P O Box 1148

Florissant, MO 63031

Message from the District Representative

Omegas and the Ballot

In 1984, our fraternity brother, the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson made a valiant run for the office of president of the United States through the Democratic Party. The interesting synthesis of him being a minister of the gospel running for a political office creates an interesting tension. Yet it allowed for a prophetic vision to become part of the political arena, that has been the genius of the Black church in particular and black life in general. Omega men rallied to his aid and provided great support through donations, registrations, canvassing, and spiritual uplift. Even though Reverend Jackson did not win the nomination, it sparked a vision of hope and possibility that has allowed for us to have an African American President in Barack H. Obama. Reverend Jackson watered seeds and watch those seeds germinate. President Obama was able to appreciate the harvest and reap the benefit. Had there been no Reverend Jackson, there would have been no President Obama. However, had there been no Whitney Young, Martin Luther King, A.

Philip Randolph, Shirley Chilsom, Ralph Bunche, Mary McCloud Bethune, and other heroes, there would have been no way that Reverend Jackson would have made the impression he did in 1984. In fact, his speech is still considered to be one of the most inspirational speeches ever given at any political convention in recent memory. And the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has been in the midst of those remarkable shifts since 1911.

Fast forward to 2012, where the economic climate is dragging along and the political climate is tumultuous, at best and very insolently racist at worst. It is going to be crucial for all brothers of Omega to link up for this one. The framework that Omega is dealing with can and will have a positive impact upon this election. As a pastor, unlike some of my peers, I am not calling for my parishioners to sit on the sidelines because I don't agree with the President's stand on same sex marriage and because Governor Romney is a Mormon. My faith in God and my duty in Omega will not allow me to be so shallow in critical assessment to abandon this election because of one issue. There is too much at stake in this election cycle for African Americans in particular, and any eligible voter, in general to stay home and engage in negative pontification, sighing and complaining about gay marriage and Mormonism. The stakes are too high and too grave when it comes to education, the economy, the Supreme Court, dealing with tensions in the Middle East, Medicare/Medicaid, social security, employment and the other ills that President Obama inherited. It took us eight years to get into this depraved condition and it cannot be turn around in just four. Regardless who becomes president; they will not be able to totally fix this conundrum by 2016. Nevertheless, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is pressed into service because this impacts us as a predominantly African American men organization and we need to answer the call.

This call is answered in three significant ways. First, I want to encourage every Omega brother in our district to call three people and make sure they are registered to vote. If they are not, get them registered because voter registration in most places will end by mid October. Next, ask those three people to reach out to another three persons and do the same. Then, if you can vote early. On the day of election, there will be long lines. So if you can vote early, it will allow you to serve on Election Day by taking others to the polls. Finally, encourage those you know to VOTE!!!! We cannot dare sit this one out because we don't agree with everything a candidate does. Interestingly, this is how we rattle those precious swords of ours in the symbolic sense and fight for the dignity of those who are oppressed and voiceless.

As men of Omega, this is our great and sacred obligation to our democracy and to uphold the legacy of our beloved and revered Founders. The ballot is one of the ways we become engaged as agents of transformation in our communities and ultimately, the nation. Our fore-parents fought, bled, and died for us to abdicate this precious right and opportunity due to apathy and ignorance. So brothers, let's rise to this occasion with our armor on, our swords raised, our visors closed and fight for the future of our nation and our children as we make our way to polls in November. As Men of Omega, we are in this fight because I believe God is concern about what happens to the most vulnerable in our society, and we need to help our elected official be concerned about the very same thing. That...my brothers and Friends.... is what UPLIFT is all about.



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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC

64th Eighth District Meeting
Albuquerque, New Mexico April 11th – 14th 2013
“Home of the Duke City Ques”

Host Chapter: Nu Rho Chapter

Location: Embassy Suite Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico

District Marshal: Brother Dr. Furman Sizemore

Welcome to the 64th Eighth District Meeting. The 2013 District meeting promises to be the best ever, with various presentations, tutorials, networking events and activities for your family. This will provide all participants an opportunity to exchange ideas with brothers across the district and learn about innovative solutions covering multiple aspects of fraternity operations. If you have any questions, contact Brother Dr. Furman Sizemore (District Marshal) at (312) 520-0100 or fgs1@speakeasy.net.

REGISTRATION:

The Registration site for the Eighth District Meeting is now open and can be accessed by going to Meeting link (located under “Programs and Events”). On-line registration closes March 29, 2013 at midnight. Any brother wishing to register after that will have to register on-site. Meals and rooms cannot be guaranteed for late or on site registrants. All brothers are required to register for the 2013 District Meeting and pay the appropriate fees in order to participate in any aspect of the meeting.
http://www.omegaphiphi8d.org/Home_Page.html

Registration Fees:

Graduate Fee: Early Registration thru December 31, 2012 **\$120.00**

Basic Registration January 1, 2013 thru February 28, 2013 **\$140.00**

Late Registration March 1, 2013 thru April 13, 2013 **\$160.00**

On-Site Registration **\$200.00**

No Registration payment needed for Members Initiated after April 18, 2012

Undergraduate Fee: Early Registration August 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012 **\$75.00**

Basic Registration November 1, 2011 thru February 29, 2012 **\$85.00**

Late Registration March 1, 2012 thru April 13, 2012 **\$100.00**

On-Site Registration **\$120.00**

No Registration payment needed for Members Initiated after April 18, 2012

NOTE: The no registration fee only applies to brothers who were initiated after the close of the 2012 District Meeting in Kansas City, MO April 15, 2011. **You must complete a registration form and send it in.**

Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa, 1000 Woodward Pl NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Reserve your room now for the 64th Eighth District meeting! Rooms have been blocked for Thursday April 11 thru Saturday April 13, 2013 for the Eighth District's meeting attendees. Room Rates: \$99.00 Single, Double, Triple or Quad Occupancy. The hotel will honor this rate until Thursday, March 10, 2013.

To reserve your room, you must call 505-245-7100 and reference the 8th District Group. To visit the hotel's web site for additional accommodation information, go to

<http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-mexico/embassy-suites-albuquerque-hotel-and-spa-ABQEMES/index.html>

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64th Eighth District Meeting Registration Form

Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 11th -14th 2013

Name _____ 00 _____
FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL LAST CONTROL # (FROM FINANCIAL CARD)

Home Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Home Telephone # () _____ Work Telephone# () _____ E-mail _____

Chapter _____ Location _____

CHECK ONE: VOTING STATUS: _____ CHAPTER DELEGATE** _____ NON-VOTING MEMBER

** Delegate must also complete FROM 36 CREDENTIALS by no later than (15 March 2013)

REGISTRATION FEES

Note: Fees for extra meal and event tickets are shown below.

List # desired here		List Amount(s) here
1	Basic registration fee (includes District reports, Souvenir Booklet & Bag Founders Banquet, Undergraduate Luncheon, Prayer Breakfast Step Show and Dance, Talent Hunt, Brotherhood Luncheon) Fee Depends on Submission and Pay Date.	\$ _____
_____	Founders Banquet & Dance (Black-Tie) Ticket @ \$35.00 each extra ticket	\$ _____
_____	Undergraduate Luncheon Ticket @ \$20.00 each extra ticket	\$ _____
_____	8th District Meeting Prayer Breakfast @ \$20.00 each extra ticket	\$ _____
_____	Step Show and Get Acquaintant Dance @ \$20.00 each extra ticket	\$ _____
_____	Brotherhood Luncheon @ \$15.00 each extra ticket	\$ _____
_____	Thursday Night Special Event "Brothers Only" \$15	\$ _____
Grand Total		\$ _____

PLEASE NOTE REGISTRATION FEES AND ON-SITE TICKET PRICES:

Early Registration thru December 31, 2013 (Graduate \$120.00 – Undergraduate \$75.00)

Basic Registration January 1, 2013 thru February 28, 2013 (Graduate \$140.00 – Undergraduate \$85.00)

Late Registration March 1, 2012 thru April 13, 2012 (Graduate \$160.00 – Undergraduate \$100.00)

Onsite Registration (Graduate \$200.00 – Undergraduate \$120.00)

Founders Banquet Ticket* 45.00

Undergraduate Luncheon Ticket* 25.00

Step Show and Dance Ticket* 20.00

Brotherhood Luncheon 20.00

* The host chapter does not guarantee that tickets will

be available for sale on-site.

If you are paying by personal check, cashier's check, chapter checks or money order, please staple check to this form. RECEIPTS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU

This form can be mailed to ATTN: District Marshal, Dr. Furman Sizemore, Nu Rho Chapter, P.O. Box 657, Albuquerque, NM 87103 by March 10, 2013

# of Delegate Votes Submitted	
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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

64th Eighth District Meeting

Chapter Name	Chapter Type	Today's Date	Total# Of Votes
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Please note that **only ONE Delegate can vote twice IF the chapter is eligible per distance requirements.** These requirements are clearly defined in the 8th District Bylaws. **PRIMARY** delegates can cast votes. **ALTERNATE** Delegates can replace a primary delegate with chapter authorization. Chapters should **NOT** designate more delegates than they have votes. Doing so may prevent their delegates from being able to vote until the discrepancy is resolved.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to certify that the Brothers listed above are bona fide members of our chapter and are in good financial standing as defined in the 8th District Bylaws. They have been duly elected to serve as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 64th Eighth District Meeting as indicated above and are to have all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. Please note that our Chapter has reviewed its records and we show no outstanding insurance or CEF payments due to the National Organization as of the date of this statement.

Fraternally,

Basileus Name (Please Print) _____
Keeper of Records and Seal Name
(Please Print) _____

Basileus Signature _____
Keeper of Records and Seal
Signature _____

Important Note:

This form is to be RECEIVED by the DKRS
NO LATER THAN FEB 21, 2013

64th Eighth District Meeting - Attn: Form 36

Bro. James Ball, DKRS
James R. Ball
8th District Keeper of Records & Seal
755 Oriental Lily Drive
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Email a copy to 8thDistrictKRS@oppf.org

IN ORDER FOR CHAPTERS TO HAVE VOTING PRIVILEGES DURING ANY CONCLAVE OR DISTRICT MEETING, THE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL INSURANCE & CEF OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID TO INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING. A CURRENT COPY OF FORM 50 SHOULD ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.

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DISTRICT SOUVENIR BOOK AND PRICES

PAPER SIZE 8 1/2 X 11

Advertisement Size	Color	Black & White
Full Page	\$150	\$100.00
1/2 Page	\$100	\$75
1/4 Page	\$75	\$50
Business Card	\$30	\$25
Patron \$10		
Inside Front Cover \$250		
Inside Rear Cover \$250		
Outside Rear Cover \$300		

All money and ads must be received by March 22, 2013. Send camera-ready copy of ad as you wish it displayed in the book. Pictures must be good quality (prefer digital copy). Pictures may be color or black and white. Note: Please provide a copy of your ad in a JPG or BMP format and email your ad to fgs1@speakeasy.net (which is the preferred method) in addition you may send CD's. You may also mail the ad to the address below. A \$25.00 Set-Up fee will be charged if ad is not properly formatted. Please return the advertisement layout sheet with the bottom coupon and cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to: Nu Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Mail To:
ATTN
Bro. Dr. Furman Sizemore
Nu Rho Chapter
P.O. Box 657
Albuquerque, NM 87103

You are authorized to publish our (amount of space) _____ page advertisement in the 2013 Souvenir Booklet to be printed for the 64th Eighth District Meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., to be held April 11-14, 2013 in Albuquerque, NM Enclosed you will find a payment to: Nu Rho Chapter, in the amount of \$ _____ for the advertisement and a copy/layout of my/our ad.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Fax: _____
Name of Contact Person (Print) _____ Email: _____
Signature: _____

A receipt will be mailed by Nu Rho Chapter
Thanks for your patronage

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63rd EIGHTH DISTRICT MEETING AND AWARDS

Kansas City, MO – April 12-15, 2012, the 63rd Eighth District meeting hosted by Beta Omega Chapter was held at the Holiday Inn CoCo-Key Water Resort. A welcome reception was held by our 31st District Representative, Bro. Rev. Dr. Robert C. Scott. The welcome was graced by the presence of several members of the Supreme Council, including our 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray, Brother Christopher Cooper Esq., Grand Counselor, Brother Stuart Turner, Grand Marshal, and Brother Kenneth Barnes, Executive Director. The plenary sessions began Friday, April 13, 2012 thru Saturday, April 14, 2012.

The leadership of our illustrious Fraternity attended all meetings and events. Our 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray spoke to the brothers with words of gratitude, encouragement, and Uplift.



39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray



31st District representative, Bro. Rev. Dr. Robert C. Scott

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



19th District Representative and 36th Grand Basileus, Brother Lloyd Jordan, Esq.

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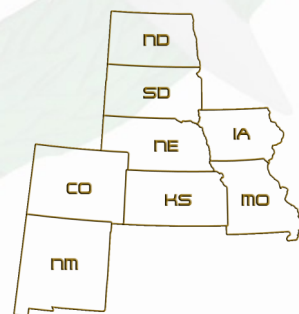
Eighth District 1st Vice DR Bro. Ray Brown



19th District Representative and 36th Grand Basileus, Bro. Lloyd Jordan, Esq.



15th District Representative, Brother Lynn Beckwith



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17th District Representative, Bro. Charles "BeBe" Shelton



27th District representative, Bro. Larry Burks Sr.



19th District Representative, Brother Lloyd Jordan, Esq.



28th District Representative, Brother Jeffery T. Smith



30th District Representative, Brother Glenn E. Rice

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Eighth District Director of Public Relations Brother Osuman Issaka



Eighth District Counselor Bro. Stefan Hughes, Esq.



Eighth District Chaplain Bro. Larry King Sr.

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left to right: (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative, Eighth District Talent Hunt Winner, Dominique S. Young, Beta Omega Chapter, Kansas City, MO



left to right: (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative, Eighth District Superior Service Award, Bro. Thomas Kitchen, Upsilon Omega, St. Louis, MO, Eighth District Achievement Week Chair Brother (Dr.) Leon Ashford



left to right: 2012 Eighth District Scholarship Award Recipient, Bro. Jerry Banks, Nu Rho Chapter, Albuquerque, NM, Brother Harry Willis, Eighth District Scholarship Chair



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left to right: (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative, 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray, Eighth District Founders Award, Bro. Jeffery T. Smith, Chi Phi Chapter, Denver, CO, Eighth District Achievement Week Chair Brother (Dr.) Leon Ashford



left to right: (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative, 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray, 2012 Eighth District Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Osuman 'O' Issaka, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Omaha, NE, Eighth District Achievement Week Chair Brother (Dr.) Leon Ashford



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left to right: (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative, Eighth District Undergraduate Advisor Award, Bro. Clark Frost, Eta Alpha, Jefferson City, MO, Eighth District Achievement Week Chair Brother (Dr.) Leon Ashford, 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray



left to right: (Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative, Eighth District Colonel Charles Young Award, Bro. CW4 Desi Roberts, Omicron Iota Iota, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Eighth District Achievement Week Chair Brother (Dr.) Leon Ashford, 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray



Eighth District Citizenship Award, Mr. Scott McCutchen, Eta Alpha Chapter, Jefferson City, MO

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(Rev. Dr.) Robert C. Scott, 31st District Representative and 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray presents Brother (Dr.) Leon Ashford with the Service Award



Bro. CWS Desi Roberts and Bro. MAJ CJ Lee (Basileus of Omicron Iota Iota Chapter) with the Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray

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63rd EIGHTH DISTRICT MEETING



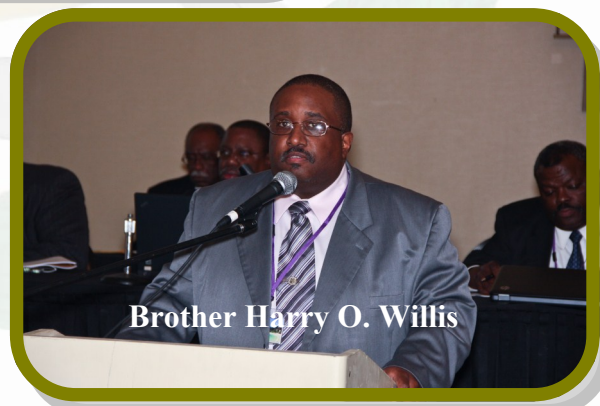
2012 Eighth District Step Show winners, Epsilon Delta Chapter, Columbia, MO



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Grand Basileus, Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray, Founders Day keynote speaker



Brothers of Upsilon Omega with 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray, Eighth District Chapter of the Year, Upsilon Omega, St. Louis, MO

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Brothers of Upsilon Omega Chapter



Brother Philip White presents the 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray a District Binder from the 62nd District Meeting in St. Louis, MO



Brothers of Beta Upsilon and Tau Kappa Chapters with 39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray



39th Grand Basileus Brother (Dr.) Andrew Ray and 27th Eighth District DR Bro. Larry Burks Sr.

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63rd EIGHTH DISTRICT MEETING MILITARY TRIBUTE



MAJOR Landis Maddox



MAJOR Johari Hemphill



FT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS - OMICRON IOTA IOTA CHAPTER with other Military Brothers



MAJOR CJ Lee

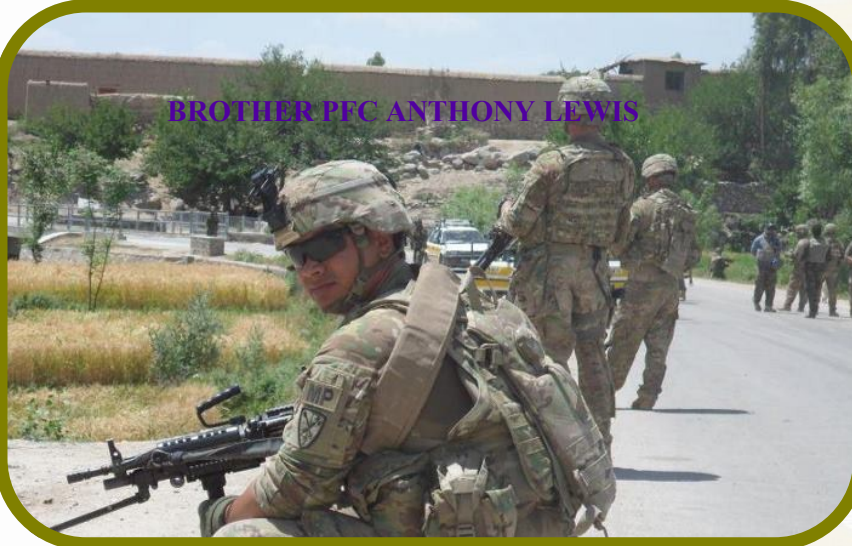
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XI PI CHAPTER welcomes home Brother Lewis!

Colorado Springs, Colorado - Xi Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado, welcomes home Brother Anthony Lewis. Private First Class (PFC) Lewis assigned to the 759th Military Police Battalion stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado deployed to Afghanistan in March, operating in several areas throughout the country. PFC Lewis just returned from deployment where their primary mission was to train Afghan forces. PFC Lewis was involved in the training of close to 1500 Afghan troops and helped transition two districts and one outpost to Afghan control during his deployment.

The transition from battlefield to home can be a difficult one. As PFC Lewis stated, “Deployment is tough and was a great experience.” Additionally, “I would like to thank the members of Xi Pi Chapter for the Care Packages and the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for their fellowship while I was deployed”, said Brother Lewis at a recent XI PI Chapter meeting.



BROTHER PFC ANTHONY LEWIS

We “Salute” Brother Lewis and all the members of the armed forces for their protection, dedication and devotion to providing this “Blanket of Freedom” that our country is able to enjoy.



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9th Annual Xi Pi Chapter's Uplift Foundation Golf Classic



Colorado Springs, Colorado - The men of Xi Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its 9th Annual Uplift Foundation Golf Classic on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at the Pine Creek Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pine Creek Golf Club is a premier public golf course in Colorado Springs. Designed by noted golf course architect Richard Phelps, this 18 - hole championship course is both physically and mentally demanding. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Uplift Foundation, a 501C(3) Public Charity. It provides scholarships to qualified college-bound high school seniors in the Colorado Springs area. Over the past nine years the foundation has awarded more than \$51,000 in scholarships.

The event hosted 104 golfers. "I am completely humbled by the tremendous success of this year's event," said Bro Karim Fudge, Co-Event Coordinator. The tournament featured an 18-hole four-man scramble format of play. All players received a gift bag that included golf balls, tee pegs and other golf accessories. There were prizes awarded to the winning teams, prize drawings and contests throughout the day.

The Event Chair and Co-Chair, Brothers Walt Glover and Karim Fudge were so excited with this year's success that they have already began planning for next year's tournament, with the goal of hosting 120 players.



Bro Karim Fudge (Co-Chair) registers golfers as they enter the Pine Creek Clubhouse

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OMICRON XI and BETA OMEGA 2012 BLOOD DRIVE



Kansas City, MO - The American Red Cross Representative, Alicia Smith, teamed up with the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on Saturday, June 16, 2012, as the Brothers of the Beta Omega and Omicron Xi Chapters held their Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive.

Over 50 members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as well as several members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the community at large, visited the Swope Health Center in Kansas City Missouri, to donate to this worthy cause. The brothers exceeded the targeted amount of blood units donated.

Brother Joseph Hamilton, KRS; Omicron Iota Iota Chapter



Brothers of Beta Omega and Omicron Xi joined forces along with Ms. Alicia Smith to execute another Annual Charles Drew Blood Drive



Brother Walter Haith of Omicron Xi Chapter, served as the Event Chairman; and Brother Kermit Ervin served as the Representative of the Beta Omega Chapter. The group is pictured here with Ms. Alicia Smith, of the American Red Cross.



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National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ) Announces 2012 “Salute to Excellence” Winners



Brother Glenn E. Rice, Omicron Xi Chapter

New Orleans, LA (June 24, 2012) The NABJ announced the winners for its 2012 Salute to Excellence Awards. The competition honors work from print, television, radio, online, photojournalism, and public relations. Winners were announced Saturday, June 23, 2012 at an annual gala celebration during NABJ's 37th Annual Convention and Career Fair in New Orleans, the largest gathering of minority journalists in the country.

Over 150,000 newspapers and our 30th Eighth District Representative, Glenn Rice was among the few that were honored with the 2012 “Salute to Excellence” Award for his co-written feature story ‘Freedom’s Distant Cry’ in the Kansas City Star.



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OMICRON IOTA IOTA CHAPTER SUMMER JAM FUNDRAISER



raised over \$1700 to support future operations of our mandated programs.

Fort Leavenworth, KS—The Omicron Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated created an entertaining and enjoyable environment with patrons from Fort Leavenworth and surrounding areas on Saturday, August 25, 2012 through the venue of the Annual Buffalo Soldier Ques' Summer Jam. The event included heavy hors d'oeuvres and a DJ playing a myriad of genres ranging from Rap to R&B to Pop which facilitated a successful social event. Consequently, the OII Chapter



FT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS - "BUFFALO SOLDIER QUES"

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Omicron Iota Iota Chapter Annual Car Wash

Fort Leavenworth, KS -

The Omicron Iota Iota Chapter - "Buffalo Soldier Ques" - provided the customers within the Ft Leavenworth community with car washing services on Saturday, August 18, 2012, which resulted in an abundance of satisfied customers. Patrons were anxiously lining up their vehicles before the event officially kicked-off at 10 AM and the flow of business was practically continuous until the close of operations.

In addition, the Buffalo Soldier Ques raised over \$500 which will aid in our efforts to help facilitate activities associated with our mandated programs such as scholarships opportunities for our youth.

This event was the second fundraiser of the summer in which brothers had the opportunity to fellowship while embracing the newly arrived Men of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. CGSC/ILE class of 13-01. The chapter embraced 10 "new-to-the-chapter" brothers which contributed to the overall success of the fundraiser while exhibiting the principles of our beloved fraternity at the Omicron Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. .

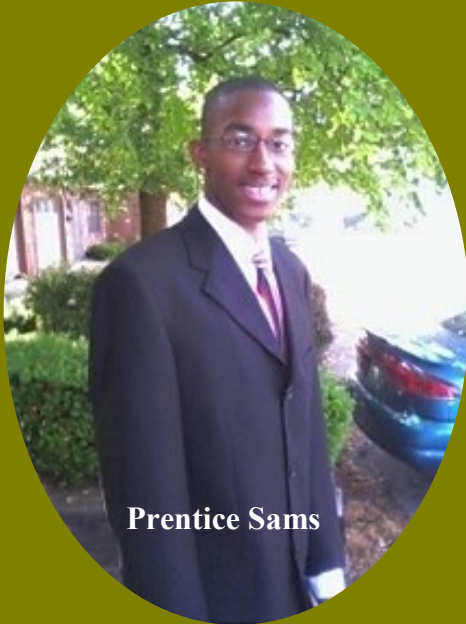


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OMICRON XI CHAPTER

Sons Of Success/Project MANhood



Prentice Sams

Kansas City, MO - Sons of Success (SOS) is a mentoring program sponsored by the Omicron Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Our mission is to provide a sustained, preventive, program that will enrich the lives of middle and high school African American males and empower them to develop their true God-given potential as they transitioned from adolescence to adulthood.

Prentice Sams, one of our first graduates, wrote the following: In 2005, I was introduced to Dr. Larry King, Howard Foard, Glenn Rice and the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. These brothers took enough interest, in the young men of my generation, and developed a mentoring program to instill principles of Black manhood. SOS defined our responsibilities to become men who serve our community, our families, and ourselves. SOS kept us focused on progressing in society. Our goal was to serve our community and not become liabilities. We were encouraged to excel in educations and learn the ropes of entrepreneurship through basic financial literacy. For example, we established a business selling neck ties. We learned the principles of discipline, marketing, supply and demand. Although landing a quality career is ideal, there is nothing better than employing yourself and others.

I worked in a summer internship with the Social Security Administration in Kansas City as a part of the Student Temporary Employment Program(STEP). I secured this position with the help of Mr. Howard Foard, Regional Commissioner of the Administration. We understood that with good financial health, we would be able to provide for our families and leave a positive legacy by giving back to our communities.

As we increase our presence in our community we are able to stand as examples for those in the coming generations. When enough individuals are reached, the culture of a whole people can change. A man's personal culture is what he consistently does. Consistently acting in a manner that employs the four principles of Ethics, Economics, Health, and History develops a culture geared towards the improvement of our own lives. We were taught to develop a Culture of Success.

Comment from Charolette Gantt, mother of Prentice Sams, "My! My! Time has really flown by. The Sons of Success is such a great institution. I believe Prentice was truly encouraged and helped by the principles encouraged & taught."



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2012 Beta Omega Scholarship Program

Kansas City, MO - Each year, the Beta Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. awards scholarships to worthy candidates, based on academic accomplishments, community service and future aspirations. The 2012 Beta Omega scholarship recipients are Zachery Hardwick and Cullen Buford.

Zach Hardwick, the son of Judge Lisa and Attorney Herbert Hardwick, plans to attend the University of Michigan this Fall. He plans to pursue a double major in Philosophy and Political Science & Economics.

Zach was the recipient of a \$2500 scholarship from the chapter.



Pictured from left to right (front row): Judge Lisa Hardwick, Zach Hardwick, 2012 Scholarship Recipient; Atty Herb Hardwick (back row): Scholarship Committee Members – Brother Theodis Watson, Sr.; Brother Delbert Griffin and Brother Charles Freeman.



Pictured from left to right (front row): Latricia Buford, Cullen Buford, 2012 Scholarship Recipient; Darien Buford & Cherie Buford (back row): Basileus Wesley Smith, Brother Kip Buford, Brenden Buford & Scholarship Committee Members – Brother Theodis Watson, Sr.; Brother Charles Freeman and Brother Delbert Griffin.

Cullen Buford, the son of Ms. Latricia Buford, plans to attend Iowa State University this Fall. He is currently undecided on a major. This year Cullen was the recipient of a \$2500 Scholarship from the Beta Omega Chapter.

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Beta Omega Chapter Annual Street Clean-Up



l to r: Brothers Mandrid Williams, Ke'Lan Mitchell, Sylvester Pearl, Herb Matthews and Wesley Smith.

The Beta Omega Chapter of Kansas City, Missouri recently completed a Street Clean-Up Day in KC. Beta Omega's adopted street is on E. 51st St., between Cleveland Ave. and Swope Parkway. For years, the brothers of Beta Omega have played a significant role in keeping Kansas City beautiful, through efforts like this.



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UPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER

RHAPSODY IN BLACK – 2012



St. Louis, MO - “Rhapsody in Black” was created in 1995 to serve as the major scholarship fund-raiser for the Upsilon Omega Chapter’s “Upsilon Omega Foundation, Inc.” The original concept for the program centered around the use of an African-American music and culture theme to accommodate the presentation of local musical entertainment to the St. Louis community. Three specific musical art forms were selected to define the program: jazz, classical and gospel music.

Since its inception, “Rhapsody in Black” has featured in concert well known groups and individuals such as the Cameron Youth Chamber Orchestra, the Jazz Edge Orchestra, the YMCA Boys Choir, the Ptah Williams Trio, the St. Alphonsus Rock Church Choir, the St. Louis African Chorus, Tim Cunningham, The Legend Singers, Austin Layne, the Sons of Thunder, Denise Thimes, the Normandy Senior High School Jazz Ensemble, the St. Peter’s Gospel Choir, the Harambee Youth Group, Jeremiah Allen, Anita Jackson, Leslie Johnson and Karen Hylton, along with many others. “Rhapsody in Black” has been held each year since 1995, with the exception of 2000. We are excited about the fact that this year marked our event’s seventeenth anniversary! Harris-Stowe State University, a historic higher education institution in the heart of the city of St. Louis, was, once again, our venue of choice for our concert.

Because “Rhapsody in Black” is dedicated to the purpose of fund-raising for scholarships, it has remained through the years as one of the major jewels in the Foundation’s crown of social action. Since 1995, over one hundred and seventy aspiring and talented St. Louis area college-bound high school seniors have been awarded over \$200,000.00 in scholarship assistance. We continue to significantly expand our scholarship effort via several means including additional fundraisers sponsored by the Foundation, on-going financial pledges by members of our Fraternity and through the support of corporate community partners.

This year’s twelve scholars included Kristen Brown, Maggie Bureson, Trelon Fletcher, Wesley Haskins, Damonte Johnson, Erica Johnson, Mark McDaniel, Taylor Neal, Ebony Parks, Alexander Ritchie, Johnnie Rush and Brittney Watkins. All twelve received \$1,000.00 scholarships for fall 2012, and will be attending colleges and universities ranging from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy to the University of Maryland and from Princeton University to Jackson State University. The scholars referenced above all had outstanding high school records, and were highly praised by Upsilon Omega Chapter’s Scholarship Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Lynn Beckwith Jr. Other Committee members included Brothers Leroy Adkins, Arthur Sharpe Jr., Cornelius Green, Ashley Kornegy, Courtenay Miller, Dr. Edwin Bailey, Jr., and Byron Spencer.

The musical portion of the program featured vocalist Ms. Raven Martin, Upsilon Omega’s Talent Hunt Winner, vocalist Jeffry Hardin, the Robert Edward Jazz Ensemble and the classically gifted Friendship String Quartet. Brother Ronn Nichols served as the Master of Ceremonies. The Program was held at Harris-Stowe State University a historically black university located in the City of St. Louis, MO.

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UPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER MOVING FORWARD IN POLITICS



Brother George W. Cash Jr.

ST. Louis, MO. - Dear Mr. President Barack Obama, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brothers of the 8th District support you! During the 2008 campaign, the then Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee publically went on record supporting the then Senator Obama this support remains just as strong today as it was then in the form of voter registration, campaigning and fundraising.

Brother George W. Cash Jr., LM 2408, a member of the Upsilon Omega Chapter, St. Louis, Missouri. Is a member of the Organizing for America Normandy-Jennings Team in the St Louis Metro area- dedicated to the reelection of President Obama.

The St. Louis Normandy Team traveled by car and van to Charlotte, NC to attend the DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC) 4, 5, 6 of September.....15 hours each way journey! They were able to participate in many activities, beginning with obtaining our credentials. Activities unfolded at a non-stop pace. The atmosphere was totally "electric". All races, and colors were well represented, a true representation of our great nation.

On the first night the team was entertained by D. L. Hughly at a comedy show. The DNC announced shortly after the beginning of the convention the change of venue. The weather forecast was for thunder storms off and on for the rest of the week. **THEY WERE RIGHT!** While walking around we were drenched! However, the rain did not dampen the spirits of anyone. While walking in the rain to the venue, a DNC representative

walked outside and announced they had ten (10) tickets to see former President Bill Clinton speak. All credentials had been cancelled. Hundreds of people wrote their names down for a chance to win a credential's pass. Brother Cash's group, at that time consisted of ten (10) people. After four (4) in our group won tickets, they were down to the tenth (10th) and final ticket. Amazingly, ticket #10 went to Brother George W. Cash, Jr., a thirty-year (30) Omega Man.

During the course of the evening, George was able to meet and greet Neophyte Brother Kweisi Mfume, Senators, Congressman, Movie stars and Governors from all across the nation. Brother Cash was also blessed to be able to become acquainted with dozens of other Omega Men serving as delegates, who were equally as excited to be there and to support President Obama.

The next day, the women's conference was attended by all of the women from our group. They were chosen to sit directly beside **Mrs. Michelle Obama**. On day three, Brother Cash and his Normandy Group was walking down the street and came upon the Missouri Delegation of Senator Claire McCaskill. Having worked with them in the past, they were very familiar with each other. George and the group discovering they had no credentials to attend **President Barack Obama's** speech and the McCaskill group said, "How many do you need"? **THAT NIGHT WAS AWESOME!**

Brother Cash and his team members are making plans to attend **THE 2013 JANUARY INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA!**



Brother George W. Cash Jr. and Kweisi Mfume at the Democratic National Convention

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ETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Making An Impact In The Community

Jefferson City, Missouri – Brother Charles W. Jackson came to Jefferson City Missouri in September, 1957 to teach building engineering courses at Lincoln University, serving as professor, department chair and dean for 28 years. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in May 1958 and has remained an active member. Brother Jackson became very involved with the annual Omega “Showboat” Talent Hunt program to raise funds for scholarships to assist high school students going to college and currently enrolled university students. Funds are now raised through an annual barbecue held in conjunction with the Missouri State High School Track Meet and the annual “Omega Psi Phi Homecoming Dance”, held in May on Lincoln University Campus. Four stipends of \$750.00 each are awarded to three high school students and one university student.

Brother Jackson took this enthusiasm of assisting deserving students to the classroom by writing grant proposals funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Model Cities and The Nigerian National Government. These grants provided financial assistance for hundreds of national, international and inner-city students to attend college. Many of these students including those assisted by the Fraternity’s scholarship assistance, have gone on to become medical doctors, lawyers, professors, public and parochial school educators, business executives, engineers, architects, contractors and many other contributing vocations.

Brother Jackson has received Eta Alpha’s Citizen of the Year award and the Omega Man of the Year award twice. The Chapter cited him for his membership in the Fraternity since (1958), for serving on the Jefferson City Council for 8 years, (two years as Mayor Pro-Tem) and his long tenure of 42.5 years of dedicated employment at Lincoln University. Brother Jackson received the William W. Quigg Leadership and Service award from the City Chamber of Commerce, the highest award given by the Chamber of Commerce for a lifetime of leadership and dedication to community service. He was also recognized for his oversight for the design and construction of the 80,000 square foot state of the art Inman E. Page Library at Lincoln University, This Library is the home for the Eighth District Archive.

Four brothers have made a difference in Jefferson City by serving 35 consecutive years on the City Council, they are: I. J. Collier (deceased) 2 years, Hobart R. Halsey 17 years, Charles W. Jackson 8 years and Kenneth Ferguson 8 years. These four Omega men were the first African Americans to serve on the City Council. These four brothers were involved in the political landscape that have changed the environment in this community.



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SCHOLARSHIP

Jefferson City, Mo - Dr. Julia K. Simmons, daughter of Brother Joe L. Simmons and Mrs. Mary Williams Simmons, was recognized by Eta Alpha Chapter as one of its scholarship recipient and a recipient of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Essay Award. In high school, she was recognized as an All-American Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, listed in Who's Who in High School Science and co-authored a paper on Hypertension. In addition, she received the Academic Excellent Award, the Presidential Academic Fitness Gold Medal Award, varsity letters in basketball and track and graduated in the top 10 of her class.

Dr. Simmons is a graduate of Xavier University of New Orleans, where she majored in Biology and Chemistry. She was recognized for completing many varied research projects in her majors. She graduated Summa Cum Laude. Dr. Simmons is a graduate of St. Louis University Medical School where she specialized in Pediatrics. Following graduation, Dr. Simmons did her intern at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Because of her outstanding residency performance, she was retained on staff after completing her residency requirements. Dr. Simmons wrote a grant proposal for Children's Mercy Hospital that was funded to improve and revise the curriculum for interns doing their residency requirements. She serves as the Director for the Program and as a practicing Pediatrician at Children's Mercy Hospital and Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. She has been with Children's Mercy Hospital for nine years.

The Jefferson City Public School Alumni Association presented the 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award to Dr. Simmons. She was invited back to deliver the High School Commencement Address. Dr. Simmons is very active in the community and outside the United States. She is an active member of the United Methodist Church in Overland Park, Kansas. She is involved with the "gleaning program", a program that recruits physicians to go and volunteer their services in Malawi in October 2012 where medical care is urgently needed. Dr. Simmons will be going on a work crusade to Honduras this year.

In addition to her very active schedule, Dr. Simmons is working with several students who are "shadowing" her with goals of their own of becoming physicians.



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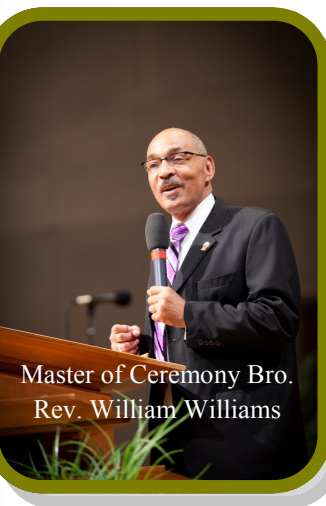
Beta Upsilon Chapter Omega Gospelfest 2012

Omaha, NE - On Friday, April 27th, the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their second annual Omega Gospelfest. The event is dedicated to the families of murder victims in the city, and is free to the public. The Gospelfest featured selections from the Paradise Baptist Church Choir, Rev. Clifton Hobbs, Cross Bearing Nation, Morning Star Baptist Church Mass Choir, Justin Payne & Company, the Voices of Victory from Salem Baptist Church, Gus McNair, & the Mass Choir.

Over 800 guests witnessed the spirit of true Brotherhood as Omega's light shined bright. Bro. Dr. Marvin L. Stancil

kicked the event off with the singing of "The Lord's Prayer", Bro. James Mason Jr. gave the Welcome and Statement of Purpose.

Bro. Rev. William Williams set the tone as Master of Ceremonies of the Event, leading the congregation in a **"Litany Against Violence"** during the Candlelight Vigil. Following the Candlelight Vigil, Mrs. Brittany Young recited a poem. A Prayer Vigil was lead by Pastor Dr. Leroy Adams of Morning Star Baptist Church as ministers of the city joined him in the pulpit. During the Prayer Vigil, the Omega Men in attendance stood in front of the congrega-



Master of Ceremony Bro.
Rev. William Williams

tion praying for the city, youth, and resolutions to the senseless acts of murder affecting the city.

The event ended when the Omega's presented Pastor Adams of the Concerned Clergy of North Omaha a \$1,000 check for their Friday Night Live Program. Pastor Adams serves as the president of the Friday Night Live summer program, which hosts Friday night lock-ins for the youth in our community. An additional \$1000 was given to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Beta Upsilon Scholarship Fund. Since 2008 Omega Psi Phi has awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships. Saturday May 5th they hosted a Scholarship Reception for the class of 2012 and a Beautillion Informational at 1PM in the TAC building. The Beautillion Orientation was held on Sunday, August 26th at 3PM in the TAC Building.



Brothers of Beta Upsilon Chapter Presents Friday Night
Program with \$1000.00

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Douglas County Commissioner Bro. Chris Rodgers elected NACo President at Annual Conference



OMAHA, NE. – The membership of the National Association of Counties (NACo) recently elected Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers as NACo president during the association’s 77th Annual Conference and Exposition in Allegheny County/Pittsburgh.

First elected as Douglas County Commissioner in 2004 and reelected in 2008, Bro. Rodgers has been active in NACo since 2005. He was first elected as a NACo officer in July 2010 and has served in various leadership positions since, including chair of NACo’s Finance Committee and vice chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee.

Bro. Rodgers has served as NACo’s executive committee liaison to the Information Technology Committee and Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, and as a member of NACo’s Financial Services

Center Advisory Committee, the Large Urban County Caucus, and the Next Generation NACo. He is also a member of the new Cyber Security Task Force.

After being installed as president on Tuesday, July 17, Bro. Chris Rodgers told NACo membership assembled during the Annual Conference that the initiatives he has chosen were inspired by his experience in NACo. The initiatives are: Smart Justice, Cyber Security and Next Generation NACo. More information on these initiatives will be released in the days and weeks ahead.

“I am deeply honored to lead this great organization,” Rodgers said. “Counties across the country are still facing many difficult challenges to maintain the levels of services citizens expect and depend on. It is through strong national organizations such as NACo that we can ensure that the voice of America’s counties is heard loud and clear in Washington, D.C.”



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BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Bro. Trevis Sallis – Chairperson- Project Manhood and Members of Beta Upsilon Chapter present Principal Mary Austin of Central Park Elementary with a check for \$1000 to the PTA.

Principal, Mary Austin and Assistant Principal, Tamika Walker. Brother Trevis Sallis, Project Manhood Coordinator, stated that, “the check represented the ongoing investment the local Chapter has with the students and community of Central Park Elementary”.

Omaha, NE - On Monday, August, 20, 2012 members of the Beta Upsilon Chapter welcomed back students at Central Park Elementary for the 2012-2013 school year. This initiative was, in part, the Kickoff for this year’s Project Manhood Program.

Project Manhood targets primarily Africa American males, grades 4th through 6th. The mission of Project Manhood is to help guide young males from adolescence to manhood by incorporating principles and participating in excursions each month with members of the Fraternity and community leaders.

Beta Upsilon Chapter has been in partnership with Central Park Elementary for over 10 years. A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Central Park PTA and accepted by Prin-



Members of Beta Upsilon Chapter welcoming students of Central Park Elementary at the beginning of the first day back to school.

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BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

2012-2013 Project Manhood Kickoff

Omaha, NE - On Thursday, September 20, 2012, members of the Beta Upsilon Chapter held a Project Manhood Parent meeting at Central Park Elementary. The meeting was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Brother Trevis Sallis greeted approximately 25 students and their parents to the Parent Orientation meeting. The 2012-2013 program curriculum and expectations were carefully outlined and covered with the parents. Parents were also informed that the school administration, as a partner with the Beta Upsilon Chapter, will be communicating the student's behavior, attendance, and academic performance on a regular basis.

The Brothers present introduced themselves and briefly spoke on their careers. Parents had the opportunity to ask questions and a few of them shared their appreciation to the organization for being a positive role model to their children and the community. Several parents inquired as to whether Project Manhood was offered only to Central Park students. Brothers did explain to them that we would work with students outside of Central Park Elementary; however, it was the primary location for all events.

Meetings are scheduled on each 3rd Thursday of each month at Central Park Elementary from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All field trips for each month will be announced at scheduled meetings. The students and their families were treated to a meal following the presentation.



Bro. Trevis Sallis – Chairperson- Project Manhood



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DELTA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER Co-Sponsors Blood Drive

Lincoln, NE. – On Saturday, June 16th, 2012, the brothers of Delta Gamma Gamma Chapter concluded a week long blood drive by organizing a mobile blood bank at the annual Juneteenth Celebration in Lincoln, NE. This successful event was a joint venture with the Clyde Malone Community Center.

Brothers in attendance were Darnell Reid, Sherwin Hudson, Jerry Washington, DC McCauley, Dominic Witherspoon, Jason Wagner, and Derrick Anderson.



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DELTA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER



Lincoln, NE - On Saturday, April 21, 2012, the brothers of the Delta Gamma Gamma Chapter rolled up their sleeves, put on protective goggles, and went to work in service of Lincoln residents. Seven brothers represented Omega's principle of Uplift during a construction project with Habitat for Humanity. Dry walling the interior of the home was the primary focus of the day. A single mother, who was the recipient of the new home, showed great appreciation for the support provided by the brothers. Omega men in attendance were: Charles Brewer, Jason Wagner, Darnell Reid, Allen Ladd, Troy Mack, Willie Stennis, and Dominique Witherspoon.

Lincoln, NE. – The brothers of the Delta Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi recently facilitated an orientation workshop for Project Bridge Builder, a service based program whose mission centers around developing the academic and social skills of young men in Lincoln, and helping them to realize their full potential. There are currently thirteen participants in the program ranging from 7th to 11th grade. Some key aspects of the orientation included a personal goal development section where young men were challenged to develop short and long term goals aside from their athletic ambitions. This provides the Men of Omega an understanding of how they can best serve the needs of the young men. The youth group also drafted their own Rules and Values Document which serves as a contract on conduct in the workshop forum. The participants are committed to being engaged and supporting service projects, workshops on personal development and a host of social activities. The brothers in attendance were Troy Mack, Darnell Reid, Charles Brewer and Jerry Washington.



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Bro. Hemphill takes command of Logistics Squadron

Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota - Bro. Maj. Johari Hemphill assumed command of the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron from Maj. Reynaldo Gonzalez during a change-of-command ceremony on June 27, 2012 at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota.

This will be a two year tour of duty where he is responsible for all aircraft parts, fuel, vehicle, equipment, munitions, and mobilization for the 319th Air Base Wing to ensure the base is ready and available for deployment in support of America's National Security Strategy.

Bro. Hemphill attended the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (Omicron Iota Iota Chapter) prior to his assignment at Grand Forks AFB. He studied curriculum relating to National Security Studies, Leadership, Multinational Operations, Joint/Army Doctrine and Planning, and Joint Firepower. He has completed numerous Logistics Readiness Squadron assignments both in the United States and abroad during multiple deployments to the Middle East.



"I am honored and privileged to both serve and express sincere appreciation for this wonderful opportunity to lead," said Maj. Hemphill. " The Hemphill family has found a new family with the "Warriors of the North" and look forward to being part of a fantastic community.

No one gets anywhere alone, so I want to thank those friends who shared their wisdom with me and provided a listening ear along this journey. Lead from the front!!!!



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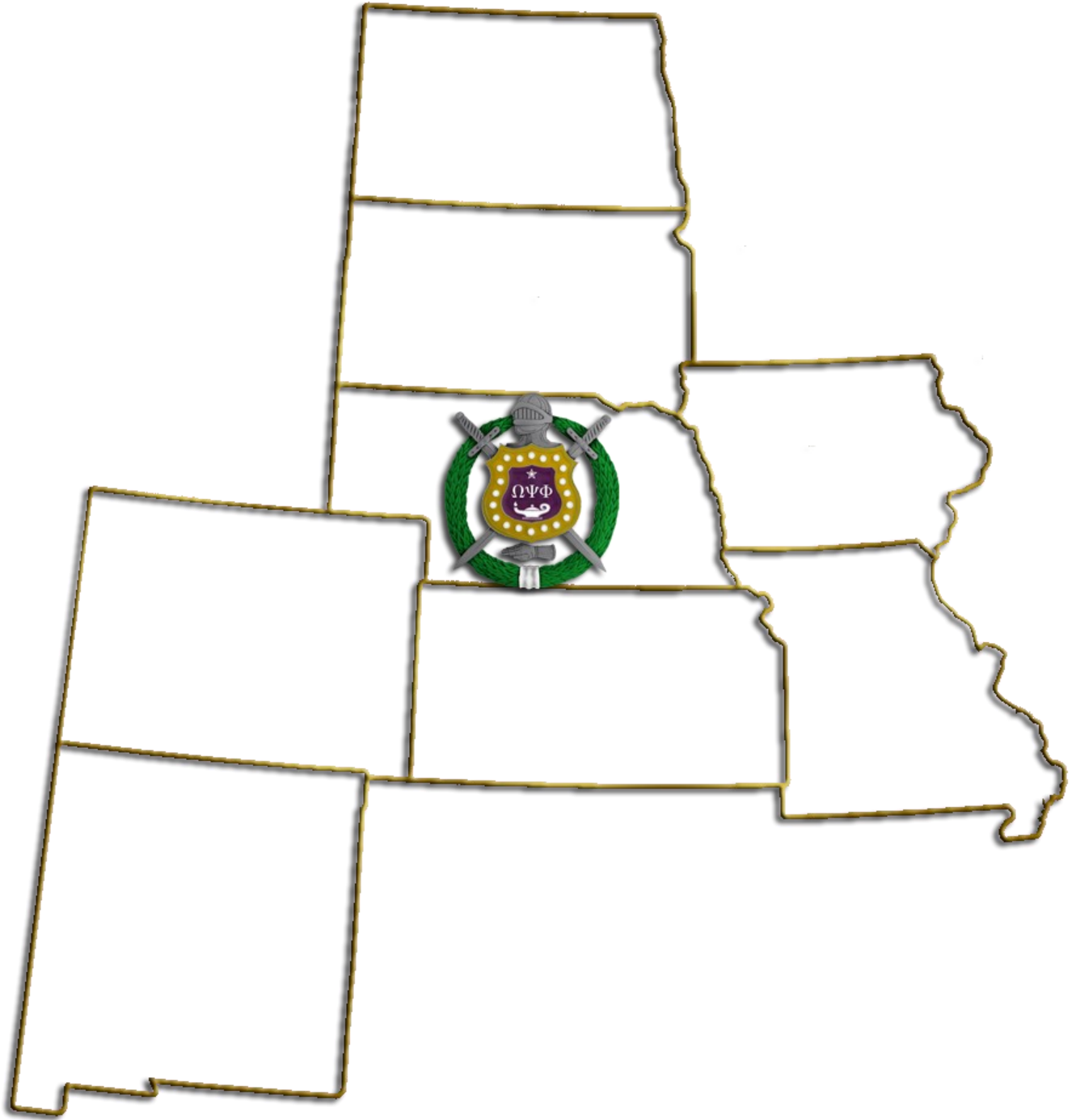
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