



# OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

## RHO PHI CHAPTER

"FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL"

February, 2019

### Greetings from Basileus Bro. Jerome Tinguee

Greetings Brothers!!!! As we wrap up the first quarter of this 2018-2019 fiscal year let us look forward to the next several months with the fervor that makes us Rho Phi. Again, we will be the focal point of several fraternal activities in the New Orleans area this year. Therefore, let us continue to excel in our efforts to uplift each other as we strive to be the standard bearers in our individual communities. Let us also be forever mindful that we are role models to not only the youth, but also the adults we encounter along life's pathways. As always, May GOD continue to bless the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and our Rho Phi Chapter.



*Basileus - Jerome Tinguee*

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# Chapter News



Rho Phi Chapter - 2019

## Rho Phi Chapter Picture

The brothers of Rho Phi gathered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Xavier University's Administration building to take the Chapter's 2019 group picture.

**Bro. Mark Raymond - Photographer**

### Rho Phi Chapter Officers:

#### Basileus:

Bro. Jerome Tinguee

#### Vice-Basileus:

Charles Allen III

#### Keeper of Records and Seal:

Bro. Ernest Parquet

#### Keeper of Finance:

Bro. Michael Wingate

#### Keeper of Peace:

Bro. Steven Crandle

#### Chaplain:

Bro. Michael Raymond

#### Chapter Reporter:

Bro. Keith Taylor

#### Parliamentarian:

Bro. Kyle Augillard

#### Immediate Past Basileus:

Bro. Dana Walker

#### Other Fraternity Officers:

#### Immediate Past Grand Marshal:

Bro. Terrence Augillard

#### Louisiana S.E. State Representative:

Bro. Rene Metoyer



## Executive Council Meeting

The members of Rho Phi's Executive Council (chapter officers, committee chairmen), held the first 2018-2019 fiscal year meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 to discuss the chapter's goals for the year. The meeting was hosted by Basileus, Jerome Tinguee.



## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday March

Rho Phi Chapter brothers, along with members of the Greater New Orleans Pan-Hellenic Council, participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday March. This year the march was held on Dr. King's birthday, January 21, 2019.

# Brother Spotlight



Brother Ceasar Ruffin, second from left, was honored for his community service by InspireNOLA. Brother Ruffin, is the Commander of the New Orleans Police Department's 4th District located in Algiers.



Brother Charles Brown, Brother Dwight Jarrett Sr. and other members of the Christmas Gift Box committee, were honored by the New Orleans City Council with a Proclamation for the 2018 Christmas Gift Box Giveaway. The gift boxes contained gift cards, 365 day Bible story books, and tote bags. The event was held on Friday, December 21, 2018. Others who were honored, but not in attendance were; Attorney Diedre Pierce Kelly, Brother Ceasar Ruffin, Judge Terri Love, Meccabytes Real Estate, Brother Charles Allen III and Brother Paul West.

# Spiritual Q-Tip

January 2019

**Bro. Jerome Tinguee, Basileus**  
**Rev. Bro. Michael B. Raymond, Chaplain**

**Always Re-Dedicate yourself to the cause of Omega.**  
Put Christ First

**Spiritual Q-Tip of the month:** Life: It all starts with God. It's Not About Me.

**Question To Consider:** How can I remind myself that life is really living for God, not myself?

### **It all starts with God**

Colossians 1:16

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

### **Turn to God and his Infinite Wisdom**

1 Corinthians 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

### **Notes**

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Grand Basileus, David Marion's position on Sexual Assault Accusations

Recently, I learned of a most disturbing conglomerate of egregious and downright alarming accusations from women regarding the behavior of men purporting to be members of our fraternity. While I have discovered that several of the alleged incidents go back twenty-eight years, each and every one of them, whether an Omega man was involved or not, struck a chord of utter disappointment in my heart. Some reading this might expect that I would minimize the accounts of these women - I do not. Others reading this might expect me to defend the men reportedly involved in these instances - I will not. And there are those who might expect me to deflect the responsibility to solely law enforcement or another entity in these matters - I cannot. The protection of womanhood, as a principle, is something that all Omega Men learned from the earliest days of our Omega training, and is a principle that shapes our philosophy today. It is the ideal that has transcended nearly 108 years of Omega history.

To anyone who has experienced behavior less than becoming of any man, you should be taken seriously. While I am humbled to serve as Grand Basileus of the Fraternity that I love, I am first a husband and a father of all girls. I am also a mental health professional who has provided mental health counseling to individuals and families for twenty-seven years. In my experience, it is helpful to reach out to not only law enforcement (who should be reached primarily) but also to 1-800-656-HOPE, a toll-free and confidential national sexual assault hotline. In addition to fielding allegations of sexual assault, they connect you with local resources to get confidential support services, they raise the visibility of sexual violence and advance the public's understanding of the crime, and they help create and advocate for laws and regulations that make communities safer and support survivors. The National Sexual Assault Hotline has been listed as a resource for the last four years on our website ([www.oppf.org](http://www.oppf.org)).

We do not condone assault or find justification for behavior that can be described as lewd and lascivious. To each and every member of this Fraternity - I will continue to use the full power of our constitution, bylaws, and this office to assure that our membership follows the cardinal principles that were sworn to Omega. You will have your right to a defense, as you do in the law, but you will not be entitled to any pass from this office if your behavior involves subjugating women to demeaning and deliberately disrespectful behavior. Finally, we do not pretend to have all of the solutions. We are an organization of men who are striving to be better men and better contributors to our communities. As such, we have reached out to other international presidents of the Divine Nine to assist us in further developing programs and mandates designed to provide early recognition of inappropriate behavior and speech that, if left unchecked, can lead to additional horror stories that no one should have to endure. I will make it my mission to place it as an agenda item during our next series of joint meetings to not only come up with ideas but solutions that we can all buy into for true improvement. I thank each of those wonderful organizations and their leadership in assisting us in shaping the reputation of our fraternity from reactive to proactive in matters such as sexual assault. I implore all male organizations to join us in fighting sexual violence and in protecting and respecting our women. We are committed to internal changes to produce external results. This is not who we are. We are men of Omega.

**David E. Marion, Ph. D.**  
**Grand Basileus**



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
PRESENTS



BROTHER DR. MOSES C. NORMAN, SR. INTERNATIONAL  
**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

JULY **9-14** 2019

**ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

[WWW.OPPF.ORG/LEADERSHIP-CONFERENCE.ASP](http://WWW.OPPF.ORG/LEADERSHIP-CONFERENCE.ASP)

**REGISTRATION**

Registration Info: \$375 until June 10, 2019



## **New International Chapter - Chi Mu Nu, China**

In keeping with the vision of our noble Founders and recognizing the Fraternity's intent to enhance our footprint globally, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. is proud to announce the chartering of our newest Chapter, Chi Mu Nu, China.

After more than 18 months of planning, eleven men were found worthy to proudly carry the mantle of Omega. This band of committed Brothers have individually and collectively upheld the principles of Omega and have been instruments of service throughout the community of Shanghai.

The Grand Basileus, accompanied by a delegation representing a cross-section of the Fraternity, will travel to China to memorialize this historic chartering ceremony on December 1, 2018. The charter weekend will focus on community service, as Omega seeks to continue making an impact on the community in Shanghai.

Please join us in congratulating the **Chi Mu Nu Chapter** and the 13th International District on this momentous accomplishment.



# 9TH DISTRICT NEWS



**NINTH DISTRICT**  
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## 82nd ANNUAL NINTH DISTRICT MEETING

April 11 - 14, 2019

Lafayette, LA

District Marshal: Bro. Marcus Bryant

Register Online: <http://www.mightyninth.com>

**Graduate Rate - \$250.00**

**Undergraduate Rate - \$175.00**

**Hotel Information:**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette  
1521 W Pinhook Road  
Lafayette, LA

Wyndham Garden Lafayette  
1801 W Pinhook Rd  
Lafayette, LA

# Upcoming Chapter Events

**Next Chapter Meeting: March 12, 2019**  
**Time: 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Crescent City "Q" Club House**  
**Attire: Business**

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**Monday Night: "Happy Hour"**  
**Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
**Location: Crescent City "Q" Club House**  
**1616 Treasure St.**

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**Memorial Service 2019 - TBD**

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**Chapter Family Picnic: March 9, 2019**  
**Time: 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm**  
**Location: Crescent City "Q" Club House**

**To add submissions or announcements please contact**  
**Bro. Keith Taylor at [reporter@rhophi.org](mailto:reporter@rhophi.org)**

**"Friendship is Essential to the Soul"**

## Contact Us

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