



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

RHO PHI CHAPTER



"FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL"

April, 2019

Greetings from Basileus Bro. Jerome Tinguee

Greetings Brothers,

We are now in the month of April which is really a busy month for Rho Phi Chapter. This Month is the halfway point of our fiscal year and we as a Chapter have made great strides to improve Chapter Operations and bolster our future as an organization. In two weeks, all roads lead to our 82nd 9th District Meeting. It will be held April, 11-14/2019 in "Cajun Country", Lafayette Louisiana. Over 1,000 Omega Men have registered and we all look forward to taking care of the business of Omega and also fellowshipping with the brothers from the 9th District. I'm also excited about our annual Easter Basket giveaway which will be held on Saturday April 20th. Rho Phi Chapter will give over 100 Easter Baskets and Storybook Bibles to children in local hospitals and shelters in the N.O. Metropolitan area. Finally, April is the month that we begin our 8 day stretch of working Jazz Fest. This event is our annual Scholarship Fundraiser. It will be bigger than ever this year so we are calling all Ques to the floor. Lets continue to do our part and take pride in what is uniquely ours, Rho Phi Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.



Basileus - Jerome Tinguee

Rho Phi Chapter Officers:

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Bro. Jerome Tinguee

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Bro. Dana Walker

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Bro. Terrence Augillard

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Bro. Rene Metoyer

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Chapter News

Memorial Service

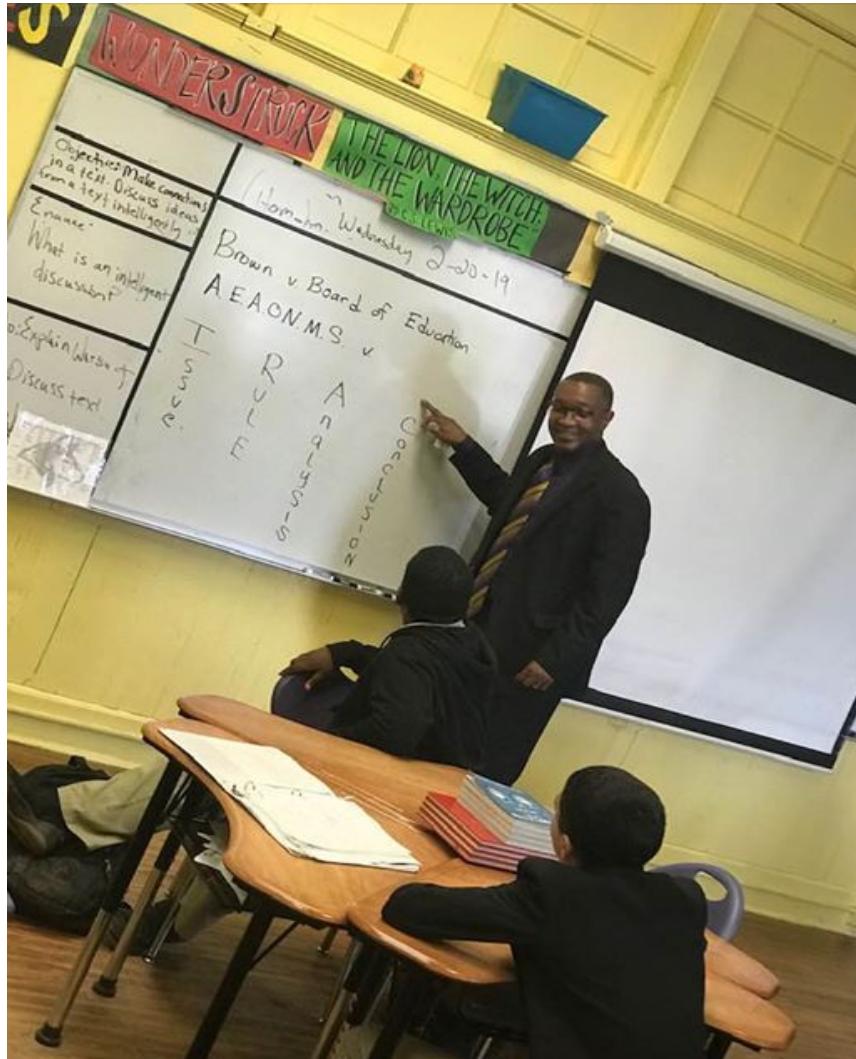
Brothers of Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducting the fraternity's annual Memorial Service at St. John Institutional Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday March 17, 2019. Rho Phi Chapter's Chaplain, **Bro. Michael Raymond**, Pastor of Shiloh Christian Fellowship Baptist Church provided the Gospel Message.



Brother Spotlight

Pre-Law Club Mentoring

February 22, 2019 - Bro. Marion D. Floyd, teaching a Civil Rights Jurisprudence class at Smothers Academy.



Twentieth Pastoral Anniversary

Congratulations to **Bro. Emanuel Smith Jr.**, Pastor of The Israelite Baptist Church on his Twentieth Pastoral Anniversary. Celebration will be held on Sunday April, 7, 2019 at the church.



Hello Health on TV

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - **Bro. Dr. Brian Pettiford**, a practicing Thoracic Surgeon at Ochsner Health System, discussed the causes, treatment options and economic cost of lung cancer.



Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rho Phi brothers on the Anniversary of their Initiation into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

**April 4 - Bro. William Peoples
SPR '85 - Tau Eta**

**April 5 - Bro. Ross Johnson
SPR '03 - Rho Phi**

**April 5 - Bro. Alfonso Gonzalez II
SPR '03 - Rho Phi**

**April 10 - Bro. Brian Pettiford
SPR '91 - Psi**

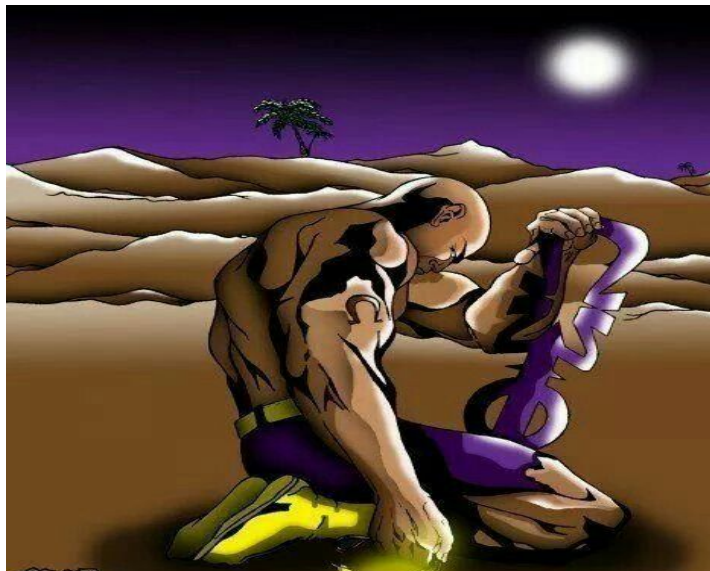
**April 13 - Bro. Christopher Hamilton
SPR '84 - Gamma Delta**

**April 21 - Bro. Brian Luster
SPR '92 - Alpha Lambda**

**April 21 - Bro. Gerald Spears
SPR '92 - Alpha Lambda**

**April 22 - Bro. Kendall Parker
SPR '88 - Delta**

**April 30 - Bro. Clarence Verdin
SPR '83 - Gamma Delta**



Condolences

Rho Phi Chapter extends condolences to the following Brothers

- **Bro. Darrin Browder** - passing of his mother, Jeanette Mary Browder
- **Bro. Burnell Stepter** - passing of his mother, Mable Stepter



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FOUNDERS: FRANK COLEMAN, OSCAR J. COOPER, ERNEST E. JUST, EDGAR A. LOVE



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



March 24, 2019

Brothers,

I once again greet you in the matchless name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. With as much as you have entrusted me to do as your 41st Grand Basileus, I am most appreciative of the support of the Supreme Council including each of the District Representatives in carrying out the duties of Omega. Those duties include her protection at any cost.

After consulting with your Supreme Council and under the advisement of the Grand Counselor, I am announcing the following moratorium, effective immediately, on MSP and social activities with the following exceptions:

- MSP processes that are already in process or MSP applications currently in the hands of the district representatives may continue.
- Get Right Programs can continue.
- No individuals from the time period of this moratorium can apply to the Get Right Program.
- Mandated programs may be planned and held.
- Milestone chapter anniversaries may be planned and held if events are submitted and approved on SEC forms.
- Events for which an SEC has been submitted prior to this moratorium and is pending approval may be considered if all SEC requirements have been timely met and the event is subsequently approved.

No workarounds attempting to circumvent this moratorium, including, but not limited to underground processes, hosting Omega events in the names of other individuals or entities, or purchasing private insurance, will be approved or tolerated. Sanctions will be issued up to expulsion and chapter revocation.

This moratorium is indefinite. I thank you in advance for governing yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,



David E. Marion, Ph.D.
Grand Basileus

NINTH DISTRICT NEWS



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82nd ANNUAL NINTH DISTRICT MEETING

April 11 - 14, 2019

Lafayette, LA

District Marshal: Bro. Marcus Bryant

Meeting Agenda: <http://mightyninth.com/MeetingRegistration/agendas/82nd/NDMAgenda.pdf>

Risk Education Mandate

Greetings Brothers of the Ninth District

The following is a message sent to all Basilei of the District to address a Risk education mandate recently established. I understand that there will be many questions/concerns related to the number of chapter members asked to participate. Brothers, this is from our Grand and we will do our best to meet all requirements. I will be discussing a post education plan with the Basilei to assist with that specific component of the mandate:

As many of you have already read and/or heard, all District Representatives have been requested to conduct Risk Education at our respective upcoming 2019 District meetings.

The following directive is being issued by Grand Basileus Marion with the support of the Supreme Council of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:

Effective immediately, district representatives must provide the following trainings/workshops at their 2019 district meetings: 1) sexual harassment/sexual assault, 2) violence prevention, 3) social media policy, and 4) MSP training. All chapters must send a minimum of five members to each training. The district representatives will document your presence at those trainings. Those members who attended must then provide these trainings to 75% of their chapter membership within sixty days of attending their district meeting. Chapters must send documentation of such trainings and those who attended to their district representatives. Those chapters that don't comply with this directive in its entirety will not be authorized to have membership selection processes or to host, co-host, or participate in any fashion in any social events.

The Mighty Ninth will certainly comply with this directive. The requested presentations/overviews will be presented in our plenary sessions for all registered members to understand the importance and urgency of the current state of Omega.

I have asked the District Keeper of Records and Seal to obtain the proper equipment to capture each members' attendance in the respective plenary sessions.

Brothers, please be mindful of the requirement to educate your financial members that will not be at the 82nd Ninth District Meeting within sixty (60) days of the meeting closing.

District meeting registration closes on April 2, 2019. There is no on-site registration. If you have concerns of your current registration count, you can log into the District website and see the registration list by chapter. Thank you for all that you do for Omega.

In Friendship,

Bro. Patrick B. Smith

9th District Representative

Brothers,

I want to first thank each and everyone for your diligence and commitment to Omega. This year's Omega Day at the Capitol is about setting the tone for the entire organization. We did not want to go down to our respective state's capitol to only take photos, but we want to encourage legislation that will directly impact the communities where we all live. I am so excited to be involved in offering suggestions if applicable to each state's Omega Day program. I am honored to serve as the Chairman, and my prayer is that we keep the magic going from our State House to our own local fraternity house with setting the tone for the new initiatives as well as setting out the path for older Brothers.

The following correspondence for each state's Omega Day at the Capitol:

Omega Day at the Texas State Capitol

March 25, 2019

- 9:00am-Assembly of the Brothers
- 9:30am- Noon - Attend Texas Association of African American Chamber of Commerce (TAAACC) meeting
- Lunch
- Meet with Sen Royce West /Discussion of State legislation

Reminders:

- (1) Security: Please be aware that Texas State Troopers will provide directions as to how to enter the Capitol building and the security screening process.
- (2) Dress code: Business Professional "Coat and Tie"
- (3) Parking: Available on a first come first serve at the visitor's parking lot located at The Texas Capitol Visitors Parking Garage at 1201 San Jacinto Blvd.
- (4) Lunch: Cafeteria counter-serve eatery inside the Capitol building.
- (5) State Capitol Tour: As time permits
- (6) Group Photo: At the direction of the DR and TAAACC.

Omega Day at the Capital for The Natural State Ques(Arkansas)

March 28, 2019

- 10:30am Photo with the Governor (A round table discussion with the Governor discussing the Census. The brothers will be discussing the ramifications of the rezoning in the African American Community. Brothers feel as though the census rezoning will create unfair equity in the African American communities.
- 1:00pm Session with the Senate (Addressing the census)
- 1:30pm A proclamation will be given to the Natural State Ques

Omega Day at the Louisiana State Capitol

April 16, 2019

- Bro. Daniel Banguel speaking at the House Education Committee Meeting on the importance of Early Childhood Education
- Lunch
- Brothers being Recognized from the Senate and House Floor (advocating to increase Early Child Education Budget so working single parents can afford Early Childhood Education for their child(ren))
- Proclamation Given to Omega by Senate

Omega Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol

Date TBA

Warm Regards,
Bro Daniel Banguel, The Lambda Alpha Chapter, #2, Fall 2017
Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee

Moratorium Update

Greetings,

I hope all is well with you and yours.

The Grand Basileus and the District Representatives held a teleconference Tuesday evening (3/26) concerning the recently announced moratorium. The crux of the call was to gain additional clarity on what is acceptable and not acceptable for future planned activities of the chapters.

A couple of points that came from the discussion that need to be communicated to the Ninth District Brotherhood:

- a) no probate shows or presentations are to be conducted by chapters (undergraduate or graduate) during the moratorium
- b) activities that are not associated to mandated programs including chapter BBQs, picnics etc. shall not be conducted during the moratorium

Several of our chapters in the District had already filed SECs for the above event types; however, the position of the Grand Basileus on 3/26/2019 is to stand down on these type of activities even though a SEC is filed. Currently, the District has over 70+ SECs filed. I will be contacting each Basileus that has an activity or activities that are categorized "unacceptable".

Brothers of the Ninth District, We will adhere to the directives of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

We took oaths to live selflessly We must be resolute and unwavering in this period.

**In Friendship,
Bro Patrick Bouvier Smith
9th District Representative**

Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting: April 2, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Attire: Business

Easter Baskets /Children's Storybook Bible Giveaway: April 20, 2019

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Monday Night: "Happy Hour"

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Jazz Fest Fundraiser: April 25-28, - May 2-5, 2019

Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: New Orleans Fair Grounds

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Contact Us

Contact me for more information on Rho Phi Chapter

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