



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

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Bro. Charles Allen III

Basileus

Rho Phi Chapter 2020-2021 Officers:

Basileus: Bro. Charles Allen III

Vice-Basileus: Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux

Keeper of Records and Seal: Bro. Darrin Browder

Asst. Keeper of Records and Seal: Bro. Christopher Hamilton

Keeper of Finance: Bro. Bobby Major III.

Keeper of Peace: Bro. Steve Crandle

Reporter: Bro. Keith Taylor Sr.

Chaplain: Bro. Michael Raymond

Parliamentarian: Bro. Kyle Augillard

Immediate Past Basileus: Bro. Jerome Tinguee

Other Fraternity Officers:

S.E. Louisiana State Representative: Bro. Rene Metoyer

CHAPTER NEWS

2020 M.S.P.—New Chapter Brothers

Rho Phi Chapter on Saturday, November 14, 2020, initiated 5 new brothers (Calvin Woods, Jr. Norman Clark, Ryan Banks, Jeff Lawrence and LaKendrick Wright) into the fraternity. The ceremony was conducted by Ninth District Representative, Bro. Patrick Smith and was held at the Gamma Rho Foundation house.



Virtual Achievement Week Banquet

Rho Phi and other chapters in the Greater New Orleans Coalition, held the annual Achievement Week Banquet on Saturday, November, 21, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the banquet was held virtually. Bro. William Peoples, President of the Coalition, was chairman of the event. Bro. Ernest Parquet Jr, was the Master of Ceremonies and the guest speaker was the Ninth District's First Vice District Representative, Bro. Harold Bailey. Rho Phi Chapter Basileus, Bro. Charles Allen III, presented the following awards to Rho Phi brothers; Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Jerome Tinguue, Citizen of the Year: Bro. Michael Raymond and the Founders Lifetime Achievement Award: Bro. Michael Wingate Sr.





ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET

*Rho Phi Chapter
New Orleans, Louisiana*

*Brother Jerome Tinguee
Omega Man of the Year*



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*Brother Michael Raymond
Citizen of the Year*



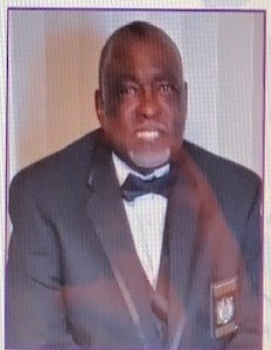
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ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET

*Rho Phi Chapter
New Orleans, Louisiana*

*Brother Michael Wingate
Founders Lifetime Achievement*



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Thanksgiving Baskets / Gift Cards Giveaway

Rho Phi Chapter held its annual Thanksgiving Baskets / gift cards giveaway on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards were given to needy families in the New Orleans, and two local women shelters. Five Hundred and twenty five dollars in gift cards were also given to Metropolitan Human Services District, who issued the cards to families who evacuated to the city due to hurricane Laura's impact in Lake Charles, LA.





Initiation Anniversaries

December 01, 1973 — Bro. Almore Cato — Beta Theta

December 04, 1981 — Bro. Wondell Smith — Theta Kappa

December 07, 2013 — Bro. Bobbie Smith — Rho Phi

December 07, 2013 — Bro. Willie Wilson — Rho Phi

December 08, 1978 — Bro. Ernest Parquet Jr. — Omega Kappa

December 08, 1978 — Bro. Kelmer Steverson Jr. — Omega Kappa

December 09, 2000 — Bro. Randy Dukes — Rho Phi

December 09, 2000 — Bro. Benedict Willard — Rho Phi

December 12, 1963 — Bro. H. Kenneth Johnston — Rho Phi

December 12, 1970 — Bro. Rhosus Eckles — Beta Theta

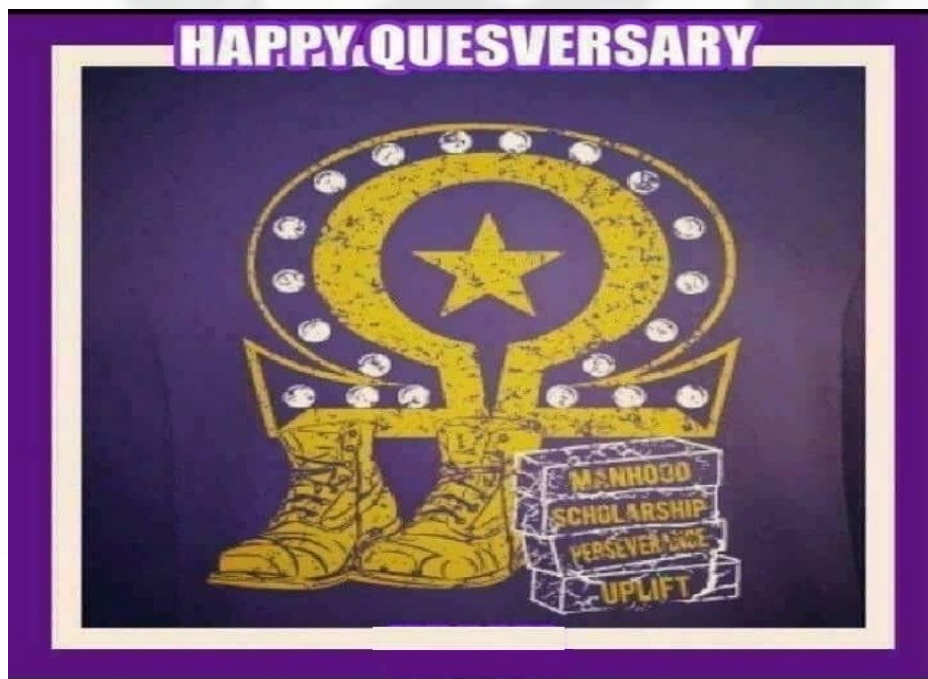
December 13, 1968 — Bro. Michael Wingate Sr. — Theta Sigma

December 16, 1950 — Bro. William Sutton Sr. — Theta Sigma

December 16, 1989 — Bro. Overton Thierry — Rho Omicron

December 18, 1953 — Bro. August James — Rho Phi

December 22, 1970 — Bro. Freddie Baptiste — Kappa Psi



International News

Winter 2020 Oracle Magazine

The Winter, 2020 Oracle is available online for viewing. You can access it at this link:

<https://oppf.org/wp-content/uploads/updated-winter-2020-oracle-pdf.pdf>

This is the link to download the file (pdf format):

<https://oppf.org/media/the-oracle/>

Note: Copy each link and paste into a blank tab in your browser.

NINTH DISTRICT NEWS

The Source TV

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The Source TV is a videocast that will display the positive works of Omega men from within the Ninth District. District Representative Bro. Patrick Smith announced this new media platform to the Brotherhood via email and episode 1 aired on September 13, 2020. The link to the video is below.

The Source TV, Episode 1, The Beginning: <https://youtu.be/u5Vz4VyUFX4>

84th Ninth District Meeting Update

Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

It is my prayer that you and yours are safe! I hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day with your family.

As you are already aware from the Grand Basileus' announcement in his November 4, 2020 email to the financial members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, all 2021 District meetings will be virtual.

The District had already begun the conversation of cancellation with the host hotel prior to the Grand's announcement, and we continue to work with our hotel management contact related to the conditions and circumstances of not meeting in Dallas in March of 2021. If you have not already received cancellations from the hotel for your reservations, please contact the hotel and cancel.

Brothers, there are still several matters that have not been finalized; however, I felt it important for you know the direction and the current thought process.

Our second virtual District meeting will be a 1.5 day business meeting, and we will be meeting on April 16-17, 2021.

The District Council has a lot of work ahead as we finalize our agenda and prepare to have a value added and productive second District virtual meeting. We will address the required business of the District which includes election of officers, approval of our next fiscal year budget and voting on submitted recommendations.

Brothers, I also wanted to address some of the concerns of your "current" and "future" registrations. I can tell you what I do know at this moment in time.

- We will not be moving any 84th Ninth District Meeting registrations to the 85th Ninth District Meeting scheduled in New Orleans, LA (2022).
- The 84th Ninth District Meeting will not be free to the Brothers desiring to attend. The District meeting albeit virtual still will have a fiscal impact to the District. Therefore, we will not be following the same refund model that was extended to the 83rd Ninth District Meeting registrants. The Council will be finalizing the budget in our upcoming scheduled working sessions. Once our budget is complete, we will announce the refund amounts and policy. We will also be able to announce the ongoing registration rates.
- 84th Ninth District meeting registrations for Quettes, sporting events, and extra banquet tickets will be fully reimbursed.
- The 85th Ninth District meeting registration rates will be announced at the close of the 84th Ninth District meeting.

Brothers, please know that the District Council is making decisions that we believe are in the best interest of the Brothers and the District.

Let us continue to keep each other lifted in prayer.

We believe that Jesus, The CHRIST is still able and in control.

In Friendship,

Patrick B. Smith
9th District Representative

Omega Chapter

Condolences to the family of Bro. Ira Scott, Sr. Bro. Scott died in early November, 2020 and at 103 was the oldest living brother in the fraternity. Brother Scott was an active member of Nu Phi Chapter, located in Houston, TX for over 80 years.



“WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES”

When we wear the gloves
A brother has gone from our midst
And sailed to golden shores.

When we wear the gloves
A friend has passed the final test
And walks through purple doors.

The circle has an empty place
A voice will raise no more
The song of fellowship and love
Uplift forevermore
When we wear the gloves
When we wear the gloves
A light goes from this earthly life
The visor closed again
Yet all the heavens open wide
To let a new star in

When we wear the gloves
A brother leaves the chapter rolls
And moves to other worlds
For when we say our last goodbye
He walks on streets of Pearls.

When we wear the gloves.

by Brother Dr. Carver A. Portlock

In Memoriam
**BRO. IRA
SCOTT, SR.**

CONTACT US

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RhoPhiOPP>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rhophiomegas>