



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

# Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

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### Greetings From Basileus, Bro. Jerome Tinguee

This month, the chapter's focus is for every committee to start planning your events for 2020. Also, the Chapter will be taking its 2019-2020 Chapter Photo. Please check your emails from the chapter for more information on the location, date and time.

Again brothers, Let do our part and continue to take pride in what is uniquely ours...Rho Phi Chapter, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

### Rho Phi Chapter 2019-2020 Officers:

**Basileus:** Bro. Jerome Tinguee

**Vice-Basileus:** Bro. Charles Allen III

**Keeper of Records and Seal:** Bro. Ernest Parquet Jr.

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

**Keeper of Finance:** Bro. Michael Wingate Sr.

**Keeper of Peace:** Bro. Steve Crandle

**Reporter:** Bro. Keith Taylor Sr.

**Chaplain:** Bro. Michael Raymond

**Parliamentarian:** Bro. Kyle Augillard

**Immediate Past Basileus:** Bro. Dana Walker

### Other Fraternity Officers:

**Immediate Past Grand Marshal:** Bro. Terrence Augillard

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

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March

**Rho Phi Chapter** brothers participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March. The march was held on Monday, January 20, 2020 to celebrate the birthday of this great civil rights leader.



## City of New Orleans Chapter Recognition

**Rho Phi Chapter** was honored by the City Council of New Orleans on January 30, 2020, for the chapter's Christmas gift boxes, storybook bibles and toys giveaway program. The giveaway program was held on December, 23, 2019.



# Healthy Living Tips

From Dr. Tursha

We are officially in the second month of 2020. So, how are you? Have you:

- Set your (health / business / financial / family / etc.) intentions for the year?
- Have you broken down your goals in to more manageable, monthly goals?
- Actually BEGUN to work on those goals?

If you haven't, you KNOW there's still time! Just remember that this is a fantastic time to set goals for the year BUT that you also want to make sure you take those goals and break them down into monthly -and even weekly- achievements.

Don't set yourself up for failure by constantly looking at your largest goals and getting overwhelmed and discouraged. Break it down and shoot for the smaller goals. Once you achieve them, they will spark a renewed excitement to tackle the next goal!

Until next time,

Live Better!

*Dr. Tursha*

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# Spiritual Q-TIPS

*From The Chaplain's Desk*

## SPIRITUAL Q-TIPS

February 2020

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

**ALWAYS RE-DEDICATE YOURSELF TO THE CAUSE OF OMEGA.**

Reclaim at least one (1) brother.

**SPIRITUAL Q-TIP OF THE MONTH:** Restoring Broken Fellowship.

**POINT TO PONDER:** Relationships are worth restoring.

**QUESTION TO CONSIDER:** Who do I need to restore a broken relationship with today?

Romans 12:20

Matthew 5:9

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:18

**Notes**

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**"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"**

\*Look Up/Study Scripture

## Brother Spotlight

**Rho Phi Chapter** congratulates Bro. Emmanuel Smith Jr. as he receives his 40 year service pin. Bro. Smith's pin and plaque was given to him during the chapter's January, 2020 business meeting.



## Upcoming Chapter Events

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**Event: Chapter Photo**

**Date: February 8m 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Location: Xavier University**

**Address: TBD**

**Attire: Official Omega Attire: Black Suit, solid purple tie, white shirt and black shoes**

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Lifting Of MSP Moratorium

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



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS**



December 1, 2019

Brothers,

I thank the members of the Supreme Council, the International Membership Committee, the International IT Committee and IHQ Staff, particularly Assistant Executive Director John Howard and IT Leader Eric Dennard, for working very hard during this moratorium to create a plan that facilitates the process of MSP and reduces the risk of hazing. As a result, effective December 1, 2019, I lifted the international moratorium on MSP. The plan forward is to go ahead with the current MSP process with four improvements per the approval of the Supreme Council - 1) the MSP periods are January - April and August - December), 2) candidates will pay their criminal background checks immediately after passing the anti-hazing examination, 3) district representatives will have the options to electronically submit their MSP applications and other documents to IHQ or mail them, and 4) district representatives will conduct mass initiations. Training has already begun. Please remember the District Representative approves which chapters can conduct MSP and it is his responsibility to manage and supervise all MSP processes and activities from beginning to end. Only Financial MSP Qualified brothers can participate in the MSP process. Strict adherence to our New Anti-Hazing Policy and MSP process is expected. Fraternity members who violate this policy will be expelled. Chapters who violate this policy will be suspended or revoked. Candidates who allow themselves to be hazed will be banned from membership. To report hazing call the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Hotline at 404-284-5533, ext. 3253 or send an email to [executivedirector@oppf.org](mailto:executivedirector@oppf.org).

#### o **A New ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

It shall be policy that hazing will not be tolerated, condoned nor endorsed as explicitly stated in the following:

- The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. embraces the principles contained in the Statement of Position on Hazing as promulgated by the Council of Presidents of the National Pan- Hellenic Council, Inc. (*see statement below*). However, for its own intent and purposes, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. espouses the following as its official Statement of Position on Hazing; to wit:
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has a zero-tolerance policy that strictly prohibits and expressly denounces the practice of hazing in any form before, during and after the Membership Selection Process for any of its chapters or by any of its members against any person seeking admission to the organization. **Again, our policy expressly prohibits all acts and forms of hazing, before, during and after the Membership Selection Process.** 'Hazing' is defined as any reckless or intentional action taken or any situation created which produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; creating or inflicting physical and/or psychological shocks; conducting quests, treasure hunts, scavenger





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- hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside the confines of a house/domicile; public wearing of any apparel or paraphernalia which is conspicuous, not normally in good taste or otherwise banned; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating an individual(s) through words or deeds; conducting late (after established hours) sessions which interfere with or prohibit the pursuit of scholastic attainment or productive work; and the conduct of any activities, express or implied, which are not consistent with the Cardinal Principles espoused by the Fraternity or academic missions of the colleges or universities where chapters of the Fraternity may exist.
- **The express or implied consent of a person to any such actions shall not be considered as an exception to this policy and is not defensible as a violation thereof.**
- **Member is liable for all damages/costs incurred for any claims arising from acts of hazing. Grand Counselor will pursue this.**
- **Any individual interested in membership or seeking membership who allows himself to be hazed will be banned indefinitely from membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

Brothers, I thank you in advance for governing yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,



David E. Marion, Ph.D.  
Grand Basileus

# NINTH DISTRICT NEWS

83rd Annual Ninth District Meeting



Rectangular Snip

## 83rd ANNUAL NINTH DISTRICT MEETING

April 1-5, 2020

Tulsa, OK

District Marshal: Bro. Lee Young

### General Information

Regular Registration Period: October 1, 2019 - March 19, 2020

Graduate Rate - \$225.00

Undergraduate Rate - \$100.00

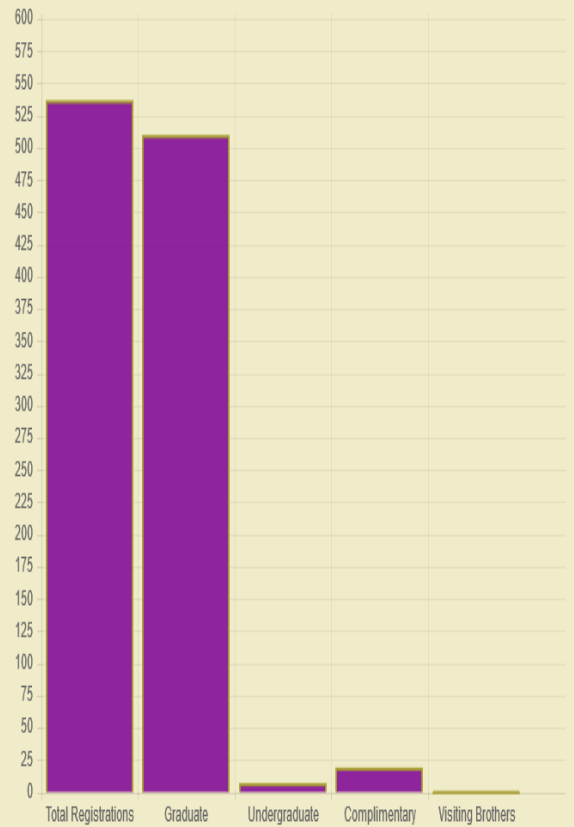
### Venue Information

Cox Business Center

100 Civic Center

Tulsa, OK

<https://coxcentertulsa.com/>



## Contact Us

For more information on Rho Phi Chapter send an email to:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rhophinola>

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