



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



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“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

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Bro. Charles Allen III

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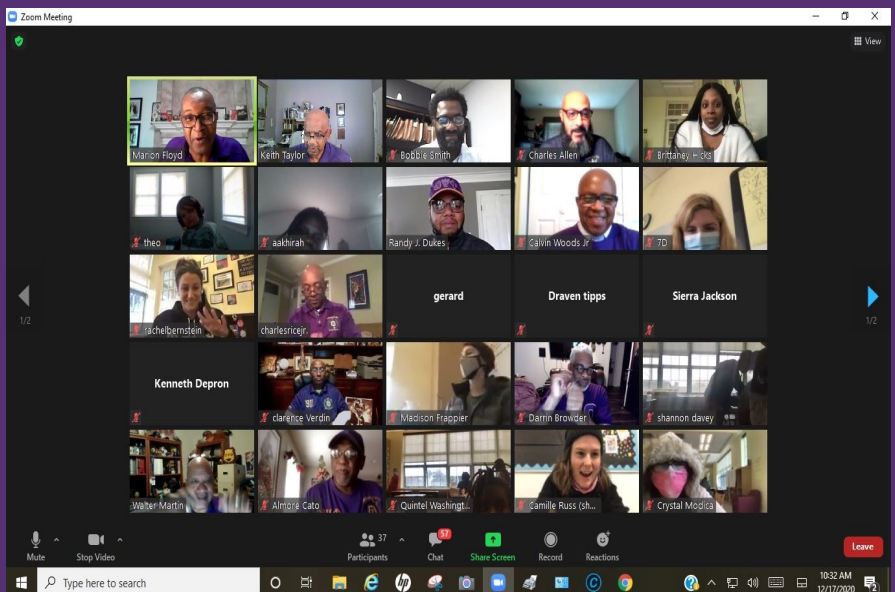
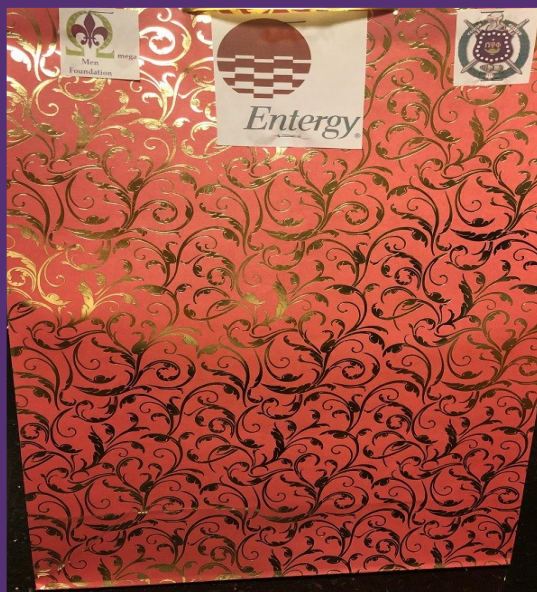
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S.E. Louisiana State Representative: Bro. Rene Metoyer

CHAPTER NEWS

Star Reader Program

December 17, 2020 - Rho Phi Chapter held its 12th annual Educational Initiative event at Homer Plessy Charter School. The Star Reader program emphasis is on the importance of developing good reading skills and rewards a male and female student in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades who had the best essay on "Why Reading Is Important to Me" with brand new Dragon Touch tablets. The tablets were purchased through a grant provided to the Omega Men Foundation from The Entergy Corporation. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was held virtually. Brothers from Rho Phi Chapter delivered the tablets to the school on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 and were given to the students on the day of the event.



Doll and Toy Fund Donation

December 16, 2020 - Rho Phi Chapter presented a monetary donation to the Times-Picayune /Advocate Doll and Toy Fund. Rho Phi became one of the sponsors of the event in 2019. From the 19th century into the 21st century The Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund has helped make the holiday season merry for children from struggling families throughout the New Orleans area. Celebrating its 125th year, The Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund brings an early Christmas to families in need.



Christmas Giveaway

On December 22, 2020 Brothers from Rho Phi Chapter and their partner: The Omega Men Foundation, donated toys, storybook bibles and also a monetary gift to a local women's transitional shelter in the New Orleans area.



Christmas Giveaway—Lake Charles, LA

December 24, 2020 - Rho Phi Chapter and their partner The Omega Men Foundation gave a financial donation to Rho Chi Chapter in Lake Charles to purchase toys to give to children who have been impacted by Hurricane Laura. The event was held at Christian Baptist Church.



Congratulations

To Bro. Clinton Smith Jr. on his election as Orleans Parish Judge of Juvenile Court, Section A.



Congratulations

December 12, 2020— Bro. William Sutton Sr. celebrated his 90th birthday and 70th anniversary as an Omega. Bro. Sutton Sr. is the father of Bro. William Sutton Jr. and the father-in-law of Bro. Clinton Smith Jr.



Initiation Anniversaries

“HAPPY QUESVERSARY” to all of the brothers listed below on the anniversary of their initiation in our great fraternity, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. during the month of January.

January 11, 1992 — Bro. James Carter — Rho Phi

January 11, 1992 — Bro. Michael Raymond — Rho Phi

January 21, 1972 — Bro. Calhoun Moultrie Jr. — Rho Phi

Condolences

Rho Phi Chapter extends condolences to the following brothers

Bro. Marion Floyd, on the passing of his niece, **Chonbriel Watts**.

Bro. Michael Raymond on the passing of his father, **David W. Ridgley, Jr.**

Bro. Keith Taylor, on the passing of his brother, **Jerome Taylor Sr.**

Bro. Jerome Tingee, on the passing of his father-in-law, **Oscar Johnson**.



Omega Chapter

Bro. Clarence Kane, was initiated into Omega Psi Fraternity at Rho Chi Chapter located in Lake Charles, LA on May 14, 1982. While a member of Rho Chi, Bro. Kane served as Basileus of the chapter. Bro. Kane transitioned to Omega Chapter on December 23, 2020. His funeral, which included the Omega Service, was held on December 30, 2020.



“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



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