



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

June, 2020

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Basileus**

Rho Phi Chapter 2019-2020 Officers:

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CHAPTER NEWS

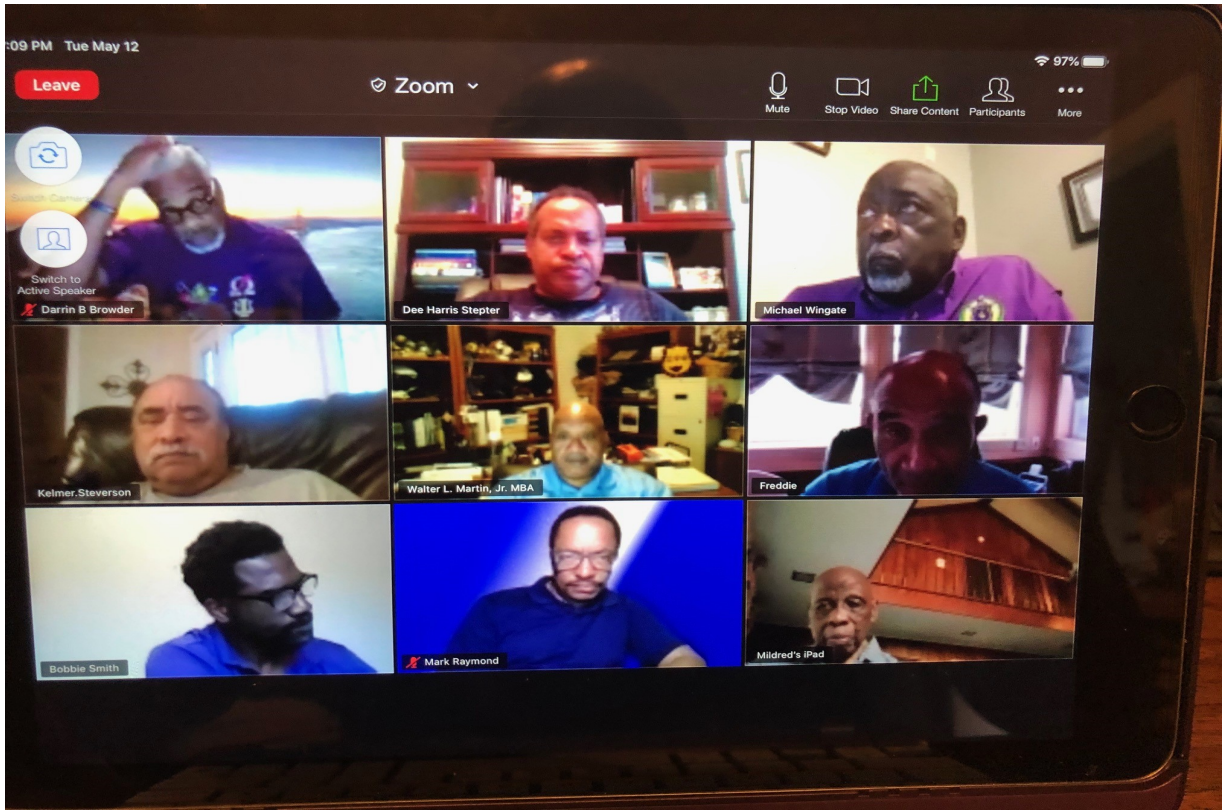
Virtual "Happy Hour"

Through **Bro. Ernest Parquet's** efforts, **Rho Phi Chapter** held its first virtual "Happy Hour" on Monday, May 11, 2020. Chapter brothers logged into the event using Zoom software and enjoyed Omega fellowship and drinking their favorite beverage.



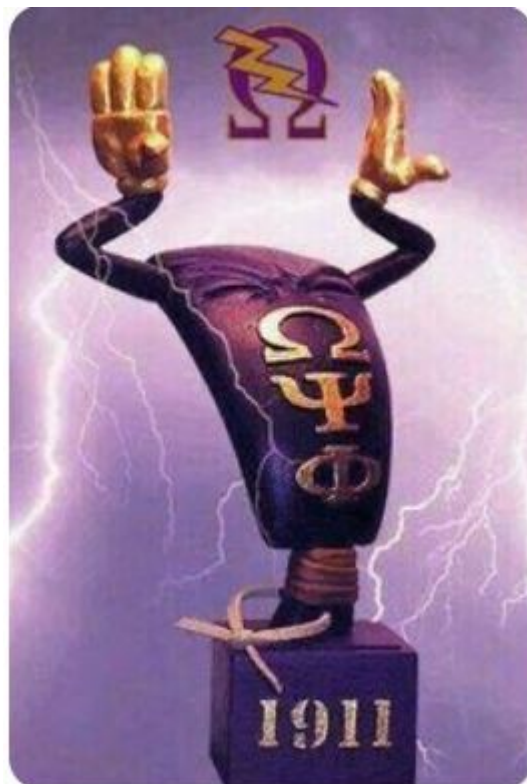
May, 2020 Virtual Business Meeting

Rho Phi Chapter held its May, 2020 business meeting using Zoom video conferencing software. The meeting was held via this medium due to the Stay At Home mandate for the state of Louisiana and the moratorium on having in-person meetings in the city of New Orleans with more than 10 people.



Initiation Anniversaries

June 9, 1979 — Bro. Clinton Smith Jr. — Omicron Zeta



St. Jude Children Research Hospital Fundraiser

Rho Phi Chapter was acknowledged during the Virtual 83rd Ninth District Meeting, as one of the top 10 chapters in the Ninth District to donate money to St. Jude Children Research Hospital.

9th District Chapters Partnering with St. Jude Children Research Hospital

Chapter	Chapter Type	Location	Raised Amt
Mu Tau	Grad- Small	Monroe, LA	\$6,000
Alpha Iota Iota	Grad- Large	Plano, TX	\$2,130
Nu Phi	Grad- Large	Houston, TX	\$1,830
Rho Beta Beta	Grad- Large	Houston, TX	\$1,830
Pi Upsilon	Grad- Small	Hawkins, TX	\$1,054
Mu Mu Nu	Grad- Large	Conroe, TX	\$675
Phi Beta	Undergrad	Hawkins, TX	\$636
Rho Phi	Grad- Large	New Orleans, LA	\$570
Theta Chi	Grad- Large	Missouri City, TX	\$515

EVENTS FOR ST. JUDE

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NINTH DISTRICT 83

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Congratulations

Rho Phi Chapter congratulates:

- **Bro. Kyle Augillard**, on being elected to serve on the board of the Ninth District's **W.L.D. Johnson Scholarship Foundation**.
- **Bro. Ernest and Bridget Parquet Jr.**, on the marriage of their daughter, **Keya** to **Steven Carter**. The private ceremony was held on Saturday, May 9, 2020.



Condolences

Rho Phi Chapter extends condolences to the following brothers

Bro. Ernest Parquet, on the passing of his first cousin, **Nicholas Parquet**, on May 2, 2020.

Bro. Denardo Dunham, on the passing of his sister-in-law, **Cheyra Head Jenkins**, on May 12, 2020.



Health Living Tips— Dr. Tursha' Hamilton

Have you found yourself constantly stressed, sad, consumed, worried, anxious, or any other feelings since you have been at home due to the Coronavirus? If you have, I'm here to tell you that you are not alone. Not in the LEAST bit!!

You are not alone in your feelings and they are valid. This is an odd time for all of us and the fact that we can't go out and do any of the things we would normally do to make us happy or burn steam or connect with others is on hold. That can definitely make a person feel some kind of way without even realizing it. Here are a few suggestions:

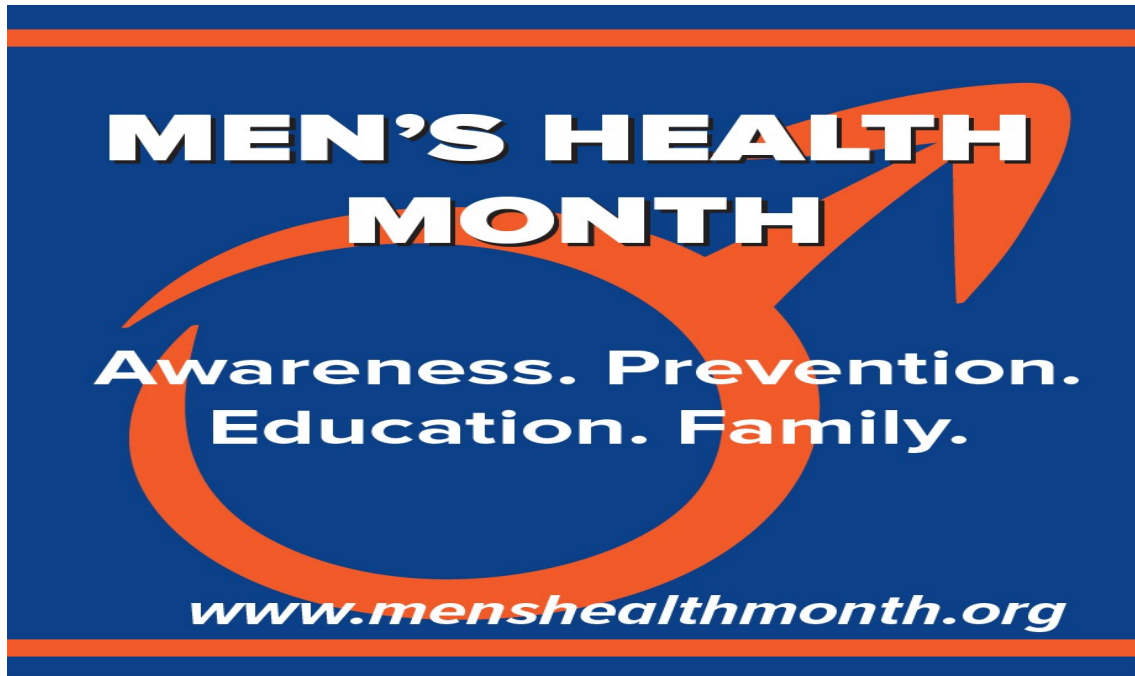
- **Connect with more of your family and friends:** don't forget that you can STILL talk to people and see them! There's phone calls and video chats (I JUST found out that IG has a video call feature! Did you know that???). I've even decided to start writing ACTUAL letters!! You can do this. Stay connected.
- **Turn off the news!!** No really, stop watching the news as much. Scroll past all the corona virus stories on social media. I would recommend only getting updates a limited time each WEEK (not day). Like, once MAYBE twice a week. You don't need to keep hearing the same information over and over again. It's not good for your mental health.
- **Don't eat all the snacks!** Try to eat balanced meals throughout the day so that you are not as hungry. Then, if you feel like snacking, you can better assess whether it is hunger or emotions. Try not to eat out of emotion.
- **Wash your hands and wear a mask** if / when you go out.
- **Don't become an alcoholic!!!** Be mindful about how much you're drinking. Don't sit around and end up with a drinking problem or become a pothead or worse. That will NOT bode well for you in the end!!
- **Seek mental health counseling.** If you feel like all of this is just too much for you, reach out to some mental health professionals and talk about it. Let them help you come up with coping mechanisms and ways to heal from this shared trauma.
- Finally, **if your family tells you that you are not quite right, listen to them.** You may be negatively reacting to this time and not even realizing how over-the-top your actions are becoming. Be open to the feedback and let it help you heal.

We're all in this together even though we are apart. Let's come out of this thing sane, happy,, and free!

Until next time,

Live Better!

Dr. Tursha'



June is National Men's Health Month! This month is all about encouraging the men in your life (including you, men out there!) to take care of their bodies by **eating right, exercising, and working to prevent disease**. The official symbol for the month is a blue ribbon and the purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases including cancer, heart disease, and depression.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

1. **Tweak your diet**

Men's Health Month is a great opportunity to change the way you eat. Cut back on alcohol this month or up your intake of healthy fermented foods like sauerkraut and kefir. You can do anything for a month, and if you do it for a month, you can do it for life!

2. **Set some goals**

Use this month to take stock of your health now and think about where you want it to be. Do you want to lose weight? Gain muscle? Simply eat more vegetables? Set small and achievable goals and work with your doctor to make them a reality.

3. **Get educated**

Take this opportunity to read about the common health issues that are specific to men and how you can prevent yourself from getting hurt! Check out the [CDC](#) for information on health issues that men face.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cancellation of 82nd Grand Conclave

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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



May 11, 2020

Brothers,

At the time of this writing more than 1.3 million individuals in the United States have been infected with COVID-19 and almost 80,000 of them have died. Worldwide those numbers are almost 4.2 million individuals infected and 284,000 who have died. Many members of this fraternity are in those numbers. I have been fortunate to have been on conference calls with the Surgeon General, members of the CDC, the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the United States Congress, and other COVID-19 experts. From my experiences on those calls, there are many things that are clear to me. There is no cure, no approved treatment, and no vaccine at this time for COVID-19. It is not known when we will have such available to us. Asymptomatic individuals can carry this virus and pass it on to others. Some of our brothers have reported being infected with the virus twice. You are particularly vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 if you have an underlying illness. It is also expected that this will get worse in the fall of this year as we will be dealing with COVID-19 and the flu epidemic at the same time. At this time, the only things that have been found to effectively slow and/or stop the spread of this virus have been staying at home, social distancing, wearing a face mask, hand washing with soap and water for 20-25 seconds, using a high alcohol content hand sanitizer, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Many brothers have called me to ask why we don't just move the date of this conclave to later in the year or even next year. Our constitution and bylaws require us to have a Grand Conclave biennially. The Office of the Grand Counselor has advised that their interpretation is we must have the Grand Conclave prior to the end of this fiscal year, October 31, 2020, rather than the end of this calendar year. It is my belief that no matter the interpretation, with the health and safety of our brotherhood in mind, it would be unwise and unsafe to hold the 82nd Grand Conclave as an in person, face-to-face meeting. Therefore, after much deliberation, a decision was made to hold a virtual 82nd Grand Conclave. The virtual Grand Conclave will be held during the current posted times of July 17 – 19, 2020. The command center for this meeting will be IHQ, Decatur, GA. There will be a registration fee for this meeting. IHQ will communicate the particulars to all registrants by the end of this week. Given this economy, we will expedite refunds to those who don't want to attend the meeting, per our refund policy, and provide partial returns to those who will attend. Throughout this time, we have been vigilant about protecting the fraternity's monies that were committed through contracts for a face-to-face conclave in Tampa. We thank you for your patience during this time. The safety and well-being of our brotherhood remain our top priority.

Many brothers have died during this pandemic. Good brothers. Many others are fighting for their lives. Our prayers are with their wives, children, other family members, chapter brothers, and line brothers. With the cardinal principle of perseverance in our spirit, the poem See It Through in our mind, and God in our heart, Omega men were made for times like these. Our faith will get us through this. Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go". Brothers, take comfort in knowing God is with us, even in a pandemic.

Fraternally,

David E. Marion, Ph.D.
Grand Basileus

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I.H.Q. 82nd Grand Conclave Update



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May 15, 2020

Brothers,

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. staff team hopes you and your family are safe and healthy during this pandemic. We thank you for registering for the 82nd Grand Conclave. As you may be aware, the Conclave will be hosted virtually rather than gathering for a physical assembly in Tampa, FL.

The registration cost to attend the virtual meeting will be \$185 for both Graduates and Undergraduates. This fee will cover your Conclave gift along with other expenses to be incurred in the production of the Conclave—which include providing an IT environment that will be conducive to the sensitivity of our conversation as well as the volume of brothers we expect to attend. It is our goal to host a virtual Conclave that, in customary fashion, will be orderly and will protect Omega's secrets. We believe the IT structure developed will address the issues that exist in securing a virtual environment of this magnitude.

***If you are attending the virtual Conclave, the excess of your original paid registration fee over the cost to attend the virtual Conclave (\$185) will be returned electronically. We will begin the processing of these returns once the refund period has ended on June 16, 2020. Please note that it will take approximately 14 days (or longer) for Cvent to process returns and refunds due to the high volume of requests we are experiencing.**

***If you are *not* attending the virtual Conclave, your refund will be processed immediately once you complete your cancellation request. All registration cancellations are subject to the refund policy as stated at time of registration. The refund policy states that "registration can be refunded for cancellation on or before June 15, 2020 with the exception of a 10% service charge to be retained by IHQ. Registrants canceling after June 15, 2020 for full or partial payments will not be refunded. The refund and cancellation policy will not be waived." Please note that it will take approximately 14 days (or longer) for Cvent to process returns and refunds due to the high volume of requests we are experiencing.**



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All registered brothers will receive their Conclave gifts. These gifts will be shipped to the address communicated to us at the time of registration. If you need to update this information, you can do so by logging into your Cvent account. If you need assistance doing this, you can contact us at 2020Conclave@oppf.org, and we will be happy to help. If you cancel your registration but would like to still purchase the Conclave gift, you are now able to do so by submitting a ZenDesk request on oppf.org. The cost will be \$100.00 with free shipping.

Based on the announcement sent from the office of Dr. David Marion (41st Grand Basileus) and our on-going communication with the city of Tampa, various hotels have started cancelling some reservations in the Omega block. If you have not received a cancellation confirmation by June 7, 2020 from the hotel at which you reserved housing, please contact them directly to ensure your housing accommodations have been cancelled.

The virtual Conclave will be conducted at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International Headquarters (IHQ) in Decatur, Ga. We, at IHQ, encourage you to attend the virtual Conclave as we will conduct the business of the fraternity and vote on some important matters that will shape the fraternity going forward. The updated Conclave agenda will be published and available to registrants by June 1, 2020. Registration for the 82nd Grand Conclave will remain open until June 30, 2020.

The Grand Basileus, Supreme Council, International Committees, IHQ staff, and the local chapters have been working tirelessly to plan and host the 82nd Grand Conclave. We have transitioned this synergy to execute the same plan virtually on July 17 – 19, 2020. We look forward to this unique opportunity and seeing you in the confines of safe environments.

Sincerely,

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International Headquarters

Statement From The Grand Basileus on The Nationwide Protest

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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



Statement from the Grand Basileus on Nation Wide Protests

Dear Brothers,

On Mother's Day a few weeks ago, the social media team of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. created a very powerful video wishing a Happy Mothers' Day to the mothers of Emmett Till (deceased), Tamir Rice, Botham Shem Jean, E.J. Bradford, Jr., Sandra Bland, Darius Tarver, Jonathan Ferrell, Freddie Gray, Eric Garner, Walter Scott (deceased), Brandon Webber, Amadou Diallo, Terence Crutcher, Michael Brown, Jr., Jordan Davis, Antwon Rose II, Aiyana Jones, Miles Hall, Dontre Hamilton, Jamarion Robinson, Renisha McBride, Alton Sterling (aunt), Stephon Clark, Wendell Allen, Ryan Twyman, Terrance Franklin, Trayvon Martin, Laquan McDonald, Sean Bell, John Crawford III, Philando Castile, Oscar Grant, Jimmy Atchison, Atatiana Jefferson (deceased), Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery. Although his mother died two years ago, George Floyd called out to his momma as he lay dying. The tragic, infuriating, and systematically violent events over the past several weeks in Georgia, Kentucky, and Minnesota are unacceptable and even considered unthinkable and unimaginable by some. However, Will Smith once said, "racism is not getting worse, it's getting filmed." The mayor of Petal, Mississippi looked at the same video we looked at and stated "the police officers are getting crucified." He said, "I didn't see anything unreasonable. If you can say you can't breathe, you're breathing."

It is hard to fathom that this is 2020 because we continue to see the lives of black people in America considered insignificant and disposable -- as if this were 1820 or 1920. The only difference today is these cowardly and murderous acts were captured on cell phone video, flashed across social media, and seen around the world. That evidence may be among our best hopes for lasting, real change.

We are pleased that the expected and overdue criminal charges have been filed against some, but we won't be satisfied until they are filed against all. We urge prosecutors and the legal system to aggressively pursue a just and swift resolution in these homicides. We demand the video from the body cam and cameras from the police cars be immediately released. We demand a safe space for the community to peacefully express their disdain and condemnation of the actions of officers involved in Floyd's murder. We demand a town hall with community leaders, the chief of police, city council, and the mayor to discuss racial inequities and the violent uprising as a response by the community. We call on the chief of police to work with the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis to revise the police bill of rights and the district attorney to swiftly address the misconduct of the other officers involved and those officers witnessing the misconduct who chose not to intervene. We urge the city to adopt a community policing model that practices de-escalation without the use of force, both physically or with a firearm, and a model that improves the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

We demand justice for Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old black man who was gunned down after being pursued by armed white men in Georgia.

We demand justice for Breonna Taylor who was fatally shot by police in her own home in March in Kentucky.

We demand justice for George Floyd, a handcuffed and unarmed black man who had an officer choke the life out of him for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. This perverse use of a police officer's knee as a lethal weapon on the neck of Mr. Floyd - as we all watched in horror - initiated over an alleged fake \$20 bill.

Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from around the world have expressed their anger. They are beyond sick and tired. We have spoken about this before, written about this before, prayed about this before, marched about this before, rallied about this before, sought justice about this before – and yet, here we find ourselves again. We must continue to speak out against racism, prejudice, and injustice. We must continue to pray because God is with us. He will never leave us, forsake us, forget about us, or turn His back on us.

The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States protects the right of the people to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. You can participate in peaceful, lawful, and civil forms of demonstrations and protests such as rallies, marches, and assemblies, including partnering with other organizations according to the laws and directives within your respective communities, such as curfews. Also, do so in accordance with the guidelines from the Attorney General and the CDC given during this pandemic, including practicing social distancing and wearing face masks. If you wear your fraternal colors and paraphernalia, you are expected to use sound judgment and not bring harm to yourself and/or our fraternity. Participation in violent, disruptive efforts, rallies, marches and/or other activities is strictly prohibited. Adhere to our social media policy and remember the Grand Basileus is the only one who speaks for the fraternity.

We will partner with the NAACP, the nation's foremost, largest, and most widely recognized civil rights organization. We will use the anger we feel today to fuel us to vote in November. I am currently working with the presidents of the other fraternities on an initiative that will be launched July 1, 2020 called Black Men Vote. Per the U.S. Census Bureau, in the 2018 midterm elections, only 47% of Black men voted. It is the objective of this initiative, to execute a plan to add one million black male voters to the 2020 election.

Omega men, when duty demanded, stood on the vanguard many times before, arms locked with like-minded souls in the struggle for equality – or even our very right to live. That is part of our calling to the cardinal principles of Manhood and Uplift. It must be done smartly and strategically but it must be done. We will not sit quietly by and ignore dog whistle politics. Omega's sons, as the leaders in our communities, are well prepared to complete all moral responsibilities. As the NAACP put it in a hashtag, #WeAreDoneDying.

God bless Omega, God bless the families of the victims of these terrible crimes, and God especially heal our angrily divided and hurting nation.

Fraternally,

David Marion, Ph.D.

Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

COVID-19 Omega Restart

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COVID-19 Omega Restart

Dear Brothers:

In March of this year, I directed that all chapters who chose to have chapter meetings between March 17, 2020 and June 1, 2020 only do so by teleconferencing or video conferencing. Additionally, I directed that all other fraternally-related gatherings of more than 10 people, scheduled to occur before June 1, 2020 be postponed or cancelled. This included community forums and programs, social events, and others. All gatherings of less than 10 people were to give consideration to postponement unless it could be assured that social distancing of at least 6 feet could be maintained between participants, that messaging could be provided around ill persons not attending, and that there could be adequate hand washing/sanitizing facilities. If there was what the CDC considered to be *substantial* spread of COVID-19 in your community or the community of the event you were considering, you were directed to cancel fraternity-related events of any size. I stated that we would revisit these requirements the last week of May 2020 as that directive was in line with that of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at that time and we expected more guidance from them in the near future.

This is an update to those directives. I want to thank some of the COVID-19 experts in our fraternity for their wise counsel during this time. These brothers are: Delon Brennen, MD, International Medical and Health Initiatives Chairman, Jedan Phillips, M.D., International Medical and Health Initiatives Vice Chairman, Keith Boykin, M.D., Cedric Guyton, Pharm. D., Wonzie Gardner, and Reginald Vance, Ph.D. Although the pandemic continues and there is no cure, no effective treatment, and no vaccine for COVID-19, all 50 states have either reopened or are reopening soon. As the country opens up, Omega should strategically begin to resume service activities. In conducting these service activities, it is very important to make sure appropriate social distancing can be achieved, to make sure appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available to all involved, and to ensure there are ample amounts of hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizer in place for all to use frequently. Brothers should wear masks in public and in small and large groups of people. With adherence to the above, small face-to-face programs are feasible. Food drives and PPE drives can be done with masks and gloves. If we are serving food, then gloves should also be worn by all those providing this service. Fatherhood and mentoring initiatives can be done with proper PPE for brothers and mentees. Also, as it relates to mentoring activities, pre-activity planning should be done. Meaning, participants should be contacted

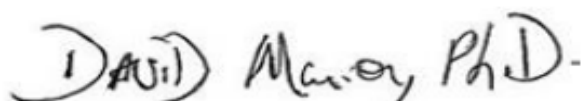
beforehand to ensure no one is sick, including the brothers participating. Size limits for group gatherings in public and private settings have varied widely over the past week. Per our experts, face-to-face groups over fifty people are going to be very difficult to manage because we still have to practice social distancing within the group and the more people, the more difficult it is to enforce. This would apply to chapter meetings and memorial services as well. Small chapters might be able to conduct chapter meetings that meet the aforementioned requirements. However, large chapters will not be able to do so. Chapters should employ some ingenuity in using a combination of an in-person and virtual chapter meeting as we've had some brothers who virtually attended chapter meetings recently who historically didn't attend regularly due to advanced age, health, and mobility issues. For face-to-face chapter meetings and memorial services, brothers should wear masks, practice social distancing, and have access to ample hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizer. Chapters should still provide messaging that any individual who is ill should not participate in any face-to-face chapter meetings or events. We will follow the laws and directives given from government officials in our respective cities and communities as it relates to COVID-19. For any events you are planning, you should ask any questions you have, get approval from your district representative, and follow your SEC submission process in your district.

The times in which we are living demand the leadership, the interventions, the resources, the service work, and the touch of the men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The activities we do to support our youth in particular have never been more important than now. As we institute these protocols everywhere during this pandemic, first and foremost, it is paramount that we protect the participants AND the brotherhood. If we mandate brothers wear masks, it must be masks for all. We must comply and understand that if participants are unable to be guaranteed the social distancing of 6 feet during the majority of the activity, then the activity cannot be sanctioned by any organ of our fraternity. While we Uplift, we must also avoid harming others.

Lastly, check in with brothers sixty-five years of age and older and brothers with compromised immune systems. Assist with grocery shopping if needed. Food banks need money, food, and volunteers. Hospitals need face masks, hand sanitizer, and more. Our communities need us. Give to Omega Charities, www.omegacharities.org. Volunteer remotely/virtually at: <https://alone.ie/what-wedo/befriending> or https://www.icouldbe.org/standard/public/gi_index.asp#volunteer or <https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/>.

Let's do what we do best. That is to serve others. Muhammad Ali once said the service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth. Maya Angelou said when you get, give. When you learn, teach.

Fraternally,

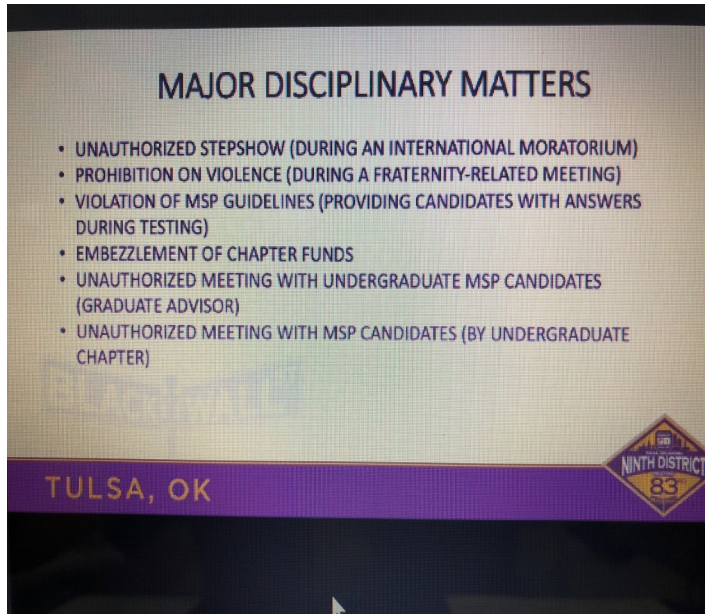
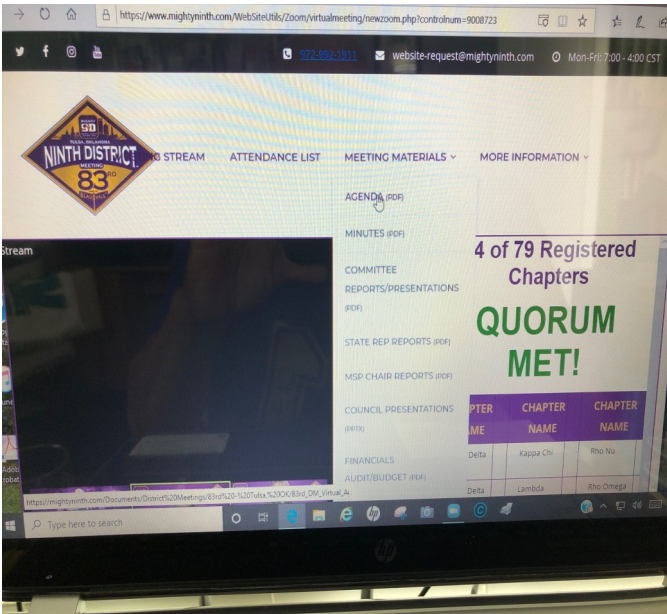
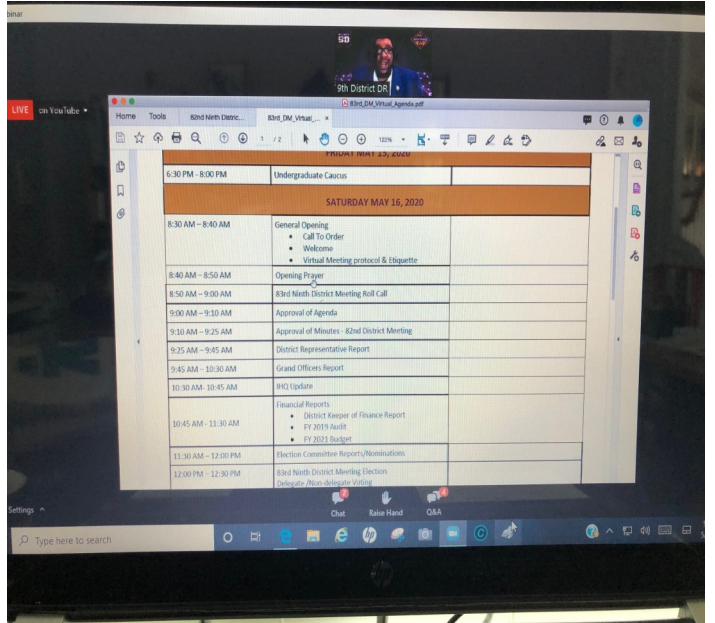
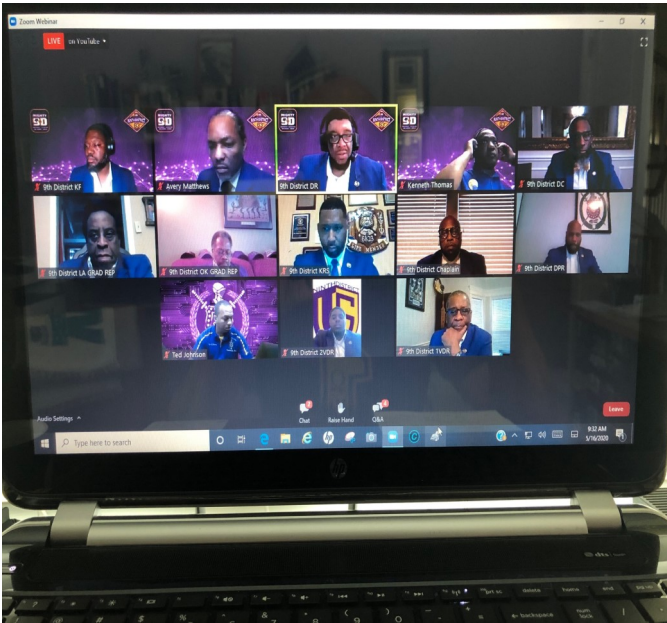
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David Marion, Ph.D.
Grand Basileus
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

NINTH DISTRICT NEWS

Virtual 83rd Ninth District Meeting

Due to the coronavirus epidemic, **The Ninth District** held a “Virtual” **83rd Ninth District Meeting** on Saturday, May 16, 2020.



83rd Ninth District Meeting Election Results

District Representative: Bro. Patrick B. Smith

1st Vice District Representative: Bro. Harold Bailey

2nd Vice District Representative: Bro. Oris Granger

District Keeper of Records and Seal: Bro. David Washington, Jr.

District Keeper of Finance: Bro. Van Newborn

District Counselor: Bro. Winston Huff

District Director of Public Relations: Bro. Frank Watson

District Chaplin: Bro. Asriel McLain

84th Ninth District Meeting Update



SHERATON DALLAS HOTEL

400 N Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201
24-27 March, 2021

REGISTRATION
Opens June 1, 2020

GRADUATE:
Early Bird \$150 (First 500 Brothers)

GRADUATE:
Regular \$200 (until 1Jan, 2021)

GRADUATE:
Late \$250

UNDERGRADUATES:
\$125

QUETTES:
\$150

Cancellation Summer Council Meeting

The Ninth District's Summer Council Meeting, Scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 in New Orleans, LA, has been cancelled.



District Keeper of Records and Seal Monthly Message

These are the following updates from the Office of the 9th District Keeper of Records and Seal.

- Brothers, there is power in prayer. Bro. Rev. Dr. Walter T. Richardson (Grand Chaplain) will be hosting International Prayer Calls every Wednesday @ 6:11 pm Central Standard Time. Everyone is welcome to join this call. See call information below

Note: Dial In # is (712) 775-7031 | Access Code: 674-166-340 #.

- As a reminder, please login to your IHQ and 9th District Website account at least once a week. If you are having any issues, please contact Bro. DKRS.

- Registration for the 84th NDM (Dallas, TX (March 24 – 28, 2020)) is open today (June 1, 2020 @ 12 noon CST). Early Bird Registration is \$150/Grad and \$125/UG. Early Bird Registration will end after June 5 or the first 500 brothers register for the meeting (whichever comes first). Quette registration is \$150. As a reminder, brothers that are 55+ years and financial will receive complimentary registration for the District Meeting but most register online Please log on to [<https://www.mightyninth.com>] and register. Bro. Arthur Williams (Theta Alpha) will serve as District Marshal.

- If you need any documents/presentations/reports from the 83rd (Virtual) NDM, please log onto the Mighty 9th District Website and select the Document Tab/District Meeting/83rd NDM (Tulsa, OK).

- The 83rd NDM gift bags are being shipped out to chapters. The goal is to send the gift bags to the Chapter Basileus or the designated person by the Chapter Basileus.

Note: We have extra bags that can be purchase. Please contact Bro. DKF Newborn @ 9thdistrictkf@gmail.com , so an invoice can be sent. If possible, we are asking chapters to submit a bulk order for additional bags instead of brothers submitting individual orders (This will help with the shipping cost).

- To all 9th District Undergraduate Advisors, please complete the Spr. 2020 G.P.A. Verification Form on the 9th District Website. You can find the form in the Document area under Undergraduate Information/9th District UG Forms. If you have any questions, please contact B

- If you are a recent graduate or about to graduate, please contact Bro. Howard Dunlop (9th District Recent Graduate Stipend Committee Chairman). Bro. Dunlop can help and explain the process. Bro. Howard Dunlop (817)991-4735 - hkdunlop@yahoo.com .

- The Supreme Council has approved the recommended name change from Violence Prevention to the Conflict Resolution Committee effective immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Jerry Caston (9th District Conflict Resolution Committee Chairman) (469-261-8300)

- As a reminder due to the COVID-19 pandemic at this time the IHQ office building is closed until further notice. Please send any communication by email to the IHQ staff.

Note: ITEMS (FRAT CARDS, BOOKS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.) WILL BE DELAY AT THIS TIME. Brothers, we can track who is FINANCIAL in the system. Please be patient as (IHQ & 9th District) deal with this pandemic.

- Grand Basileus, (Bro. Dr. David Marion) sent a memo (which you can find on the 9th District website in the Document area under Grand Conclave) addressing that we will be having a Virtual 2020 Grand Conclave. If you have made any room reservation, please call the hotel and cancel your reservation.

Note: Brothers can register for the Virtual Grand Conclave on the IHQ website. Registration is \$185 until 6/20/2020).

Note: I have been in communication with Mrs. Bess at IHQ. The deadline to register is June 20th. Also, the refund policy states a member can receive a refund that includes their registration fee with the exception of a 10% cancellation fee to be retained by IHQ.

Note: For the brothers that already paid for their registration and plan to stay registered, IHQ will refund you a check by mail minus the \$185 (current rate). Please make sure your current address is updated in your profile on the IHQ website.

Note: You can find the recommendations that will be presented at the Virtual Grand Conclave on the 9th District website in Document area under Grand Conclave/82nd GC -Tampa, FL.

- The 2021 Moses C. Norman Leadership Conference is scheduled to be in Nassau, Bahamas. As a reminder, it will be MANDATORY that any contestant who advances to the District level competition and on to the Leadership Conference Demonstration, have a valid passport. (This will also be required of anyone looking to serve as a chaperone for those contestant). If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Michael Hartman (9th District Talent Hunt Chairman - Ph: 469-955-9290 - michael.hartman@sbcglobal.net)

- I have submitted Form 80 (Service Awards) to all Chapter Basilei and KRS.

Note: Brothers will need to be registered and to have paid all back dues in order to be recognized during the Service Award ceremony of the virtual Conclave. However, if a brother does not plan to attend the virtual Conclave, he will have to pay his back dues to receive his service award in the mail.

Note: Brothers, the only years that will be recognized are the initiation years that end in 0s and 5s. (Ex. 1970,1975, 1980,1985, etc.)

Again Brothers, I LOVE YOU, BE SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.....

This concludes my June 2020 monthly updates from the Office of 9th District Keeper of Records and Seal. Again, if you have any questions, concerns, or just feel like talking, don't hesitate in calling, texting, or emailing me.

In Friendship,

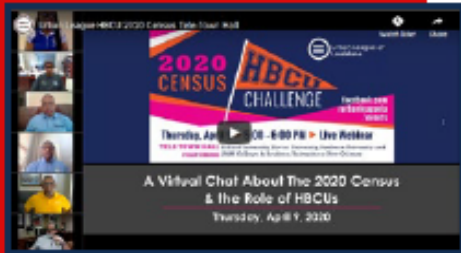
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Louisiana 2020 Census Update

U.S. Census Bureau
Atlanta Region

Mr. George Grandy, Jr.
Regional Director

May 16, 2020



LOUISIANA 2020 Census Self-Response Weekly Highlights



All six Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Louisiana came together for the Urban League's HBCU Census Challenge Tele-Town Hall. Each of the university presidents shared how the 2020 Census impacts their campuses, communities and partners. Fair Count, Stacey Abrams' nonprofit Census effort, provided data on how a predicted undercount of African Americans would impact the state of Louisiana.

The Urban League's HBCU student interns provided critical information on why the 2020 Census is important, especially to students and shared a call to action for HBCUs to continue to encourage students and the campus community to post a video or picture on social media of them completing their census and tag **#ULLA_VOICE** and their campus: **#XULACensusChallenge**, **#DUCensusChallenge**, **#SUNOCensusChallenge**, **#SUBRCensusChallenge**, **#SUSLACensusChallenge**, **#GSUCensusChallenge**

The Louisiana Hispanic Complete Count Committee (Hispanic CCC) is spearheaded by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana (HCCL). Since March they have been promoting engagement through weekly emails, social media posts, community leader engagement and participating in specific campaigns such as Latino Census Week, Digital Census Weekend and the Census Video contest. In addition, the HCCL's Chair focused on the Census on their monthly radio show on KGLA Radio and two other weekly participations in VIVA NOLA television interviews and an interview with Jambalaya News Radio. There have been other interviews with regional Census spokespersons on TELEMUNDO 42 New Orleans, and Jambalaya News.



Pastor Tyrone Edwards of Zion Travelers Baptist Church in Braithwaite is organizing neighboring churches to promote participation in the 2020 Census message. Fellow churches were able to pick up Census promotional items and fliers at his church to disseminate at their churches and to their congregation. As Louisiana begins to open back up and churches are beginning to have small events outside, the pastors can reach out to the people in their congregations and encourage them to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Louisiana
Self-Response

53.9%

National
Self-Response

59.5%

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STATE OF LOUISIANA RANKING BY PARISH

Self-Response Rate as of 5.16.2020

1 St. Charles, Louisiana	63.1%	23 Webster, Louisiana	53.2%	45 St. James, Louisiana	45.1%
2 St. Tammany, Louisiana	62.3%	24 Rapides, Louisiana	53.1%	46 Avoyelles, Louisiana	45.0%
3 Jefferson, Louisiana	60.2%	25 St. Martin, Louisiana	52.4%	47 East Feliciana, Louisiana	44.9%
4 Ascension, Louisiana	59.8%	26 Lincoln, Louisiana	51.9%	48 Concordia, Louisiana	44.7%
5 Lafourche, Louisiana	59.4%	27 Orleans, Louisiana	51.5%	49 Natchitoches, Louisiana	44.2%
6 Lafayette, Louisiana	59.1%	27 Franklin, Louisiana	51.5%	50 Bienville, Louisiana	43.0%
7 Caddo, Louisiana	57.9%	29 East Carroll, Louisiana	50.4%	51 St. Helena, Louisiana	42.4%
8 East Baton Rouge, Louisia..	57.4%	30 Terrebonne, Louisiana	49.9%	52 Winn, Louisiana	41.3%
9 Bossier, Louisiana	57.0%	31 Tangipahoa, Louisiana	49.3%	53 Pointe Coupee, Louisiana	40.0%
10 St. Bernard, Louisiana	56.4%	31 De Soto, Louisiana	49.3%	54 Vernon, Louisiana	39.3%
11 West Baton Rouge, Louisi..	56.0%	33 Union, Louisiana	48.9%	55 Cameron, Louisiana	39.2%
12 Vermilion, Louisiana	55.9%	34 Evangeline, Louisiana	48.8%	56 Red River, Louisiana	37.7%
13 St. John the Baptist, Louisi..	55.5%	35 Iberville, Louisiana	48.7%	57 Allen, Louisiana	37.1%
14 Calcasieu, Louisiana	55.4%	36 Plaquemines, Louisiana	48.2%	58 Catahoula, Louisiana	37.0%
15 Iberia, Louisiana	55.1%	37 Jackson, Louisiana	48.1%	59 Washington, Louisiana	36.9%
16 Ouachita, Louisiana	54.7%	38 St. Landry, Louisiana	48.0%	60 Caldwell, Louisiana	36.1%
17 Richland, Louisiana	54.3%	39 Madison, Louisiana	47.8%	61 West Feliciana, Louisiana	35.5%
18 Livingston, Louisiana	54.0%	39 Claiborne, Louisiana	47.8%	62 Sabine, Louisiana	33.4%
19 Jefferson Davis, Louisiana	53.8%	41 West Carroll, Louisiana	47.4%	63 LaSalle, Louisiana	32.9%
20 Beauregard, Louisiana	53.7%	42 St. Mary, Louisiana	46.8%	64 Tensas, Louisiana	21.0%
21 Acadia, Louisiana	53.5%	43 Grant, Louisiana	46.5%		
22 Morehouse, Louisiana	53.4%	44 Assumption, Louisiana	45.6%		

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SELF-RESPONSE RATES FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

S T A T E O F L O U I S I A N A



Steve Scalise
District 1
58.3%



Cedric Richmond
District 2
52.9%



Clay Higgins
District 3
55.3%



Mike Johnson
District 4
51.5%



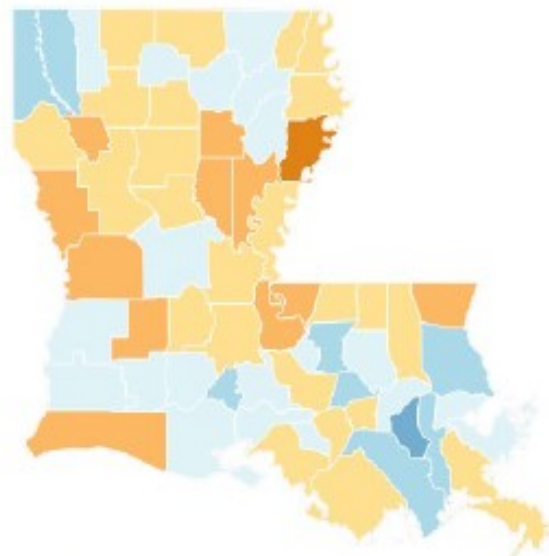
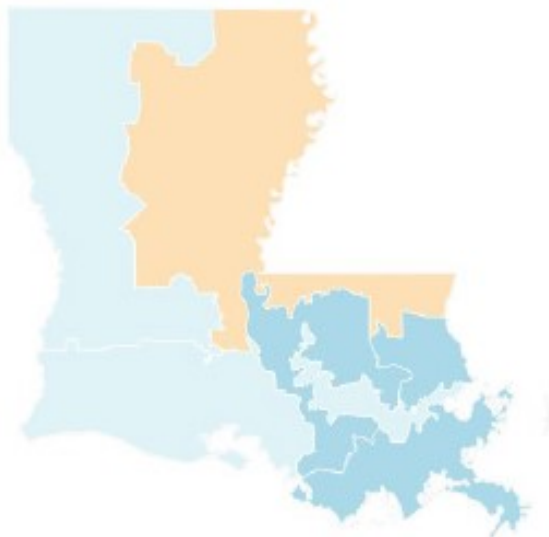
Ralph Abraham
District 5
48.0%



Garret Graves
District 6
57.0%

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