



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

RHO PHI CHAPTER



"FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL"

March, 2019

Greetings from Basileus Bro. Jerome Tinguee

Greetings Brothers!!!! As we press forward into Spring, the Chapter's focus will be on our Memorial service which will be held on Sunday March 17, 2019. This is a time when we pay our respects to Brothers who have transitioned into Omega Chapter but will always be remembered for their service to our illustrious fraternity. Also, we will be celebrating our chapter's Family Day Picnic on March 9, 2019. This is a celebration of fellowship, family, friends and fun. So, let us continue to do our part and take pride in what is uniquely ours. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. nearest our hearts.



Basileus - Jerome Tinguee

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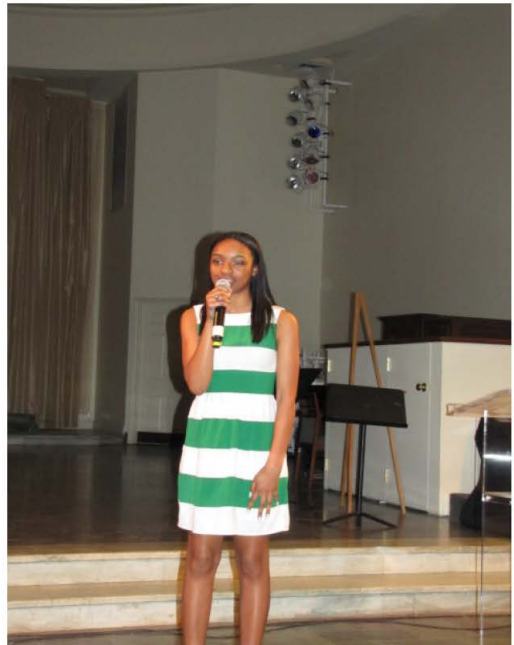
Bro. Rene Metoyer

Chapter News

Talent Hunt

The 2018-2019 Talent Hunt was held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Dillard University's Lawless Memorial Chapel. South East Louisiana State Representative, Rene Metoyer, was the Master of Ceremony. Students participated in two categories: Visual and Performing Arts. The first place winner in each category, Visual Arts - Theodore Scott III / Performing Arts - Treshor Stirgus, will represent the Coalition at the Ninth District's Talent Hunt held during the 82nd District Meeting in Lafayette, LA in April, 2019.





Family and Friends Picnic

Rho Phi Chapter's Annual Family and Friends Picnic was held on Saturday, March 9, 2019. Chapter brothers, along with their family and friends, enjoyed good food, fun and fellowship at the Crescent City Qs Clubhouse. Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux, is the committee chairman.





Brother Spotlight

Bayou Region Athletic Hall of Fame

Brother Clarence Verdin, has been inducted into the Bayou Region Athletic Hall of Fame. Brother Verdin, along with 5 others members of the Class of 2019, were inducted in a ceremony held on June 20, 2018.

TCMC Community Sports Institute
Bayou Region Athletic Hall of Fame
 2019 Inductee
Clarence Verdin

South Terrebonne High School
 1980
 All-District Football Runningback / Track and Field

Univ. of Southwestern LA (UL)
 (1980-1983) Wide Receiver

National Football League
 Free Agent (USFL Houston Gamblers)
 3rd Round Draft Pick - 1986 Supplemental Draft
 Washington Redskins (86-88) (Super Bowl XXII Champion)
 Indianapolis Colts (88-93)
 New York Pro Bowl Selection - Kick Returner



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Clarence Verdin
KICK RETURNER

College: Southwestern Louisiana Year: 6th Ht.: 5'9" Wt.: 160
 Born: June 14, 1963 - New Orleans, Louisiana
 Drafted: Redskins #83 sup - 1984

YEAR	TEAM	PUNT RETURNS				KICKOFF RETURNS			
		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
1990	COLTS	31	299	12.6	0	18	350	19.4	0
CAREER TOTALS		76	931	12.3	2	68	1,350	19.9	0

Super quick, with 4.3 world-class speed, Clarence is the premier punt returner in the NFL. In '90, he led the league with a 12.8-yard average and was selected for his first Pro Bowl. Clarence also caught 14 passes for 178 yards and averaged 19.4-yards per KO return. He was second in PRs in '89.

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Winter Revival For The Unsheltered

Shiloh Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, where **Brother Michael Raymond** is the Senior Pastor, partnered with Unsheltered International to host the 2019 Winter Revival For The Unsheltered on February 5-7, 2019. A total of 242 guests came to the revival meetings, held at Shiloh church. One hundred and eighty six (186) of the attendees were men and fifty six (56) were women, during which 5 people accepted Christ as their Savior. In addition to the services held at the church many unsheltered men and women were blessed with the following; 170 people received clothing, 746 meals were served, 195 people received hygiene products, 77 people received haircuts, 72 people received new bibles and over 600 snack bags were given away.



Spiritual Q-Tip

From The Chaplain's Desk

SPIRITUAL Q-TIPS

March 2019

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

ALWAYS RE-DEDICATE YOURSELF TO THE CAUSE OF OMEGA.

Get to know the Brothers in your chapter on a personal level.

SPIRITUAL Q-TIP OF THE MONTH: See life from God's view

POINT TO PONDER: Life is a test and a trust

QUESTION TO CONSIDER: What has happened to me recently that I know realize was only a test to make me better. What are the greatest trusts that God has entrusted to me.

***Romans 12:2**
God's Transformers

***James 1:12**
Realize life is a test.

***1 Corinthians 4:2**
Everything in your life really belongs to God.
He trusts you to be a good caretaker.

Notes

"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"

***Look Up/Study Scripture**

Anniversaries

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

March 12 - Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux
SPR '05 - Rho Phi

March 15 - Bro. William Sutton
SPR '50 - Theta Sigma

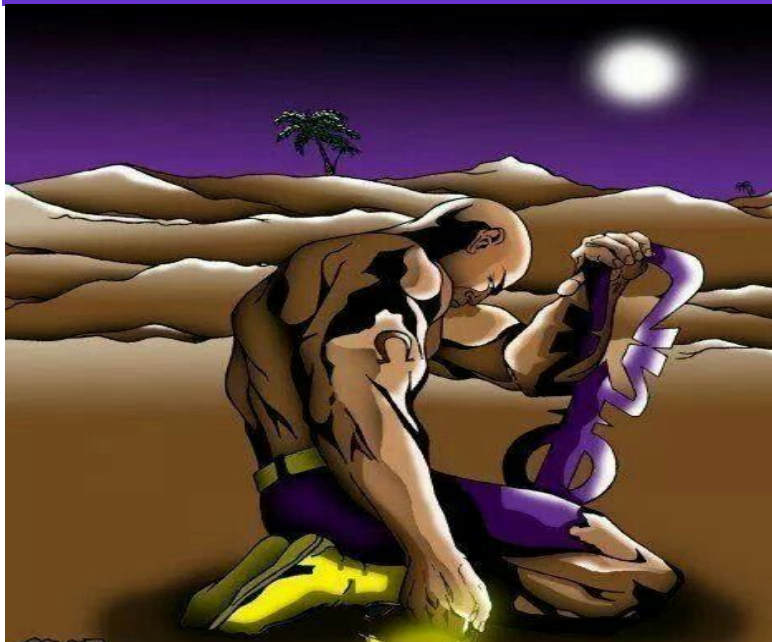
March 16 - Bro. Michael Wingate
SPR '73 - Theta Sigma

March 17 - Bro. Ceasar Ruffin
SPR '15 - Rho Phi

March 17 - Bro. Ulyses Collins III
SPR '15 - Rho Phi

March 27 - Bro. Mark Raymond
SPR '04 - Rho Phi

March 27 - Bro. Jerome Tinguee
SPR '04 - Rho Phi



Condolences

Rho Phi Chapter extends Condolences to the following Brothers

- **Bro. Steven Crandle** - passing of his brother, Wayne Crandle
- **Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux** (Cousin), **Bro. Johnny Brown Jr.** (Omega Chapter)/(Godfather) - passing of Martin Thibodeaux
- **Bro. Raymond Mondy** passing of his Father-In-Law, Anthony Green



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Omega Psi Phi to implement an Omega Day at the United States Capitol

Greetings Omega Men,

Thank you for helping to make positive history through last November's historic mid-term election results across the United States. Your engagement in the 2018 mid-term elections made a tremendous difference.

On January 2, 2019, the 116th Congress convened in our nation's capital. There were a historic number of women, African-American and people of color sworn-in. This would have not been possible without the hard work of Omega men. Omega men across the United States played a pivotal role in registering new voters, sponsoring political forums, engaging in voter education, and more importantly helping get out the vote.

The following is a rundown of what our collective efforts accomplished:

- Registered a record number of new black voters in targeted communities;
- Engaged and expanded voter turnout among infrequent black voters;
- Worked across committee chairs to produce and distribute a "Get out the vote" video via social media and direct email;
- Identified a slate of African-American candidates and ballot initiatives that helped communities of color;
- Engaged and educated fraternity members, community partners and elected leaders about the injustices of voter suppression. Unfortunately, voter suppression played a significant role in statewide elections in Georgia, Florida and North Carolina;
- Participated in "souls to the polls," providing rides to the voting polls for those in need;
- Helped increase large black voter turnout; resulting in nearly doubling voter turnout from 2014;
- Helped elect a historic number of black members in congress (56 including two United States Senators);
- Aided in electing a record number of blacks to local, state and federal offices;
- Supported national civil rights organizations in their campaigns in support of voting rights;
- Devised strategies to aid in the ongoing struggle for racial and political justice.

However, our work is not done. During the first quarter of 2019, we will roll-out the infrastructure to encourage chapters and districts to participate in an Omega Day at their state capitals. Moreover, we will implement an Omega Day at the United States Capitol. As the late Shirley Chisholm once sagely opined, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." As Omega men – we will serve until the rent is paid in full.

Thank you again and have a blessed 2019.

Yours in Omega,
David Marion, Ph.D.
41st Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Protocol Policy Changes

February 11, 2019

To: Brother Kenneth Barnes
Executive Director, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

From: Gary C. Clark
International Protocol Chairman

Re: Protocol Policy Changes

Good Morning Brother Barnes,

The following two Protocol Policy changes were approved at the January 24, 2019 Supreme Council Meeting, held in Atlanta, Georgia. On behalf of the International Protocol Committee, I would appreciate you disseminating these policy changes to the entire Brotherhood as appropriate including posting them on our website.

These changes are immediately in effect.

- a. **Singing of the Omega Hymn (Omega Dear) in Public Settings**- It shall be the policy when Brothers sing the Omega Hymn in a **public** setting to stand in place. Brothers shall not hold hands, cross arms in any manner or sway or kick in any direction. If space permits Brothers can form a circle without holding hands, crossing arms, or swaying or kicking in any direction. Hands shall remain at the sides with total focus on the singing of our beloved "Omega Dear". This protocol will apply to Public Memorial Services and Formal Banquet events. Furthermore, it shall be the policy that singing the Omega Hymn is prohibited at all other public events not mentioned above including weddings.

- b. **Official Omega Attire** - It shall be the policy that the official attire for all Omega Men is defined as a solid black suit (no stripes or other designs on the suit); a white dress shirt; a solid Royal Purple necktie (no bow-ties or ascots); black socks and black dress shoes. Unless stated otherwise, official Omega Attire is required for all official Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. functions. A Brother not properly attired should not participate in a function calling for Official Omega Attire. This includes functions such as Omega Memorial Services, appearance on public programs, and official pictures. All official fraternity chapter pictures should be taken in "official Omega Attire." A Brother without appropriate dress should be excluded from the picture. Where feasible and necessary, it is recommended that chapters attempt to take an official chapter picture each year for historical purposes.

NINTH DISTRICT NEWS



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ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • OKLAHOMA • TEXAS



82nd ANNUAL NINTH DISTRICT MEETING

April 11 - 14, 2019

Lafayette, LA

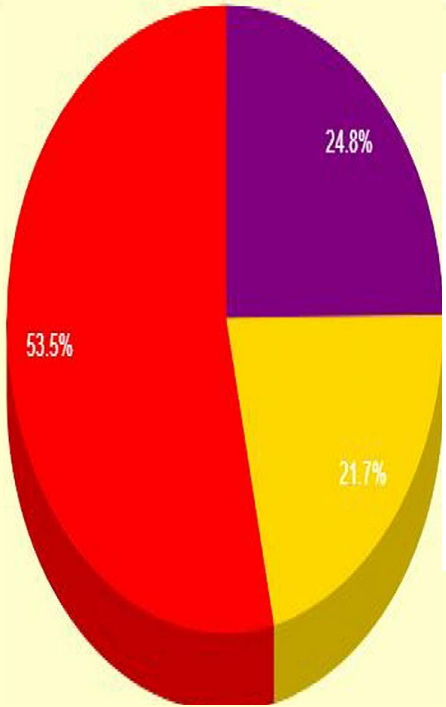
District Marshal: Bro. Marcus Bryant

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

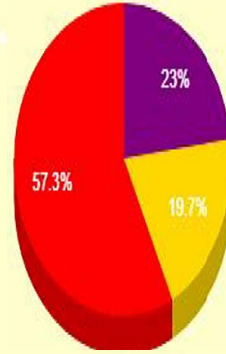
Financial Status Summary by State

Ninth District Financial Status Summary FY2018-19

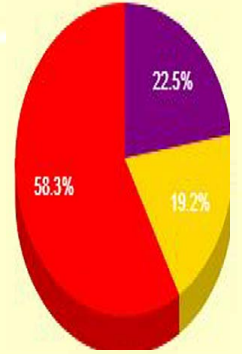
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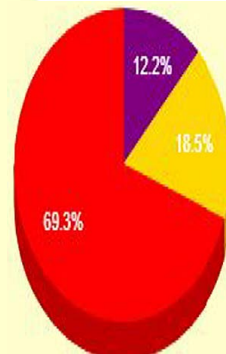
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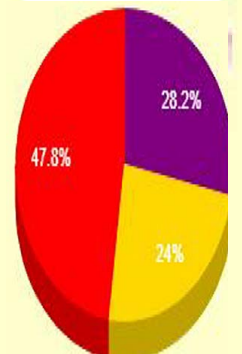
Louisiana



Oklahoma



Texas



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

Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Family Picnic: March 9, 2019

Time: 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Chapter Meeting: March 12, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Attire: Business

Monday Night: "Happy Hour"

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Memorial Service 2019 - March 17, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM

**Location: St. John Institutional Missionary B.C.
2538 Jackson Ave. N.O. LA 70113**

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Contact Us

Contact me for more information on **Rho
Phi Chapter**

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