



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

November, 2019

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Greetings From Basileus, Bro. Jerome Tingee

The Month of November is the beginning of the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the Rho Phi event train is ready to roll.

Our first event of the fiscal year will be the chapter's 4th Annual Domestic Violence Summit, which will be held November 1-3, 2019. This 3 day event includes a Self Defense class which was held on Friday, November 1st, the Walk and Summit held on Saturday, November 2nd, and Luncheon held on Sunday, November 3rd.

The Achievement Week Banquet, will be held at the Belle Terre Country Club in Laplace LA on Saturday, November 16, 2019. This is where we get to celebrate brothers in our Fraternity for their outstanding service to our organization and the community.

The 108th Founders Day Celebration will be held at the Gamma Rho Foundation house on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 7:00pm. The event will rotate every year between Rho Phi and Gamma Rho Chapters.

The last event will be the chapter's annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway. All baskets and donations must be brought to the CCQ clubhouse no later than Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7pm.

Lets govern ourselves accordingly and continue to take pride in what is uniquely ours, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

CHAPTER NEWS

U.N.C.F. Walk/Run - Kickoff

Rho Phi Chapter and brothers from the Greater New Orleans Coalition of Omegas participated in the annual U.N.C.F. Walk/Run Kickoff event, held at The Audubon Park Tea Room on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Brothers assisted the U.N.C. F. staff by handing out Walk/Run t-shirts and other items to the attendees.



U.N.C.F. Walk/Run

Rho Phi Chapter and brothers from the Greater New Orleans Coalition of Omegas, participated in the annual U.N.C.F. Walk/Run, held at The Audubon Park on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Brothers from the New Orleans Coalition was one of the sponsors of the event allowing the coalition name to be printed on the back of the participants t-Shirts.



Ques For Cancer Awareness

Rho Phi Chapter brothers wore pink t-shirts and other pink paraphernalia along with donating funds in support of Cancer Awareness on Monday, October 21, 2019. The donation will be given to the local Susan G. Komen Chapter.



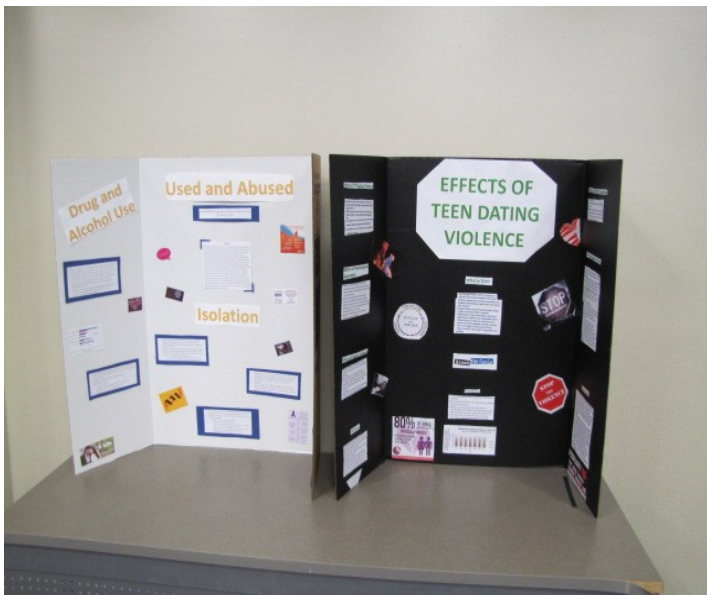
Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

Rho Phi Chapter brothers, domestic violence survivors and members of the community, participated in the 4th annual Domestic Violence Walk on Saturday, November 2, 2019. This year's walk began at the Crescent City Q's clubhouse and ended at Dillard's University's Lawless Memorial Chapel.



Domestic Violence Awareness Summit

Rho Phi Chapter , hosted the 4th annual Domestic Violence Summit on Saturday, November 2, 2019. This year's event was held in Dillard's University's Georges Auditorium. The purpose of the event is to discuss the impact that domestic violence has on the community and also prevention. Dillard's Criminal Justice majors participated in the event by developing posters that highlighted Domestic Violence topics.



Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon

Rho Phi Chapter, hosted the 4th annual Domestic Violence Luncheon on Sunday, November 3, 2019. The event was held at Sha Jollies. The guest speakers were two Domestic Violence survivors: Ms. Nanetta Brooks and Ms. Dionne Clark.



#QUESFORTHECOUNT

Rho Phi Chapter continued to promote the 2020 Census during the 4th annual Domestic Violence Luncheon on Sunday, November 3, 2019. Information on the census was made available to the attendees at the Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon.



National Kidney Foundation Walk/Run

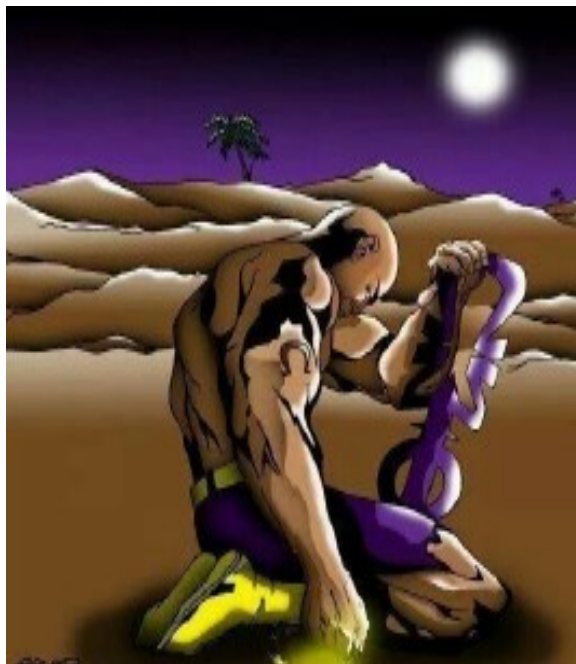
Rho Phi Chapter, brothers participated in the event and donated \$500.00 to the National Kidney Foundation. The event was held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Audubon Park.



Initiation Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rho Phi chapter brothers on the anniversary of their Initiation into **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity** in November.

November 02, 1984 — Bro. Gary Dugue — Rho Phi
November 03, 2006 — Bro. Folosu Sokunbi— Xi Sigma
November 11, 1983 — Bro. Terrence Augillard — Xi Sigma
November 11, 1983 — Bro. Barry Sylvester — Xi Sigma
November 11, 2004— Bro. Leo Pollard — Alpha Lambda
November 11, 2007— Bro. Charles Henry — Mu Phi
November 15, 1961 — Bro. John Jones Jr. — Beta Sigma
November 15, 1982 — Bro. Nicholls Spears. — Lambda Alpha
November 17, 1972 — Bro. Patton Cohen — Xi Sigma
November 18, 1972 — Bro. Dwight Jarrett Sr. — Epsilon Delta
November 18, 1981— Bro. Joseph Robertson — Alpha Lambda
November 21, 1986 — Bro. Wardell Bourgeois — Theta Sigma
November 30, 1976 — Bro. Walter Martin Jr. — Xi Sigma
November 30, 1979 — Bro. Denardo Dunham — Epsilon Gamma



Healthy Living Tips

From Dr. Tursha

Let's Talk About Mindset...

I recently came across the above conversation and it really struck me. I had to sit with it and think for a minute. It's a really simple question, but it's one that can open up the doors to a lot of healing.

"Are you making changes because you love yourself or because you hate yourself?"

When you go about making those 'healthy' changes to your life and lifestyle, ask yourself that question. Are you doing it out of love or out of hate? (Yes, "hate" is a strong word, and that's on purpose")

Do you hate your body? Do you hate your relationships? Do you avoid looking at yourself? Do you want to correct something that's "wrong" with you?

Healthy Living should NEVER be about trying to correct a part of you that you don't like or change you into someone that you are not. A healthy lifestyle should be about you feeling good and wanting to feel better and about giving your body the tools it needs to heal and live well. It should be about you exploring the highest, happiest version of yourself. That doesn't mean that you don't want improvement. It means that you love yourself through the shifts and appreciate where you are, where you have been and where you're heading.

I'm going to do a bit more research on the subject because I think it's a fascinating concept. In the meantime, ask yourself this question. Do it several times a day. Any time you have a thought about yourself, say something about yourself, or make a healthy change... ask this question. Be honest with yourself when you are answering.

I'll share some strategies to shift this mindset into one of love really soon.

Have you asked yourself this question? Did you come up with any realizations? For more info, check out my website: www.drtursha.com

Until next time,

Brother Spotlight

Congratulations to **Bro. Michael Raymond** for being selected as one of sixty notable alumni of Southern University at New Orleans. Bro. Raymond, along with other honorees, received their award at the University's 60th Year Anniversary Celebration. The event was held at the Hyatt Regency hotel. In addition to being honored by the University, Bro. Raymond also received proclamations from Governor John Bel Edwards and U.S. Congressman Cedric Richmond.



Condolences

Rho Phi Chapter extends condolences to the following:

Grand Basileus, Bro. David Marion—passing of his father, Mr. Henry Earl Marion.

Bro. Clinton Smith—passing of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Penny Smith.

Family of the late **Bro. John Williams**—passing of Bro. William's wife, Mrs. Antoinette Williams.



Upcoming Chapter Events

Event: Greater New Orleans Omega Coalition - Achievement Week Banquet

Date: November 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Belle Terre Country Club

Address: 111 Fairway Dr., Laplace , LA

Attire: Formal Dress

Event: Thanksgiving Greater New Orleans Omega Coalition - Founder's Day

Date: November 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Gamma Rho Foundation House

Address: 1600 Franklin Avenue, Gretna, LA

Event: Thanksgiving Basket Donations/Give-Away

Date: November 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Crescent City "Qs" Club House

Address: 1616 –A Treasure Street

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Anti-Hazing Policy

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



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



October 11, 2019

Dear Brothers:

The Supreme Council unanimously approved a new anti-hazing policy on September 9, 2019. It is being sent to our membership and will be posted on our website. Govern yourselves accordingly. The moratorium on MSP continues.

District Representatives shall enforce Omega's anti hazing policy to the letter. Any brother who violates the anti-hazing policy below shall be expelled.

ANTI-HAZING POLICY

1. It shall be policy that hazing will not be tolerated, condoned nor endorsed as explicitly stated in the following;
2. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. embraces the principles contained in the Statement of Position on Hazing as promulgated by the Fraternity Executives Association (*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:
3. 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 Intake Process. pre-initiation activities for any of its chapters or by any of its members against any person seeking admission to the organization. **The policy expressly prohibits all acts and forms of hazing, before, during and after the Membership Intake 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 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.**
4. **Member is liable for all damages/costs incurred for any claims arising from acts of hazing. Grand Counselor will pursue this.**
5. **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.**

Fraternally,

David E. Marion, Ph.D.
Grand Basileus

Recommendation Procedures—2020 Grand Conclave

Greetings Brothers of the Mighty 9th District. Please see attachments about the Recommendation Procedures for the 2020 Grand Conclave below. Also see timeline instructions below.

2020 Grand Conclave Recommendations Timeline:

Nov 1 - Committee, through the Executive Director, sends out procedures and request for proposed policy/procedures changes and amendments to Fraternity C&BL.

- Included in this request will be instructions on the handling of Recommendations that were not considered in New Orleans (2018).
- Brothers will be instructed that pursuant to Robert's RONR, any action tabled in New Orleans expired at the close of the final Plenary Session.¹ Therefore, recommendations submitted in advance of the New Orleans Grand Conclave, but not considered before the end of the last Plenary Session, will need to be resubmitted to be considered in Tampa (2020).²
- As a courtesy, the authors of those recommendations will be contacted by the Recommendations Sub-Committee chairman following the November 1 announcement to ascertain their preference for having, or not having, their proposal considered in Tampa - either with or without changes. Any Brother may (re) submit the proposal, whether he was the original author or not, and irrespective of the preference of the original author. The contact will be made to

Submission Deadlines

January 19, 2020 (exactly 180 days before Conclave convenes) - Proposed Constitutional changes must be submitted to the Executive Director at executivedirector@opff.org and the Recommendations Chair@opff.org. (Form 3A)

March 19, 2020 (exactly 120 days before Grand Conclave begins) - Proposed Bylaws changes must be submitted to the Executive Director at executivedirector@opff.org and the Recommendations Chair @opff.org (Form 3A)

April 18, 2020 (Exactly 90 days before the Grand Conclave begins) -

1) Proposed policy changes not affecting the Fraternity C&BL must be submitted to the Executive Director at executive director@opff.org and the Recommendations Chair @opff.org

2) Proposed C&BL

1 TIME LIMITS ON TAKING A QUESTION FROM THE TABLE A question that has been laid on the table remains there and can be taken from the table during the same session or if the next regular business session will be held before a quarterly time interval has elapsed. If not taken from the table within these time limits, the question dies, although it can be reintroduced later as a new question. (Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, p. 301)

2 Article V Section 6 - Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern meetings of the Fraternity in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Fraternity may adopt for a specific meeting. (Omega Psi Phi Constitution and Bylaws p. 9) amendments timely received are to be distributed to the Chapters through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Executive Director and the Recommendations Chair. (Form 3A)

May 18, 2020 (Exactly 60 days before the Grand Conclave begins) - Proposed policy changes timely received by the Executive Director that do not affect the Fraternity C&BL are to be distributed to the Chapters through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Executive Director and the Recommendations Chair.

NINTH DISTRICT NEWS

83rd Annual Ninth District Meeting



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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

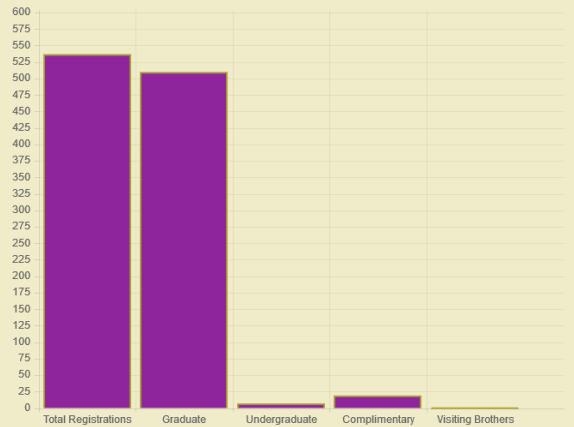
Venue Information

Cox Business Center

100 Civic Center

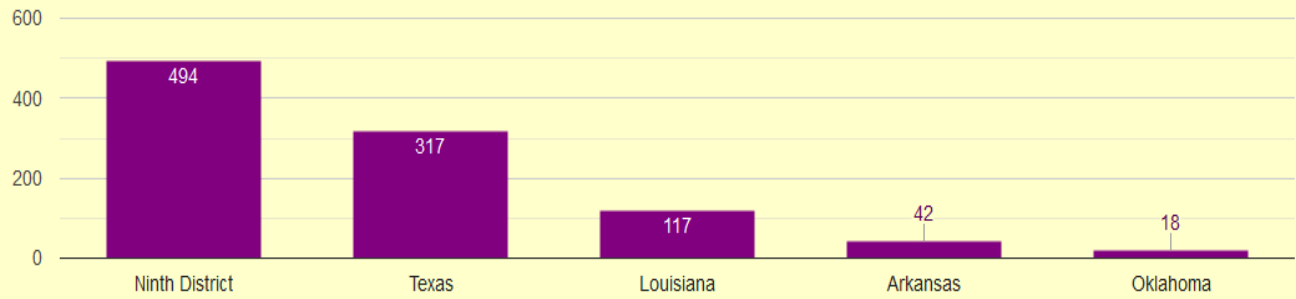
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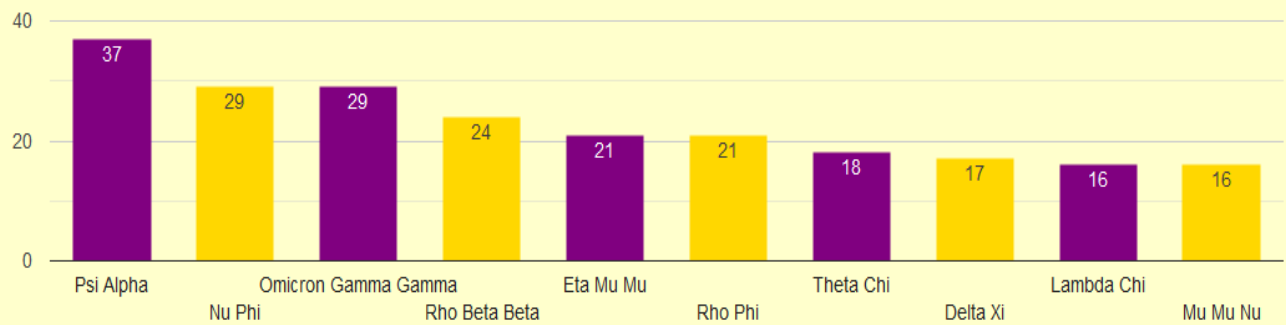


Ninth District Reclamation and Retention Totals

Total Brothers Reclaimed by District and State



Brothers Reclaimed by Chapter (Top 10)



Brothers Elected To Public Office In Louisiana

Congratulations to **Bro. Marcus Bryant**, who was elected to the position of State Representative for Louisiana House District 96. Bro. Bryant, received 58.38% of vote in the general election held on Saturday, October 12, 2019.



Bro. Marcus Bryant

Candidate for Louisiana State Representative – District 96

Initiated Beta Sigma, 1999, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Currently Rho Omicron, New Iberia, LA.

International Life Member.

Ninth District Life Member.

82nd Ninth District Marshal.

Contact Us

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Bro. Keith Taylor/Chapter Reporter: reporter@rhopi.org

Visit us on the web:

<http://www.rhopi.org>

Or the chapter's social media sites:

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

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

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

Rho Phi Chapter 2019-2020 Officers:

Basileus: Bro. Jerome Tinguée

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