



"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"

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Bro. Charles Allen III

Basileus

Rho Phi Chapter 2020-2021 Officers:

Basileus: Bro. Charles Allen III

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

CHAPTER NEWS

Charles Drew Blood Drive

June 19, 2021— Brothers of Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. co-hosted with an array of wonderful community partners: The Blood Center, Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana, Optimus Entertainment and New Orleans Musicians' Clinic. The event was held in the parking lot of Optimus Entertainment, located in New Orleans East. We are also very grateful to the brothers of the New Orleans Area Coalition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and friends who helped to make this a most successful blood drive. This effort was held to commemorate World Sickle Cell Day. Thirty-one (31) pints of blood were collected from participants at the event.



14th Pastoral Anniversary

Rev. Bro. Michael Raymond celebrated his 14th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Bro. Raymond is the senior pastor of Shiloh Christian Fellowship and Chaplain of Rho Phi chapter. Rev. Bro. Calvin Woods Jr. , the guest speaker, delivered an inspiring sermon.



hATTR Amyloidosis Webinar

June 30, 2021 — Rho Phi Chapter partnered with Black Health Matters and the Alnylam corporation to host a virtual presentation on a rare genetic disease called hATTR Amyloidosis. Basileus Charles Allen III gave welcome remarks on behalf of the chapter. One of the guest speakers, was Dr. Keith C. Ferdinand, a local African-American cardiologist.

The screenshot shows a Zoom webinar interface. The main slide features a video of a woman with the caption "CECE, living with hATTR amyloidosis". Below the video, the text reads: "Black Health Matters and Alnylam present hATTR Amyloidosis: Know Your Genetic Health History June 30th, 2021". Logos for Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Black Health Matters.com, and the Rho Phi Chapter are displayed. The interface includes a Media Player window on the left showing a woman speaking, a Slides window on the right showing the current slide, and a Speakers window on the far right listing Mari (Patient Education Liaison, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals), CeCe (Living with hATTR amyloidosis), and Keith Ferdinand, MD (Cardiologist). A Resource List for hATTR Amyloidosis is visible at the bottom left, including an overview brochure and a symptoms checklist & tracker.

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Congratulations

To Bro. Rod West. on his selection to serve on the College Football Playoff (CPF) Selection Committee.



To Bro. Bobby Major III and his wife Joy, on the selection of their daughter, Kelsey who was named the Gatorade Louisiana Girls Cross Country Player of the Year and Girls Soccer player of the year. Kelsey is the first boy or girl in state history to earn a state player of the year award from Gatorade in multiple sports in the same school year. Kelsey attends Dominican High School.

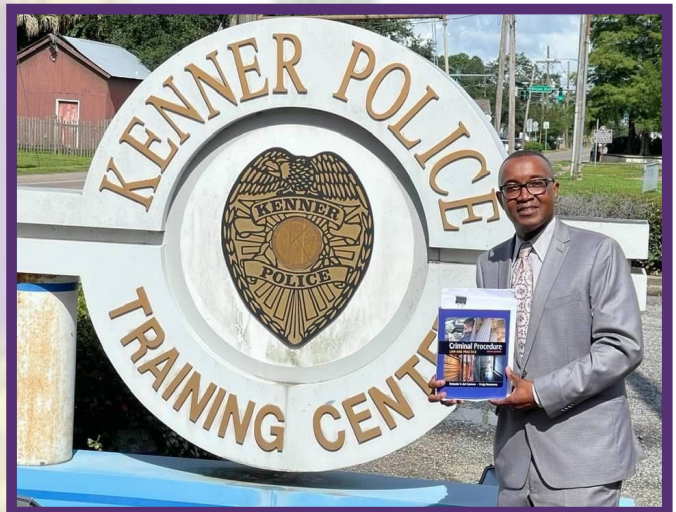


Congratulations

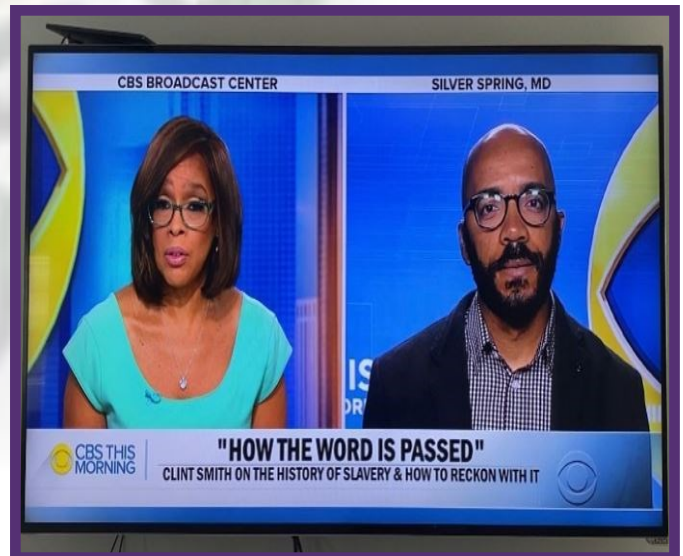
To Bro. William “Will” Sutton Jr., on winning 1st place for Serious Commentary in the Society of Professional Journalists’ 11-State Southern Region. Bro. Sutton Jr. is a columnist and editorial writer for The Advocate newspaper. He is the son of Bro. William Sutton Sr. and the brother-in-law of Bro. Clint Smith Jr.



To Bro. Marion Floyd, on celebrating his 10th anniversary as a volunteer instructor for the Kenner Police Department’s Training Academy. Bro. Floyd teaches 4th amendment constitutional courses at the academy.



Bro. Clint Smith Jr, his wife Sheryl and their son Clint Smith III who’s book on the history of slavery and how to reckon with it, “How The Word is Passed”, was #2 on Oprah Winfrey’s June, 2021 summer reading list. The book also was the #3 bestselling books on Amazon.com. Clint Smith III also spoke about his book on the CBS This Morning news show. He is also the grandson of Bro. William Sutton Sr. and the nephew of Bro. William “Will” Sutton Jr.



Initiation Anniversary

“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 July.

July 15, 1972 — Bro. Ronald Butler — Rho Phi

July 16, 1988 — Bro. Charles Rice Jr. — Psi Pi

Condolences

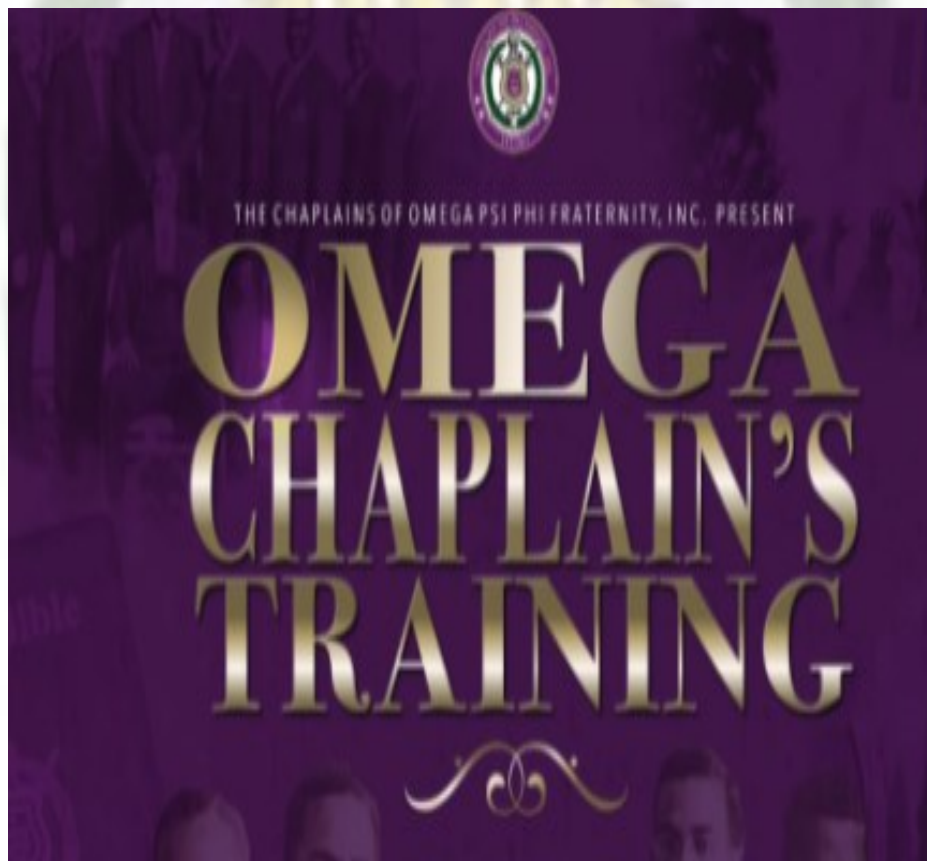
Rho Phi Chapter extends condolences to the following brother

Bro. Steve Crandle ,on the passing of his brother, Mr. Vernon Crandle.



International News

June 29, 2021 -The Grand Chaplain, Brother Dr. Walter T. Richardson and chaplains of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a comprehensive training session regarding the Chaplain's qualifications, role and requirements, Memorial Services, and A.C.T.S. of Prayer.



International News

June 26, 2021— The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its 2nd Annual Virtual Graduation - a celebratory program to congratulate over 160 Brothers who have obtained bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. The virtual graduation was aired on the fraternity's official YouTube channel and website. Special guests included Brothers Anthony "Spice" Adams (Television Host, Actor, Comedian, and Former Pro Athlete), Dr. Quinton T. Ross, Jr. (President, Alabama State University), General William E. "Kip" Ward (Retired Lieutenant General, and first Commander of the U.S. Africa Command), Dr. Gregory Washington (President of George Mason University). The program will also have appearances from Dr. David Marion (41st Grand Basileus), Caleb Love (2nd Vice Grand Basileus), Dr. Walter T. Richardson (Grand Chaplain), Kenton Kelly (Undergrad Rep), and John Howard (Executive Director).



Ninth District News

The Ninth District is rolling out their new Reclamation tracking and incentive program. Online systems have been created that will assist brothers with tracking who they reclaim and allow easy signup for reclaimed brothers. Please review the reclamation toolbox tab on your MyPage for your reclamation tools. The incentives that were approved by the District Council are innovative and groundbreaking! These incentives demonstrate that the Ninth is serious about reclamation and will lead the fraternity in this area. Please review the following information and don't miss out on these great opportunities.

Reclamation Committee Email: reclamation@mightyninth.com

Reclamation Page: https://mightyninth.com/district_reclamation.php

Reclamation Instructions Video Link: <https://youtu.be/67hsgyvpmMM>

Ninth District Incentives:

Reclaimed Brothers

- All Reclaimed Brothers entered into IHQ LM Raffle
- All Reclaimed Brothers entered into 9th District LM Raffle
- (Roundups Only) 2 Years District Dues for \$50
- (Roundups Only) \$50 District Meeting Registration

Reclaiming Brothers

- Brothers with 10+ reclaimed entered into District LM Raffle (Transferable)
- Top Individual – District Life Membership (Transferable) & and 2 Years Free DM Registration (Minimum 25 +)
- Runner Up Individual – ½ District Life Membership (Transferable) & and 2 Years Free DM Registration (Minimum 20 +)
- Top 10 Individuals - 2 Years Free Dues (Transferable) and DM Registration (Minimum 15 +)

Chapters

- Top Chapter – 4 Free DM Registrations for 2 Years, Pay IHQ Insurance (Minimum 25 +)
- Runner Up Chapter – 3 Free DM Registrations for 2 Years, Pay IHQ CEF (Minimum 20 +)

Ninth District News

The Ninth District is looking to expanding their committee structure to encourage more brothers to participate. The District is encouraging this effort by removing all barriers to committee participation. It doesn't matter how long you have been in the fraternity or chapter you belong to, they are seeking brothers with a passion to serve the Ninth District. The committees will be structured with two chairs, core members, and at-large members. Core members are expected to participate in all committee related activities and at-large members can participate when their schedules permit, but some level of participation is expected. Please take the time to fill out the survey at the link below to communicate your interest. The list of committees seeking membership is also included below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/committee9d>

Community and Civic Affairs Committee

- Achievement Week, Talent Hunt

History and Archives Committee

- Ninth District History, Afro-American Life & History, Artifacts & Memorabilia

Membership Committee:

- New Membership, Reclamation, Retention

Public Relations Committee

Rules Committee

- Bylaws Recommendations, Policies & Procedures

Social Action Committee

Ways and Means Committee

Brotherhood Committee

- Hospitality Sub-Committee
- Bereavement Sub-Committee, Emergency Assistance Sub-Committee, Benefits, Programs and Incentives

CONTACT US

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Visit us on the web:

<http://rhophi.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>