



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

# Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



Rho Phi Chapter

“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

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**Bro. Charles Allen III**

**Basileus**

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# CHAPTER NEWS

## Christmas Gifts Giveaway

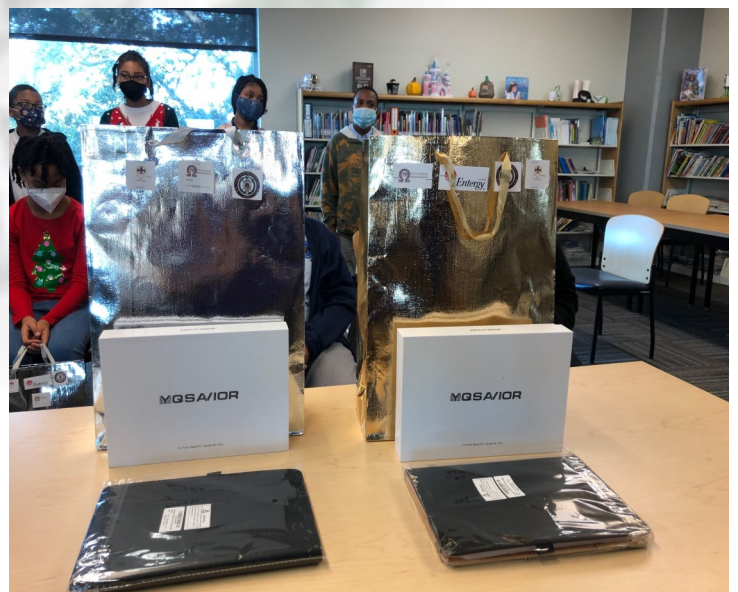
December 21-22, 2021—Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in partnership with the Omega Men Foundation hosted its annual Christmas Gift Giveaway service project by contributing \$1,000.00 to the Times-Picayune /Advocate Christmas Doll & Toy Fund and donated \$1,420.00 to transitional housing shelters in the Greater New Orleans Area. Additionally, scores of story book Bibles and gifts cards were also donated to the housing shelters as well. The names of the transitional housing shelters are : New Orleans Women & Children’s Shelter, Salvation Army of Greater New Orleans, Unity of Greater New Orleans Family Program, Bethel Colony Transitional Housing Shelter, Metropolitan Center for Women & Children and Hagar’s House.





# Star Reader Program

December 15, 2021 - Brothers from Rho Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and their partner Omega Men Foundation hosted their annual Star Reader program at Mary M. Bethune Elementary School. A male and female student in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades who's reading scores improve the most received an technology tablet and case. Funds to purchase the tablets were donated by Rho Phi brothers along with grant money from Entergy Corporation, Inc. The 18 students who received awards were: 4th Graders—Bria Carter, Darren Armstrong, Ke'ire Magee, Nolan Jones, Ta'Myra Eden and Me'Kai Rosamore. 5th Graders—Bailey Lynn, Malik Porch, Aniyah Arana, Chayse Jennings, Bailey McCoy and Derrick Kellman. 6th Graders—Tatyana Gross, Hayden Robinson, Demi McPherson, Arnaldo Elliot, Omari Buckner and Je'an Alexander.



# Congratulations

- ◆ Bro. Norman Clark on receiving his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at Louisiana State University—Shreveport.
- ◆ Bro. Foluso Sokunbi (FS) and his wife Bonycle, on the birth of their son. Bro. Sokunbi's son, who was born at Ochsner Baptist Hospital, had the distinction of being the first baby born in New Orleans in 2022.

# Condolences

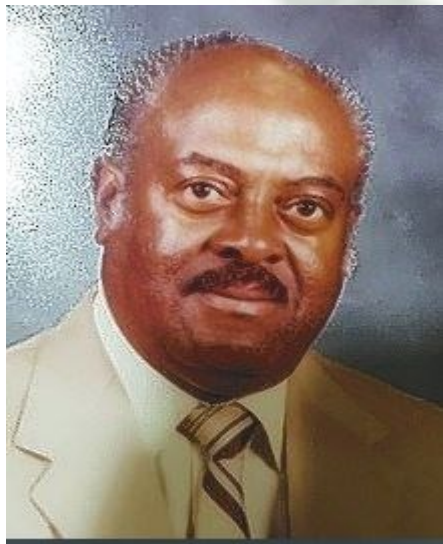
Bro. Barry Sylvester on the death of his father, Bro. Alvin Sylvester.



# Omega Chapter



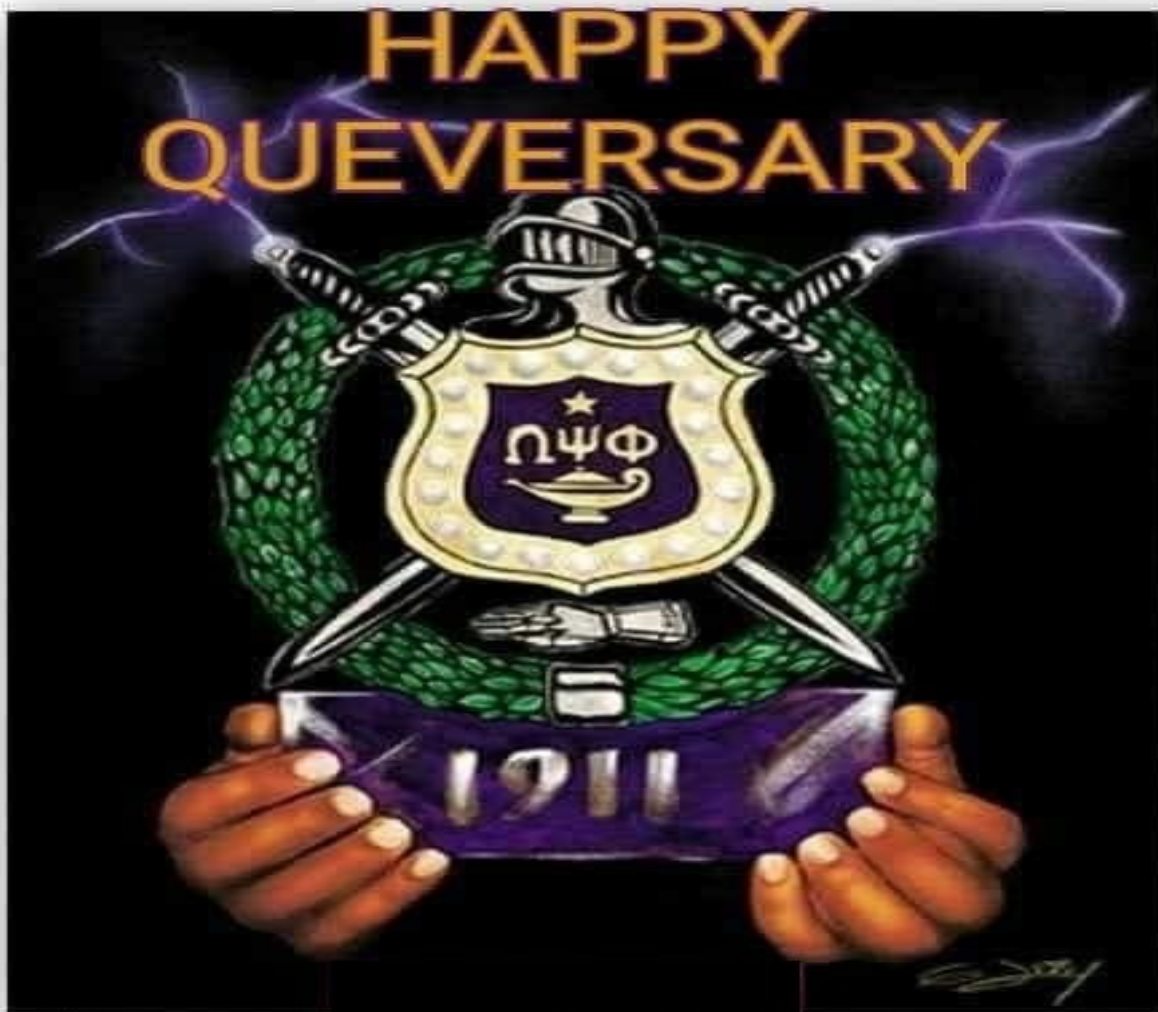
Bro. Alvin Sylvester, was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on November, 14, 1955 at Beta Sigma Chapter located on Southern University in Baton Rouge's campus. Bro. Sylvester was an active member of Rho Phi Chapter for several years. He entered Omega Chapter on December 25, 2021. His funeral was held on December 31, 2021.



# Initiation Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rho Phi chapter brother on the anniversary of his Initiation into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

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



# Ninth District News

## 2022 Winter Council Meeting

The Ninth District's Winter Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022. The meeting will be held in Dallas Texas, at the Dallas Sheraton. Brothers can attend the meeting virtually or in person. See registration instructions below:

### Zoom Registration

**REGISTER** for the Virtual 2022 Ninth District Winter Council Meeting (registration is REQUIRED to join the Zoom meeting).

Login to your "My Page" on the Ninth District website ([https://www.mightyninth.com/members\\_page.php](https://www.mightyninth.com/members_page.php)).

1. Click on the "Winter Council Registration" button (purple button on the right side).
2. Fill in all required information on the registration page and click the "Register" button.

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you have on file.

### Zoom Registration

### In-Person 2022 Ninth District Winter Council Meeting Attendees

Business Attire: Suit, sport coats or jacket, shirt and tie, dress pants, dress shoes, socks (no jeans or other tattered wear or boots)

To reserve a room in the Dallas Sheraton:

- Do NOT call the hotel to make reservations.  
Go to the District Representative's page (link to [DR's Page](#)) on the Mighty Ninth District website.
- Click on the passkey link "Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi, 2022 WCM" to reserve your room.

This room link expires **January 7, 2022**, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

We will provide updates and additional information as the meeting date approaches.

In Friendship

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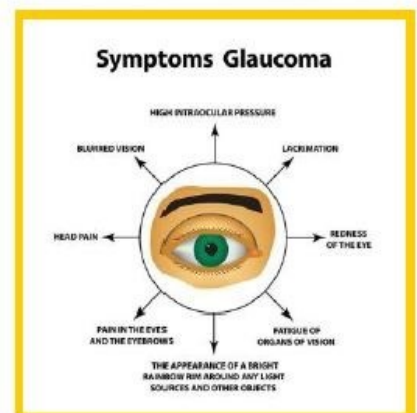
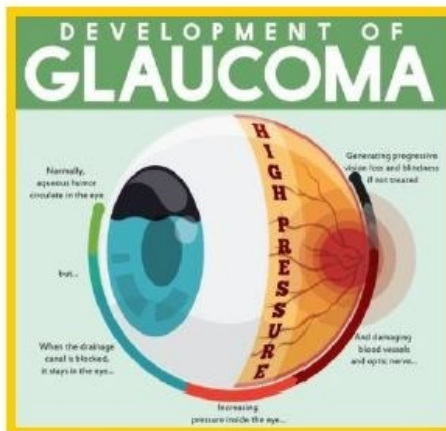
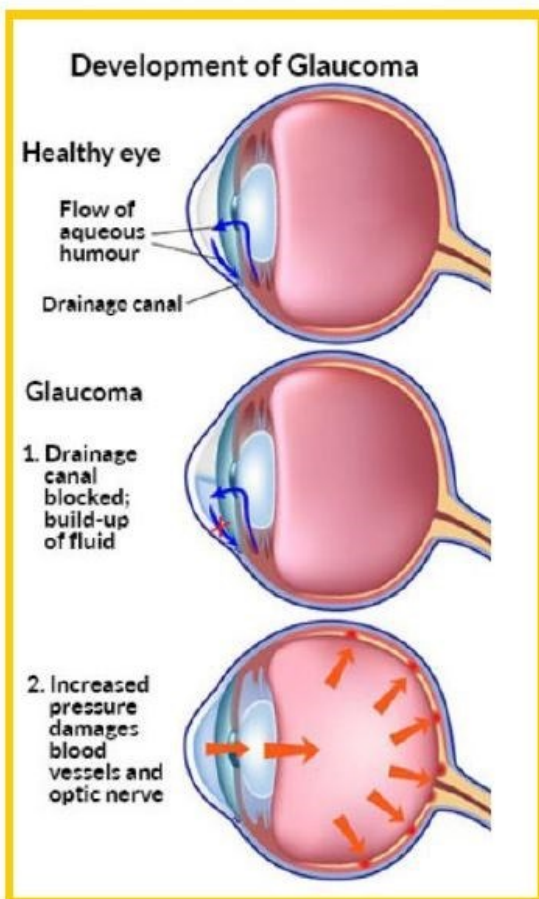


# Healthy Que Tips

## National Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma, also known as “the sneak thief of sight,” is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning. As much as 40% of vision can be permanently lost without a person noticing. Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness. Vision loss is caused by damage to the optic nerve. This nerve, acting like an electric cable with over a million wires, is responsible for carrying images from the eye to the brain. Glaucoma is usually, but not always, the result of abnormally high pressure inside your eye.

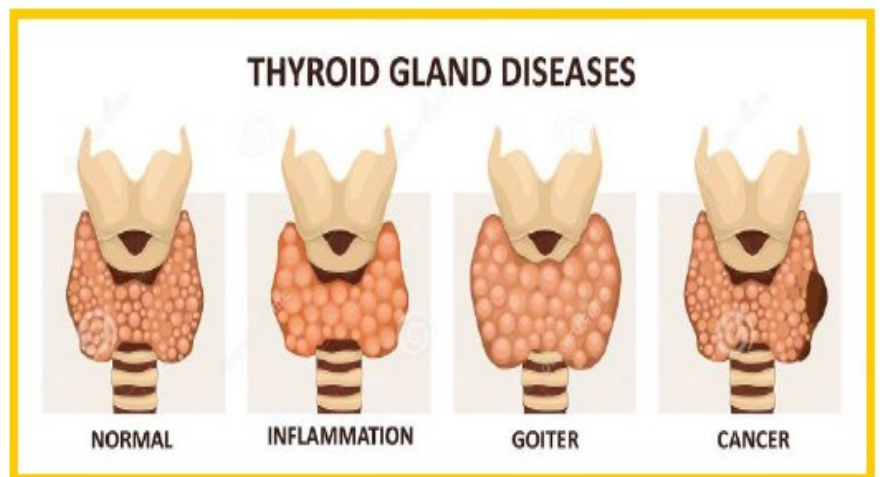
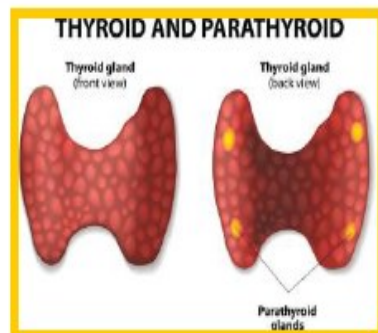
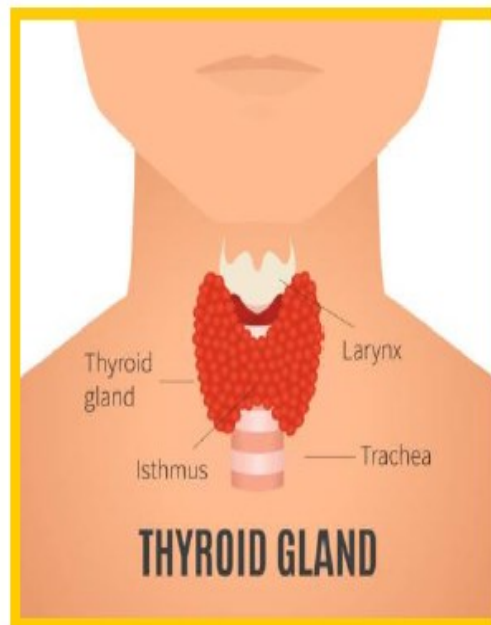
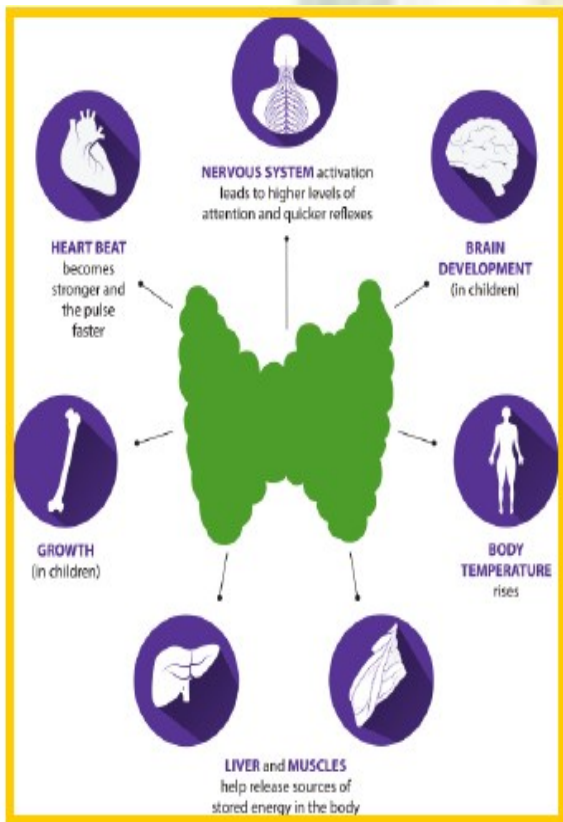
Currently, more than 3 million people in the United States (projected to rise to 4.2 million by 2030) have glaucoma (60 million people worldwide). Experts estimate that half of them do not know they have it. Although the most common forms primarily affect the middle-aged and the elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages. Moreover, among African American and Latino populations, glaucoma is more prevalent. Glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians. Glaucoma types include: primary open-angle and acute or narrow-angle. The best way to protect your sight from glaucoma is to get regular, comprehensive eye examinations. For more information, visit [www.glaucoma.org/news/glaucoma-awareness-month.php](http://www.glaucoma.org/news/glaucoma-awareness-month.php).



## National Thyroid Awareness Month

The thyroid gland is a small, butterfly-shaped gland that is located at the base of the neck. This gland influences the function of our most essential organs in the body: brain, liver, heart, kidneys and skin. The thyroid's primary job is to make hormones that are secreted into the blood stream and carried to every tissue in our bodies. The body uses this hormone for metabolism, digestion, regulating body temperature, and much more. It is vital to ensure your thyroid gland is healthy and functioning to its proper capabilities.

There are over 30 million Americans who have been affected by thyroid disease. There are a few types of thyroid disease that the public should be aware of: Hyperthyroidism (thyroid is more active than it should be, most common in people under 50, initially associated with more energy/less fatigue), Hypothyroidism (thyroid works slower than it should, common in patients over the age of 60, symptoms in older adults can be unspecific and similar to other diseases), Goiter (abnormal enlargement of the gland that causes coughing, difficulty breathing, hoarseness, and difficulty swallowing), Grave's Disease (overproduction of thyroid hormone causing swelling of thyroid gland, puffy eyes and rapid heartbeat), and Thyroid Cancer. For more information regarding symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment, see [www.pch.org/news-features/january-2021/thyroid-awareness-month.html](http://www.pch.org/news-features/january-2021/thyroid-awareness-month.html).



## CONTACT US

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