



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



“Friendship Is Essential To The Soul”

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Bro. Charles Allen III

Basileus

Rho Phi Chapter 2021-2022 Officers:

Basileus: Bro. Charles Allen III

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Asst. Keeper of Records and Seal: Bro. Ryan Banks

Keeper of Finance: Bro. Bobby Major III

Keeper of Peace: Bro. Steve Crandle

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Chaplain: Bro. Michael Raymond

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

CHAPTER NEWS

Lest We Forget.....

WHERE ARE YOU OMEGA MAN?

By Brother Herb Ford

You knew that this would be a long term, life long relationship. Not one of those booty calls or weekend flings. It looks like you just enjoyed the chase and enamored with the process. Wherever Big Brother Almighty told you to be, you were there. Whatever time he told you be there you arrived 15 minutes early and with plenty of Enthusiasm. Time was not an issue and you had no excuses. If you had an assignment, you did it. If you had to pick up trash, you did it. Clean the chicken, you did it. You wore the suit, the jeans, the t-shirt, whatever was required, you just did it. You wanted her so bad, and you did whatever you had to do to get her attention. Did you just enjoy the chase, the thrill of the hunt? Or did you want more? Now that you got her, where are you now. You have no time for her now! You block her calls, and don't return emails. Can't find you at chapter meetings, committee meetings, social action, nothing.... but let there be a party, you are the first one to bring out the gold boots. Let there be an MSP session, and now you are quick to call and ask, "How do I get MSP certified?. Or worse yet, you want 'them' to come see you. Let's be real, you got the shirt on, the license plate, the hat, the hoodie, the bracelet, the lapel pin, and the shield on the wall. All of that matters for nothing, if you are not around working.

What was it that drove you to her? What was it that enabled you to put her at the top of the priority list. Why was she the apple of your eye? What was so attractive about her that made you talk about her all the time? Nonstop you talked about her; the purple and gold night and day... It is GOD, Family then FRAT! During the process nothing would stop you and I mean nothing. Answer this Omega Man, what is the wedge that keeps you from doing thy duty with her now? How did that wedge fester and grow to become such an immovable object that separates you from her sweet loving arms? You had a job before the process. You had a family before the process. You knew of the commitment and what was required when you took the oath. Or did you? You knew there was only 24 hours in a day. So what is it that drives you away from her? What did she do to you to make you so mad, that you don't come around no mo'?

*Where are you, Omega Man?
She is asking where is all of your love
and peace and happiness...?*

Jazz Festival Fund Raiser

April 29—May 8, 2022 —Rho Phi Chapter held its annual scholarship fund raiser. Chapter brothers volunteered their time at the New Orleans Jazz Festival for 7 days scanning tickets at the entrances to the festival. All monies raised during this event fund scholarships that are given to college bound minority students in the New Orleans area.

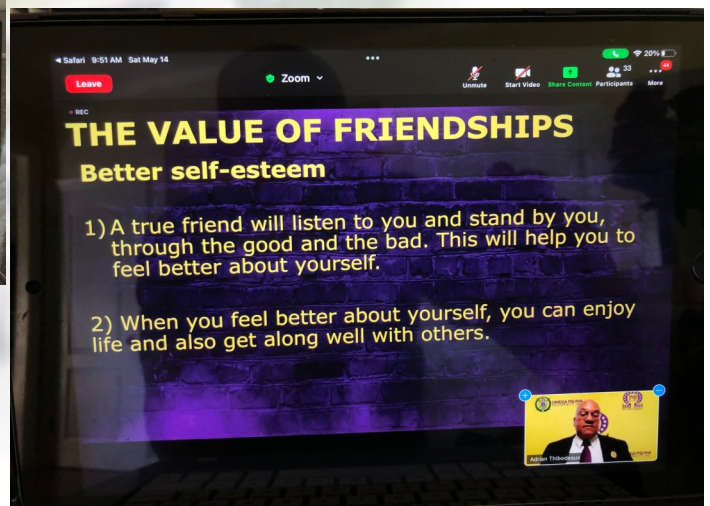
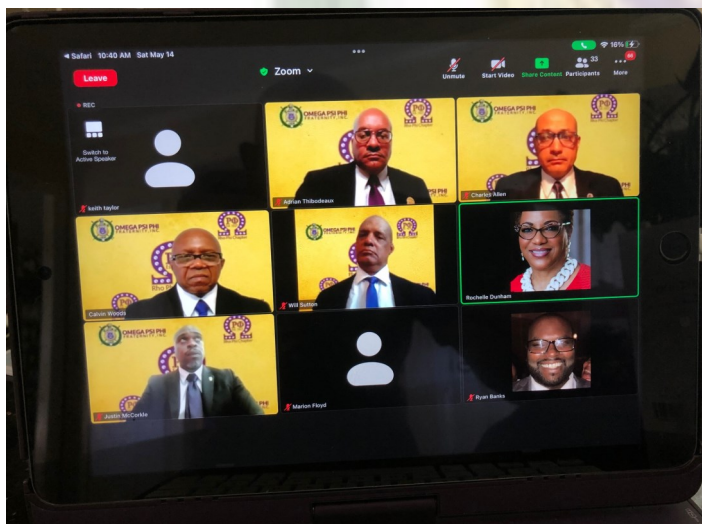
Note: More pictures can be viewed on chapter's website: <https://rhophi.org/photos>



2022 Youth Leadership Conference

May 14, 2022 - Rho Phi Chapter, held its second annual Youth Leadership Conference. This year's theme was P.U.S.H. (Push Until Success Happens). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event was held virtually. Speakers included brothers from Rho Phi and others in the community who spoke on various topics that encouraged young men and women to P.U.S.H towards their goals.

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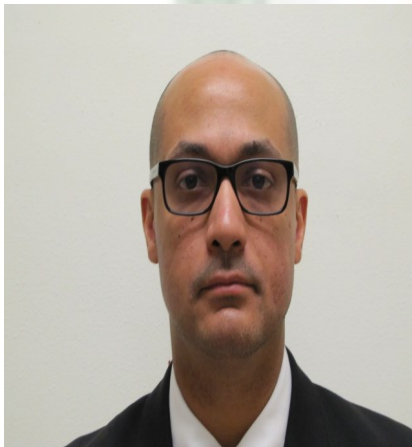


Congratulations

Bro. Clint Smith Jr. whose son Clint III received his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from Harvard University. Dr. Smith III also is the grandson of Bro. William Sutton Sr. and the nephew of Bro. Will Sutton Jr.



Basileus Charles Allen III on his appointment as Assistant Ninth District Keeper of Records and Seal.



Bro. Rod West who was featured in the Summer 2021 edition of the Oracle Magazine (page 122).



Bro. Nick Spears on his election as King Zulu 2023.



Bro. Raymond Mondy Jr. on receiving his Bachelor in Science (BS) Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tuskegee University.



Initiation Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rho Phi chapter brother on the anniversary of his initiation into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in June.

June 09, 1979 — Bro. Clinton Smith Jr. — Sigma Alpha



International News

Grand Conclave Registration Update



<u>REGISTRATION PERIOD</u>	<u>START DATE</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION FEE*</u>
Early Bird	September 29, 2021	October 12, 2021	\$395 Graduate / \$197.50 Undergraduate
Regular	October 13, 2021	March 31, 2022	\$440 Graduate / \$220.00 Undergraduate
Peak	April 1, 2022	June 19, 2022	\$515 Graduate / \$257.50

United Nations Special Consultative Status

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



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



Brothers,

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. became the first NPHC fraternity and third Divine Nine organization to receive Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Bureau for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) - Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Omega joins Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. as the only Divine Nine organizations to receive this distinction from the United Nations.

Special Consultative Status provides the fraternity with the following:

- International recognition of the humanitarian and other significant advocacy work being done by the fraternity globally and the enhancement of our efforts around the world
- Influence with global leaders and governments;
- Access to ECOSOC and other United Nations subsidiary bodies
- Access to possible funding sources to support work relevant to the United Nations
- Access to the various human rights mechanisms within the United Nations
- Access to special events organized by the President of the United Nations General Assembly

This review cycle saw 266 new applications and 320 deferred re-applications from organizations worldwide. Omega's application was approved unanimously by the Committee on NGOs, comprised of United Nations Member State diplomats representing their respective governments.

Omega's association with the United Nations through Special Consultative Status provides us with the enviable opportunity to continue our legacy of encouraging universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; facilitating international cultural and educational cooperation; identifying solutions to global economic, social, and health problems, and promoting higher standards of living, employment, economic empowerment and social progress for communities around the world. This will significantly raise the profile of our beloved Fraternity and all of our chapters **in 17 countries on 4 continents**.

I thank Brother Dr. Trevor Hodge, Immediate Past 13th District Representative, and Brother William Jemison, Chief of Staff to the 41st Grand Basileus, for their steadfast commitment and dedication, since 2019, in researching and completing our application packet and in presenting our case before the United Nations Committee on NGOs. These Brothers will now serve as Omega's Representatives to the United Nations Committee on NGOs/ECOSOC.

In Friendship,

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

Reclamation and Retention Announcement

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June 01, 2022

Dear Brothers,

On behalf of our International Reclamation and Retention committee, I ask for your commitment and immediate attention to this critically important mandated program. As an active and financial Brother, our influence and initiatives continue to make a profound and positive impact on this nation and countries world-wide. **The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**, is recognized as a premier Greek letter organization committed to Brotherhood, Community Service, and Social and Economic Justice for all.

This commitment started with our three undergraduate founders, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper, Frank Coleman, and their faculty advisor Dr. Ernest Everett Just over 110 years ago when they dared to be unique in organizing the first international fraternal

organization founded on the campus of a historically black college. Unfortunately, our financial membership roster, when compared to our reclaimable membership roster does not reflect the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our founders as many initiated Brothers have failed to retain or maintain their financial status in Omega. We need Brothers to return to a positive financial status and know that the stronger our numbers, the bigger our voice, and the greater our influence.

Consequently, I am asking every financial member to reach out and reclaim just one non-financial Brother while placing particular emphasis on reclaiming at least one non-financial Brother by our **83rd Grand Conclave in Charlotte**. Tell these Brothers, the cost is only \$125 plus a \$5 late fee and a possible reinstatement fee of \$3. This conclave has the most Brothers registered and will be the largest attended in Omega's history. To all my Brothers, Omega is going next level, and we need all brothers on board. I am personally asking you to make this request a major priority and your personal commitment to **"Each One Bring One."** Long Live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In Friendship,

David Marion, Ph.D.

41st Grand Basileus

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Ninth District News

Summer Council Meeting

Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

It is my prayer that this communication finds you well, prospering, and in good health, even as your soul prospers.

Our 2022 Ninth District Summer Council Meeting (SCM) will be held on **Saturday, July 16, 2022** in **Little Rock, Arkansas**. Hotel information will be announced once contracts are finalized. It is our intention, based on demand, to offer a hybrid approach to this year's SCM to allow those not able to attend in person to stream the meeting via Zoom.

We will provide updates and additional information as it becomes available (we should have hotel and registration information by the end of this week).

In Friendship,

Bro. Harold L. Bailey

Ninth District Representative

9thDistrictDR@oppf.org

86th District Meeting Early Registration

Early Bird registration for the 86th Ninth District meeting, March 29, 2023 – April 1, 2023. Tulsa, OK will open on Thursday June 16, 2022 and close on Thursday June 30, 2022 at 11:59 PM Central. You will need to login to the Ninth District website to register for the meeting.

Early Bird Registration Rates (6/16/2022 – 6/30/2022):

Undergraduate - \$125 (this rate will remain throughout the registration process)

Graduate - \$150

Quette - \$150

Visiting Brothers (other Districts) - \$200

Regular Registration Rate (7/1/2022 – 12/31/2022):

Undergraduate - \$125 (this rate will remain throughout the registration process)

Graduate - \$200

Quette - \$150

Visiting Brothers (other Districts) - \$200

The DoubleTree by Hilton Tulsa Downtown is the host hotel. We will provide a link for reservations at a later date.

CONTACT US

For more information on Rho Phi Chapter send an email to:

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

Visit us on the web:

<https://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>