



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"

November, 2022

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Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux

Basileus

Rho Phi Chapter 2022-2023 Officers:

Basileus: Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux

Vice-Basileus: Bro. Charles Rice Jr.

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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. Calvin Woods Jr.

Parliamentarian: Bro. Kyle Augillard

Chapter Counselor: Bro. Marion Floyd

Immediate Past Basileus: Bro. Charles Allen III

Other Fraternity Officers:

S.E. Louisiana State Representative: Bro. Terrence Augillard

Lest We Forget.....



Colonel Charles Young was born Saturday, March 12, 1864 in Mayslick, Kentucky from ex-slaves. He graduated from high school at the age of 16, and won placement to West point. In 1889, he graduated from West Point as a commissioned Second Lieutenant. He was its 3rd Black graduate. In 1894, he was appointed Professor of Military Science at Wilberforce University. Colonel Young was a member of the Buffalo soldiers in the 9th and 10th Cavalry. In 1903 with the 10th Cavalry, he extended the roads in Sequoia National Park in California. Colonel Charles Young was also one of the first Military Spies for the Military Information Division in Haiti. Colonel Charles Young was made the second honorary member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated on March 8, 1912. He spoke at the 8th Grand Conclave in Boston. He delivered his speech "The Reconstruction" to an audience of 10,000. For his service as adviser to the Liberian Government and his supervision of the building of the country's infrastructure, he was awarded the NAACP's second Springarn Medal in 1916. While fighting in the Philippines, he was promoted to Captain. He served in Haiti and Liberia. He became the first black Major in the U.S. Army. Under General John Pershing, he chased the outlaw-hero Pancho Villa, back into Mexico. "Black Jack" Pershing recommended that Young be promoted to General. He would have been America's first black General. The recommendation was denied. However, while serving in the military, Young mentored Sergeant Major Benjamin O. Davis. Davis would go on to become the Army's 1st Black General. When World War I started, Young was the highest ranking black officer. As such, the Army rejected him for active service On June 22, 1917. They forced him to retire saying he had high blood pressure which was a cloak for bigotry and racism. In June of 1918, in response to show he was fit, Young saddled his mare Dolly, and rode 500 miles from Xenia, Ohio to Washington D.C. to the Old Executive Building at 1730 Pennsylvania Avenue to see the Secretary of War, Lindley Garrison, to petition for reinstatement. As a result, he was promoted to full colonel and reassigned to Camp Grant, Illinois. He was later reassigned back to Nigeria. He didn't get a chance to fight in WWI. He died on a mission in Lagos, Nigeria from Bright's Disease on Sunday, January 8, 1922. His funeral was one of the few ever held at Arlington National Cemetery. He is buried there in section 3. The program of Memorial Day originated from the laying of the wreath in his honor. Young was devoted to his wife Ada and their two children, Charles Jr. and daughter Marie. His hobbies included playing many instruments from the flute to the harp and he composed 103 short poems. He spoke several languages.. Colonel Young's home in Ohio is the home of the National Museum of African American Military History. In the past, the house was a way station on the Underground Railroad. The house is currently owned and maintained by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Good Gang Donation

October 28, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter presented a donation to local boy scout troop 131 known as “The Good Gang.” This effort was spearheaded by deceased brother Dr. Joseph W. Davis for many years and Rho Phi has continued to support the troop every year in his memory.



Scholarship Presentation

November 3, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter presented scholarships to two incoming freshmen at Southern University in New Orleans (Tahj Lawson) and Dillard University (Ahmad Khalil Rahsaan). Both young men fathers are members of the fraternity.



City Of New Orleans Proclamation

November 17, 2022— The City Council of New Orleans presented to each chapters in the New Orleans Coalition a proclamation for their community service.



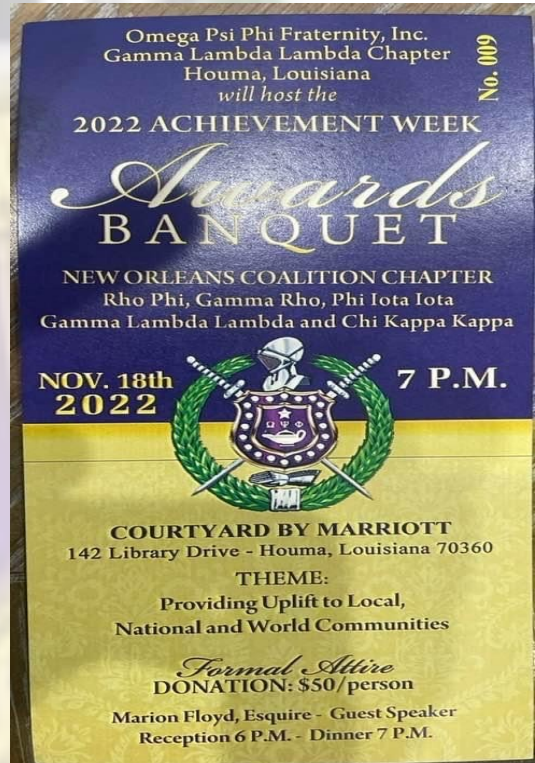
Founders Day Celebration

November 17, 2022— Rho Phi Chapter hosted the annual Founder Day Event. Brothers from the Greater New Orleans commemorated 111 years of steadfast sacrifice and service. At 1911 hours (7:11 pm) we honored our Founders, celebrated our Fraternity, renewed our Fellowship, and continued in Friendship.



Achievement Week Banquet

November 18, 2022— The New Orleans Coalition (Rho Phi, Gamma Rho, Phi Iota Iota, Gamma Lambda Lambda and Chi Kappa Kappa) hosted their annual Achievement Week Banquet. The event was held at the Marriott Hotel in Houma, LA. Gamma Lambda Lambda chapter hosted the event. The banquet is held every November and is designed to recognize those individuals at the local and international levels who have contributed to community Uplift.



Thanksgiving Baskets / Gift Cards Giveaway

November 21-22, 2022— Rho Phi chapter held its annual Thanksgiving baskets / gift card giveaway to needy families in the New Orleans area and a women's shelter. Each basket contains enough non-perishable items to provide a family of 4 with a hearty Thanksgiving meal. The basket also contains a gift card that will allow them to purchase a turkey or ham.



Initiation Anniversary

Congratulations to the following Rho Phi chapter brothers on the anniversary of their initiation into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in November.

November 02, 1984 — Bro. Gary Dugue — Rho Phi
November 03, 2006 — Bro. Foluso Sokunbi — Xi Sigma
November 03, 2006 — Bro. Victor Jones — Xi Sigma
November 11, 1983 — Bro. Terrence Augillard — Xi Sigma
November 11, 1983 — Bro. Derek Rabb — Xi Sigma
November 11, 1983 — Bro. Barry Sylvester — Xi Sigma
November 12, 1970 — Bro. Henry Coaxum Jr. — Gamma Psi
November 14, 2020 — Bro. Ryan Banks — Rho Phi
November 14, 2020 — Bro. Norman Clark — Rho Phi
November 14, 2020 — Bro. Jeff Lawrence — Rho Phi
November 14, 2020 — Bro. Calvin Woods Jr. — Rho Phi
November 14, 2020 — Bro. LaKendrick Wright — Rho Phi
November 15, 1961 — Bro. John Jones Jr. — Beta Sigma
November 15, 2002 — Bro. Nicholls Spears Sr. — Alpha Lambda
November 17, 1972 — Bro. Patton Cohen — Xi Sigma
November 18, 1972 — Bro. Dwight Jarrett Sr. — Epsilon Delta
November 18, 1988 — Bro. Randolph Davis — Gamma Gamma
November 20, 1976 — Bro. Keith Ward — Beta Sigma
November 20, 2005 — Bro. Ahmad Boykins — Mu Lambda
November 20, 2008 — Bro. Darren Riley — Xi Sigma
November 21, 1986 — Bro. Wardell Bourgeois — Theta Sigma
November 23, 1981 — Bro. Emery Minnard — Xi Sigma
November 25, 1995 — Bro. Gregg Williams — Xi Phi
November 30, 1976 — Bro. Walter Martin Jr. — Xi Sigma
November 30, 1979 — Bro. Denardo Dunham — Epsilon Gamma

Congratulations

- ◆ Bro. Joseph Hicks Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his graduation from McDonogh 35 High School.
- ◆ Bro. Bobby Major III on the 35th anniversary of his graduation from St. Augustine High School.
- ◆ Bro. Michael Raymond on his appointment to the fraternity's International Reclamation Committee.
- ◆ Bro. Jeff Lawrence Sr. on his appointment as the Finance Manager at Ray Brandt Infiniti car dealership.
- ◆ Bro. Bobbie Smith who was elected to serve as Judge for Municipal and Traffic Court, Division E in Orleans Parish.



Congratulations!

Veterans Day Celebration

Thank You For Your Service to the following Rho Phi chapter brothers who have served our country in the Armed Services.

Bro. Kyle Augillard — U.S. Air Force (10 years) / U.S. Army Reserve (Active Duty)

Bro. Ronald Butler — U.S. Air Force

Bro. Norman Clark — U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Bro. Gary Dugue — U.S. Army

Bro. Christopher Hamilton — U.S. Air Force

Bro. John Jones Jr. — U.S. Army

Bro. Charles Love II — U. S. Army Reserve

Bro. Robert Merrett — U. S. Army — National Guard

Bro. Michael Raymond — U.S. Marine Corps

Bro. Charles Rice Jr. — U.S. Army

Bro. Cesar Ruffin — U. S. Army — National Guard

Bro. Damon Singleton — U.S. Navy (Retired)

Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux — U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Bro. L. Deon Wright — U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)



International News

Oracle Magazine Preferred Choice



FROM THE DESK OF
JOHN F. HOWARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 7, 2022

Greeting Brothers,

Thank you for your support regarding the Oracle Opt-In Announcement. Due to the overwhelming response, we will extend the opportunity to Opt-In until Monday, November 14 at 8:00 PM ET.

As a point of clarification, the decision to Opt-In will not affect your access to *The Oracle*. *The Oracle* will continue to be delivered **electronically** to all Financial Brothers.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bro. Editor, Norm Senior at editortotheoracle@oppf.org

In Friendship,



John Howard
Executive Director
The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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Ninth District Health Initiatives

1. Stay Safe and Healthy
2. Follow Area CDC Coronavirus Guidelines at www.cdc.gov (Vaccinations, Social Distancing, Wearing Masks, Washing Hands)
3. Brother, You're On My Mind (Mental Health Awareness)
4. Partner with a Non-Profit Health Organization (Diabetes, AIDS, Prostate Cancer, Sickle Cell Disease, Heart Disease, St. Jude)
5. Support Friends/Families affected by Illnesses
6. Sponsor a Blood Drive and/or Health Fair
7. Highlight Monthly Health Initiatives (during formal meetings)

AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

Diabetes mellitus, commonly known as diabetes, is a metabolic disease that causes high blood sugar. The hormone insulin moves sugar from the blood into your cells to be stored or used for energy. With diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't effectively use the insulin it does make. Untreated high blood sugar from diabetes can damage your nerves (neuropathy), eyes (vision loss/retinopathy), kidneys (nephropathy), and other organs (heart disease/ heart attack/stroke, hearing loss).

There are a few different types of diabetes: Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease - the immune system attacks and destroys cells in the pancreas, where insulin is made, Type 2 diabetes occurs when your body becomes resistant to insulin, and sugar builds up in your blood, Prediabetes occurs when your blood sugar is higher than normal, but it's not high enough for a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, and Gestational diabetes is high blood sugar during pregnancy - insulin-blocking hormones produced by the placenta cause this type.

The general symptoms of diabetes include: increased hunger, increased thirst, weight loss, frequent urination, blurry vision, extreme fatigue, sores that don't heal, decreased sex drive/erectile dysfunction (symptom in men). Risk factors include: if you're a child or teenager/you have a parent or sibling with the condition (Type 1), if you are overweight/age 45 or older/have a parent or sibling with the condition/aren't physically active/have high blood pressure and high cholesterol/have African American ancestry (Type 2). For more information regarding prevention and treatment visit: <https://www.healthline.com/health/diabetes>.

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Diabetes: Complications and Treatment

 Blindness	 Heart Attack	 Kidney Failure	 Stroke	 Dental Problems
 Amputation	 Pregnancy Complication	 Nerve Damage	 Sexual Dysfunction	 Insulin Injection

Ninth District Healthy Events:

November is also Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month (See Page 3), and Epilepsy Awareness Month (See Page 4)!

Have a **Healthy** and **Safe** Achievement Week, **ΩΨΦ Founders Day**, & **Thanksgiving!**

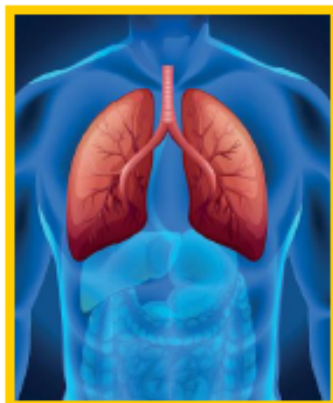
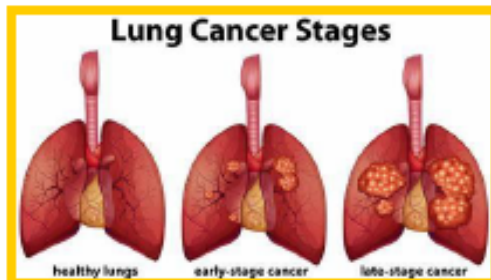
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LUNG CANCER AWARENESS

Lung cancer is the 2nd most common cancer in the world. The most common type is non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC, 80-85%). Small-cell lung cancer (SCLC) represents about 15-20% of lung cancers. Early symptoms may include: lingering or worsening cough, coughing up phlegm or blood chest pain that worsens when you breathe deeply/laugh/cough, hoarseness, shortness of breath, wheezing, weakness and fatigue, loss of appetite and weight loss. You might also have recurrent respiratory infections such as pneumonia or bronchitis. As (lung) cancer spreads (metastasize), additional symptoms depend on where new tumors form (lymph nodes, bones, brain/spine, liver).

Anyone can get lung cancer, but smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke is linked to about 90 percent of lung cancer cases. According to the CDC, cigarette smokers are 15 to 30 times more likely to get lung cancer than nonsmokers. Other risk factors include: family history of lung cancer, personal history of lung cancer, previous radiation therapy to the chest. For much more information regarding types, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of lung cancer, see www.healthline.com/health/lung-cancer.

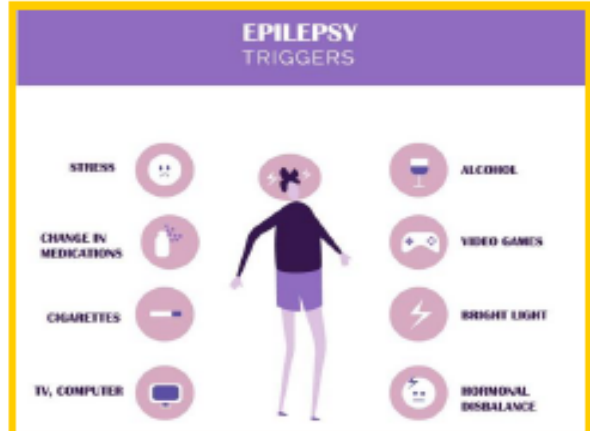
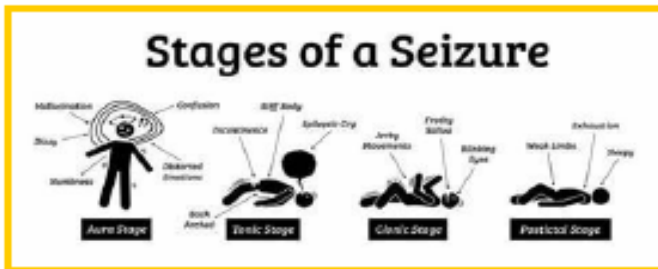
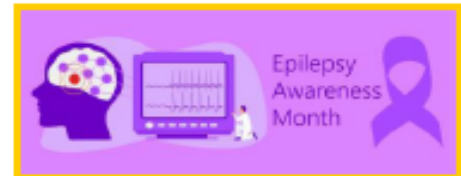
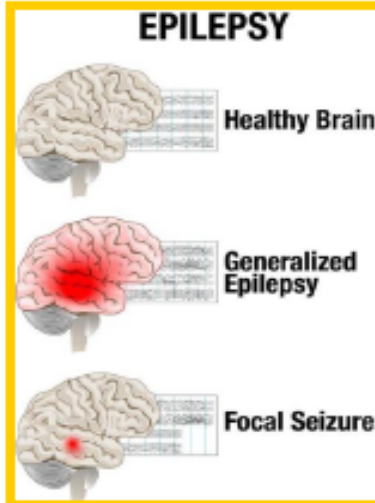
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NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS

Epilepsy is a brain disorder that causes recurring, unprovoked seizures. Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder in the world. If you have epilepsy, surges of electrical activity in your brain can cause recurring seizures. Your doctor may diagnose you with epilepsy if you have two unprovoked seizures or one unprovoked seizure with a high risk of more. Not all seizures are the result of epilepsy. Seizures may relate to a brain injury or a family trait, but often the cause is completely unknown.

Furthermore, having seizures and epilepsy can affect your safety, relationships, work, driving, and so much more. You need to recognize the patterns and situations when seizures are more likely to occur. Not all seizures are the same. Many people with epilepsy have more than one type of seizure and may have other symptoms of neurological problems as well (Generalized onset seizures: tonic-clonic, absence, atonic, Focal onset seizures: focal onset aware, focal onset Impaired awareness, and Unknown onset seizures). For symptoms, stages of seizures, treatment, and triggers see www.epilepsy.com.

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