



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Rho Phi Chapter

New Orleans, LA



"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"

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Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux

Basileus

Rho Phi Chapter 2022-2023 Officers:

Basileus: Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux

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Keeper of Records and Seal: Bro. Darrin Browder

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Parliamentarian: Bro. Kyle Augillard

Immediate Past Basileus: Bro. Charles Allen III

Other Fraternity Officers:

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

Pan-Hellenic Council Toy Distribution

December 10, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter brothers participated in the New Orleans Pan-Hellenic Council's Community event to donate toys to children shelters in the city. The event was held at Baldwin & Co. bookstore.



Real Men Read

December 14, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter and the Omega Men Foundation hosted their annual Real Men Read program at Mary Bethune Elementary school. Brothers read books to students in grades kindergarten, first and second grades along with an emphasis on the importance of reading. This is the 14th year that Rho Phi has held the event with partner schools in the New Orleans area. The Omega Men Foundation presented the school with a check in the amount of \$500.00 through a grant from The Entergy Corporation, to purchase books for their library. Note: More pictures from the event are posted on the chapter's website: <https://rhopi.org/2022-photos/>.





Star Reader Program

December 14, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter and the Omega Men Foundation hosted their annual Star Reader program at Mary Bethune Elementary school. Through grants from Entergy Corp. and the Omega Life Members Foundation technology tablets were given to a male and female student in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades whose reading skills have improved the most this school year. This is the 14th year that Rho Phi has held the event with partner schools in the New Orleans area. Note: More pictures from the event are posted on the chapter's website: <https://rhopi.org/2022-photos/>.



Well Prepared Program Donation

December 14, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter presented another check for \$500.00 to the culinary department at Mary Bethune School of Science and Technology. The chapter received a grant from the fraternity's Well Prepared Program initiative. The program is a partnership with the National Institute of Health and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. to promote healthy eating habits.



Doll and Toy Fund Distribution

December 17, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter participated in the 127th annual New Orleans Times Picayune’s Doll and Toy Fund Distribution by handing out toys and other items to struggling families in the Greater New Orleans area. The event was held at Xavier University’s Convocation Center. Note: More pictures from the event are posted on the chapter’s website: <https://rhophi.org/2022-photos/>.



Omega Wisemen Project

December 21, 2022—Rho Phi Chapter and its partner The Omega Men Foundation, raised funds to purchase children's storybook bibles and donate badly needed money to local womens shelters in the Greater New Orleans area. Note: More pictures from the event are posted on the chapter's website: <https://rhoPhi.org/2022-photos/>.



Omega Chapter—Bro. Anthony Favre



“WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES”

**When we wear the gloves
A brother has gone from our midst
And sailed to golden shores.**

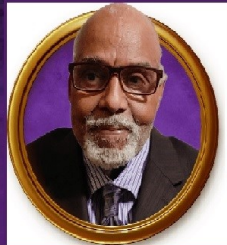
**When we wear the gloves
A friend has passed the final test
And walks through purple doors.**

**The circle has an empty place
A voice will raise no more
The song of fellowship and love
Uplift forevermore
When we wear the gloves
When we wear the gloves
A light goes from this earthly life
The visor closed again
Yet all the heavens open wide
To let a new star in**

**When we wear the gloves
A brother leaves the chapter rolls
And moves to other worlds
For when we say our last goodbye
He walks on streets of Pearls.**

When we wear the gloves.

by Brother Dr. Carver A. Portlock



Brother Anthony Favre

Initiated: Rho Phi 11/11/1983

Omega Chapter: 11/23/2022

Initiation Anniversary

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

December 01, 1973 — Bro. Almore Cato — Beta Theta

December 04, 1981 — Bro. Wondell Smith — Theta Kappa

December 05, 1975 — Bro. Darryl Boykins — Xi Sigma

December 07, 2013 — Bro. Bobbie Smith — Rho Phi

December 07, 2013 — Bro. Frank Lewis III — Rho Phi

December 07, 2013 — Bro. Willie Wilson — Rho Phi

December 08, 1978 — Bro. Kelmer Steverson Jr. — Omega Kappa

December 09, 1984 — Bro. Kenneth Bazile — Theta Kappa

December 10, 1966 — Bro. Alfred Liggans — Eta

December 12, 1963 — Bro. H. Kenneth Johnston — Rho Phi

December 12, 1970 — Bro. Freddie Baptiste — Rho Phi

December 12, 1970 — Bro. Rhusus Eckles — Beta Theta

December 13, 1968 — Bro. Michael Wingate Sr. — Theta Sigma

December 16, 1950 — Bro. William Sutton Sr. — Theta Sigma

December 18, 1953 — Bro. August James — Rho Phi



Congratulations

- ◆ Bro. Brian Pettiford on the initiation of his son, Jacob into The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- ◆ Bro. Damon Singleton for winning the 2022 Suncoast Regional Emmy Award for Weather-News.



International News

Conversation with the Grand Basileus

December 21, 2022—The 42nd Grand Basileus, Brother Ricky L. Lewis, extended an invitation for brothers to participate in a "Conversation with the Grand Basileus." This dialogue with our Grand Basileus took place on Tuesday, December 21, 2022, at 7:30 PM EST. This very focused ZOOM meeting with Grand Basileus Lewis covered various topics, including the importance of honoring your annual commitment to pay your membership fees. With the beginning of our new fiscal year in our rearview mirror (November 1, 2022), GB Lewis also shared timely information concerning the immediate and distant prospects, programs, and initiatives on deck for our Fraternity.

Ninth District News

2023 Winter Council Meeting Registration

Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

Our 2023 Ninth District Winter Council Meeting (WCM) will be held on Saturday January 21, 2023, at the Aloft Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma. We will offer a hybrid approach to this year's WCM. All brothers can register for the WCM and will have the option to attend the WCM 'In-person' OR 'Virtually' via Zoom.

Please carefully read the meeting information below:

REGISTER for the 2023 Ninth District Winter Council Meeting (registration is REQUIRED for both In-person and Virtual options) using the link below.

Register for 2023 Ninth District Winter Council Meeting

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Click the virtual registration link: <https://www.jotform.com/223485480823157>

You will be taken to the Zoom registration page to complete your registration.

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 provide.

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

Fill in all required information under the In-person Attendee heading on the page and click the SUBMIT button

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provide.

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

We will provide information for making room reservations at the Aloft Hotel Tulsa, OK under separate email.

Please take a moment to review our planned (DRAFT) agenda that is attached to this message.

We will provide information as the meeting date approaches.

In Friendship

Bro. Harold L. Bailey

Ninth District Representative

9thDistrictDR@oppf.org

Ninth District News

2023 Winter Council Meeting Agenda



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NINTH DISTRICT

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2023 Winter Council Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2023

AGENDA



Date / Time	Item	Responsibility
8:20 AM	Ritualistic Opening	
8:30 AM	Opening/ Welcome	Bro. Harold L. Bailey Ninth District Representative
	Roll Call	Bro. Antonio Brown
	Approval of Agenda	
	Approval of 2022 Summer Council Meeting Minutes	Bro. Antonio Brown
	Recognition of Grand Officers, Former DRs, Guests	
8:45 AM	District Council Reports	
	Office of District Representative	Bro. Harold L. Bailey
	Office of 1 st Vice District Representative	Bro. Van Newborn
	Office of 2 nd Vice District Representative	Bro Jalen Green-Edison
	Office of the District Keeper of Records and Seal	Bro. Antonio Brown
	Office of District Keeper of Finance	Bro. Cliff Hodrick
	Office of District Counselor	Bro. Winston Huff, Esq.
10:15 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	Office of District Director of Public Relations	Bro. Na'Shon Edwards
	Office of District Chaplain	Bro. Asriel McLain
	Office of District Marshal	Bro. Kamara Washington
	Office of Immediate Past District Representative	Bro. Patrick B. Smith
	UG Advisor Overseer Report	Bro. Dr. Paul Adams
	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways & Means • Reclamation /Retention 	Bro. Van Newborn
	District Candidate Announcements	(Candidates in attendance)
	A Brother's Heart	
	Ritualistic Closing	

NOTE: Dress for Winter Council Meeting Business (Coat and Tie)

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CONTACT US

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<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>