

"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"

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Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux Basileus





Easter Baskets / Children Story Book Bibles Giveaway

April 6-7, 2023, the Easter Basket/Story Book Bible Committee of Rho Phi Chapter hosted this year's 27th annual distribution of Easter Baskets and story book Bibles. The committee members and other brothers met at the Crescent City Clubhouse on both days and after taking a few group pictures, loaded up their vehicles and embarked on the day of distribution to the following recipient sites:

- 1) New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter 27 Baskets & 27 Story Book Bibles
- 2) New Orleans Salvation Army 20 Baskets & 20 Story Book Bibles
- 3) Ochsner Foundation Hospital 22 Baskets & 22 Story Book Bibles
- 4) Bethel Colony House Battered Women's Shelter 29 Baskets & 29 Story Book Bibles
- 5) Hagar's House Transitional Shelter 2 Baskets & 2 Story Book Bibles
- 6) Baptist Friendship House for Women & Children 7 Baskets & 7 Story Book Bibles
- 7) Metropolitan Transitional Housing Shelter 23 Baskets & 23 Story Boob Bibles

Brothers were also able to donate 5 residual Easter Baskets to the Israelite Baptist where Brother Emmanuel Smith serves as Pastor.

A total of 135 Easter Baskets and Story Book Bibles were distributed to the above recipients.

We wish to also acknowledge Brother Alfred Liggans and The Good Providers Club who donated \$100 to this year's effort. And we thank all brothers who donated baskets to this year's effort as well. If it were not for the generous donations of money, items and your time, this year's project would not be the huge success that it is. Note: More pictures from the event can be viewed on the chapter's website:

https://rhophi.org/photos.





New Chapter Brothers

April 15, 2023— Rho Phi Chapter welcomed 8 new brothers into the fraternity and chapter at a ceremony held on Dillard University's campus. Congratulations to our new brothers.



Pictured above are: Basileus Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux, Bro. Ted Nelson, Bro. Wondell Smith, Jr., Bro. Melvin Hunter, Sr., Vice-Basileus Bro. Charles Rice, Jr.

Rear: Bro. Brandon Avery, Bro. Devin Andrew, Bro. Vincent Lewis, Bro. Vernon Hayes and Bro. Harold Montgomery, Jr.



Bro. Michael Wright 50 year Pin Presentation

April 17, 2023— Basileus, Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux, Chaplain Bro. Rev. Calvin Woods, Jr. and I visited Bro. Michael Wright in the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital to present him with his 50 year service pin and certificate. We also fellowshipped with Bro. Wright and prayed for his recovery.







Initiation Anniversary

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

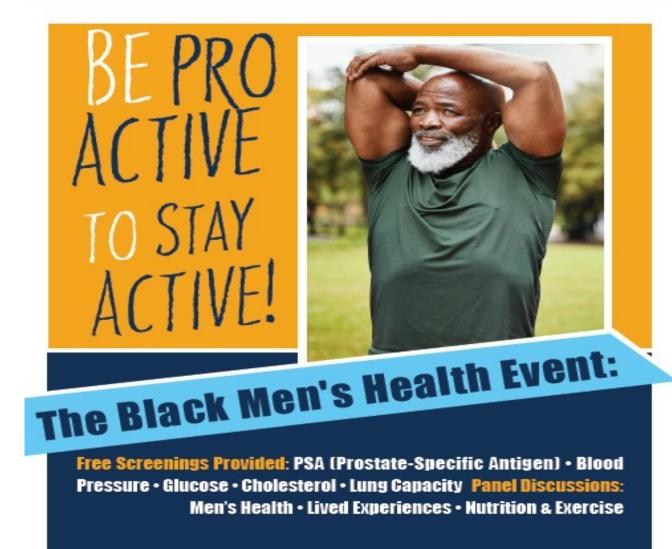
Bro. Jamar Alexander	Rho Phi	April 05, 2003
Bro. Alfonso Gonzalez II	Rho Phi	April 05, 2003
Bro. Charles Love II	Phi lota lota	April 05, 2003
Bro. Keith Bradford	Sigma Rho	April 06, 1997
Bro. Randy Dukes	lota Kappa	April 08, 1992
Bro. Benedict Willard	lota Kappa	April 08, 1992
Bro. Brian Pettiford	Psi	April 10. 1991
Bro. Ross Anderson	Delta Theta	April 10, 2010
Bro. Christopher Hamilton	Gamma Delta	April 13, 1984
Bro. Kendall Parker	Delta	April 22, 1988
Bro. Burnell Stepter	Theta Kappa	April 28, 1980
Bro. Marcellus Grace	Rho Phi	April 29, 1970
Bro. Clarence Verdin	Gamma Delta	April 30, 1983
Bro. Emmanuel Lain	Rho Mu	April 30, 1990

Congratulations

- Bro. Wondell Smith, Sr., On the initiation of his son, Bro. Wondell Smith, Jr. into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Bro. Wondell Smith, Jr. was initiated at Rho Phi Chapter.
- Bro. Norman Clark On the initiation of his son, Bro. Mason Clark into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Bro. Mason Clark was initiated at Theta Kappa Chapter.
- Bro. Rev. Michael Raymond— On his appointment by Mayor Cantrell to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO).
- Bro. Dr. William Sutton, Sr. on receiving the Chairman's Award from the Mississippi Valley State University Foundation. This award is the highest honor they bestow on an individual. Bro. Sutton, Sr. was President of Mississippi Valley State University from 1988-1998.



Black Men's Health Event



730-732 N. Broad St. Saturday, May 27, 2023 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Presented by Ochsner Health, and community partner The Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club.





Ninth District News

86th Ninth District Meeting Election Results

86th NDM Non-Delegate Voting

District Representative

Bro. Harold Bailey 493 (51%) Bro. C. E. Lee 13 (.01%)

1V District Representative Bro. Van Newborn 498 (52%)

District Keeper of Records and Seal Bro. Antonio Brown, Sr. 495 (52%) Write-in 1 (.001%)

District Keeper of Finance Bro. Clifford Hodrick 495 (52%)

District Counselor Bro. Shannon Holmes 161 (16%)

District Director of Public Relations Bro. NaShon Edwards 498 (\$2%) Write-in 1 (.001%)

District Chaplain

Bro. Ernest Brown II	245	(25%) *	**
Bro. Lance Guess	126	(13%)	(194 total votes)**
Bro. Alphonse Matthews	131	1 (13%)	(187 total votes))
Bro. Deynard Richardson	4	(.004%)	

** Runoff

Election Runoff results for District Chaplain

Bro. Ernest Brown II	169 (17%)
Bro. Lance Guess	80 (.08%)

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