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**Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux**  
**Basileus**

**Rho Phi Chapter 2022-2023 Officers:**

- Basileus:** Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux
- Vice-Basileus:** Charles Rice, Jr.
- Keeper of Records and Seal:** Bro. Darrin Browder
- Asst. Keeper of Records and Seal:** Bro. Ryan Banks
- Keeper of Finance:** Bro. Bobby Major, III
- Keeper of Peace:** Bro. Steve Crandle
- Reporter:** Bro. Keith Taylor Sr.
- Chaplain:** Bro. Calvin Turner, 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



# Rho Phi Chapter's 96th Anniversary



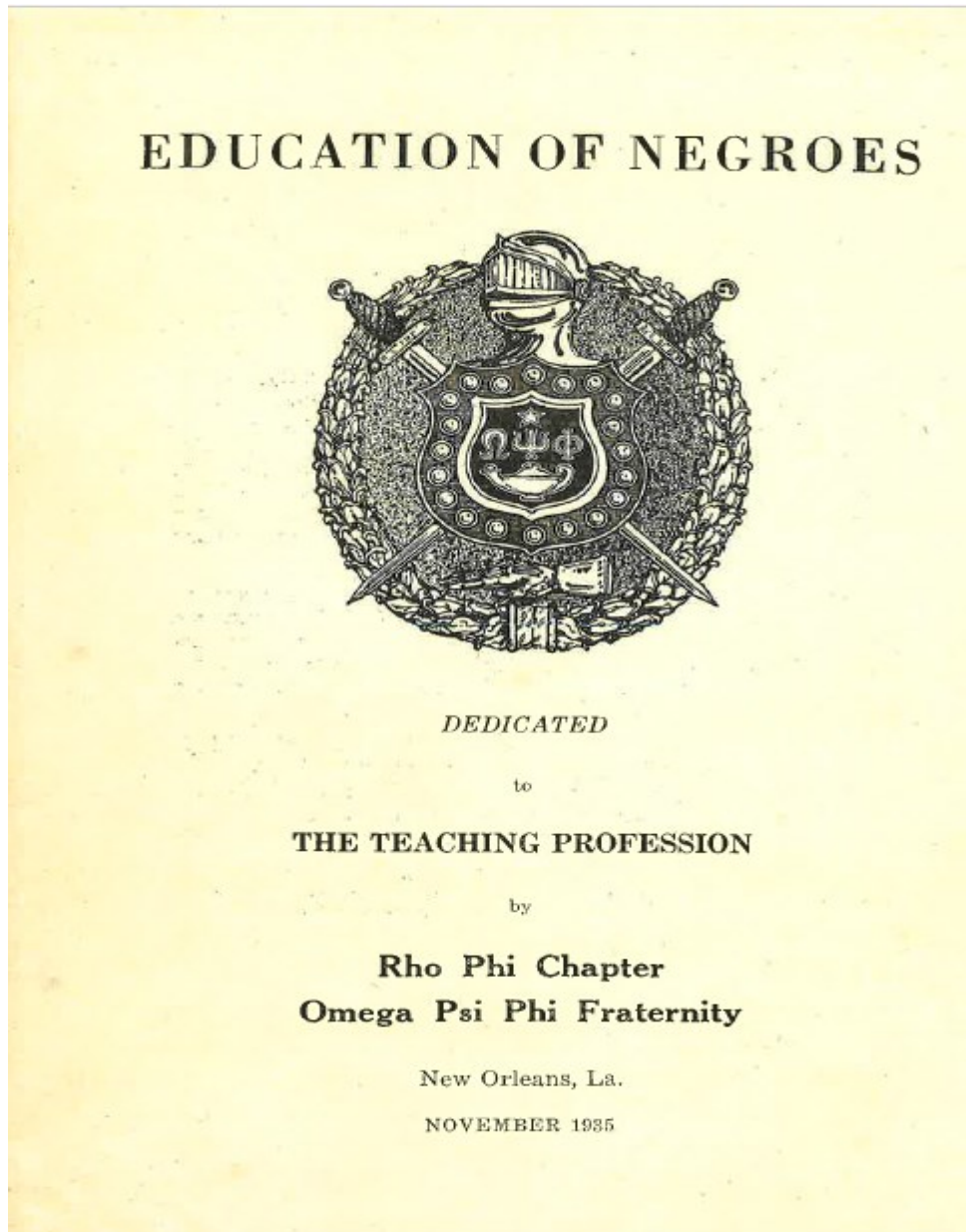
Rho Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was chartered on Oct. 1, 1927 under the leadership of the 12th Grand Basileus Julius S. McClain. Rho Phi was organized due to the efforts of several brothers that had recently graduated from college and settled in around the New Orleans area. Charter members included brothers Frank Edwin Smith, Jr. and Ellington Eugene Green. Brothers Smith, Jr. and Green were also Involved in the chartering of Beta Sigma chapter on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. on February 28, 1936. Bro. Smith, Jr. also led the movement to charter Alpha Lambda chapter in December, 1935. Brother Smith, Jr., a 1923 graduate of Howard university also served as the 1st Basileus of Lambda Alpha chapter and the 1st advisor for Beta Sigma chapter. These early Omega men had the vision of uplifting not only themselves but also the New Orleans Community at large. These early pioneers went on to establish themselves as cornerstones of the educational system, medical community and leaders of the civil rights movement held in New Orleans. Rho Phi Chapter has flourished over a period of 92 years and has been a potent and well-regarded force in the activities of the National Fraternity as well as the Ninth District. Rho Phi chapter has given birth to several chapters in and around the New Orleans area.

Members of Rho Phi Chapter have held leadership roles in the Ninth District. On the National level, past members of Rho Phi Chapter have served in the highest level attainable that being Grand Basileus of our illustrious fraternity and Grand Marshal in 1978, 1998 and 2018. In 1969, Rho Phi Chapter was proud to become the first Black Greek organization in New Orleans to purchase a Fraternity House.

Rho Phi continues to be a viable organization through it's continued support of Nationally Mandated Programs of the fraternity as well as through it's adoption of Boy Scout Troop 158 serving as Troup Leaders as well as financial support, feeding underprivileged families during Thanksgiving, providing Easter Baskets and Children Storybook Bibles to children confined in hospitals on the Saturday before Easter, bring attention to Domestic Violence (Conflict Resolution) and promoting reading programs at several elementary schools in the Greater New Orleans area.

# Rho Phi Chapter Historical Event

The picture below is a from a document shared by Bro. Paul West .The event was a presentation on “The Education of Negroes” and was dedicated to the teaching profession by Rho Phi chapter brothers





# Rho Phi Chapter Historical Event

The picture below is a from the document mentioned on the previous page that contains Rho Phi chapter's roster of financial brothers in 1935-36. Many of the brothers listed below served the fraternity at the local, district and international levels and were successful in their professional careers. Several of these brothers, along with other prominent members of Rho Phi will be featured in a new page (under construction ) on the chapter's website. Stay tuned.

## ROSTER — RHO PHI CHAPTER OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| William Allen.....        | Instructor in Chemistry at Tougaloo College.   |
| Israel M. Augustine.....  | Principal of McDonogh No. 32 Public School.<br>Director of Child's Welfare and Dental Clinic for Algiers.                                |
| Raymond Baranco.....      | Physician at Southern University.  |
| Walter J. Barker.....     | Instructor in English at the Albert Wicker High School.  |
| Charles H. D. Bowers..... | Physician at Dillard University.<br>Senior Associate in Department of Medicine of Flint-Goodridge Hospital.                              |
| Louis P. Bucksell.....    | Proprietor of Bucksell's Pharmacy.   |
| Cecil Carter.....         | Bookkeeper for Louisiana Industrial Life Insurance Company.  |
| George W. Carter.....     | Instructor at Y. M. C. A. School of Commerce.<br>Director of the Peoples Community Center of the Methodist Episcopal Church.             |
| Byrd W. Crudup.....       | Assistant Professor of Physical Education at Dillard University.   |
| N. Randolph Davidson..... | Senior Interne at Flint-Goodridge Hospital.  |
| Allison Davis.....        | Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Dillard University.   |
| Wadsworth Davis.....      | Proprietor of Davis Pharmacy.  |
| Albert W. Dent.....       | Superintendent of Flint-Goodridge Hospital.<br>Business Manager of Dillard University.   |
| Aaron Dutton.....         | Instructor of Science at Gilbert Academy.  |
| S. Randolph Edmonds.....  | Professor of Dramatics at Dillard University.  |
| Booker T. Griffith.....   | Professor of Biology at Clark University.  |
| Robert B. Hayes.....      | Director of Public Relations at Dillard University.<br>General Chairman of the Colored Division of the 1936 New Orleans Community Chest. |
| Connie H. Hill.....       | Principal of McDonogh No. 24 Public School.<br>Member of the Executive Committee of Dillard Alumni Association.                          |
| Norman A. Holmes.....     | Pastor of Central Congregational Church.<br>Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Dillard University.                        |
| Pierre D. Landry.....     | Instructor in Biology at the Albert Wicker High School.  |
| George Longe.....         | Principal of the Albert Wicker High School.<br>General Chairman of the Colored Division of the 1935 New Orleans Community Chest.         |
| James H. Murray.....      | Physician.<br>Medical Director of the Knights of Honor of America.   |
| Frederick Rhodes.....     | Junior Resident at Waverly Hills Sanatorium.   |
| Kelly Richards.....       | Insurance.   |
| Alvin P. Robinson.....    | Instructor in General Science at the Albert Wicker High School.  |
| David D. Shackelford..... | Auditor of Louisiana Industrial Life Insurance Company.  |
| Lloyd Stuart.....         | Graduate Student at Columbia University.   |
| Thaddeus Taylor.....      | Physician.<br>Member of the Board of Trustees of Dillard University.   |
| Warren W. Sartor.....     | Pastor of Peoples Methodist Episcopal Church.  |
| Charles Vance.....        | Superintendent of Peoples Industrial Life Insurance Company.   |
| Sigismund C. Walker.....  | Formerly Professor of Religion and Philosophy at   |



# GNOPHC Pan-Hellenic Softball Game

August 19, 2023— The National Pan Hellenic Council’s Greater New Orleans Chapter held its annual softball game at Wesley Barrow stadium. Brothers from Rho Phi chapter participated in the day of fun, fellowship and fraternal competition against members of local chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities.





# 2023 Service Awards

October 3, 2023— Rho Phi Chapter presented Service Awards pins and certificates to the following brothers:

50 Years—Bro. Almore Cato

45 years—Bro. Kelmer Steverson, Jr.

40 years—Bro. Terrence Augillard

40 years—Bro. Derek Rabb





# 2023 Southern University Homecoming Parade

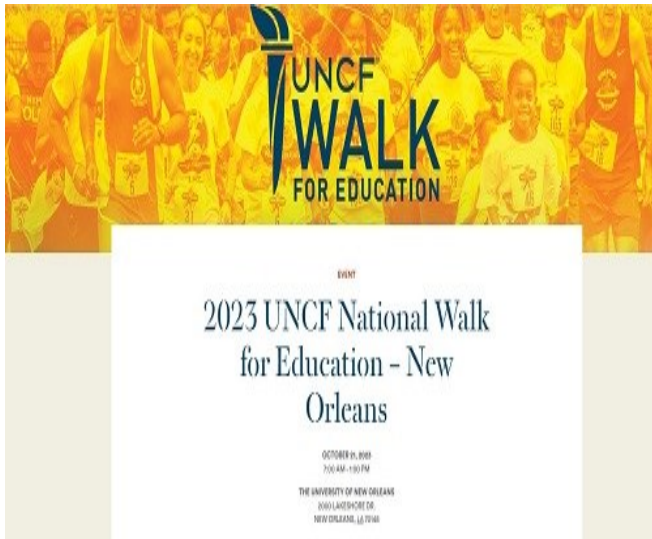
October 14, 2023—Rho Phi brothers, along with other brothers, participated in Southern University's Homecoming Parade.





# 2023 U.N.C.F. Walk for Education

October 21, 2023—Rho Phi chapter along with other chapters in the New Orleans Coalition participated in the annual U.N.C.F. Walk For Education. The event was held on the campus of the University of New Orleans located at 2000 Lakeshore Drive.





# Initiation Anniversary

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

October 03, 1981 — Bro. Anthony Barnett — Xi Sigma

October 09, 1994 — Bro. Charles Allen III — Xi Sigma

October 09, 1994 — Bro. Patrick Antoine — Xi Sigma

October 11, 1986 — Bro. Derrick Joshua — Xi Sigma

October 11, 1986 — Bro. Rene Metoyer — Xi Sigma

October 11, 1986 — Bro. Noel Pinera — Xi Sigma

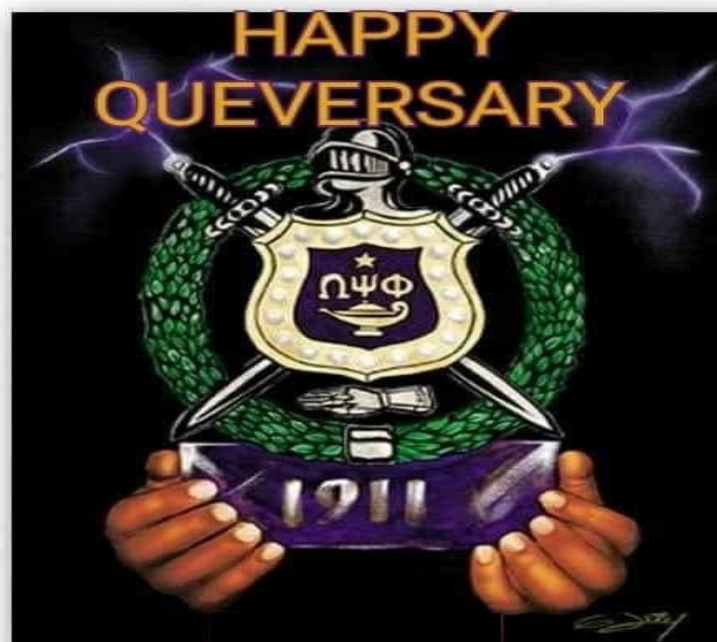
October 15, 1982 — Bro. Ruston Henry — Xi Sigma

October 16, 1984 — Bro. Malcolm Armstrong — Xi Sigma

October 19, 1991 — Bro. Kyle Augillard — Xi Sigma

October 21, 2000 — Bro. Lester Arnaud — Rho Phi

October 25, 1985 — Bro. Robert Merrett — Xi Sigma



# Congratulations

- ◆ Bro. Damon Singleton for receiving the American Cancer Society's 2023 Cure Champion award.
- ◆ Bro. Roderick West on his election to the Essential Utilities board of directors.
- ◆ Bro. Leon Roche on his election as Judge, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section I.





# International News

## Credit Union Newsletter

October 2023

### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union



Newsletter

Members are receiving an updated digital system to allow check deposits using the Remote Check Deposit capability. The Balance Program offers a \$500 sweepstake. Save the date for the OPPFFCU radio interview.

#### Updated Board and Officers

##### Officers

President: Derrick Lowery  
1st V. President: Wilton Munnings  
2nd V. President: Garvey Wright  
Secretary: Kenneth Younger  
Treasurer: Dyrren Davis, PhD

##### Board Members

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Charles Bruce        | Curtis Baylor          |
| Theodore (Ted) Greer | Daniel Jones           |
| Bernie Marable       | Walter Martin, Sr.     |
| Norris Middleton     | Gerry McCants          |
| Michael Seals        | Stafford Thompson, Sr. |



Omega Life Membership (OLM) increases from \$2500 to \$3000 on November 1, 2023.

Secure your OLM with a loan via the credit union. Complete application by 10/23/2023 to ensure it is processed prior to 10/31/2023.

**Step 1: Join the Credit Union**

Link: <https://oppffcu.digitalaccountopening.net/>

**Step 2: Apply for loan**

Link: <https://oppffcu.com/services/loans/loan-application-form/>

# International News

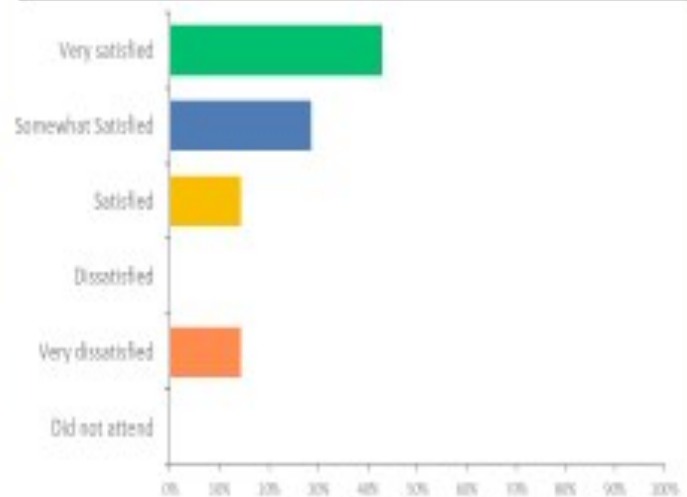
## Credit Union Newsletter

### JOURNEY TO WEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

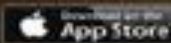
Presented by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union

3-PART WEBINAR SERIES

#### Survey results from Webinar Series



Tap.  
Snap.  
Deposit.



External Services

Remote Check Deposit

#### Remote Check Deposit

Make deposits to your OPPFFCU account from checks remotely via your mobile device, computer or tablet

- Login into your OPPFFCU Account
- Select the Option "Remote Check Deposit"





# International News

## Credit Union Newsletter

October 2023

### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union

Newsletter



Balance, a leader in financial counseling, delivers services at “no cost” for a wealth of financial advice. October 2023 represents a \$500 sweep-stake. Also, OPPFCU highlights Credit Reporting tools.

*The BalanceTrack*  
**STAY ON TRACK**  
*— Summer Sweepstakes —*

**Register to win the grand prize of \$500.**

**How to enter:** Complete any of the BalanceTrack modules with a passing grade and you will be automatically entered.

<https://oppfccu.balancepro.org/resources/articles/back-on-track-balance-track-module>

**Promotion Period:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 thru Tuesday, October 31, 2023

**Rules:**

[https://balancepro.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/08205640/StayonTrack\\_OfficialRules2023.pdf](https://balancepro.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/08205640/StayonTrack_OfficialRules2023.pdf)

# International News

## Credit Union Newsletter



### **Credit Report - Know your Number!**

Members should examine their credit report on an annual basis and especially before applying for a loan.

<https://oppffcu.balancepro.org/resources/articles/access-your-free-credit-reports>

### **World of Credit Reports Podcast!**

[https://balancepro.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/29190804/POD\\_WorldCreditReports.mp3](https://balancepro.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/29190804/POD_WorldCreditReports.mp3)





# International News

## Credit Union Newsletter

October 2023



### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union

Newsletter

Save the Date  
October 28, 2023

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union (OPPFFCU) is the guest on the Global News Forum. Andre Gamer, host, interviews Derrick Lowery, President—OPPFFCU.

**Topic:** Providing an alternative means to accessing capital for Omega men and the communities they service for more than 37 years

**Date:** October 10/28/2023

**Time:** 11:00 AM (EST) / 10:00 AM (CST)



**Link:** <https://globalnewsforum.com/>

# Ninth District News

## Death Benefit Program

Greetings Brothers,

As we get closer to launching the first death benefit program in the Fraternity on November 1<sup>st</sup>, we are making the beneficiary selection form available on the website. Please take the time to enter the required information on the form. You will also have the option to donate the funds back to the District to assist families who may have a larger need.

Login at <http://mightyninth.com>. There will be a tab on your MYPAGE called "Death Benefit Info". Follow the instructions and click on the "SUBMIT" button when finished

### Ninth District Death Benefit Policy

The Ninth District's death benefit is a payout to the beneficiary of a member who has transitioned to Omega chapter. If a beneficiary selection has not been made, the committee will follow the following order:

1. Spouse (if married); then
2. Children in equal shares; then
3. Parents in equal share; then
4. Committee's recommendation with District Council approval

Brothers may also elect for the funds to stay with the district to benefit other families.

The Bereavement Sub-Committee will manage and administer the Ninth District death benefit fund.

The death benefit payout amount will be evaluated every 2 years by the committee. The committee will provide recommendations to the Ninth District Council on the payout amount and any policy changes. The Ninth District Council has the complete authority to set the annual payout amount and make policy changes that are in the best interest of the families and the Ninth District.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Brother was financial the prior two years and must not be in a reclaimable status at the time of death.
- Brother must have resided in and be on a chapter roster within the 9<sup>th</sup> District at the time of death.
- Brother must not have been under any current or pending disciplinary action within the Fraternity.
- The Ninth District Council has the authority to waive any of the previous requirements through the Appeals/Disputes process.

#### Appeals/Disputes

All appeals/disputes will require a written request from the chapter basileus to be sent to the Committee for review. The Ninth District Council will make the final decision on all appeals and disputes.



## CONTACT US

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

Bro. Keith Taylor/Chapter Reporter: [reporter@rhophi.org](mailto:reporter@rhophi.org)

Visit us on the web: <https://rhophi.org>

Ninth District website: <https://mightyninth.com>

International website: <https://oppf.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>