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Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux
Basileus

Rho Phi Chapter 2023-2024 Officers:

- Basileus:** Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux
- Vice-Basileus:** Bro. Darrin Browder
- Keeper of Records and Seal:** Bro. Ryan Banks
- Asst. Keeper of Records and Seal:**
Bro. Brandon Avery
- Keeper of Finance:** Bro. Bobby Major, III
- Keeper of Peace:** Bro. LaKendrick Wright
- Reporter:** Bro. Keith Taylor, Sr.
- 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



Domestic Violence Conference

November 4, 2023 Dillard University's Center for Racial Justice's (CRJ) hosted its Domestic Violence Conference. In years past Rho Phi has partnered with (CRJ) to host the chapter's Domestic Violence Summit. This year Rho Phi provided assistance to CRJ's event by having brothers participate in round table discussions, provided and served refreshments to the attendees and also made financial donations of \$350.00 to The New Orleans Family Justice Center and Bethel Colony Community Church. More pictures from conference are on chapter's website: <http://rhoPhi.org>



Achievement Week Awards Banquet

November 11, 2023—Rho Phi and the other chapters in the New Orleans Coalition hosted their annual Achievement Week Awards Banquet. The banquet was held this year at English Turn. The following Rho Phi brothers received awards this year:

Citizen Of The Year: Bro. Calvin Woods, Jr.

Omega Man Of The Year: Bro. Norman Coleman

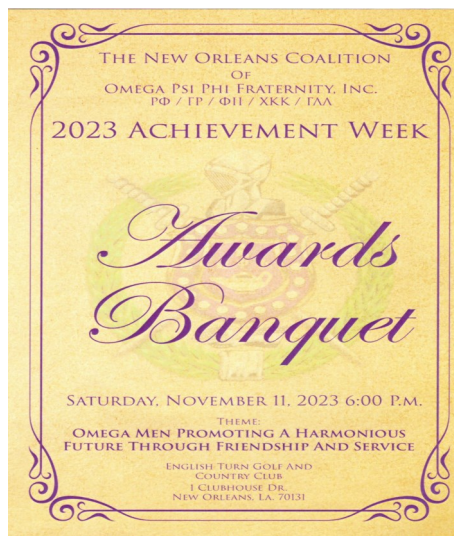
Superior Service: Bro. Darrin Browder

Founders Award: Bro. Burnell Stepter

Undergraduate Advisor: Bro. Wardell Bourgeois

Last Man Standing: Bro. August James

More pictures from the event can be viewed on the chapter's website: <http://rhopi.org>

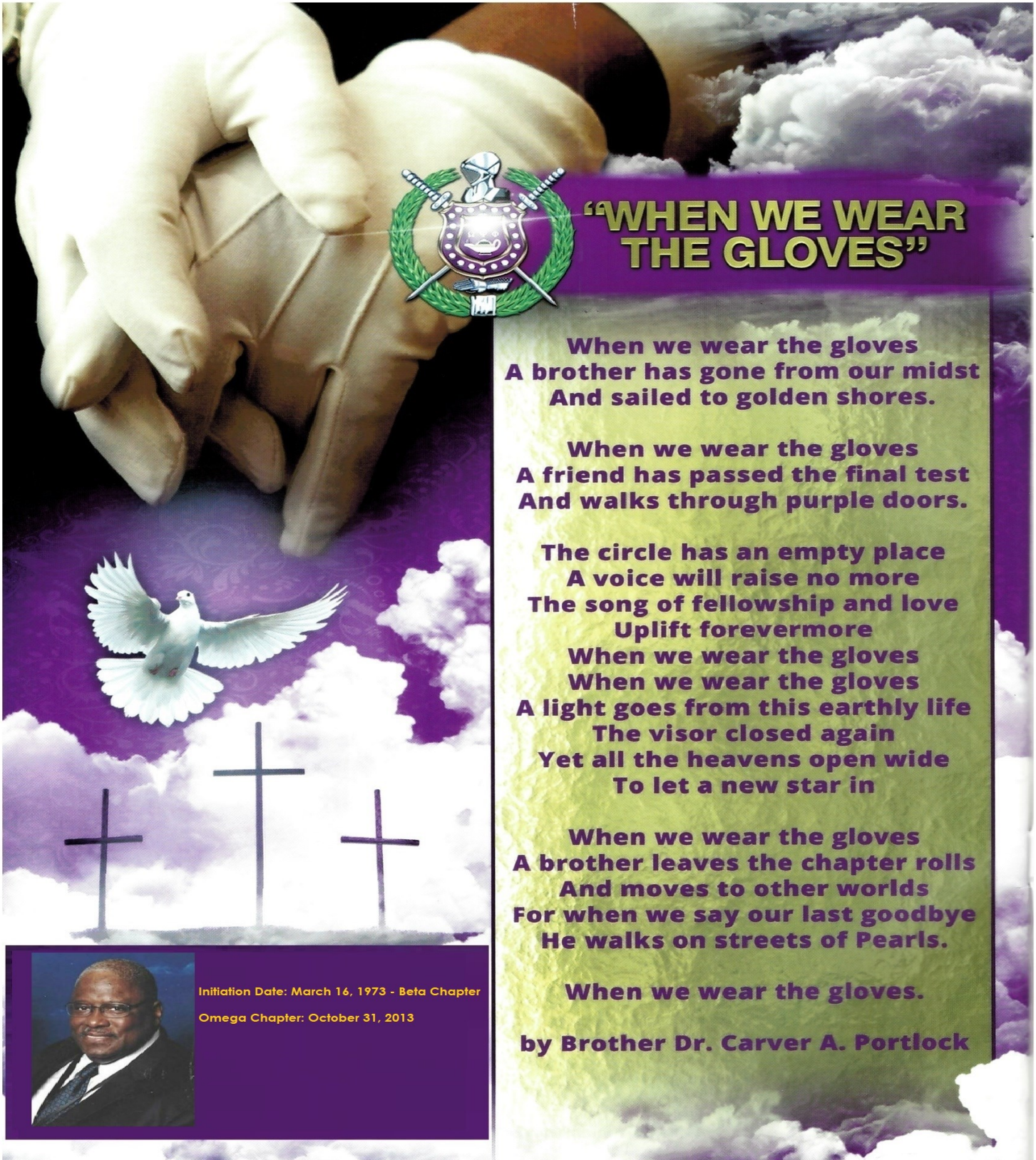


Bro. Michael Wright's Omega Service

November 11, 2023 — Brothers from Rho Phi and Bro. Wright's Beta chapter line brothers conducted the Omega Service. The service was held at Progressive Baptist Church, located in Marrero, LA.



Omega Chapter—Bro. Michael Wright



“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



**Initiation Date: March 16, 1973 - Beta Chapter
Omega Chapter: October 31, 2013**

Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway

Rho Phi Chapter held its annual Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway on November 20-21, 2023. The chapter has held this annual event for over 20 years. On November 20, brothers donated 17 baskets that contained enough non-perishable food items to feed a family of four. Each basket also contained a \$25.00 gift card. Brothers also donated over \$300.00 in gift cards. On November 21, the Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway committee members: Bros. Walter Martin, Jr., Keith Taylor Sr., committee chairman Bro. Joseph Hicks, Jr. and Basileus, Bro. Adrian Thibodeaux delivered the baskets to needy families at Greater Liberty Baptist Church, pastored by Bro. Calvin Woods, Jr., Shiloh Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, pastored by Bro. Michael Raymond and Israelite Baptist Church, pastored by Bro. Emanuel Smith, Jr. Bro. Almore Cato also delivered a basket to a needy family. After delivering the baskets we went to a local Walmart food store and used the gift cards to pay \$50.00 towards 6 needy senior citizen's food purchases at the checkouts. More pictures from event can be viewed on the chapter's website: <https://rhopi.oprg>



Initiation Anniversary

Congratulations to the following active 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 11, 1983 — Bro. Terrence Augillard — Xi Sigma
November 11, 1983 — Bro. Joseph Boucree — 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 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. 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.
- ◆ Bro. Marion Floyd on receiving the Past Master Service Award from Sons of Solomon Lodge #278.



Veterans Day Salute

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

Bro. Gary Dugue — U.S. Army

Bro. Marcellus Grace—U.S. Navy Reserve (Retired)

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. Brian Pettiford – U.S. Navy Reserve

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. Wondell Smith, Sr.—U.S. Army—National Guard

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

Bro. LaKendrick Wright — U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)



International News

4th Quarter Committee Reports Webinar

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



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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings Brothers,

I trust this letter finds you in good health, high spirits and ready for the holiday Season. As a valued member of our brand, we extend a warm invitation to you for an upcoming event that promises to be both enlightening and engaging.

On Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 7:30 PM ET, the International Headquarters is honored to host the 1st Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Mark Jackson, alongside our dedicated International Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs. This occasion marks the 4th Quarter Committee Report Webinar, a valuable opportunity for you to connect directly with your international leadership, gain insights into the impactful work underway, and pose questions that matter to you.

The webinar is tailored to enhance your understanding of the operational facets of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, providing an insider's view of the initiatives shaping our beloved organization. Your participation is not only welcomed but crucial to fostering harmonious service and shared purpose.

We urge you to make every effort to join us on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 7:30 pm ET. Kindly register by clicking the following link: [Registration Link](#).

We eagerly anticipate your participation.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

Ninth District News

Death Benefit Program

Greetings Brothers,

The first death benefit program in the Fraternity was launched on November 1st, 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 9th 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

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>