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## REMEMBERING

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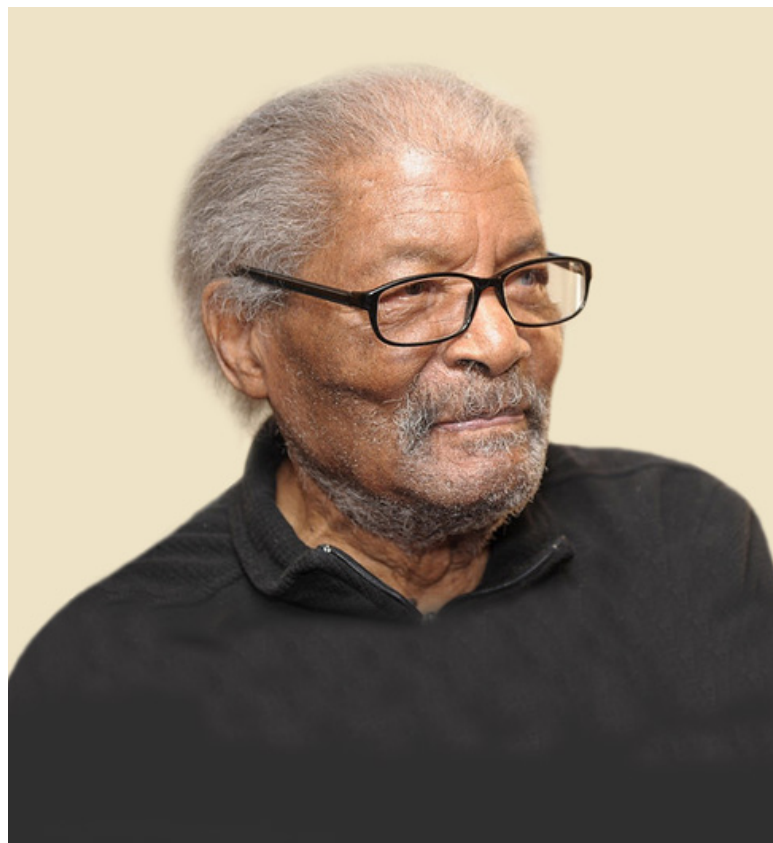
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THE BROTHERS OF THE TALENTED TENTH DISTRICT  
REMEMBER THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DPR

BRO. MARCEL A. CLARKE  
10TH DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

It has been an absolute honor to serve as your Tenth District Director of Public Relations. The current state of my position is alive and well. I have to give credit to Brother Sean Long for making this transition seamless. Brother Long made himself available through phone call, text, email and even travel to Wisconsin and for that, I am forever grateful. The Que-mmunicator continues to allow the entire district the opportunity to see the great works throughout the district. During my tenure, I made an assertive effort to not only continue the great tradition of the Que-mmunicator, but to also advance the position of Director of Public Relations as a whole. We currently added three members to the committee. These members have been instrumental in the success of the Que-mmunicator. The members include Brother Brandon White, Brother Theodore Sanders and Brother Marquis Sagnia.

We have also added two sections to the Que-mmunicator. We included a health section which will be displayed in each Que-mmunicator moving forward as well as a religious section

which displays an inspirational message. The addition of these two sections allow us to grow both spiritually and physically.

In the future, we plan to institute Public Relations Directors for each State in the Tenth District. By making this change, we not only streamline the process but we also are creating a succession plan for the future. The goal is to appoint a Public Relations Director in each of the five states responsible for retrieving various articles from local chapters and submitting those articles to the District Director of Public Relations. By doing this, we create more involvement on the chapter level which ultimately highlights the great works being performed throughout the entire district.

Just about everyone owns a smartphone or some form of communication device.

Unfortunately, the Tenth District is behind on the advancement of these forms of communication, as such, we have created a social media team. This team will be responsible for monitoring and uploading social media content from the district.

This activity serves as a beacon for all to see the great works transpiring throughout our Talented District. It is my hope to orchestrate a team of individuals to take on this task.

As we strive to grow the Que-mmunicator, please remember that this cannot happen without you. We need your chapter articles, activities, good works, service efforts and pictures in order to produce a quality booklet. We need both Undergraduate and Graduate chapters to participate. Please be mindful that this is our body of work and one of the ways, we capture and preserve our history.

As I prepare to leave this laudable position in the hands of my worthy successor, I want to encourage all chapters to continue to provide service to all mankind. I wish the entire Tenth District, Officers, Brothers and Friends continued success.

Service Over Self,  
*Marcel A. Clarke*

TENTH DISTRICT  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



# DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

## 1933-PRESENT

| NAME                                 | CHAPTER                        | YEAR(S)      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bro. Francis M. Dent                 | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1933-1934    |
| Bro. George A. Isabell               | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1934-1936    |
| Bro. Charles E. Harry III            | Zeta Phi/Indianapolis, IN      | 1936-1939    |
| Bro. Corneff R. Taylor               | Sigma Omega/Chicago, IL        | 1939-1942    |
| Bro. Cary D. Jacobs                  | Zeta Phi/Indianapolis, IN      | 1942-1945    |
| Bro. Chester Smith                   | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1945-1948    |
| Bro. G Stevens Marchman              | Sigma Omega/Chicago, IL        | 1948-1951    |
| Bro. A.M. Butler                     | Epsilon Rho/St. Paul, MN       | 1951-1954    |
| Bro. Thomas E. Watson                | Sigma Omega/Chicago, IL        | 1954-1956    |
| Bro. Abraham Ulmer Jr.               | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1956-1958    |
| Bro. Charles E. Johnson              | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1958-1962    |
| Bro. Leo M. Zinn                     | Sigma Omega/Chicago, IL        | 1962-1965    |
| Bro. James S. Mullin                 | Zeta Phi/Indianapolis, IN      | 1965-1968    |
| Bro. Wilfred Anderson                | Sigma Upsilon/Lansing, MI      | 1968-1970    |
| Bro. Danny Thomas<br>(Undergraduate) | Omicron Theta/Carbondale, IL   | 1970-1971    |
| Bro. Frederick Birth                 | Nu Chi/East St. Louis, IL      | 1971-1972    |
| Bro. Burnel E. Coulon                | Zeta Phi/Indianapolis, IN      | 1972-1976    |
| Bro. Owsley G. Spiller               | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1976-1979    |
| Bro. Abraham L. Reynolds             | Sigma Omega/Chicago, IL        | 1979-1982    |
| Bro. John S. Epps                    | Tau Upsilon/Carbondale, IL     | 1982-1985    |
| Bro. Leonard D. Law Jr.              | Zeta Phi/Indianapolis, IN      | 1985-1987    |
| Bro. Johnnie D. Washington           | Omega Nu/Springfield, IL       | 1987-1989    |
| Bro. Lawrence E. Moon                | Omicron Rho/Flint, MI          | 1989-1990    |
| Bro. Vernon G. Smith                 | Alpha Chi/Gary, IN             | 1990-1993    |
| Bro. Ronald J. Hughes                | Sigma Omega/Chicago, IL        | 1993-1996    |
| Bro. Larry B. Boyd                   | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 1996-1999    |
| Bro. Charles Bruce                   | Nu Chi/East St. Louis, IL      | 1999-2001    |
| Bro. Dwight Pointer                  | Alpha Kappa Kappa/Gary, IN     | 2001-2004    |
| Bro. Kurmmell W. Knox, Esq.          | Tau Kappa Kappa/Southfield, MI | 2004-2006    |
| Bro. Glenn Mathews                   | Kappa Phi/Milwaukee, WI        | 2006-2008    |
| Bro. Climent Edmond Jr.              | Mu Xi/Glen Ellyn, IL           | 2008-2010    |
| Bro. Johnny Lynch                    | Zeta Phi/Indianapolis, IN      | 2010-2012    |
| Bro. Walt Buckhanan                  | Kappa Phi/Milwaukee, WI        | 2012-2012    |
| Bro. Arnold Simmons                  | Nu Omega/Detroit, MI           | 2012-2013    |
| Bro. Hon. Steven Watkins             | Rho Gamma Gamma/Chicago, IL    | 2013-2016    |
| Bro. Darryl Jones                    | Tau Kappa Kappa                | 2016-Present |

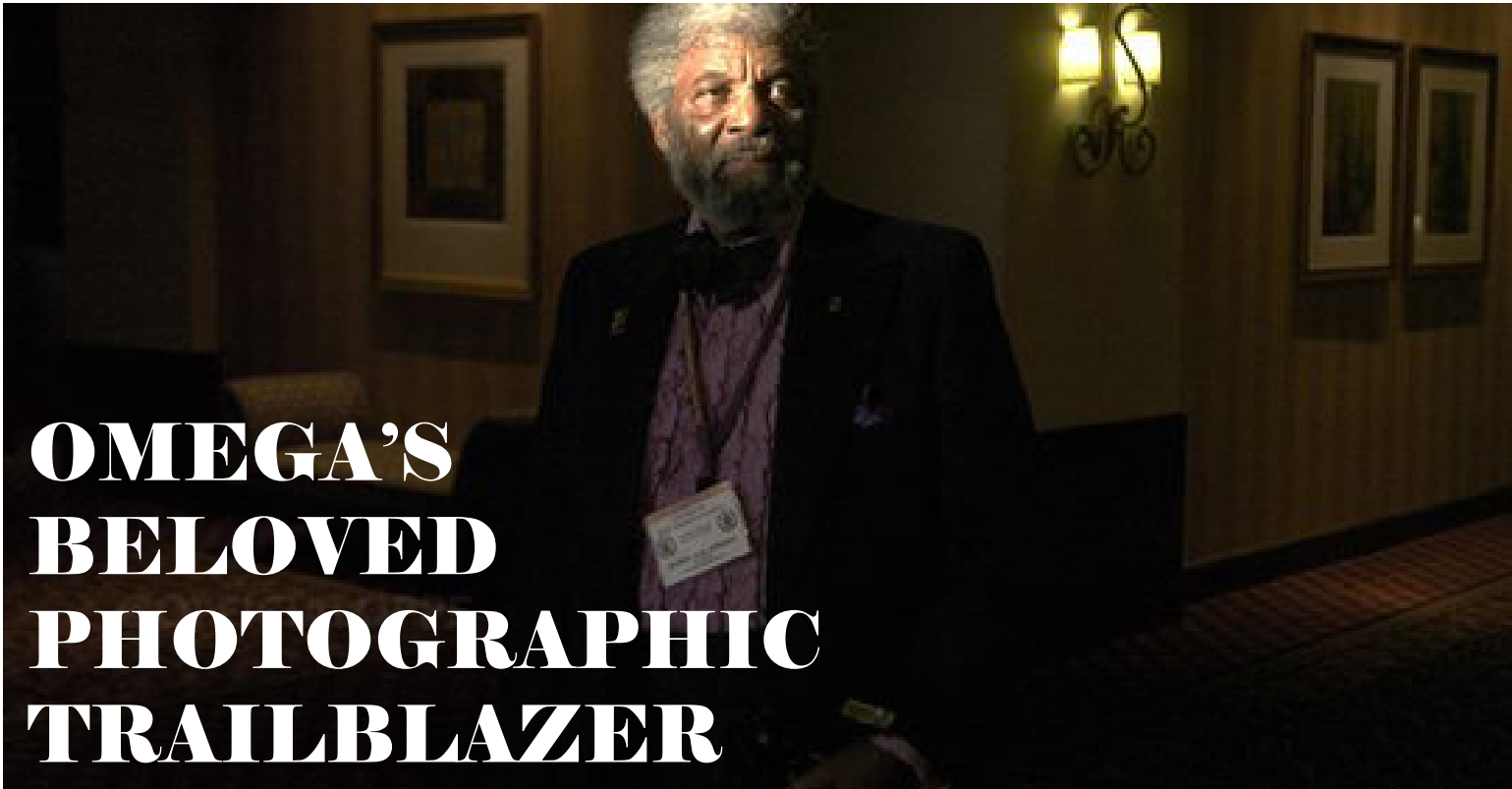






# GOLDEN BRIDGE BUILDERS





# OMEGA'S BELOVED PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAILBLAZER

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, Bro. John Herman Williams transitioned to Omega Chapter. Below is a feature written back in 2010 by Bro. Milbert O. Brown, Jr.

John Herman Williams love for photography began when his sister won a Kodak Brownie camera at school selling seeds. She discarded the camera giving the prize to her younger brother, John. The eight-year old, John treasured the gift and began photographing his family. Even now, at 91, he still carries his good friend—a camera. Williams grew up in a small town, Monroe, North Carolina. He was the third child born to John and Emma Williams on October 16, 1918. John's father worked as a boilermaker on the railway, with his wife, Emma at home caring for the couple's six children.

At Shaw University, John played basketball and majored in social studies. His education was interrupted, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. During his Army years, John

purchased his first 35mm camera, an Argus C3. While serving, Williams used his weapon of choice, a camera to document the life and culture of Black soldiers overseas and stateside.

After the Army, Williams returned to Shaw University graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1947. Later he moved to Detroit and began working as a photographer for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. To increase his formal education in photography, he studied at Wayne State University and Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY.

During graduate studies at Wayne State University, Williams was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Nu Sigma Chapter in 1953. Almost immediately, Brother Williams did what he has done so well throughout his life—photographing priceless historical moments of Omega events. “At first I was just running around taking pictures,” said Brother Williams. Judge Marion W. Garnett, the 29th Grand Basileus noticed how Bro. Williams would display his Omega photographs during District

and Conclaves meetings.

After checking the Fraternity records, Garnett noted that there had never been an official photographer. In 1973, without reservations Brother John H. Williams was appointed as the first Official Photographer for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In the 1994 “Pictorial Chronicle of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,” Brother Williams photographs were prominently featured throughout the book. After 33 years of service as the Fraternity's Official Photographer, Brother Williams retired from his post in 2006. He was later named as Omega's “International Photographer Emeritus.”

In 2008, Omega men from throughout the country joined Brother John H. Williams at his 90th birthday celebration at Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Today, Brother Williams' photographic work is housed at the “John H. Williams Museum” located at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's International Headquarters in Georgia.







## **BRO. MARSHALL BULLOCK**

### **ELECTED MICHIGAN STATE SENATOR**

#### **TAU KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER**

Brother Marshall Bullock was elected as Michigan State Senator to serve a four-year term. Beginning January 1st, this active member of Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter now represents Senate District 4 – which includes portions of Detroit, as well as Lincoln Park, Allen Park and Southgate, Michigan.

Although this is his first elected position, Senator Bullock began his path to public service at an early age and learned the basics of serving people, family and communities as

an Eagle Scout. Bullock has dedicated nearly three decades of his career to improving the lives of youth through social service and as a juvenile justice advocate. Prior to this election, Senator Bullock worked for 5 years as a District Manager and Community Affairs Coordinator in the Mayor's office for the City of Detroit.

Bullock continues to stand up for Detroit families and seniors in the state Senate, where he serves as Associate President Pro Tempore of the Senate and member of the following Senate Committees:

Families, Seniors and Veterans; Insurance and Banking; and Transportation and Infrastructure. As Senator, he is focused on providing children with a world-class education, making commonsense reforms to auto insurance, and fighting for accessible, affordable health care and mental health programs.

Bullock earned his bachelor's degree in Human Services from the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Angela, live in Detroit with their three children, Maya and twins Marshall III and Layla.





# DR. COLONEL CLARENCE B. VAUGHN, MD., PHD



“CENTENNIAL OMEGA TRAILBLAZER”







# OMEGA SPOTLIGHT

SUBMITTED BY BROTHER KEITH D. BULLOCK AND BROTHER BRANDON WHITE

If you like the passage, “I’d rather see a sermon, than to hear one any day” from the poem “Live your Creed”, then take a look at the photos of brother Dr. Colonel Clarence B. Vaughn, MD., PhD. If you haven’t had the distinct pleasure of meeting

Dr. Vaughn, he is best described by his graduate chapter brothers of Tau Kappa Kappa as soft spoken, mild-mannered, highly active and exceptionally full of wisdom to say the least.

Clarence Vaughn was born in 1928 in Philadelphia and spent his early childhood in a small town called Clairton in Pennsylvania, just outside of Pittsburgh. He has 7 siblings (3 brothers & 4 sisters) of which 4 are still alive. Although his family was on welfare, young Clarence knew at an early age that he wanted to practice medicine and become a doctor, so he waited tables between class time to help pay for school. He attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina where he began on his leadership crusade. According to brother Vaughn, after his first invitational “Smoker (informational)” of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, he was sold. He became a member of the third line made at Epsilon Epsilon chapter, with nine other young men who pledged an entire year before being initiated in 1949. Shortly following he became Basileus of the chapter, president of his class and a role model student. During his

senior year of college, he ran for 2nd Grand Vice at the Conclave held in Chicago, Illinois where our founders were in attendance.

Upon graduation, Clarence went on to Howard University to receive a Master of Science degree in Chemistry, 1951 – 1955 and a Doctorate of Medicine in 1957. In 1965, he was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Physiological Chemistry at Wayne State University. If that was not enough, he also was commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical corps of the U. S. Air Force Reserves in December 1957. In June 1959, he entered active duty as Captain and was stationed at USAF Hospital, Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. He was appointed medical Service Liaison Officer for Wayne State University. After serving as colonel for a number of years, Dr. Clarence Vaughn was nominated for one of the military’s highest honors, that of Brigadier General. Although he did not receive the promotion because of age, he has flown over 844 hours in air crew status and was rated as a Chief Flight Surgeon. Dr. Vaughn is credited with the second longest nonstop helicopter flight for a flight surgeon, when he flew in a HH53 from Detroit to Bermuda. He served as the first black officer at Selfridge Air Force base and Deputy Commander of the largest hospital in Texas. Brother Clarence was not only professional, but a devoted husband for 53 years to the late Mrs. Sarah Vaughn and father of four children. Of the four children, two followed him into the medical profession and two are engineers,

mechanical and chemical.

Dr. Clarence Vaughn was one of three who were pioneers of the first cancer research and treatment units in the city of Detroit, Michigan. In addition, he established cancer research and treatment units in Providence and Mercy Hospitals in Detroit. He is a world renowned cancer specialist (oncologist), who helped to introduce new medicines and state of the art technology to the field of Oncology. He stated that in 1965 there was only a 20% survival rate, now it has increased to 80% especially for breast cancer. After many years, in the military and medical field and 15 years as medical director of Oncology for Providence Hospital in Southfield, he started in 1989 the Southfield Oncology Institute (SOI), a non-profit outpatient treatment and research center which offer innovative cancer therapy. The SOI also assist financially challenged patients with medication and treatment cost.

At 91 years of age with multiple awards/commendations, medals, medical journal/publications and a financial life member status. Brother Vaughn recently retired in 2017 to focus on his personal health and the brotherhood. If you would rather “See a sermon, than to hear one any day,” then just take a moment to Google his name and see what you get. That is reason why Dr. Colonel Clarence Benjamin Vaughn, MD., PhD, F.A.I.C., F.C.P. is Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter’s “Omega’s Trailblazer”.



# SIGMA OMEGA CELEBRATES BROTHER REYNOLDS' BIRTHDAY



Sigma Omega Chapter hosted a birthday party for our great Brother, Hubert Reynolds (Eta Sigma, 1956) on November 3, 2018. We celebrated his 83rd birthday at the Sigma Omega Foundation facility. Brother Reynolds has been in a rehab facility in for some time for dementia, but he was able to come out to the November fraternity meeting, and then experience the friendship of Omega with friends and family present immediately after the meeting. His wife Sandy prepared food for the celebration and it certainly nourished our souls. Certainly, UPLIFT was the order of the day.

Dementia is a terrible disease. Age does not have a lower nor upper limit on when dementia can change one's life can change. Brothers of Omega, take care of yourself, family, and friends.

Sandy has a special poem she wanted to share with Brothers of Omega.

## TWO HUSBAND REMEMBER

I have two husbands – two husbands I claim, two different people, yet with the same name.

Two separate men, diverse by design, but I loved them both, they are mine.

The first was the husband I married. He was a gentleman from the beginning.

He loved me as a friend, wife and mother. He stood by me through the turbulence of life.

He's the one who took care of our family. We shared the good times and the bad times.

He was my one in a million. As we got older, he somehow grew younger.

We laughed at each other as husband and wife should do.

Then came the time that his mind clouded so, and I sensed that the husband I knew would soon go.

So quickly he changed and turned into the other, a stranger who I had to dress like a child.

Oh, he looked the same, the same smile, handsome face.

But now he is no longer the person I could talk too and remember the little things we shared as husband and wife.

I am his caregiver. He argues with me. He curses, he doesn't want to sleep in the same bed with me.

We barely speak to each other now. My second husband has reverted back to a man I don't even know.

I have two husbands and me.

The three of us live in the same house, eat the same food, go to the same church, laugh, and cry sometime together.

Should you find yourself in a place that is unknown to you, remember love them both as both have loved you.

Submitted by Bro. Theodore "Chip" Davis Basileus, Sigma Omega

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Basileus, Sigma Omega*







# SIGMA RHO VISITS CHINA

Brothers from Sigma Rho Chapter with Grand Basileus at the Bund.

Left to Right: Brothers Patrick Duncan, Paige Williams, Grand Basileus Marion, Dana Greene Sr., Gregory Anglin and Darryl Higgs.

On November 29 - December 2, 2018, Men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. converged on the Grand Hyatt in Shanghai, China. The aspirations and endeavors to Charter an International Chapter came to fruition for 11 thoroughly immersed Brothers. Led by Brother Dr. David Marion, 41st Grand Basileus—Chi Mu Nu Chapter (the China Ques) was welcomed into the fold of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Therefore, becoming the first chapter chartered in China by a member of the Divine Nine.

The IHQ delegation and other visiting Brothers were privileged to visit the Shanghai Cancer Orphanage and Blood Bank. We saw first-hand the contributions and services provided by Chi Mu Nu. Commitment to social action and Uplift demonstrate that their presence is both noble and

valuable. By volunteering their time with the youth, conducting blood drives and other service projects—the Brothers of Chi Mu Nu have made lasting impressions, garnered respect and are developing a true friendship within the Shanghai community.

Tours of Shanghai, a Friendship Dinner and the Chartering Dinner & Reception displayed Chi Mu Nu's hospitality and provided Brothers the opportunity to fellowship, while enjoying Chinese culture and cuisine. As charter members in this historic chapter, Brothers Paige Williams, Floyd Simmons and Ronnvey Price highlight the leadership and ingenuity of the Talented 10th District. Several Brothers from Sigma Rho Chapter came to support their Chapter Brother Paige Williams (Chi Mu Nu's Charter Basileus). Special Thank You

to Brother Williams and his family for opening their home to the Brothers of Sigma Rho.

The Chartering of Chi Mu Nu positions our Fraternity in its customary role as a leading example and voice of Black America. A voice that will be heard throughout today's global society. Thanks to the vision, perseverance and enthusiasm of 11 Brothers, Omega continues its expansion, influence and Uplift throughout the world! Congratulations to Chi Mu Nu, the newest Chapter of the 13th International District.

F.I.E.T.T.S.  
Submitted by  
Bro. Dana Greene Sr., Vice Basileus







# ARCHITECT RAFEEQ ASAD WANTS TO DESIGN A MORE INCLUSIVE CITY

*Written by Erick Lorezsonn  
January 13, 2019*



**A**utomotive laboratories for General Motors, lavish Colorado mansions, public libraries and museums — architect Rafeeq Asad has worked on all kinds of projects.

No matter the structure, the 38-year-old associate at JLA Architects prides himself on a sophisticated knack for problem-solving, while always striving to make his projects “sexy.”

Prior to JLA, the Miami native was an architecture and urban design fellow at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, before moving to Madison in 2013 to become an associate with the Madison-based architecture firm Flad Architects.

Asad is also on the city’s Urban Design Commission, where he helps assess the design of proposed structures in Madison. He’s also a mentor who strives to teach youth about architecture through groups like 100 Black Men of Madison and the Omega Psi Phi international Fraternity





Through all his work, Asad said he hopes to make architecture more reflective of the communities it serves. For architecture to thrive, he says there needs to be “inclusion on the design side, from the user side, from every aspect.”

- *How did you first get into architecture?*

My first degree was in business, and my masters is in Architecture. Business was cool. I liked the image of a businessman. But every day doing the same exact thing was just boring. I'm a more creative person. I took a tour of (Florida A&M's architecture school) and I literally registered that same day...students were in there after hours. People were in there just drawing and cutting and gluing, and building models. I was like, 'This is so cool.'

- *Do professional architects get to do much gluing and drawing and model-building?*

It's like one of those memes, you know? "This is what my mom thinks I do, this is what my friends think I do, this is what I actually do." It depends on where you are. Flad is a larger firm. There were about 300 people in that office. You were a lot more focused, you had your one job. At JLA, I'm loving my experience. At a smaller firm, you're more hands-on. You don't have as many people, so you're covering more aspects of the design, from sketching and schematics, all the way through construction documents.

- *You told In Business Magazine about a year ago that you were trying to establish a Wisconsin chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects. Is that still something you're working on?*

I am. Working in a big firm like Flad, where we have 300 people in the office, and there only being four or five people who look like me, it can be challenging. But with NOMA, it was always that reprieve. You go to a NOMA conference with 800 African-American architects that own their own firms, that are doing great work. It's like a family reunion. You get that break, that motivation, that encouragement to see it through.

The hardest part about that here is that in order to get certain chapters, you need certain numbers. We don't really have those numbers, definitely not in Madison.... we might have less than ten (black architects) within the whole state.

- *What kind of a role do you play on the UDC?*

When the opportunity was first presented to me, I think the mayor was definitely encouraging more minorities to get involved. As a minority, I definitely wanted to make sure we had a voice at the table.







## MCLIN PROMOTED TO DEFENSIVE SECONDARY COACH FOR FOOTBALL BULLDOGS

Retrieved from: [OFFICIAL SITE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH BULLDOGS](#)

**M**arcus McLin who joined the UMD football coaching staff this past season as the cornerbacks coach, will now oversee the entire defensive secondary. "I'm excited to become the new defensive backs coach and continue to increase the level of play of the UMD defense," said McLin. "I have a great group of guys to work with and am looking forward to coaching these young men on the football field."

McLin, a former two-time NCAA Division III All-American cornerback, spent the 2015-16 and

2016-17 seasons as the defensive coordinator at Kettle Moraine High School after sharing the defensive coordinator duties at another Wisconsin prep program, Delavan-Darien High School (his alma mater) the previous year.

The Cleveland, Ohio, native lettered four seasons -- starting the final three of those -- at the University of Wisconsin- Whitewater. He was a three-time All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honoree and as a senior in 2014 attained his second consecutive

D3Football.com All-American (third team) citation. In addition to patrolling the defensive secondary, McLin also returned punts and kicks for a Warhawk club that captured NCAA III national titles during his time in Whitewater (2011, 2013 and 2014).

"We are thrilled to elevate Marcus within our staff," said UMD head coach Curt Wiese. "He has proven to be a great mentor and coach with our program and we look forward to continuing working with him."

*Submitted by Bro. Marvin R. Perry,  
Sigma Rho Chapter*





## MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MDOT BROTHER PAUL C. AJEGBA

Newly elected Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, ran on the promise that she would “fix the damn roads,” in Michigan. To that end, one of her early major decisions was to appoint Brother Paul C. Ajegba, as Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). With 28 years of MDOT experience, Brother Ajegba began leading the organization on January 1, 2019. He previously served as Metro Region engineer and prior served as University Region engineer. Brother Ajegba has been involved in the planning, design and construction of many major state road projects, including the US-23 Flex Route—a project nominated for the America’s Transportation Award—among the top national finalists. Other notable projects include the I-94 rehabilitation project in Ann Arbor/Jackson, the I-96/US-23 interchange and the I-75 freeway project.

Brother Ajegba holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Prairie View A&M University and a Master’s degree in Construction Engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Michigan. MDOT is responsible for Michigan’s 9,669 mile state highway system, which includes all Interstate, US and state highways in Michigan.



BROTHER PAUL C. AJEGBA  
- DIRECTOR -  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MDOT also administers other state and federal transportation programs for aviation, intercity passenger services, rail freight, local public transit services, the Transportation Economic Development Fund and others. The annual operating budget is over 4.5 billion dollars.

Brother Ajegba resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan and was initiated at Sigma Rho Chapter—on November 14, 1992. He is a former Basileus, Omega Man of the Year and has Chaired/served on numerous Chapter committees. 2019 marks his 27th year of service to Sigma Rho and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Ajegba is married to Brenda (Delta Sigma Theta) and they have a daughter, Brittany.

The following are excerpts of my conversation with Brother Ajegba...

### QUESTION:

*How did you get into Civil Engineering?*

### ANSWER:

I am actually an accidental Civil Engineer. My initial career goal was to be an architect.

During my freshman year, we were required to take some civil engineering classes as electives, and the concepts came easy to me. I dropped architecture (because I really could not draw) and went straight into civil engineering.

### QUESTION:

*How did you become employed at MDOT?*

### ANSWER:

After working for a consultant for three years, working nearly 24/7, I became burned out and decided to go to graduate school. I quickly developed an interest in the transportation side of civil engineering. I was recruited by MDOT to enter the Engineer Development Program and found my niche. I am passionate about traffic/safety operations.





## ELITE GREEK: D.J. KNOX

RETRIEVED FROM PURDUE UNIVERSITY FRATERNITY, SORORITY, AND COOPERATIVE LIFE

As a leader on the Purdue football team and in his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, D.J. Knox (HHS'18) was constantly in the limelight. He knew that he needed to set a good example whether he was putting in the extra effort at football workouts or living out Omega's ritual in his daily life.

While visiting his aunt in college, Knox met Omega Psi Phi brothers and witnessed a part of himself in the members. His uncle and high school football coaches from Creekside High School in Fairburn, Georgia, were Omega brothers as well and had a positive influence on his decision to join the brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi.

"My proudest Boilermaker moment was when I scored a touchdown at the Illinois game, and I showed my fraternity sign to the crowd and took a knee for my father, who had a stroke a week earlier and was unable to attend that game. That was a special moment because it incorporated all of my support systems: the football team, my fraternity, and my family."

Knox witnessed many similarities between the football team and his fraternity. There is a brotherhood both on and off the field. His favorite part of being a football player and an Omega brother was "seeing a group of guys come together to achieve a goal." Omega Psi Phi's motto, "Friendship is essential to the soul," is something that Knox observed

every day. "You need to give your last for your brothers, care about your brothers, and live selflessly," he says.

To illustrate this selflessness, Knox participated in various community service events. He was a host and participant for a date auction for the Business Opportunity Program (BOP) in the Krannert School of Management — he stepped outside his comfort zone to make a difference.

Knox graduated in the fall of 2018 and plans to continue his involvement with Omega Psi Phi as a member of the alumni chapter.

"There is never a right way to be a leader — do what you think should be done."







## INDIANA STATE ALUMNUS ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT FOR FRATERNITY OCTOBER 17, 2018

An Indiana State University alumnus' homecoming on Oct. 13 brought with it a \$25,000 gift for the Chi Sigma chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The donation by Lindsey Montgomery, '86, will be used to establish the Chi Sigma Student Leadership and Alumni Memorial Endowed Fund to support members of Indiana State's Chi Sigma chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as the men earn their degrees from the university.

"We have several chapters in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. that have already established an endowment

account at their respective universities, and this was the right time to give back to the university," Montgomery said. "We hope that each undergraduate brother will receive a stipend from the interest gained only and help with tuition, books, room and board cost as they work towards a degree."

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Montgomery earned his degree in business administration and worked for 25 years as an auditor for the Pentagon Federal Credit Union. While attending Indiana State on a football scholarship, he was an active member of the Chi Sigma chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

"The Division of Student Affairs and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life are appreciative of this gift from Mr. Montgomery. His gift is a testament to the importance of providing our students with transformative student life experiences while enrolled at Indiana State University," said Willie Banks, vice president of student affairs. "This gift also speaks to the important role our alumni play in helping shape the collegiate experience for our undergraduate students. We are thrilled that Mr. Montgomery is giving back to his alma mater in such a significant way."





# THANKSGIVING DINNER

## WITH RHO GAMMA GAMMA

During the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, residents from all over the Chicagoland area received the gift of love, joy, friendship, and a quality meal made possible by way of a joint collaboration among the brothers of the Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and the pastoral leadership team at Pleasant Green

Missionary Baptist Church. The historic institution of Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church has been a pillar of community empowerment and liberation on the south side of Chicago for over 100 years. Under the leadership of Reverend Joseph Coney Sr. and Associate Pastor Reverend Sam Paul, Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church hosts and caters to a wide range of ministerial services that targets Chicago areas most vulnerable and underrepresented populations as well as, serving as a strong community advocate for the disenfranchised populations within the Morgan Park section of Chicago.

On Saturday November 24, 2018-the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma



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Editor to the Oracle  
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friendship, and food to the most vulnerable and disenfranchised residents of our community.

Rho Gamma Gamma brothers Joseph Smith and Tyree Fleming provided the necessary leadership to a host of brethren from the chapter that worked diligently to make this community collaboration, a model of success.

Graduate Chapter collaborated with Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church officials to provide a free thanksgiving dinner to any and all residents in attendance. Many of the attendee's included residents from area homeless shelters, disabled veterans of foreign wars, and residents living in temporary housing due to domestic violence situations in and around the Morgan Park section of Chicago. The free Thanksgiving Dinner provided a traditional thanksgiving dinner that fed 80-100 people, in which individual brethren within the chapter donated funds along with the Rho Gamma Gamma Executive Council to cover the costs of this event that brought love, peace,

In times of limited resources, its opportunities such as these, that make an incredible difference in terms of what is available to our most vulnerable and under-served populations of our communities. The establishment and execution of this program and/or event is a testament to the Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter's commitment and dedication to continuing the legacy of community service, collaboration with area institutions, and advocacy for the most vulnerable of our residents and populations within the Chicagoland area.







The men of Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter of Chicago in collaboration with New Faith Baptist Church of Matteson, Illinois, teamed up together to bring a little joy, happiness, and an ethic of care and concern to several children in the Chicagoland area, whose parent(s), guardian, or care givers are currently incarcerated in statewide correctional facilities. According to researchers at the Jane Adams Center for Social Policy and Research, an estimated 10 to 12 million children in the United States are currently affected by parental involvement in correctional facilities across the United States. This includes having a parent currently or formerly incarcerated in jail or prison or under the supervision of parole or probation. Furthermore, children of incarcerated parents are vulnerable to a variety of behavioral and psychological problems as well as, their family members and caregivers being subjected to high volumes of financial and physical stress.

The Angel Tree Project provided the men of Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter, with the

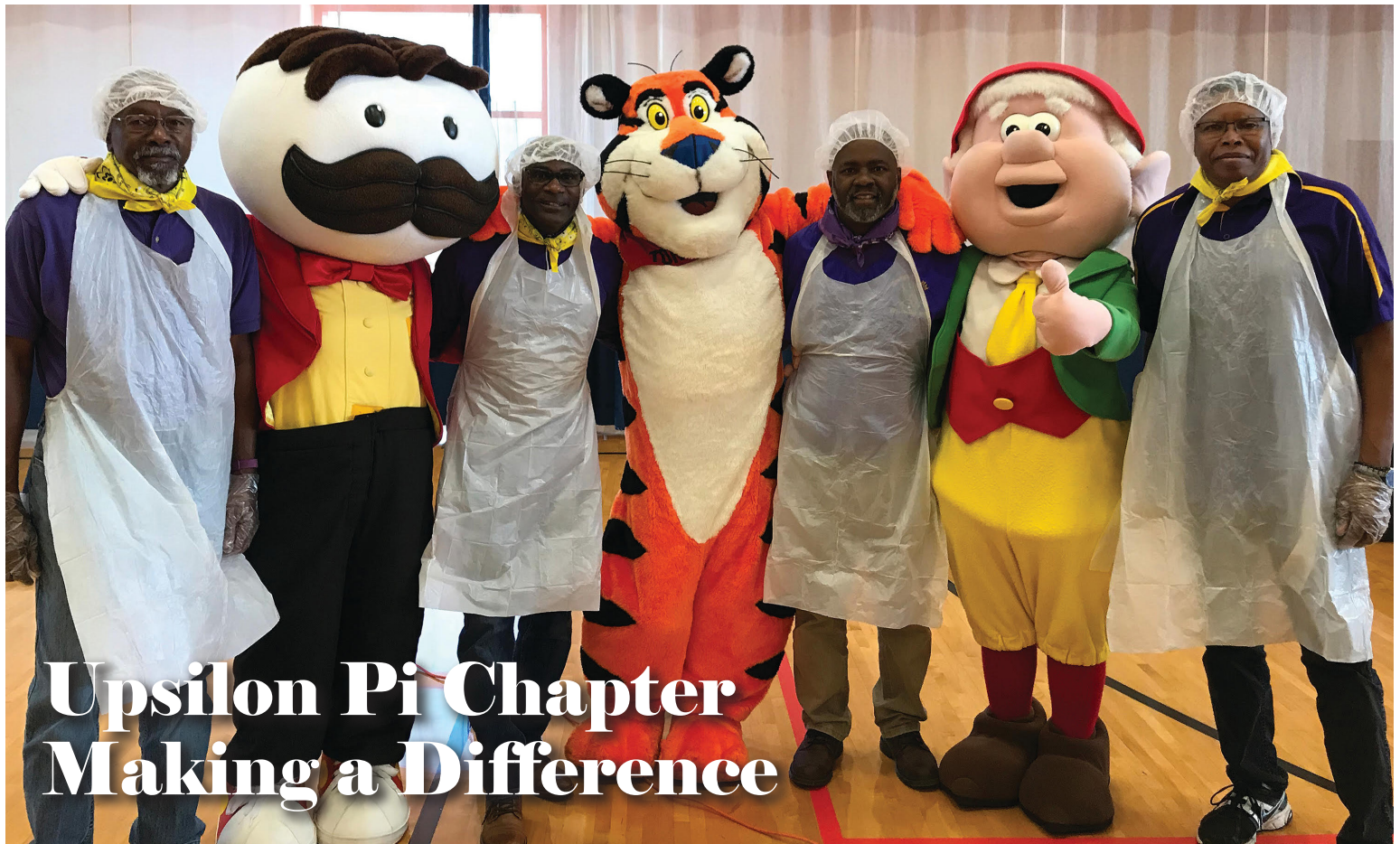
opportunity to assist families with the financial burden and stress of caring and providing holiday gifts for children of incarcerated parents. The element of teamwork and unselfish living was on display for the entire City of Chicago to see during the execution of the Angel Tree Project. An example of this occurred when a number of Rho Gamma Gamma brethren drove to various locations of Chicago and its surrounding suburbs to provide children of incarcerated adults with age appropriate toys and holiday treats courtesy of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated-Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter in collaboration with New Faith Baptist Church of Matteson, Illinois. The event was an excellent opportunity for brethren of Rho Gamma Gamma to provide Chicagoland area youth with access to positive male role models who are actively engaged in their communities as well as, being concerned about their social and emotional growth during a vulnerable time in their lives. Equally as important, family members and community representatives expressed deep appreciation and gratitude

towards the leadership and brethren of Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter for their undisputable commitment to uplifting the disenfranchised and underserved populations of our community.

The dedication, ethic of care, and personal commitment to excellence demonstrated by the brethren of Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter during the planning and execution of the Angel Tree Project, serves as testament to the chapter's commitment of providing the Chicagoland area with high quality services, support, and advocacy. Equally as important, the men of Rho Gamma Gamma benefitted from quality time spent together in the pursuit of providing services and relief to children caught in a temporary vulnerable situation. By modeling and showing impacted youth that responsible men in the community care and willing to stand by them in their time of need, speaks volumes to the notion of faith and hope. All of which, assists families and impacted youth in their quests to stand firm while meeting lives adversity, squarely face to face.







Pictured with several Kellogg product mascots are chapter brothers listed left to right- Bro. Richard Gaines, Co-founder of the Chapter, Bro. Theodore Sanders, Chapter Editor, Bro. Fionn Williams, Chapter Basileus and Bro. George Bridges, Co-founder of the Chapter

The Brothers of Upsilon Pi Chapter, the graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, Michigan, teamed up with The United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region and the Kellogg Company on October 16, 2018 at the Full Blast Recreation Center for the World Food Day event. The Brothers of Upsilon Pi Chapter helped to lead 400 volunteers from both companies and the community worked together to assemble 100,000 ready-to-cook meals for pantries in the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo region. In the Battle

Creek Kalamazoo region, 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 5 children struggles with food insecurity.

The event had the dual purpose of providing meals to those who need them as well as creating opportunities for community engagement. Brothers Richard Gaines and George Bridges (Chapter Founders) and Bro. Fionn Williams, Chapter Basileus and Bro. Theodore Sanders, Chapter Editor served as crew supervisors responsible for overseeing the proper assembly of the food packets during the event.

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# BROTHER (CHAPLAIN) LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH JOHNSON

RECOGNIZED AS SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE IL  
“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HUMANITARIAN AWARD WINNER”

**B**rother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Kenneth Johnson, a member of the Mighty Nu Chi Chapter of East St. Louis, was recently awarded the 2019 Scott AFB Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award during this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration luncheon. The award recognizes an individual who has embodied the values of Dr. King, including embracing human dignity, community, forgiveness, courage, and love. In addition to the award, Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson received a \$300.00 scholarship which he immediately donated to a deserving Airman stationed at Scott AFB. Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson stated, “this scholarship should help a deserving Airman with his or her pursuit of higher learning.”

As part of this recognition, Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson was praised for his selfless dedication in facilitating spiritual wellness across the Scott AFB community through Operation BLITZ, the Base Chapel initiative to help enhance morale, motivation, encouragement, and a stronger relationship between the Chaplain staff and the community. Under Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson's leadership, the Base Chapel team visited installation groups,



squadrons, and flights, to offer messages of hope and inspiration while sharing the joy of power breakfasts on Thursday mornings. The team had a tremendous impact with these encounters which greatly contributed to the resiliency of more than 5,000 fellow military and civilian wingmen.

Additionally, Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson and his team created 35 programs involving 120 volunteers who directed 476 events to meet the diverse worship service and religious education needs of 12,000 members. Moreover, he led the way in building alliances by collaborating with members of the Medical Group, Airman and Family Readiness Center, Force Support Squadron, Top Three, and the Airman's Council to ensure the wellness of the base populace.

Over the past year, Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson oversaw numerous community projects including a local food drive that

collected and distributed over 1,500 pounds of food that was donated to two local food banks that delivered critical assistance to 194 local families. Furthermore, Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson led two chapel youth programs that mentored 26 young people. Volunteers willingly

worked 144 community service hours. Also, Chaplain Brother Johnson orchestrated 42 dinners at the installation's dormitories. For this effort, 288 volunteers from across the base cooked and served 2,500 meals to dormitory residents. These dinners provided superb networking and support platforms for all who attended. Aside from base achievements, he served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Children in the 12th Judicial Otero County. He assisted 13 children in need.

Brother (Chaplain) Lt Colonel Johnson serves as the Chaplain Association President to the General Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In this role, he collaborates with 88 Department of Defense chaplains to ensure religious rights and accommodation to service members in the United States Armed Forces and Veteran's Administration.







# Epsilon Rho Paying It Forward

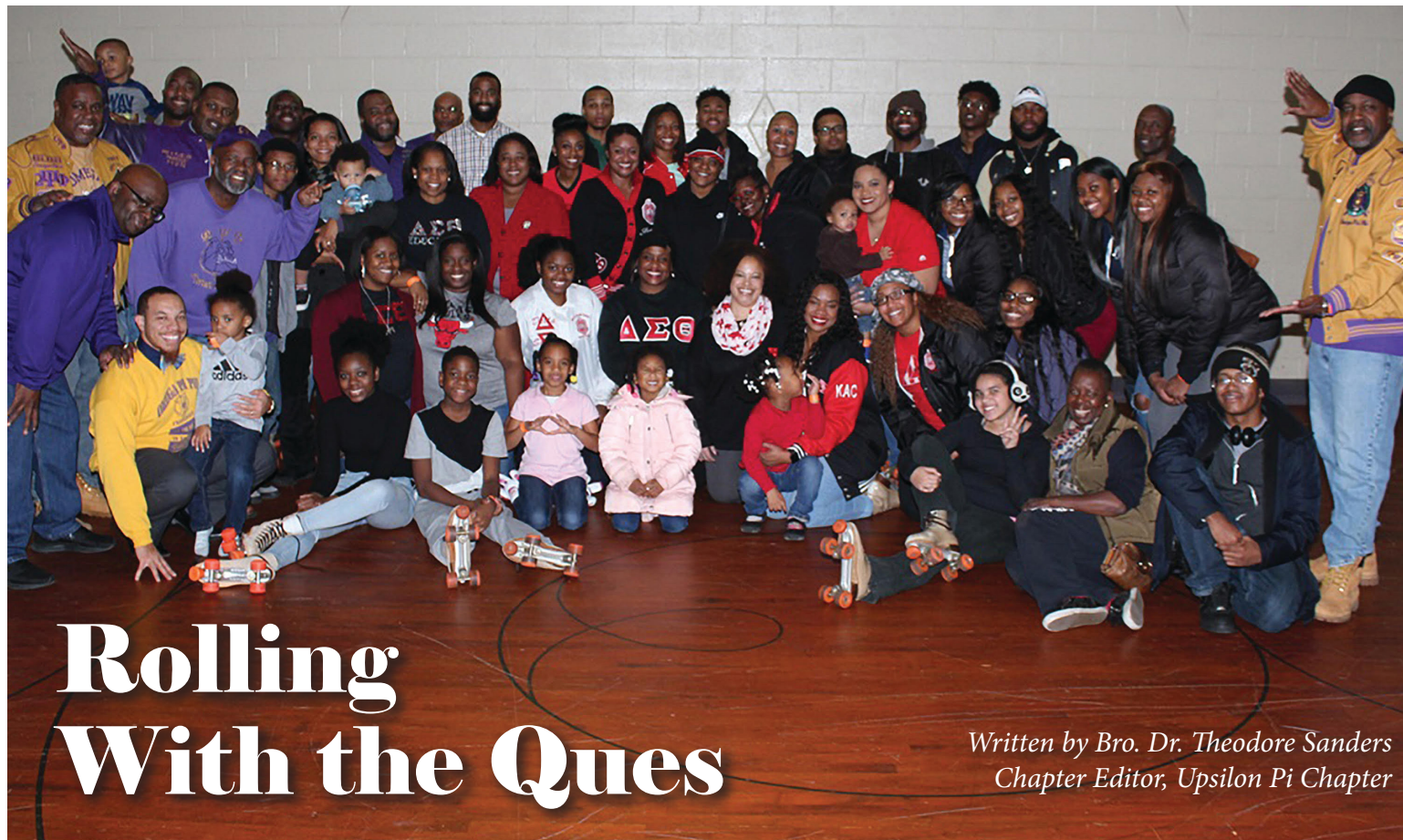
The Brothers of the Epsilon Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. volunteered at Feed My Starving Children to pack nutritious meals for children worldwide. At the event, the meals were packed for children in Cuba.

The event was held on November 23, 2018 at the Coon Rapids facility. A total of 10 brothers along with 29 family members and friends played a major role in packing 227 boxes, which contained 49, 032 meals that could feed 134 kids for an entire year.

The organizing staff of the event mentioned, how it was a good feeling to know how many less fortunate children would be blessed by the sacrifice of the volunteers. The men of Omega, their families and friends did just as the facilitator mentioned - showed unity in working with other volunteers from the community. Overall, the event was successful and the volunteers were able to be a blessing to







# Rolling With the Ques

*Written by Bro. Dr. Theodore Sanders  
Chapter Editor, Upsilon Pi Chapter*

The brothers of the Upsilon Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are having a big impact on the community through service in partnership with the Upsilon Gamma Undergraduate Chapter and the Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Brothers of Upsilon Pi Chapter, the graduate chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Michigan communities and the Upsilon Gamma Chapter, the undergraduate chapter at Western Michigan University teamed up with the Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on November 27, 2018 for the Get Right Skating Health Initiative Event. The event was held at the Great Skate Roller Rink and was designed to encourage friends and families within the community to exercise and stay active in fellowship, fun and networking during the cold and snowy season.







## Epsilon Rho Chapter Providing Holiday Cheer to the Youth

The Brothers of Epsilon Rho Chapter in collaborated with Shiloh Temple International Ministries and the United States Marine Corps teamed up to provide needy families with toys for the holiday season. 19 Brothers of Epsilon Rho along with a host of family and friends helped to organize and distribute gift and stocking stuffers to those in need of a little holiday cheer. Shiloh's leadership was thankful and appreciative of the community event with the brotherhood that was started in 2007. We expect that the brothers will continue to be an asset to the Toys 4 Tots efforts in the future.





# KAPPA PHI STANDS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The month of January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. As a result, the brothers of Kappa Phi Chapter through the direction of Dr. Ramel Smith teamed up with Grateful Girls to bring awareness against Human Trafficking.

Grateful Girls, a local non-profit organization that serves those escaping the sex-trafficking industry, hosted its 3rd Annual Stay Out the Game 101 Youth Summit Human Trafficking Prevention

and Awareness Summit on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at 9 a.m. The event was held at the the Northside YMCA, 1350 W. North Ave.

This free event was open to the public. Local youth between the ages of 11 and 17 years old attended workshops throughout the day, were taught self defense and learned how human trafficking occurs in the Milwaukee area and how to stay safe. There was also words of wisdom shared from a survivor of human trafficking.





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Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Omicron Rho Chapter sponsored the 10th Annual Halloween candy giveaway at Berston Field House. This event took place on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. till 7 p.m. During this fantastic event, there was over 1,500 bags of candy the brothers of Omicron Rho actively distributed.







# Rho Gamma Gamma's Marvin McNeil Determined To Bring Change To Chicago's Southside

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**21<sup>st</sup> Ward:** Ald. Howard Brookins Jr. earned previous Tribune endorsements for alderman and a U.S. House seat because he had worked effectively for the residents of this South Side ward. Especially noteworthy: his push, over union objections, for the opening of a Walmart. But Brookins also has given us reasons to rethink our support. In 2014 his former chief of staff pleaded guilty to accepting a bribe from a developer.

In 2016, Brookins stood with now-disgraced Ald. Edward Burke in opposing an ordinance that would have strengthened the City Hall inspector general's oversight of aldermanic programs such as Burke's \$100 million-a-year disability fiefdom. Brookins tells us he now sees that vote as a mistake. He says he favors anti-corruption measures such as setting clearer rules for aldermen's outside employment. A culture change, however, also requires some new faces.

Marvin McNeil, a retired zoning official, is brimming with energy and ideas. He knows city government and his ward, which he notes has 400 blocks (he's counted). Sidewalks need repair, he said. Street lighting needs improvement. McNeil wants to advocate for affordable housing. Longtime aldermen operate with a sense of entitlement, McNeil says. He promises to come into office "raising hell," serve two terms and then depart. Also running are Joseph C. Ziegler Jr. and Patricia A. Foster. McNeil is endorsed.







## Brother, You're On My Mind Program Highlights Mental Health amongst African-American Men

**M**T PLEASANT, Michigan — Several African American men from Central Michigan University (CMU) came together to share their experiences with mental health at the Omicron Beta Chapter's first annual "Brother You're on my Mind" event. The event was held on November 16 on CMU's campus. It featured a presentation on mental illness and several performances about how to combat the stigma that surrounds mental health.

These performances included singing, spoken word, sharing personal experiences, as well as a keynote speaker. The mission of this "Brother You're on my Mind" initiative was to start conversations and raise awareness about the mental health challenges that affect African American men and their families. Being able to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness in African American men and understanding the barriers to treating depression that are unique to African American men were two of the main topics of discussion at the event.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, some the signs and symptoms of mental illness include sleep or appetite changes, mood changes, social withdrawal, feeling disconnected, problems with memory and concentration and loss of initiative or desire to participate in any activity. Some barriers that usually prevent African American men from getting treated for mental illness include lack of access to care, lack of insurance, poor cultural understanding by therapists and the stigma around sharing feelings and emotion. The event opened with a video about toxic masculinity and how boys are taught from a young age to not show their emotions. This video was followed by an opening statement from the chapter's Basileus, Emmanuel Glass. Glass described the event as something new and innovative on CMU's campus. "This event is groundbreaking," Glass said. "We openly discuss mental health and what it means to us along with others as they share their insights."

During the event, Glass constantly stressed to the audience the importance of seeking help if they felt like they were in need. He also spoke about how he constantly heard the phrase "man up" as a response to him reaching out for help. Miles Newton, the chapter's Vice Basileus, said the initiative is incredibly important because it allows people to see that they're not alone. "When we asked the question of how many people feel that they suffer from mental health, I can say at least 75 percent of the room raised their hand," Newton said. "All of these people suffer, but none of these people feel comfortable speaking out." Romulus senior Timothy Young, who was the first performer of the night, shared a personal story about his father committing suicide and how it affected him. Young says that speaking at the event was very beneficial for him. "It felt really good just to get something off my chest," Young said. "Being





# NU CHI INAUGURAL CHESS TOURNAMENT



The Nu Chi Foundation (NCF) hosted its inaugural Project Manhood chess tournament at the Mary Brown Center Illinois on February 2, 2019. Twenty contestants ages from 12 to 17 represented their organizations including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Project Manhood mentoring program. Students

competed in four timed brackets.

This year's winners were: First Place, Loyal Flanders; Second Place, Kendall Ausmer, Third Place, Michael Clayborn, Jr.; and Forth Place, Demetrius Moore.

Each competitor received plaques and chess sets, medals that were provided by the Chess Society

of St. Louis, Missouri. Barry Evans, Quinton Bellamy and Will Robinson, Nu Chi Foundation members, and creators of the tournament, stated "the purpose of the tournament was to encourage students to think critically, enjoy their competitive spirit, and to



work as a team, while also promoting the game of chess. Moreover, the game enhanced their confidence, discipline, and playing skills."

The tournament would not have been possible without the support of the St. Louis Chess Club, which donated chess boards, medals, and scoring materials. According to Kyle Weber, the club's representative, "We're very happy to support Nu Chi Chapter of East St. Louis, Illinois, with this endeavor. It's our mission to share the game of chess with our youth. Chess helps them develop skills such as planning, goalsetting, sportsmanship, and critical thinking. Our dedicated staff and national partners are

committed to maintaining a strong community outreach presence. Since our inception in 2008, we have served more than 8,000 students in the local area."

Rich Weathers, the Nu Chi Foundation President, said it best, "we have wonderful young adults in our community. It's our goal to grow them into strategic thinking leaders both in the classroom and in our community. The game of chess is a unique platform that helps us achieve this goal."

Nu Chi Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization that sponsors community support and youth mentoring activities monthly. The tournament was a huge success and with 20 members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. that served as referees, coaches, and mentors.







# Local Criminal Attorney Avoids the Limelight

Article retrieved from Minnesota Spokesman-Reporter  
March 22, 2018 by Dwight Hobbes



**T**errorists no longer hang Black folk. The practice, American as apple pie, still isn't specifically prohibited by law. It simply became bad form in the face of international scrutiny. Nonetheless, determined to uphold a supremacist creed of ruthless oppression, the country resorted to legal lynching.

While we're no longer abducted by mobs, police abduct men and women via arrests and courts take their freedom. Long after sentences are served, a stigma is left, obstructing housing and employment. And though they haven't been strangled by a rope, aspirations of leading productive lives beyond menial jobs by pursuing actual careers are by and large no less dead, subjugation sustained.

Noted attorney Ira W. Whitlock of Whitlock Law Office, LLC's expertise is criminal law, defending those who — guilty and innocent alike — find themselves on the wrong end of a system whose due process is levied against them like cards dealt from a stacked deck. He wears a sharp suit instead of a red cape, but the result is no less heroic for those rescued from languishing behind bars.

Whitlock specializes in criminal defense, state and federal, practicing law for more than 20 years. This includes but

isn't limited to appeals, post-conviction relief, forfeiture and expunging records, a boon to those needing to leave their past as far behind them as possible. He has successfully defended clients accused of murder, sexual assault, aggravated robbery, burglary, riot and assault, recently taking on and winning the fairly high-profile case of a local photographer who saw his reputation blemished and livelihood impaired by a charge of rape.

Whitlock draws on Fourth Amendment expertise to try cases involving police brutality, obtaining dismissals with challenges that law enforcement authorities — racially profiling or not — violated rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. Whitlock (IW) describes himself as “a zealous advocate who consistently provides the community honest, forthright representation.”

Named to 2016's Top 100 Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers, selected top St. Paul Lawyer 2017 by the Global Directory of Who's Who Top Lawyers, and a member of Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, he received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Minnesota, Morris and his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree at William Mitchell College of Law. His published articles include “The African American Male is an Endangered Species” (Justice Journal) and “White Black Color and Race” (University of North Dakota).

**MSR:** How satisfying is it to unequivocally acquit someone who's been found guilty in the court of public speculation and gossip?

**IW:** It was an absolute pleasure to assist with getting the acquittal he deserved, since he was absolutely innocent. This case is the kind of case I live for. I love the challenge of starting a case when the State believes they have a slam dunk and my staff and I turn the table in favor of

the innocent client. It is always great to put the time, energy and dedication into a case and hear the words “not guilty.” It is a big deal when people trust you with their lives and you deliver.

**MSR:** I'm disappointed I never got to profile you in Minnesota Law & Politics, particularly since all they assigned me was Black people to write about. Any idea why someone as strong as you didn't cross their radar?

**IW:** I am not sure. I assume it is because I have a small firm and solo practice representing primarily minority clients. My clients are not the most desirable, and there are many attorneys in the community doing good work. In addition, I have not applied for status-seeking accolades such as super lawyer despite my years of experience, and I do not seek the limelight or public recognition in association with my cases. Please note, my clients are often embarrassed about the allegations against them and do not want any publicity. For instance, in a murder case I won in St. Paul in 2011, the news media wrote regular articles about the case involving the death of my client's child while it was pending, and were in court on each day of the trial. After my client was acquitted of all counts, as far as I know, not one article was written about my client, her innocence, my office, or the case. I can certainly campaign for news media coverage, but I find it somewhat disingenuous. On the other hand, I do not shy away from the public and have been on local Channel 9 [Fox] news twice concerning two cases. News agencies are highly interested in covering charges against criminal defendants but very reluctant to cover the acquittals of those same clients because it is more popular to demonize [and] criminalize defendants and poor, disadvantaged communities.



# Gamma Gamma Gamma



The week culminated with the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter Founder's Day Banquet on November 17, 2018. The keynote speaker was the Immediate Past Tenth District Representative, Brother Steven G. Watkins. The chapter enjoyed nice Jazz music and was able to hear our 2018 High School Essay Contest 1st place winner Ms. Fatoumata N. Barrow recite her essay. Other awardees included: Mr. Michael Ford, Citizen of the Year; Brother Charles H. Brown, Founder's Award; Brother Sedric Morris, Superior Service Award and Brother Rafeeq Asad received the Omega Man of the Year Award. The Achievement Week concluded with the brothers attending Mt. Zion Baptist Church, a local church where most of the brothers attend. The Chapter collected over \$150 to present on behalf of the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter for all the work and commitment they put into the local community and the partnerships they have included the chapter in.

The Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter celebrated its 34th Annual Achievement Week from 12–18 November 2018. The week began with a Social Event, Monday Night Football. Which allowed the brothers to fellowship as well as network with others from the community. This event was hosted at The Twist Bar where games were set up and everyone enjoyed the football game. Tuesday was a day of Community Service, where the Chapter partnered with Badger Prairie Needs Network, a local Food Pantry. The brothers helped the organization install a new cooler component system for their food. This will allow them to store up to 72 billion pounds of safe food annually and help feed over 15,000 people next year.

Other Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter Achievement Week events included; a Men's Bible Study on Wednesday that was organized by Brother Richard Jones. Over 15 brothers let their guard down and shared key life experiences.

Thursday we kicked off our first mentorship session where our kids in which we developed long and short term goals. Friday the Chapter conducted the Rededication Ceremony and committed another year into the Omega Land.





# Chi Lambda Lambda Provide Meals to De Serving Families for Thanksgiving



When the Thanksgiving holiday approaches the brothers of Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter (Matteson, IL) understand that most are not fortunate enough to partake in a meal with their family and friends. With the economic woes of today, the burden of middle class tax cuts and lost wages, these brothers sought out to feed those in their service area, which make-up the south suburbs of Chicago by providing full Thanksgiving meals in six (6) suburban villages.

Each brother donated their personal dollars and time to allow the Chapter to furnish fifty (50) families with turkeys, side dishes and dessert for a complete meal that would feed a family of four. These items were categorized and packed just days before the holiday for the brothers to deliver to homes or Village Halls in six neighboring suburbs -

Hazel Crest, Park Forest, Phoenix, Robbins, Homewood and Harvey, IL.

The brothers often find that most, if not all of the meals delivered, are given to deserving families that represent the share of the population



that are grandparents who have taken on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren or single mothers.

As men of Omega, it is critical that we continue to identify the needs within our communities and rally around those who need our assistance the most. The brothers of Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter have identified the needs in their area and continue to strive to relieve the burden of those that they are able to assist.

In doing so, they were able to ensure that fifty (50) families were able to come together to reminisce, rejoice and give THANKS like so many others on Thanksgiving Day.





# Achievement Week Ceremony

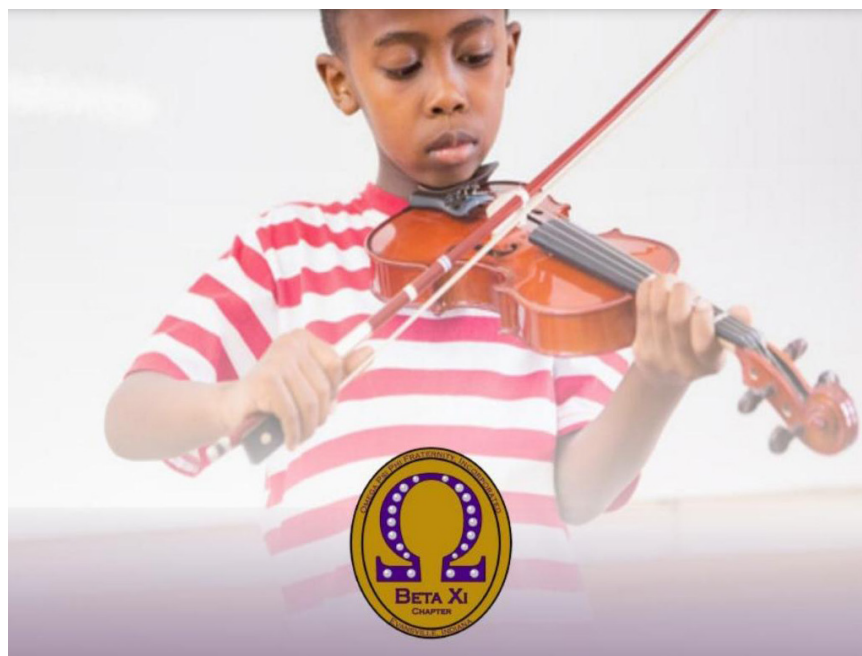
## BETA XI CHAPTER

### 2018

The Brothers of the Beta Xi Chapter held their first annual Achievement Week Ceremony on November 11, 2018 at 4:00pm at the SWIRCA & More Ivy Ball Room in Evansville, IN. The brothers worked diligently and tirelessly preparing to do something that has never been done at this chapter. This is mainly due to low numbers of brothers since most brothers are usually transient and are in the Evansville area for a short while on work assignment. However, the Beta Xi Chapter is making strides and in the last two years have reclaimed 5 active brothers. With the increase in membership the Chapter Basileus, Bro. Keith Patterson, has made it his mission to make sure the chapter is honoring their commitment to the Fraternity by conducting the Internationally Mandated Programs. Here are our award recipients from our Achievement Week Scholarship Award Ceremony:

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD (Two Recipients):

**KIMBERLY REDDING** - Kim is originally from Gary, IN and a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington with a degree in Accounting. Upon graduation from I.U. in 1992, Kim began a career



with State Farm Insurance. In March 1999, Kim pursued her passion in real estate and is a Broker with Star Realtors of Evansville, Inc., the only African-American owned real estate firm in Evansville.

**Current Community Involvement:** Joshua Academy Preschool Board of Directors – Treasurer; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Zeta Omega Chapter – served in several leadership roles including chapter president and chapter membership chair; Leadership Evansville - Board of Directors; ChemoBuddies – Board of Directors. Kimberly has been married to Dwan for 20 years and a mother to four amazing sons, Andre (31), Vincente’ (29), Dwan, Jr. (17) and Dominic (16) and known as “LeeLee” to 2 beautiful granddaughters...Lola (3 years old) and Shuriah (2 months).

**LORI SUTTON** - Lori is the Director of Diversity, Inclusion& Human

Equity for Vectren Corporation in which she is responsible for leading the human equity transformation, managing diversity, inclusion & human equity programs, recruiting strategies, outreach, and the development & management of key community partnerships to support organizational goals. She is also responsible for managing the

recruiting process and strategies for the entire organization. Lori received a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from the University of Southern Indiana. She also received her MBA from Indiana Wesleyan. Lori was recently named a Top Executive in the nation for Diversity and Inclusion. The award was presented by Black Enterprise Magazine. She was 1 of only 33 Directors selected. Lori was awarded the 2017 Diversity Leader Award from Profiles in Diversity Journal. She was selected as 1 of 33 international recipients. In late 2017, she was selected as a finalist for the Southwest Indiana Chamber Athena Award. In 2012, she received the USI Phenomenal Women Award for her work in diversity within her community. Lori currently resides in Evansville, IN with her husband James and their two children JaDrien and Aaliyah.





### **Citizen Of The Year Award:**

Courtney Johnson - Courtney graduated from Bosse High School and completed his Bachelor's degree at the University of Southern Indiana. Since embarking on his entrepreneurship journey, Courtney has dedicated his time and energy to giving back to his community and inspiring those he meets along the way. He created Young & Established to build a community-oriented organization which seeks to inspire and motivate youth and young adults to promote safety, education and success. Courtney believes the work he does is bigger than himself, and his greatest desire is to do everything possible to make the world a better place, one community at a time!

### **Omega Man Of The Year Award:**

Keith Patterson - Keith is from Greensboro, NC and is the Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer for SWIRCA & More Inc. Keith graduated from North Carolina Central University in 1994. In 2007 he received his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Pfeiffer University. In 2011 Keith relocated to Evansville, IN where he started a new career with the State of Indiana for the Department of Child Services as a Regional Finance Manager. Keith became a member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church and is currently serving in his role as Associate Minister. Keith is very involved in the community and serves as the Basileus of Beta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Treasurer of the JM Caldwell Community Development Corporation; Commissioner for the City of Evansville's Human Relations Commission for the Social Status of African-American Males. He is also a volunteer coach for his children's football, basketball, and softball teams. Keith has been married to Kerseclia for twenty-one years. They have four children; Kayla 14 years-old, Kye (Twin) 10 years-old, Kyra (Twin) 10 years-old, and Kia 9 years-old.

### **Beta Xi Chapter Award:**

Dr. Ronald Rochon - Ron is a native of Chicago's south side, currently serves as the President of University of Southern Indiana (USI). Dr. Rochon earned his undergraduate degree at Tuskegee



University. His graduate degrees are from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His doctoral work was in educational policy studies, with an emphasis on educational history and policy analysis. His teaching career has included work at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Texas A & M University, Washington State University, and University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse. He has garnered distinction for teaching, administrative leadership, dedication to students, grant writing, and community

outreach. He is the recipient of the Ronald McNair Scholarship, Mentor Award; the Black History Month "Change Maker" award, Buffalo New York; and he received the 2007 distinguished alumni award from the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Rochon has secured private, state, and federal grant funding exceeding \$7 million, establishing educational programming, workshops, and long-term scholarships to assist underserved students and community members. He has also been responsible for establishing academic exchange programs with universities and non-government organizations in China, Ghana, India, Panama, and Turkey. Rochon is most proud of the loving and supportive driving forces in his life - his wife Lynn, son Ayinde, and daughter Nia.

### **Youth Leadership Award:**

Alexander "Xander" Mwenelupembe - Xander is a second grader at Glenwood Leadership Academy. He is a great son, brother, and friend. He reaches his potential every day by listening and being respectful to others. He is a team leader and a self-starter; he consistently helps his teacher and his peers. He is an A-honor roll student and has his citizenship. He studies martial arts and wants to attend Howard University after he graduates high school.

### **High School Essay Contest Scholarship Award:**

Crowell - Dalton is the son of Cheryl Crowell and Terrance Crowell. Dalton is 17 years old and is a senior at Bosse High School. He is a member of the football team. Dalton is a Jr. Deacon and drummer at Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Dalton plans to study to be a psychiatrist when he gets to college. He is involved in Youth Resource where he became the Youth of the month for July and got to throw the first pitch for the Otter baseball game. His desire is to continue helping young people in his community once he completes his college education. Dalton also wants to continue perfecting his craft as a musician and stay involved in deacon ministry.







# Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Celebrates Founders Day

Worship Service on Sunday at the Greater Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church by the Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter was a culmination of a week of activities celebrating "Omega Achievement Week" leading up to Founder's Day on November 17. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded 107 years ago on November 17, 1911, at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The Chicagoland Joint Founders Banquet hosted by the Iota Chapter was held at the McCormick Hyatt and honored "Omega Man of the Year" Andre Youngblood and Jennifer LeFlore, Founder and Owner of Mamafresh Chicago.

Matteson Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Currin hosted a fundraiser which featured South Suburban Women Leaders as models wearing Barbara Bates Designs at Bar Louie in Matteson. I had the honor of serving as commentator and emcee for the evening. Since beginning her fashion empire in 1986, Chicago-based fashion designer Barbara Bates has become a dynamic leader in the fashion industry. Bates Designs has dressed some of the world's most fabulous fashionistas, entertainers, celebrity clients, community leaders and influential figures, including Michael Jordan, Oprah Winfrey, Steve Harvey, Whitney Houston – just to name a few.

The Village of Richton Park in partnership with Prairie State College and the Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311 hosted the Red Tails Squadron, America's Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, and triumph over adversity "Rise Above Traveling Exhibit." A VIP reception was held for elected officials and community leaders. Secretary of State Jesse White was the keynote speaker.

## Announcements

The Southland College Prep High School and the School District 162 Family urges all to Watch and Vote for their volleyball coach Sandy Redd in her quest to become the "The Voice." <https://voicevote.votenow.nbc.com/>

The South Suburban Chicago (IL) Chapter (SSCC) of The Links, Incorporated, will host Getting in the Holiday Groove, Saturday, December 1, 2018, at The Odyssey, 19110 Ridgeland Avenue in Tinley Park. Tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds from the annual holiday fundraiser are used for scholarships and to support community service programs. The event includes a champagne reception, lunch, raffle, silent auction and dance concert by Valerie Simpson, a multi-talented singer-pianist-songwriter-producer. For additional information and tickets, visit <http://www.ssclinks.org/event-ticket-sales/gettin-in-the-groove-2018>.

## Happy Birthday

A Belated Birthday Wish to Dr. Frank Horton



Dr. Frank Horton



South Suburban Women Leaders walked the runway for Barbara Bates Designs: State Representative Elect Debbie Meyers-Martin; University Park Mayor Vivian Covington; Appellate Court Justice Cynthia Cobb; State Senator Tol Hutchinson; Barbara Bates; Cassandra Matz, Village Trustee Olympia Fields; Matteson Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Currin; Village Clerk Yumeka Shorter, Matteson; Judge Nichole Patton and Carolyn Palmer. Photo by Ven Sherrod Photography



The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. pictured are: Sean Long, Tenth District Keeper of Records and Seal, Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter; Andre Youngblood, Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter Omega Man of the Year; Kenneth Johnson, Chaplain, Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter; The Reverend Joseph Coney, Pastor, Greater Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, Nu Pi Chapter; Michael Brewer, Keeper of Finance; Bryan McGraw, Vice-Basileus; Robert Harris, Basileus, all of Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter.



Art Norman (my favorite Omega) and other Omega Psi Phi Fraternity brothers point at Andre Youngblood (center), Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter "Omega Man of the Year."



Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter members with their Citizen of the Year honoree, Jennifer LeFlore, and Omega "Man of the Year" Andre Youngblood.

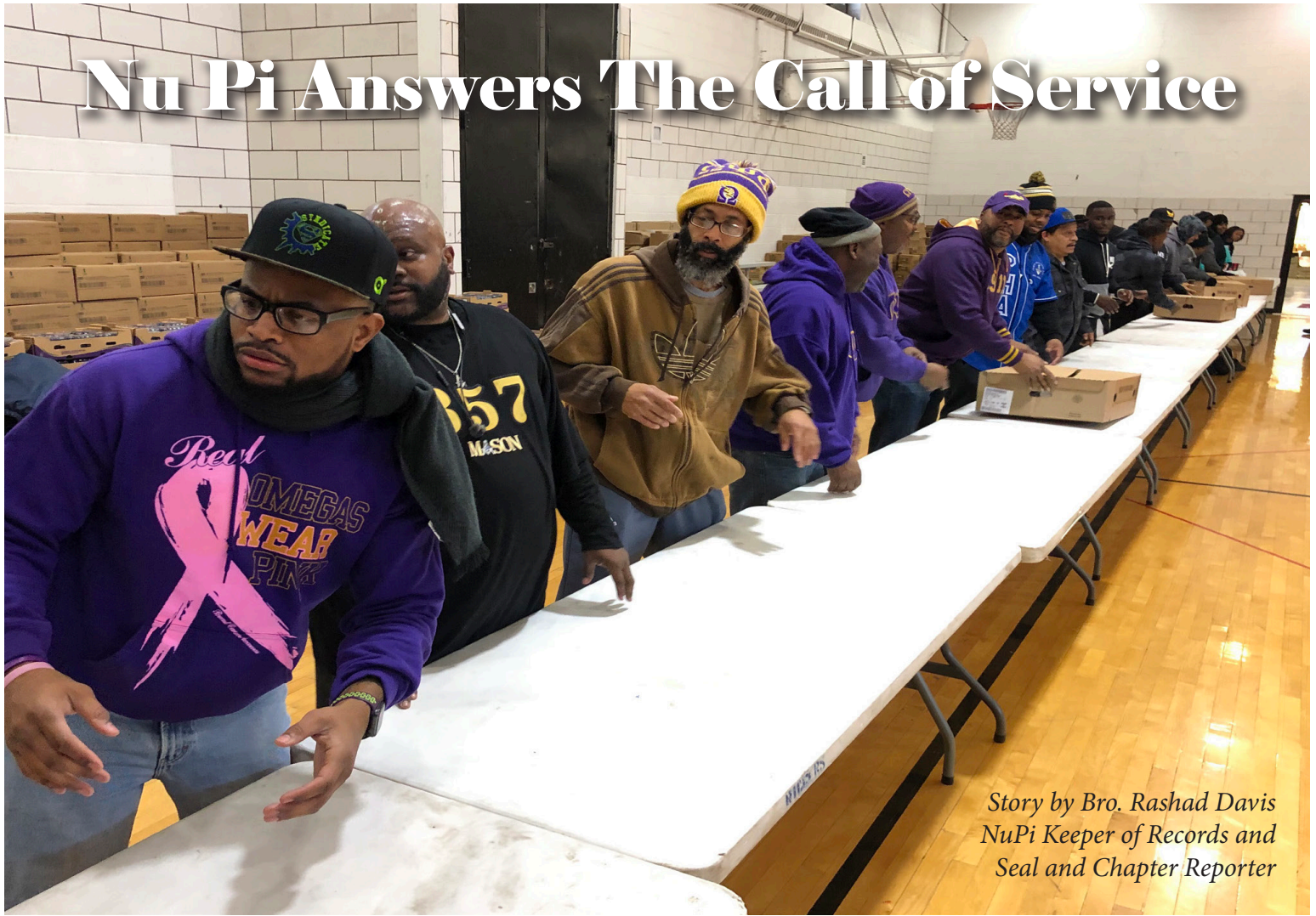


Members of the community along with Mayor Rick Reinbold of Richton Park, Secretary of State Jesse White, CEO and Founder of Southland College Preparatory High School Dr. Blondean Davis and State Representative Elect Debbie Meyers Martin were among the guests. Also pictured are two of the oldest living members of the Tuskegee Airmen.





# Nu Pi Answers The Call of Service



*Story by Bro. Rashad Davis  
NuPi Keeper of Records and  
Seal and Chapter Reporter*

**B**efore the fellowship began and before the oil flowed over, the Omega men of NuPi chapter answered the call from the Chicago Park District on Founders Day, November 17th. More than 30 brothers of NuPi gathered together along with staff of the Robert Taylor Park District and unloaded over the 30,000lbs of food to which was to serve numerous neighboring families. Non-perishable items such as canned goods and canned vegetables among other food items were unloaded by the truck loads, sorted and provided to over 2,500 families.

Families received enough food to last through Thanksgiving and have plenty of leftovers. The food was provided by a combination of donations from various community organizations. Understanding the significance of

the day, the musketeers of NuPi felt it more important to start Founders Day with service and sacrifice their time to be a beacon of light in the community. The numerous families were met and served by the men of Omega as they dawned their purple and gold in collaboration with other community service organizations.

Earlier in the week, the brothers of NuPi also spent time during Achievement week, working together with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to serve Veterans at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Food Pantry. Serving the 100 or so Veterans who have served our country by collecting and bagging their groceries and other hygienic items was a very humbling experience as many members of NuPi are veterans

themselves. The Food Depository responds to veterans struggling with hunger and poverty by providing nutritious food and connections to additional resources.

Rounding out the month with more service, members of the Chapter met and raised donations and supplies to feed 35 families in the Park Manor community. Many of the families have students who attend Park Manor elementary and raised concerns to the Principal that they may not have the means to provide Thanksgiving meals. Again, the call was answered and the men of Omega stood tall and continued to shine a light throughout the community.







## Chi Lambda Lambda Deliver Gifts to Children of Prisoners and their Families The Angel Tree Project

Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Matteson, IL answer the call to deliver over 1500 Christmas gift to children whose parents are imprisoned throughout the Chicagoland area and its surrounding suburbs. Through the Angel Tree Program, sponsored by New Faith Baptist Church International, where Bro. Rev. Dr. Trunell D Felder is the Senior Pastor, these brothers mount up and become the bearers of GOOD news for countless deserving children. These are children that are likely never to receive a gift, let alone one provided on behalf of an incarcerated parent.

Under the leadership of Bro. Vernon Cornelison, the Chapter's Chaplain, these brothers deliver gifts in approximately thirty (30) of the fifty (50) Wards located throughout Chicago. In addition to the covering 60 percent of the Chicago area. They also deliver to twelve (12) out of the twenty (20) surrounding south suburban villages. The gifts, furnished

by the congregation of New Faith Baptist Church, are bagged, labeled and arranged by zip code. Thereafter, the brothers arrived in numbers to obtain over 500 plus bags designated for delivery which must occur before the holiday approaches.

As men of Omega, we know that there is nothing more rewarding than providing service. When Brother Cornelison was asked why the brothers show up in numbers to do this every year with enthusiasm, he replied "there is nothing more humbling than seeing the smile that comes across a child's face when an Omega man delivers that gift to the door. The excitement upon their face reminds us what our purpose on this earth is for." From the looks of the turnout year after year, there is no doubt that these brothers will continue to answer the call and continue to be a beacon of LIGHT FOR OMEGA, in Chicago's south suburbs and continue to fulfill their purpose here on this earth.





# Omicron Rho Supports Big Brother, Big Sister



**B**ig Brothers and Big Sisters of Genesee County hosted their annual breakfast on Monday January 21st, 2019 at Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy headquarters in Flint Michigan. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Omicron Rho was there to support the guest speaker Past 2nd District Counsel Brother Charles F Coleman Epsilon Chapter.

Chapter Basileus Judge Nathaniel Perry presented the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Genesee County with a \$2,500 donation for their programs continuing an annual pledge for the past five years.

The Brothers of Omicron Rho continued their day of service by working with Brother Coleman and his black superhero organization to distribute a truckload of water to the residents of Flint Michigan.





# Mu Xi Giving Back



On December 12th, 2018 Mu Xi chapter held their annual toy drive at The Boys & Girls club of Bellwood Illinois which is located at 4000 St Paul Ave, Bellwood IL 60104. The Boys & Girls Club of Bellwood Illinois was founded in 1956 by local residents and businesses who wanted to establish an organization that filled the emotional, social, and physical needs of the kids in the community. The Boys & Girls Club of Bellwood Illinois provides children with a safe environment to learn and grow in the hours between school and home.

The chapter donated 200 toys to children 12-years-old and younger on the first-come, first-served basis. The items that were donated included bikes, gift cards and gift certificates, games, sports items: basketballs, footballs, baseball caps and gloves, backpacks, jewelry, dolls, and video games.

For some of these children, these donations will be the only gifts they receive this holiday season. Mu Xi knows that it is extremely important to our fraternity, as leaders in our community, that we take advantage of the opportunity to continue to provide uplift during the holiday season. It was truly a great experience to share the joy of Christmas with the kids from The boys and Girls Club of Bellwood.





# Nu Mu Nu Pink & Purple Ball



On December 8, 2018 the men of Nu Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and the Lovely Ladies of Omicron Phi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted their Second Annual Pink and Purple Black Tie Ball at the Bel Air center on 3014 S. Webster street in Kokomo, Indiana. The event was co-hosted by Nu Mu Nu Basileus Angelo Youghbor and Omicron Phi Omega President Sharon Grier of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. The proceeds were divided between both organizations to support their Scholarships programs to worthy students with a financial need that plans to attend college in the fall of 2019.

This event is where Nu Mu Nu chapter also recognized their Achievement week awards winners (left to right Bro. Dr. Harold Smith, Colonel Charles Young recipient, Bro. Clarence Grier Omega Man Through the years award, Basileus Bro. Angelo Youghbor Omega Man of the Year award and Bro. Lance Washington Superior Service award. The Pink and Purple ball was a sellout for the second year in a row with over 270 guests in attendance and they enjoyed the beautiful sounds of Just-Da-Band performing songs from the 80's and 90's as well as current music. In attendance was many of Kokomo elite citizens including the Mayor of Kokomo Greg Goodnight, President of Kokomo City Council Robert Hayes and the Chancellor of Indiana University Kokomo Susan Sciamme-Giesecke PH.D. This was another successful event by the Men of Nu Mu Nu chapter and we can't wait to see you again in 2019.





# Even As Black Americans Get Richer, Their Health Outcomes Remain Poor



One of the prevailing views on the disparities between whites and blacks in terms of medical care and mortality is that people of color suffer from worse health outcomes solely due to a lack of financial resources. It is true that low education and socioeconomic status are often associated with worse health outcomes, and the correlation is quite high. Additionally, people of color are substantially more likely to reside in areas with low economic opportunity, and are also significantly more likely than their white counterparts to be in a position where they lack adequate health coverage and mental-health care.

However, this data has been used only to equate the disparities of struggle and poverty between varying ethnic groups. The resulting logic is that, by targeting income inequality, we can directly solve racism. But the large number of black Americans who don't struggle from economic inequality? They're facing worsened health outcomes too.

Income inequality is not the end-all-be-all of issues experienced by black Americans, yet is often implied to be the case. Believing black American struggles are solely rooted in financial security overlooks the effects that racism has on the physical and mental health of people of color in

the United States. Centering the conversation around financial issues also ignores data that relates to the physical and mental health of black Americans with high economic and educational success. The exact reasons for why educated black Americans with high earnings are still suffering from worsened outcomes aren't fully known, but researchers at Ohio State University are making significant progress in demystifying why. In a recently released study, they look at racial disparities in non-poor African Americans and Hispanics, and analyzed the effects that chronic and widespread discrimination and misinformation has on health outcomes.





“I’ve had this long-standing theory that members of underrepresented racial minorities would have fewer health returns from upward mobility,” says study co-author Cynthia Colen, an associate professor at Ohio State University. Colen also wanted to dispel the prevailing narrative that poverty is at the root of black Americans’ experiences, in health care and beyond. “Upward mobility is certainly better than the alternative,” she says, “but it doesn’t make everything better—particularly health outcomes.”

Colen used decades of research focused on the experiences of middle-class black Americans. According to her data, more money isn’t enough to rid black Americans of higher rates of chronic disease or shorter life expectancy. Black women with a graduate education are still at higher risk for pre-term birth and infant and maternal mortality than white women with high school educations. Black women with a Ph.D. and high take-home pay are also more likely than white women who have only a high school diploma to die from birth-related complications.

That finding flies in the face of the assumption by many that racial health disparities are rooted in issues of education and wages. “[When] we talk about racial disparities in health our knee-jerk reaction is to say, ‘It’s due to exposure to poverty, or exposure to poor neighborhoods, or going to underperforming schools, or not having access to healthy food options,’” Colen says. “Much of the research that I’ve been doing is aimed at picking that apart. Even among these non-poor populations, you still see racial disparities.” A driving factor is that race uniquely affects life experiences. And for upwardly mobile black Americans, those effects can take a heavy toll on their physical and mental health.

Colen has two theories behind the worsened outcomes: First, that there are increased opportunities for exposure

to discrimination that come with moving to mostly white schools or neighborhoods; and, second, that there are prolonged effects of stress from tokenism—that is, when an individual is expected to speak for their entire community. As black Americans climb the corporate ladder, they often find themselves more likely to be tokenized.

Kenesha (not her real name) experienced just that when her family moved to a prosperous yet very white neighborhood in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. She was often the only black woman anywhere she went. During those years, the family experienced a host of assumptions, unwarranted police stops, and, often, social exile. She says her workplace experiences were no better. Her interaction with co-workers ranged from being called the wrong name to invasions of personal space.

“At work, as one of three black women in the finance department, I was subject to my own micro-aggressions, like being called the name of the other black woman who worked in HR because our names ‘sounded alike.’ Yet, we looked nothing alike, nor did we work in the same department,” she says. Co-workers have also touched her natural hair, commenting that it didn’t feel as they had expected.

Outside of the office, Kenesha was often assumed to be a teenage mother and received shocked reactions when others found she and her husband weren’t struggling financially. Other experiences were much scarier—like the time a driver in a car emblazoned with a Confederate flag pulled up next to Kenesha at a red light to wave a smaller mini Confederate flag out the window at her. Kenesha had no choice but to sit there until the light turned green. It wasn’t long before Kenesha and her husband noticed how these experiences were starting to affect their children’s social development.

“The thing that hurt the most was that those that were in our same

socioeconomic class would be ‘nice’ on the outside, but we were still not accepted into their social group. Birthday party invites for our children weren’t reciprocated, and no one but parents of other minority children would extend playdate invites,” she says. “This was a big problem because our children were often the only black children in their class, [and] they weren’t getting the same childhood experience as their white peers.

“Ultimately, the family decided to leave the neighborhood to move to a location where they could raise their sons and develop social connections without fear. Kenesha’s story isn’t a rare one. Other upwardly mobile black Americans often report similar experiences.

Prolonged exposure to racism reduces comfort and feelings of safety, meaning adverse health outcomes are not solely tied to class. Yes, rising to the middle class or higher as a black person is difficult. But Colen’s work invalidates the bootstrapping myth that brings up the harmful rhetoric behind African-American struggle. No amount of hard work and economic mobility can alleviate racism. This type of data is vital to improving future health initiatives— by examining both the nuances in the disparities between race, and why those disparities exist, researchers can make demonstrable steps in addressing the root of these issues. It also reminds policymakers of the importance of tailoring projects to focus on the often overlooked black middle class.

“Too often what happens when we are designing these prevention programs and policies is we completely ignore the needs of non-poor racial and ethnic minorities,” Colen says. “[These disparities] are not going to go away simply by anti-poverty campaigns.”

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# Omicron Rho Providing Hope!

On Friday, December 21, 2018, the Friends of Berston in collaboration with the Brandon Carr Foundation had a food giveaway at Berston Field House 3300 N. Saginaw Flint, Michigan. They were helped by the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Omicron Rho Chapter, this was a very successful event that distributed 150 food boxes. I want to thank the community for the continued support and want to thank my brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for coming out and being an active part of this great community service event.

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Omicron Rho chapter in Flint Michigan stepped up to the challenge to help Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church with their 25th Annual Christmas basket giveaway this event took place Saturday December 15th at the church and was a great success where the man of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity led by Brother Donald Brown help distribute over 300 food baskets and other gifts to the community this was a wonderful community service project and the Omega Men were grateful to be a small part of the process.





# Get in Touch With Your Health!



Pontiac, MI - Brothers of Omicron Alpha Alpha (OAA) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and members from the community participated in “Get In Touch With Your Health Talk” recently at Pontiac’s St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland.

Internal Medicine specialists Dr. Robert Ferguson discussed with the group causes, treatments, and preventions of the many illnesses that impact black men including prostate cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. The two-hour session, sponsored by OAA Chapter, was most informative and did draw overwhelming participation and questions from those attending. The purpose of the session was for Brothers to better understand how to control and combat those deadly diseases that affect black men.

OAA Basileus, Art McClellan recommended the session after some members of the Brotherhood became concerned after learning of unexpected illnesses and deaths of Brothers. McClellan, who admits to having his own health scare, added,

“Considering the staggering national health statistics about black men, it’s vital that Men of Omega take that lead in helping blacks keep in touch with their health so that we can live healthy and productive lives now and in the future.”

The National Institute of Health (NIH), reports show diabetes is 60% more common in blacks than in whites. Blacks are up to 2.5 times more likely to suffer a limb amputation and up to 5.6 times more likely to suffer kidney disease than other people with diabetes. Despite lower tobacco use, black men are 50% more likely to get lung cancer than other groups. And even though cancer treatment is equally successful for all races, black men have a 40% higher cancer death rate than white men.

Another well-known medical fact is blacks develop high blood pressure earlier in life and with much higher blood pressure levels than whites. Nearly 42% of black men aged 20 and older have high blood pressure. We know that certain illnesses and diseases affect black men harder

and more often than they do other groups,” explained Brother McClellan. “So it’s important as men, fathers, and leaders, we do a better job in maintaining good health for ourselves, our families and educating the community about the diseases.” NIH reports show that if you have high blood pressure, your heart must work harder to pump blood, causing a strain your heart, damage to blood vessels, and will increase your risk of a heart attack, eye problems, kidney problems and stroke.

Strokes kill 4 times more 35-to 54-year-old blacks than whites with blacks having nearly twice the first-time stroke risk of whites. “We must get serious about doing a better job in managing our health,” concluded Basileus McClellan, who has suggested quarterly healthy talk sessions for the Chapter.

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# Omicron Rho Serving!



Omicron Rho Flint, Michigan. On Tuesday November 20th, 2018 the members of Omicron Rho Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated attended the Brenda and Floyd Clack Annual Thanksgiving dinner and we're guests' servers at this annual event that takes place each year for the past thirty-six years the members present was Brother James Avery and Brother Bryant Nolden this is an outstanding event and we were happy to be guest servers.

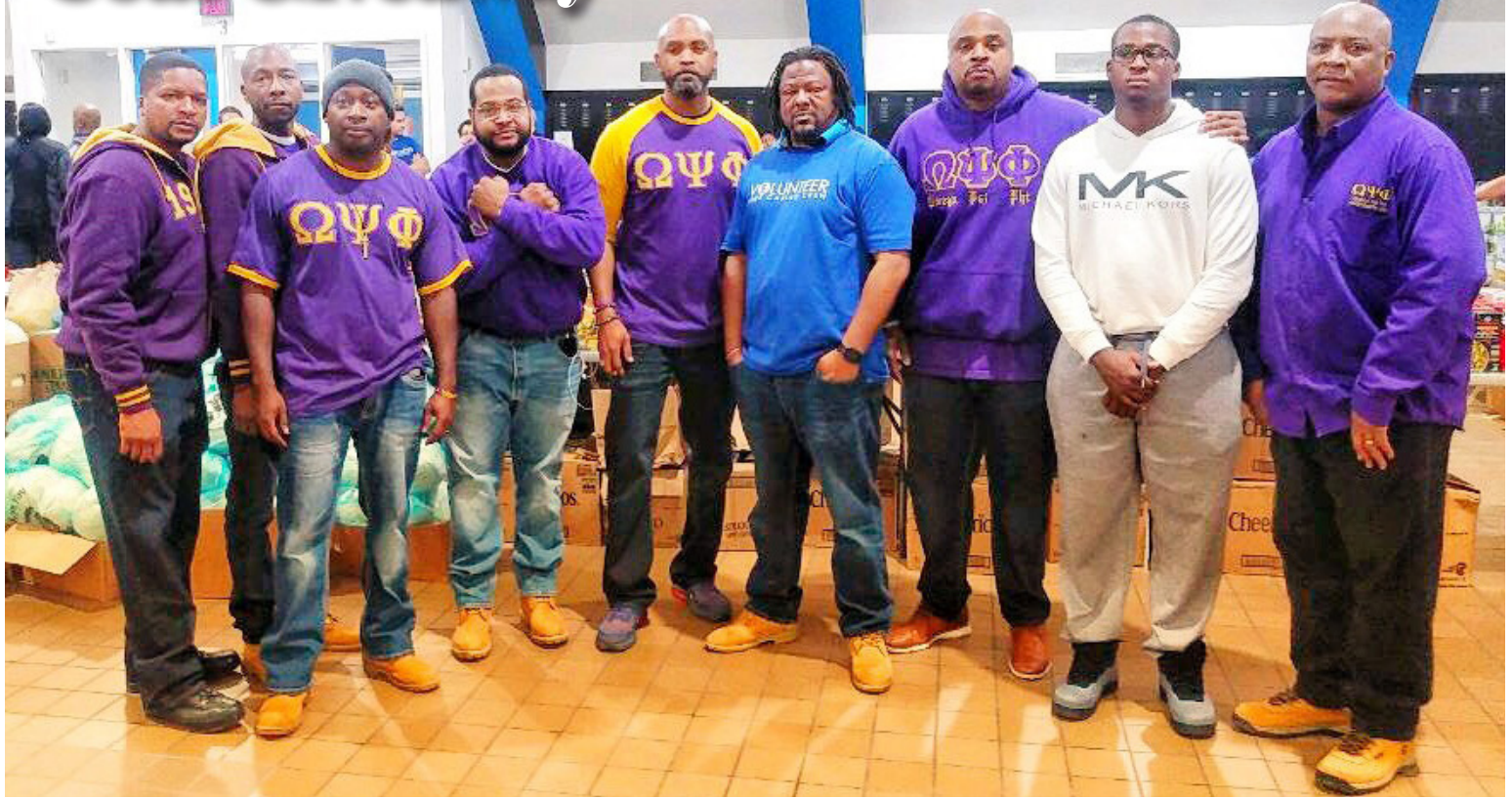


Flint Community Schools needed volunteers to unload and pack food baskets for 2,000 families on Saturday December 15, 2018. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Omicron Rho Chapter step up to the challenge and the brothers were out in full force distributing the food at Flint Northwestern High School starting at 7am until 2pm. This was a great community service event and brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorp rated Omicron Rho Chapter are grateful to play small part, in helping families in Flint.





# Nu Omega Chapter Lends Help to Detroit Police Coat Giveaway



On Saturday December 15, 2018, the brothers of Nu Omega Chapter, assisted the Detroit Police Department with the “Bridging the Gap” initiative. The brothers lent helping hands to the police department’s 6th Annual Warm Coat Giveaway. This event took place at the DPD Training Center (Police Academy) located at 6050 Linwood in Detroit. The event was co-chaired by Detroit Police Captain and Nu Omega brother Keeth Williams. Captain Williams has been a part of this endeavor for several years and has co-chaired the event for the past 2 years.

Brother Williams, who was recently initiated into the Fraternity through Nu Omega Chapter, has been with

the Detroit Police Department for 23 years. His last assignment, before being promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned as the officer in charge of the Detroit Police Academy, was with the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Families who were present received free food, clothes, toys and flu shots. Bro. Damon Kimbrough (another recent initiate into the Fraternity) who is a retired Detroit Police Officer, also knows the value and importance of providing this service to the community. Kimbrough, along with Captain Williams and several other members of Nu Omega Chapter, participated in this event and serviced over 1,000 families in need.

The planning has already begun for this year’s coat drive with the addition of the Board of Police Commissioners and other local citizen groups. By including the board and the other groups, Brother Williams believes that they can exceed the 1,000 plus coats that were given away. “It is important for the community to see positive black men helping and being active in the community. It is equally important for the community to know that Omega supports them, and that Nu Omega Chapter is only a phone call away,” said Brother Williams.

*Written By:  
Joseph Wilson*





# Upsilon Gamma Celebrates 50 Years Of Friendship At Western Michigan University



On October 5, 2018, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Upsilon Gamma Chapter converged on the campus of Western Michigan University to make a significant showing during Homecoming Weekend. The spirit of brotherhood called men from all over the country to Kalamazoo, Mich., to celebrate 50 years of friendship and service.

The Upsilon Gamma Chapter was founded by Brother Richard Gaines of Upsilon Epsilon Chapter at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., and Brother Clarence "Big Tyme" Bates of Mu Omicron Chapter at University of Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa. The chapter was chartered on February 3, 1968. The charter line included 25 young men determined to enhance the lives of African American students on the WMU campus and to serve the community.

Activities for the celebration included a Friday evening Golden Anniversary

Dinner/Dance at Western Michigan University's Fetzer Center. Brother Alton "Boogey" Williams of Upsilon Gamma Chapter was master of ceremonies. He is a Detroit-based comedian who has been featured in Kevin Hart's "Hart of the City" series. Brother Jay Marks, Ph.D, of Upsilon Gamma Chapter served as the event's keynote speaker. Dr. Marks gave an uplifting presentation on the importance of "Living Our Creed."

Tenth District Representative Brother Darryl Jones presented a proclamation from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's International Headquarters and Ms. Shani J. Penn, a member of the WMU Board of Trustees and former senior strategy advisory to past Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, presented the chapter with a proclamation from the university.

The highlight of the evening was the introduction of five members of the charter line who were in attendance: Bro. J. Carl McNeary, Bro. Alvin Keels, Bro. Vertlee Trice, Bro. Esjaye Withers

and Bro. Jesse Ingram. Also in attendance were Bro. Fionn Williams, state representative for the fraternity, Bro. Mark Jackson, president of the WMU Alumni Association's Board of Directors and Bro. Cazzie Williams, Past 2nd Vice Grand Basileus.

On Saturday, the WMU Alumni Association held a ceremony to recognize the chapter for 50 years of service and add an inscribed brick to the walkway outside WMU's Heritage Hall. Afterward, the brothers held a voters registration drive in conjunction with their Annual Homecoming "Que Set-Owt Tailgate" gathering. Despite inclement weather, Brother Keith McCoy, Basileus of Upsilon Gamma, and members of the undergraduate chapter shined and did an outstanding job hosting the event. The weekend culminated with a range of other social activities and events around campus.

*Report by  
Brother Sylvester Mosley, II*





# Zeta Phi Provides Meals!



On November 21, 2018, the Auspicious Zeta Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. opened the doors of the Burnel E. Coulon Community Center to local families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. The purpose was ensuring that there was an opportunity for those less fortunate were served with a meal that could be made in the comfort of their own home.

On this day the Brothers of Zeta Phi Chapter came together to package, distribute and even deliver full Thanksgiving meals to families in need with over 50 families being served. These meals had been gathered, collected and assembled

weeks prior to the event as the items were donated by the Zeta Phi Chapter. The meals included a full Thanksgiving meal for a full-sized family of 5-6 family members. The meals included items like stuffing, sweet potatoes, peas, green beans, bread/rolls, gravy, sweet tea/lemonade, and of course a full-sized turkey. The turkeys were donated by a local Myer retail store that supported the chapters vision for serving those that are less fortunate. The theme of this event was "We want them to eat like us!" this was noted by our Social Action





# Nu Gamma Providing Scholarships



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The Men of Nu Gamma Chapter wanted to provide the campus of Oakland University with a scholarship that rewarded individuals for their excellence in academics while also honoring Nu Gamma Charter member, Brother Gerald E. Henry, '81. Brother Henry entered Omega Chapter in October of 2018 and left behind a legacy of hard work and dedication to making this world a better place. This scholarship, in his memory, provided three young students with financial rewards of \$750 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place for demonstrating leadership abilities both in and out of school. Basileus, Brother Jabari Bande, '16 NT, and Graduate Advisor, Brother Frank Usher Jr, 12-12-87 NT, led a committee in selecting the winners for the scholarship.



Requirements for scholarship application included:

- Application Cover Letter addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should include a brief explanation of achievements, biographical, (background) information and community involvement.
- 500 or more word Essay
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Unofficial Transcript

The Brothers of Nu Gamma Chapter began the night with a Talent Show where three musical selections competed for an award before dinner. The night went on with a catered dinner from Chartwells which was concluded by Guest Speaker, Brother Glenn McIntosh, '83 OB, President of Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer. The speech focused on "Lifting as we climb" and inspired many throughout the audience and received a standing ovation. The three selected scholarship recipients were then announced and were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Brothers of Nu Gamma Chapter on behalf of the late Brother Gerald E. Henry and his family in attendance. The Bro. Gerald E. Henry Memorial Scholarship Dinner & Talent Show provided many with fellowship and inspiration to succeed.





# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NOT ON OUR WATCH!



*By: Brother Maceo Rainey  
Editor to the Oracle-RGG*

The issue of Domestic Violence has reached epidemic proportions in communities across the State of Illinois. According to the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, intimate and inner family violence has impacted the lives of 42,924 families in the State of Illinois as well as, recording 8,371 child witnesses that have testified in state and federal court in domestic violence related cases. Henceforth, industry leaders within the social services field classify Domestic Violence as actions and activities that go beyond physical violence towards an intimate partner in an effort to gain power, control, or influence over an intimate partner. Furthermore, Domestic Violence has expanded its definition to include but not limited to: controlling behaviors, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, economic abuse, intimidation, threats, blaming, coercion, and isolation. Equally as important, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence report that in fiscal year 2018, domestic violence victims and their children received 615,748 hours of domestic violence related services in the State of Illinois. Thus, placing a financial strain on local and state budgets.

The men of Rho Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter of Chicago, Illinois has placed time, energy, and effort during Achievement Week 2018, in our collective efforts to end the cycle of Domestic Violence in our communities. In an effort to confront the epidemic of Domestic Violence within our community, the Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter sponsored a men's think tank session that provided men with a proper understanding of Domestic Violence as well as, collaborating with a local industry expert on Domestic Violence prevention. Furthermore, this interactive workshop provided brethren with strategies to navigate around and through issues of Domestic Violence as well as, properly diagnosing the signs of intimate dating violence. In addition, the men in attendance received valuable legal counsel in regards to the recent local and state laws and statues regarding Domestic Violence situations in the context of public records, background checks, and employment. This bold and collaborative approach enabled brethren to share their experiences as well as, gain strength and support in their efforts to be leaders in their homes, function in loving relations, and raise psychologically healthy children.

The Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, continues to be at the forefront of providing the Chicagoland area with strategies and interventions that are designed to strengthen families, build sustainable communities, while improving the human condition. As a result of the leadership provided by the men of Rho Gamma Gamma, a number of brethren who attended this workshop, have reported shifts in their beliefs and attitudes towards their relationships with family members and intimate partners as well as, evaluating their abilities to support and maintain healthy and productive relationships in their lives. Equally as important, the leadership and brethren of Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter, go the extra mile to create a safe and nontoxic environment for brethren to be vulnerable and gain support in our collective efforts to become better men and leaders in our homes and communities. The great King Solomon said it best, "Iron Sharpens Iron!"





# FAMOUS OMEGA MAN:

## Ernest G. Green



### Summary of Education

Graduate of Michigan State University - Degree in Social Science

Michigan State University – Master's Degree in Sociology

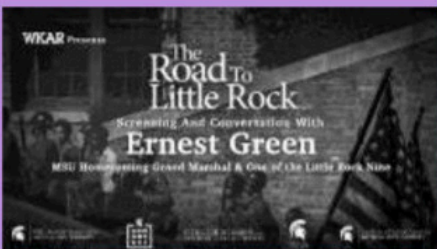
**Ernest G. Green** currently works at Matrix Advisory, an institutional asset manager. Mr. Green is currently serving as a partner of this asset management firm which has offices in New York and Washington, DC. His long involvement in helping states, cities, municipalities and governmental authorities finance their needs throughout the United States has led to him helping to lead Matrix into a new era of public private partnerships. As the former chairman of the African Development Foundation, he uses his international contacts to assist international leaders with their needs, particularly in the area of infrastructure.

Mr. Green was appointed to Chairman of the African Development Foundation by President Clinton. He was also appointed by Secretary of Education, Richard W. Riley, to serve as Chairman of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board.

Mr. Green was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 22, 1941. He earned his high school diploma from Central High School in Little Rock. **He and eight other black students were the first to integrate Central High following the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education that declared segregation illegal. They later would become known as the "Little Rock Nine".** He received a B.S. in social science and a Masters in sociology from Michigan State University. He also received honorary doctorates from Michigan State University, Tougaloo College and Central State University.

Several books, movies and documentaries have been produced chronicling Mr. Green and his eight classmates' historic year at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas—the most recent being *The Ernest Green Story*, produced and distributed by the Walt Disney Corporation. The October 1996 issue of *Black Enterprise Magazine* featured Mr. Green as one of the top 25 African Americans on Wall Street, again in the October 2002 issue as one of the top 50 African Americans on Wall Street, and again in 2006 as one of the "75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street." Additionally, **Ernest Green is a founding charter member of the Sigma chapter of Omega Psi Phi, as well as past Sire Archon of Sigma Pi Phi.**

Mr. Green and his wife Phyllis live in Washington, D. C. He is the proud father of Adam, Jessica and MacKenzie.



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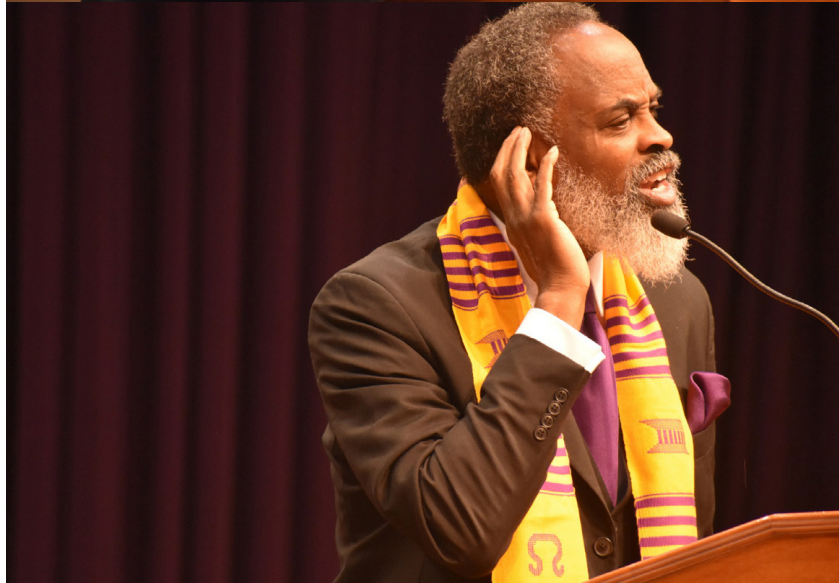
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## When We Wear Gloves

*by Bro. Dr. Carver A. Portlock*

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 Pearl.  
When we wear the gloves





# Hansel Hall, Civil Rights Advocate and Charter Member of the Omega Century Club Dies at 91

## THESE ARE THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF OMEGA'S CENTURY CLUB



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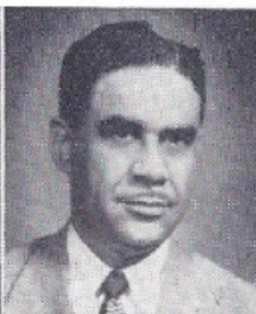
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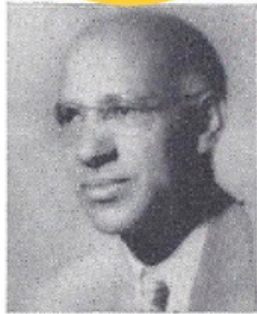
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**H**ansel Hall was one of the pioneers shaping anti-discrimination policies in Minnesota, implementing the then-new civil rights laws for federal agencies ranging from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He was president of the Minnesota-Dakotas chapter of the NAACP in the 1980s, and consulted on civil rights issues most of his career. A nearly 30-year U.S. Air Force veteran, he was the former president of the Korean War Veterans Association.

“He was a Renaissance man,” said Jesse Overton, a Minneapolis businessman and longtime friend. “Most people have one or two jobs in their lives. He had such a range of things that he did. And everything was par excellence.”

Hall was born March 12, 1927, in Gary, Ind., to Alfred and Grace Hall. He joined the Air Force in 1951, serving in Korea and achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. He received a bachelor’s degree in business from Indiana University in 1953 and years later earned a law degree from Blackstone School of Law.

He was also a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, an organization he remained involved in throughout his life, including mentoring younger leaders.

After working in Chicago, Hall moved to Minneapolis in the early 1970s to implement the federal Fair Housing Act, which made it illegal to discriminate in the rental and sale of housing. “The law was brand-new, and it was Hansel’s job to bring it to life,” said Bill Rosenfeld, who worked for Hall in the 1970s. “If you go to an apartment today and see a little sign on the window saying you can’t discriminate, that’s how it started.”

Hall later became chief adviser on civil rights for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Overton said.

Hall was president of the regional NAACP from 1981 to 1986, traveling the three-state area to investigate discrimination complaints, lobby the legislatures on public policy issues and coordinate with national offices on major campaigns.

“Hansel was in the forefront of the battle [for civil rights] in the 1970s and 1980s,” said longtime Minneapolis civil rights activist Ron Edwards. “He was a tactician. Hansel always came with a plan. He was well respected.”

Hall also had a consulting business, Crimiel Communications, and did volunteer work that took him near and far. As president of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Parliamentarians, he traveled internationally to teach leaders how to efficiently run meetings. As former president of the Korean War

Veterans Association, he traveled to Korea several times on delegations. He mentored younger men along the way. Alex Tittle, vice president of the Business Connect program for the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee, said he is forever grateful for Hall’s wisdom.

“All the roles I’ve been blessed with, he’s been a mentor,” said Tittle. “His focus was on economic development. He wanted to make sure the playing field — salaries, wages — was equal for everyone, especially in public service.”

Hall’s friends called him a highly intelligent, caring man.

“He’d ask you about your wife and kids but never talk about himself,” said Tittle. “He was very social, but he also tried to educate people, to help them out. I will miss him.”

Hall is survived by his daughter, Grace J. Hall of Atlanta, and a brother, David M. Hall of Saginaw, Mich. Funeral services have been held.





# Homegoing Service For Bobby Lay



## Viewing

**Cage Memorial  
Funeral Home**  
7651 S Jeffery Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60649  
Friday February 1, 2019  
Noon - 5:00 p.m.

## Cemetery

**Oakridge Cemetery**  
4301 W Roosevelt Rd.  
Hillside, IL 60162

## Funeral

**Progressive Community Church**  
56 E 48th St.  
Chicago, IL 60615  
Saturday, February 2, 2019  
Wake/Prepass: 9:00 a.m.  
Omega men line-up: 9:45 a.m.  
Funeral: 10:00 a.m.

## Bro. Bobby Lay

Brother Lay was initiated into Sigma Omega Chapter in the fall of 1987 as part of the Sons of Aeolus. In his over 30 years of service to Omega, Brother Lay exemplified our four cardinal principles; Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. He spent several years at Iota Chapter and served as the Keeper of Records and Seal there.

Upon returning to Sigma Omega, Brother Lay served on the Archives and Memorabilia Committee. He held several roles in the fraternity; however, it was the friendship he showed to his fellow brethren that really distinguished him. The Supreme Basileus of the Universe, in his divine providence, saw fit to give Bobby his crown in glory.





# Bro. Albert Keal



**B**rother Albert Keal was born to the late Clarence Keal Sr. and Luella Stewart Keal. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Cornelius Joseph Jones, Clarence Keal Jr., and William Keal.

Albert received his formal education from Mary Hines Elementary School. He graduated from Park Avenue High School in 1969. As a student, he was involved in the Honor Society and served on the Student Council. He participated in statewide math decathlons of which he won first place. Albert set several educational goals for himself which he achieved. He also set educational standards for his children because this was important to him. He always said, "Once you learn something it's yours, you have earned it and no one can take that knowledge away from you".

His higher education was achieved at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He earned his Bachelor of Science

Degree in Accounting. He furthered his educational pursuits by obtaining his Master of Business Administration from Western New England College (Western New England University) in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Albert was baptized under the leadership of Reverend A.D. Tino, III in the St. Moses Baptist church. As a member, he was actively involved in the youth choir, Sunday School, and other youth activities.

On June 5, 1971 Albert married his college sweetheart, and they shared 47 years. They were blessed with the birth of a daughter and a son, Shonne Michelle Keal Soliz Maldonado and Timothy Charles Keal.

In 1973, Albert was recruited by Bendix Corporation to begin his professional career in South Bend, Indiana. In 1977 he was recruited by Digital Corporation in Springfield, Massachusetts. His professional career spans several states and companies including: United Technologies in Dearborn, Michigan, Diesel Recon in Memphis, Tennessee, and Harley Davidson in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Albert had a strong desire to give back to his community. He was involved in various civic organizations throughout his life beginning with Junior Achievement in South Bend, Indiana. He was a board member of the YMCA in Massachusetts and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Albert was a Harley Davidson HBCU representative specifically to Southern University for aspiring engineering students. He was also an HBCU board member to Clark Atlanta University. Albert's favorite thing to do was sleep. He also enjoyed working out at the gym as total health was important to him.





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