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Brother S. Earl Wilson's Corner – Our Charge!

Brother S. Earl Wilson *Chairman*

Greetings Brothers: I trust that your holidays were as you wanted them to be. Thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of our beloved Fraternity.

As discussed on our Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring (FIM) Committee teleconference calls, our committee focus now includes: **Fatherhood Initiatives, Youth Leadership Conferences and Big Brothers/Big Sisters** programs. This represents an expansion of our role and a signal that the new Fraternity leadership has confidence that we are carrying the brand. And, that the brand is bringing uplift to our communities through our service to others.

As part of our commitment going forward, we will be rolling out our Project Manhood program while remaining focused on FIM. Project Manhood's mission is: *to enhance the personal and professional development of male youth thus developing productive citizens today and leaders for the future*. The major tenants of the Project Manhood program are: **(a.) Personal Development/Academic Excellence, (b.) Leadership Development, (c.) Public Service and (d.) Financial Literacy.**

The three–tier program (IHQ, Districts, Chapters) will consist of each Chapter mentoring a minimum of 20 male youth, monthly. Our goal is for the Fraternity to mentor over 10,000 young men per month. Chapters will have the academic freedom to incorporate activities that fall under the four tenants. The program emphasizes hosting monthly sessions, data collection, reporting and developing bi–annual youth conferences. Also, chapters currently with male mentoring programs will not have to change their names, i.e., operating similar to the NFL/NBA. (*Continue, next page*)

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Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

Chapters with male youth mentoring coordinators and the FIM Committee will assist other chapters to construct program activities. A Project Manhood Guide will be provided to assist chapters with the implementation of the initiative. While we are engaged in youth mentoring, join the 41st Grand Basileus, Dr. David Marion, as Omega "officially carves male youth mentoring" into the fabric of the Fraternity history, through Project Manhood. When we succeed in bringing structured awareness and understanding to our communities, we will be far along in easing the burden of generations.

Brothers, we asked you to take your sons and grandsons and mentees to the polls last November and vote. You did! You will see in this Newsletter results of our involvement in the recent national elections.

We ask that you continue to reach out to Fathers and Future Dads! They need support as we continue to illumine father involvement in the family!

We continue to ask that you mentor our youth; get them involved in leadership activity so that they will continue to grow and become the caretakers of our rich history and heritage of scholarship, perseverance and uplift!

We ask that you continue your involvement in the communities we serve, providing the leadership that is expected of us! Remember the Brand!

Thank you, for all that you do! Stay in touch with your FIM District leadership and let's make this new year–2019 bigger and better as we continue to "sing thy praises far and nigh!"

~~ Forever in your service! ~~
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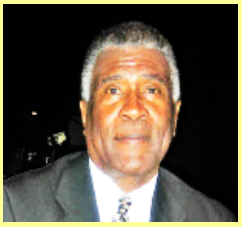

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"Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from teaching of biography and history."

Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson,
~ The Man Behind African American History Month ~

Newsletter Goal:

To include information from each District each quarter about Fatherhood Initiatives and Mentoring – which includes Youth Leadership Conferences, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Brother You're On My Mind.

Each District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman should submit Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring information from their District each quarter to:

Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net. Next deadline for 1st Quarter 2019 will be: March 15th. Information should cover, January, February and March 2019.

Quarterly submission deadlines: December 15, March 15, Jun 15 and September 15 of the year.

Brother Thabiti Boone, International Liaison's Message

Washington, DC – Brothers Robert Fairchild, Antonio Coleman, Frank Malone and Thabiti Boone participated in the recent Washington, DC Capitol Hill legislative conference **"From Demonstration to Legislation"** hosted by Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network civil rights organization.

The two–day conference, held at the Russell Senate Office Building, convened many members of the US House of Representatives and Senate including U.S. Senators Kamala Harris and Cory Booker. Our very own esteemed Fraternity Brother and Congressman James Clyburn (D-SC) presented at the conference. Representative Clyburn is the 3rd highest ranking member of Congress. Over 300 participants attended the conference.

L-R: Congressman Brother James Clyburn, D-SC with Brothers Boone, Coleman and Fairchild

L-R: Brothers Malone, Boone, Coleman and Fairchild with Congresswoman Gwen Moore, D-WI

The conference addressed key issues and policies affecting the Country. Particular attention was paid to how these issues and policies impact the African American community. Important next–steps in dealing with these issues and policies were outlined and will be placed on the legislative agenda following the midterm elections.

Issues discussed that were of concern to the Fraternity were: Criminal Justice Reform, Healthcare, Educational Opportunities and Voting Rights, and most importantly, how community organizations can affect policy changes. Congressional Representatives laid out their legislative priorities.

Congressman Brother Jim Clyburn was pleased to see Fraternity participation. Also pictured with Brothers was Milwaukee Congresswoman Gwen Moore. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., representatives under the leadership of Brothers Fairchild, Frank Malone and Thabiti Boone, worked side by side with Dr. Stephanie Myers, Founder of DC Black Women for Positive Change, to vigorously support Congresswoman Moore's anti – violence De-Escalation Bill which is geared towards eliminating violence among youth in urban communities.

Omega Men at the Polls with their Children, Grandchildren and Mentees!

Brother Thabiti Boone pictured to the left said: *"I took my 12-year-old mentee with me to the Polls, discussing with him the importance of voting, the issues facing our Country and his future. He joined me thru the entire voting process, signing in, standing on line, going into voting booth and casting vote."*

Brothers from various states in the USA and from Chapters around the world are pictured with their sons, grandsons, daughters and mentees. They seem to be saying, "We voted! Yes, we did!"

"Proud Fathers, Grandfathers, Role Models!"

From around the world Omega men responded to the *"call-to-action"* by the Grand Basileus to "go to the polls and vote" – and they did! They voted in large and awe-inspiring numbers to make certain that their voices would be heard and taken seriously. It was as if they were heeding the call of Omega men of years gone by who understood what it takes to make a people whole; to do the things required to teach the children and to save lives. It was as if they had heard the soul-stirring sounds of those who sang the songs of the ages:

"Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died" **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyS3HPInHtI**

The example which will be an inspiration to the ~~Negro~~ (African American) boys and girls whose anti–social behavior distresses most whites and many ~~Negroes~~ (African Americans) is someone they know who has experienced what they have experienced and has won acceptance in the mainstream of America.

When the Ralph Bunches, William Hasties and John Hope Franklins emerge from their environment, the achievements of these successful ~~Negroes~~ (African Americans) will provide models which have meaning for them.

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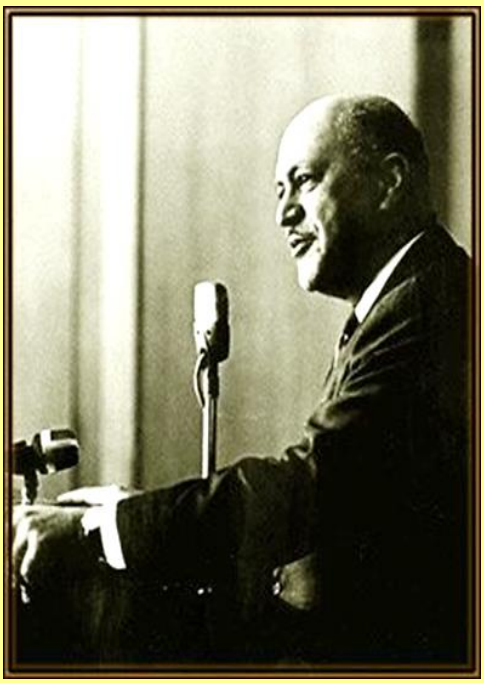
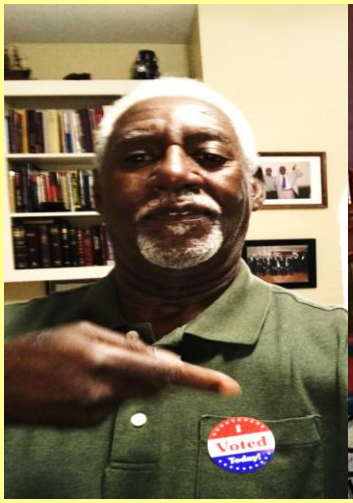
From a speech by Brother Robert C. Weaver, "The Negro as an American" (1963). In 1966 Brother Weaver became the first African American to hold a cabinet post when President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him Secretary of the newly created U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). *(Strikethroughs added by editor.)*



The Great Thought Question: Does "winning acceptance" equal reflecting one's values?

Brother Anthony Pringle, Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter, Yokosuka, Japan with sons Jayden 7 and Alexander 6



Brother John McKay, Chi Mu Nu Chapter, Shanghai, China and son Bryan

Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Basileus Cortez Pree with his son and mentees of the Little League football team in Okinawa, Japan

"… bitter the chastening rod …"

Omega U: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Submitted by
Brother Raymond Bell, 3rd District

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Wreaths Across America's mission touches the lives of all, i.e., students, civic and religious groups across the country through fundraising for wreath sponsorships. Wreaths Across America is a coordinated effort where volunteers lay wreaths at more than 1,400 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

Omega U students were able to pay tribute to and honor veterans, devoted sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers of the United States Armed Forces and learn about some of their stories.

L to R: Brother Michael Myers stand with Michael and Nathaniel Myers of Omega U at Quantico National Cemetery December 15, 2018. And, (right) William PJ Frazier, 5th Grade, laying a wreath on a fallen soldier's tombstone December 15, 2018.

International Youth Leadership Conference – Brothers Keith G. Pemberton, Co-Chairman, 6th District and John D. Cooper, Co-Chairman, 9th District

Brother Keith Pemberton standing with IYLC participants from Florida, Alabama and North Carolina

University housing under consideration for the next International Youth Leadership Conference in Tampa are:

University of Tampa and University of South Florida.

ABOUT THE IYLC – The International Youth Leadership Conference provides support for young men. Through the voluntary tutelage of professional college educated men who serve as mentors, the IYLC plays a vital role in encouraging young men to aspire to do great things despite challenges they may face in life.

IYLC Goal: To increase youth engagement in positive personal, social and civic growth initiatives in each District each quarter so that youth will be motivated to become productive contributors in bringing uplift to their communities and others.

- To increase youth engagement in each Chapter each quarter;
- To create a repository of Youth and Mentorship programs and artifacts as well as a YLC Database;
- To ask each DRs to identify and appoint a Youth Leadership Conference Coordinator;
- To encouraged each District to host a Youth Leadership Conference;
- To expect every chapter to host or partner with outside agencies to conduct FIM activities in their community.

Engagement – The IYLC sent out telephone messages for Thanksgiving and for the Christmas holiday. A survey was sent to participants inquiring about their involvement civically and academically. The International Youth Leadership Conference (IYLC) Committee list was made up of brothers who have served on the IYLC Committee in previous years. It is understood that the list will grow to include brothers appointed by their DR to serve as Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) Coordinators. As of now the IYLC Committee consist of following Brothers:

YLC Co- Chairman, Keith G. Pemberton – Sixth District**
YLC Co-Chairman, John D. Cooper – Ninth District**

Bleu Colquitt – Second District
James Railey – Second District
Raymond Bell – Third District***
Jerry Leftwich – Fourth District
Robert Cunningham – Sixth District
Fred Thomas – Sixth District
Antonio Jones – Sixth District
James Turnage – Seventh District
Royale King – Seventh District
Henry Porter – Seventh District*

Kevin Battle – Eighth District
Andre Butler – Eighth District
Greg Stegall – Eighth District
Lee G. Willis – Ninth District
John Ervin, III – Twelfth District
Ronnie Walker – Twelfth District
*** (First YLC Chairman)**
** YLC Co–Chairmen
***BBBS Vice Chairman – 3rd District Fatherhood Initiative Chairman

From Where I Sit: The Honorable Brother Gregory Pittman, Esq

January 2019

The Honorable Gregory C. Pittman, Esq.

"From time to time, I will share commentary and thoughts, from a legal perspective on the issue of Fatherhood."

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Presiding Judge
14th Circuit Court
Family Division
Muskegon County
State of Michigan

Greetings Brothers:

Happy New Year!

I sincerely hope that your holidays were prosperous and fulfilling. It is my prayer that 2019 will bring you the very best that life has to offer!

We begin the New Year with the intention of building on the base of knowledge that we spent all of 2018 establishing. Those basic themes are and will remain a point of reference for virtually every concept, strategy, and discussion that will take place in this column.

I want to share an actual situation that recently took place in my courtroom that I feel encapsulates a *real–world* issue that affects a portion of the men who are estranged from their children. I refer in this instance to the very real and challenging plight of **previously incarcerated fathers**, who have been released from their imprisonment. These men are looking to "restart" their lives. Chief among those "restarts" is the commencement of a meaningful relationship with their child(ren).

Recently a very enthusiastic young man (F1) brought a motion before my court to have me terminate a guardianship that has been in place with his one child since the child was 6 months old. The child as of the date of our court hearing is a few months shy of 5 years of age. She has been in the care of her guardian for 4 and a half years, and was placed with the guardian even before F1 was sent to prison to serve a 36–month bid. To F1's credit almost immediately upon his release he filed the aforementioned motion, indicating his desire to "get back into his daughter's life". The mother (M1) and the guardian (G1) object. G1 is the maternal grandmother, by the way.

There is nothing unusual about the scenario that I've laid out. Nor was there anything unusual about the decision that I was led to render as a result of the case that was presented to me. My decision was to deny F1's Petition to Terminate Guardianship and Immediately Return Child to Father.

Let's examine, briefly, some important considerations that led to this decision:

1. F1 had never established legal or physical custody of the child before he was incarcerated.
2. F1 was unable to provide any reasonable proof of having provided for the material needs (money, clothing, shelter) of the child…ever!
3. Unfortunately for F1, as a practical matter, his relationship with M1 as a co–parent was nonexistent and she advocated against F1, as would be expected under those circumstances.
4. From the purely "best interest of the child" standard that applies in most court cases involving children, G1 was effectively the only parent this child has known. G1 has provided a stable, loving, appropriate home environment where the child, by all accounts, is doing very well and thriving in her development.

Finally, the most subjective consideration, but still, of importance to the overall picture was that F1 presented in court as *intemperate*, demanding, unreasonable and completely "unaware" of the totality of the circumstances surrounding the case. Accordingly, ***HOW*** **you approach the Court and the other parties is as important as**

WHAT **the law and facts allow you to bring before the court.** This area of a child custody dispute is shaded in a whole lot of gray, to be sure. Be that as it may, if fathers, however, fail to be informed, strategic, and patiently resolute that gray ***WILL*** be the cause of a failed and frustrating effort to successfully assert your legal rights.

We will spend the next couple of columns talking about the general challenges that fathers who have been estranged from their children face. We will also address the particular challenges that incarcerated fathers, such as the case I reference above, face upon their return to their communities, especially in the context of responsible fatherhood. Finally, we will share some advice that can be helpful to fathers trying to navigate these situations.
In Friendship…

IN THE APRIL 1st ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER, THIS SPACE WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT FATHERS WHO ARE REJOINING THE FAMILY AFTER INCARCERATION.

The Districts 1st thru 13th

1st District: Brother Anthony Lilley, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

Eta Phi Supports Fathers with Free First Time Home Buyer Classes

By Brother Ronald Riggs

Boston, MA – Eta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., teamed up with the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) to conduct 2 sets of First Time Home Buyer classes for over 40 residents of Boston. Each set of classes was conducted over a 4–day period. In addition, Eta Phi worked with the Male Engagement Network (MEN) to provide tuition assistance to pay the cost of this class for fathers in the community and to provide a $25 Visa gift card to all attendees. Eta Phi knows that buying your first home is not easy, especially in today's housing market. But with this unique partnership the chapter brought together the resources to show families what it will take to make it happen.

These classes included presentations by professional instructors and by those who have spent their careers understanding the home buying process, such as, homebuyer counselors, realtors, bank loan officers, attorneys, home inspectors, insurance agents and financial planners. Each presenter explained each step of the process from getting ready to choose a home, negotiating a purchase and sale agreement, and obtaining an affordable mortgage.

Brother Ron Riggs assisted in this class by presenting on how to select a home inspector and what the inspection process should look like to assist the buyer in the process of bartering. Many do not realize that buying a house is bartering and the person that asks the most questions and does the most research normally gets the best deal. For additional information about this program, contact: Ronald.dean.riggs@gmail.com or 617–320–0533.

Brunch and Ball: Basic Emergency Auto Repair & Maintenance

Cambridge, MA – October 21, 2018 – As a part of the ongoing program, Brunch & Ball, members of the Iota Chi Chapter, mentor young men from the inner city on many aspects of life based on the four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Brothers from the Gamma and Eta Phi Chapters also participate and vigorously supports the program. Brunch and Ball is structured thusly: Mentoring session lasts for about an hour. Then, Brothers play an extremely competitive full court basketball game against the young men. More often than not, Brothers win because of size and strength, but on a few occasions, the teen aged boys have pulled off a miracle upset. After the trash talking and bragging about points scored it's all done; the Brothers sit and have a meal with the young men and have one-on-one conversations with the mentees that are as important and as valued as the formal mentoring sessions.

During the October session of Brunch and Ball, the Brothers taught the young men a set of skills that all young men should possess, **basic emergency automobile repair**. Mentors expressed that, like a basketball team, or any team, *if all parts of a car are not working together, the car (team) will not perform well*. The young men were taught how to do everything from how to change a flat tire to how to jump-start a car. The auto repair seminar included a PowerPoint presentation, a practical exercise, and a brief written quiz. The presentation, given by Brother Jim Jones included very specific instructions on how to perform tasks such as: changing a flat tire, checking the oil and adding oil, and how to jump start a car with jumper cables or a battery jump box.

Also included were instructions on how to read dash board icons, what they mean relative to the vehicle's proper operation and, what to do to resolve the issues. Students/mentees also got to view, and handle, all of the tools necessary to conduct this work. There were floor jacks, scissor jacks, jumper cables, battery jump boxes, lug wrenches, safety jack stands, and a whole host of other tools of the trade. The young men were thoroughly immersed in their learning and asked lots of well thought out questions.

When the classroom portion of the session was complete the young men were taken outside to conduct a practical exercise so they could practice what they had learned. Prior to using any tools or conducting any mechanical operations, there was a strict discussion on auto repair safety, proper tool safety, and proper scene safety. It was stressed that safety was the most important thing when working on a car, and that, at their age, proper adult supervision was necessary.

Once the students were properly briefed on safety, they actually changed a tire, checked tire pressure, added air to a tire, jump-started a car, checked the oil, added oil, checked the other fluids and added fluids as needed. All of the young men took a quiz and all scored 100%! It was quite evident that they valued the information, wanted to participate and performed at a high level. The session was a huge success and there are plans to share the presentation with the rest of the First District and perhaps the rest of the country. ///

2nd District: Brother Donald Williams, II, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

Eta Pi Chapter

Ernest Everett Just Mentorship Program

East Orange, NJ, October 30, 2018 – The Mighty Eta Pi Chapter launched its Ernest Everett Just Mentorship, Leadership and Life Skills Program at Sojourner Truth Middle School in East Orange, New Jersey.

Each year the men of Omega ramp up to create and offer this rare Gem of a program to young males from communities in northern New Jersey. The program affords young males the opportunity to participate in leadership development activities, which includes: character building, career exploration, life skills development, financial literacy, public speaking and conflict resolution to name a few.

Using a three–tier approach – instructional learning, cultural enrichment and personal development, the program is able to cover a wide array of topics, keep the young men engaged and thoroughly immersed in self-improvement. This was evident during the program led by Brother Matthew Stevens and titled "Thinking Out of The Box".

Brother Matthew Stevens, Community Engagement Officer, College Achieve Greater Asbury Park School, provided a problem–solving activity which challenged the young men to dig in and use unorthodox techniques to solve the task at hand. With time this activity gave rise to a high level of creativity and teamwork among participants. At the conclusion there was a healthy discussion about the activity as well as the benefits of teamwork. Brother Stevens followed up this activity with a video and discussion on Farrah Gray, the young entrepreneur who started his business while a teenager.

Brother Barry DeVone and his committee developed the Mentorship program and its curriculum. They meet once a month from October through June for a total of nine (9) sessions – each lasting for three (3) hours. The target audience for the program is young middle school males in grades 6 through 8.

Delta Upsilon Chapter: HBCU College Fair

West Windsor, New Jersey, November 11, 2018 – Delta Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., participated in an HBCU College Fair at Mercer Community College. Twenty–five (25) Middle School Scholars, from 5th grade to 7th grade attended the event.

The HBCU College Fair was designed to expose scholars to a college environment. Scholars were afforded the opportunity to meet with over forty (40) institutions of higher learning.

Brother Matthew Stevens, College Achieve Community Engagement Officer for the Charter school, was contacted by the organization and invited to participate as the only group of middle school students to attend the event. The fraternity is committed to participating with the College Achieve Greater Asbury Park School (CAGAPS) mentor program as part of its national mandate to mentor boys. The fraternity will be sending current college student athletes (football players) to talk to the middle school students. The middle school scholars enjoyed the trip and recommend the trip to classmates. They also indicated that the event inspired them to seek more information about college. It was a successful trip!

Mu Nu 2018 "Bridge Builder" Law Enforcement Session

Germantown, MD, December 1, 2018 – Mu Nu Chapter continued its 2018 "Bridge Builder" mentoring program session at Northwest High School. The Bridge Builder program continues to operate under a teaming agreement with the "Saturday School" program, George B. Thomas, Sr., Learning Academy, Inc., that Mu Nu Chapter founded as its flagship tutorial and mentoring program in October 1986.

Brother Percell Gregory intersacts with Participants of the "Bridge Builder" Program

The Bridge Builder program operates the first and third Saturdays of the school year with a goal of helping young males achieve greater success by inspiring them to become "Success Stories" using their intelligence, talents and gifts in pursuit of academic excellence.

The sessions provided mentees with techniques and situational awareness tools when encountering law enforcement. This session was also interactive, allowing the mentees to role–play and have an understanding how law enforcement is trained and approaches a situation.

3rd District: Brother Raymond Bell, Chairman, Fatherhood initiative and Mentoring

Kappa Psi Honors Brothers and Local Citizen During Annual Achievement Week

By: Brother Garrett James, Kappa Psi Editor to the Oracle

Washington, DC (November 2018) – The Brothers of the Kappa Psi Chapter celebrated the Fraternity's founding anniversary November 10, 2018 by honoring chapter Brothers and a local community servant during the annual Achievement Week Celebration at the La Fontaine Bleue, Lanham, MD. Chapter awards were: Unsung Hero, Garrett James; Bridge Builder, Javin Rudolph III; William Montague Cobb Award, Derrick Thornton; Superior Service, Kevin Poplar; Founders', Patrick Perry Sr.; and Omega Man of the Year, Kevin Poplar. Kappa Psi's Citizen of the Year was Ms. Mercedes Kirkland–Doyle, who also won the DC Area Chapter Citizen of the Year Award.

Brother Kevin Poplar, Vice Basileus

L-R: Derrick Thornton, Basileus; Ms. Mercedes Kirkland-Doyle; Kevin Poplar, Vice Basileus; Garrett James, Chapter Editor

Ms. Kirkland–Doyle operates The Good News Kitchen (TGNK), a nonprofit serving Greater Washington, DC. It is focused on rebuilding and strengthening communities by providing access to healthy meals. Kappa Psi Chapter and TGNK partnered during the 2018 Thanksgiving season to provide dozens of hot meals to local DC residents. "It's important to acknowledge the tremendous work the Brothers are doing as well as the local citizens of our community," said Kevin Poplar, Kappa Psi Vice Basileus. "Their tireless efforts to uplift our chapter and community on a local, regional and international level do not go unnoticed."

The Brothers of Kappa Psi thank all for the dedication and hard work given during the 2017–2018 fiscal year. For more information on the activities of the Kappa Psi Chapter, please visit www.dcques.org.

Officer Rolle, Prince William County Police talked the "Golden Rule" with Omega U students

Dumfries, Virginia – Officer B.J. Rolle gave an engaging and powerful oration to Omega U students on "The Golden Rule" and respecting others at Potomac Middle School (PTMS) of Dumfries. Officer Rolle stressed the importance of *giving and showing respect* to *receive respect* to the 40 students of Omega U attending PTMS. Omega U has over 150 students in after school programs on nine PWCPS campuses.

Officer Rolle serves as the County School Resource Officer (SRO) for PTMS. He represents the PWC Police Department's commitment to community policing through an innovative partnership with Prince William County Public Schools (PWCPS). Officer Rolle mentors' students of PTMS during the school day and works with after school student programs in the evening. Officer Rolle is approaching his 8th year with the County Police Department serving the greater community of PWC as a prior member of the elite PWC S.W.A.T team and now as the valuable mentor and asset to the students of PTMS as their School Resource Officer.

Officer Rolle shared his story about his upbringing and values to the students, relating to their current station in life. His message encouraged them to make positive decisions that will have positive consequences.

The one-hour dynamic presentation focused on a series of topics of interest to students including school shootings, bullying, cyber bullying, domestic violence, assault, knowing the law, and how one should interact with police officers if encountered.

"Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. ~ H. Nishah

Officer Rolle counsels to the school when students are having problems at home, in the community or in the school building. He provides a reassuring security to students, teachers, and administrative staff by listening to others, providing

appropriate counsel and information on available resources from PWC and the state.

In addition, Officer Rolle provides a fair and impartial advocacy for doing the right thing for everyone involved. He executes and performs daily in his consistent actions and commitment to community through mentoring, counseling, and exploration to ensure the safest possible environment for everyone in the school building. For More Information on Omega U please visit http://www.omegaupwc.com///

Omega U Kicks Off Start of STEM Project for 2018-1019 Building Model Cars

Brothers Eddie Stephens Jr., Basileus of PLL, Jeff Allen, Vice Basileus of PLL and Melvin Stallings stand with Omega U Team Captains for the Omega U Annual STEM Project for 2019.

Dumfries, VA – The Omega U Program kicked off its annual Omega U STEM initiative, Project GhostRider, on December 1, 2018 at Potomac Middle School. Students put together model cars made of food to race on a slope incline. The team whose car went the furthest was awarded the winning prize.

Project GhostRider consist of 150+ students learning about race cars through software simulation and 1:10 scale model remote control electrical cars. Students will be administered a STEM curriculum weekly during after school mentoring sessions and monthly for Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift (MSPU) Saturdays. GhostRider teams will use model (1:10 scale) radio–controlled cars to simulate professional motorsport teams and implement systems and mechanical engineer techniques.

Students will build team presentation charts that will consist of performance metrics, modeling design, and vehicle capabilities in accordance to their design. Teams will execute on a marketing plan that will include social media presence which will be graded by the panel of reviewers. Each Team will have a Team Lead that will execute on the business and finance plan that includes a defined budget per vehicle for replacement parts and marketing expenses. Teams will compete at the end of the school year in the FireTeam Tournament.

"Reaffirming and strengthening America's role as the world's engine of scientific discovery and technological innovation is essential to meeting the challenges of this century. STEM Education is a national priority." ~ President Barack Obama, December 1, 2018

Omega U Students attending Prince William County Youth Summit at Northern Virginia Community College, November 17, 2018. Omega U participated in various workshops and technical STEM classes throughout the day. They represented with guest poet Hasson Byrd and DJ CAM.

Brother Eddie Stephens, PLL Basileus, watches students on video game design and display at the PWC Youth Summit on November 17, 2018.

Woodbridge, VA – The Omega U Program participated in the annual Prince William County Youth Summit hosted this year by Phi Beta Sigma at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) on November 17, 2018.

The day consisted of powerful STEM demonstrations where students and parents were able to learn and participate in exciting activities and fun. The summit is hosted annually by Divine 9 organizations and Masons. The summit is free to the public and specifically targeted to male and female youth in middle and high school.

Parents, guardians, educators and community service partners participate in fun activities, exhibits and workshops addressing issues important to youth such as: STEM, Personal Finance, Health, Social Media, Social Justice, Effective Communication and Life Skills. Omega U is operated under the management of PLL and has over 150 students annually from 3rd grade to graduating seniors. Omega U gives students a strong network of resources with college educated males in various fields from medical, engineering, teaching, military, and entrepreneurialism.

NOTE TO DISTRICTS: District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairmen should submit Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Activity from their District each quarter to:

Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net. Next deadline for 1st Quarter 2019 will be: March 15th. Information should cover, January, February and March 2019.

Quarterly submission deadlines: December 15, March 15, Jun 15, and September 15 of the year.

DJ CAM Omega U, provided the DJing at the PWC - NOVA Youth Summit and A. Hasson Byrd, Jr., performed poetry and spoken word on behalf of Omega U on November 17, 2018.

Hasson is currently a junior at North Carolina A&T and is a published author. Hasson uses his gift of spoken word to inspire others to reach their best lives. His book titled **"I Don't Write Happy Poems, Yet"** was released in June of 2018. He provided thoughtful and inspiring words to students. Hasson's book deals with pressing topics for the younger generation such as: battling depression, insecurities, relationships, and finding inspirational purpose.

Poet A. Hasson Byrd, Jr., and DJ CAM

Brother Jeff Allen, Pi Lambda Lambda Vice Basileus (right), stands with Brother Melvin Stallings at the PWC Youth Summit on November 17, 2018. Omega U currently executes on STEM simulations of motorsport racing.

4th District: Brother Jerry Leftwich, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

Beta Iota Chapter's College Prep Workshop 2018
By Brother Jerry Leftwich

Cincinnati, OH, November 11, 2018 – Beta Iota Chapter partnered with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter, for its 2018 College Prep Workshop held at University of Cincinnati's Victory Parkway campus. The workshop is an annual event that seeks to prepare community youth and their parents for college planning. Information was provided by subject matter experts, facilitators and Brothers of Beta Iota.

Group workshops are arranged to enable both parents and students to ask questions and receive critical information relevant to college preparation.

Workshops included sessions on:

- Budgeting and Finance for Students;
- Financing Your Dream;
- ACT/SAT Prep;
- Student/Parent panels answer questions about college life.

Approximately 111 high school students were welcomed to the event. Over 20 Beta Iota Chapter Brothers were there to support the event. We look forward to participating in this event every year.

Beta Iota Chapter and Boys and Girls Club

Cincinnati, OH – At times, the only Fathers that kids get to interface with are through Boys and Girls Clubs. Going into the fourth year, Brother Jesse Turner leads Beta Iota Chapter in a partnership with the Cincinnati Boys and Girls Club.

In the last three years, our "Passport to Manhood" program has touched over 150 young males in the greater Cincinnati area. The Chapter has expanded our Fatherhood and Mentoring activities to adopting families during Thanksgiving to provide dinners and purchasing children's toys for Christmas. The Chapter is very attached to the Boys and Girls Club children and get back more than they give in service time. Each year more than 40–50 Brothers of Beta Iota Chapter have volunteered to work with the program! Boys and Girls Club staff welcome the support of the Chapter and the kids always look forward to our sessions.

6th District: Brother Melvin Williams, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

The Mighty 6th District

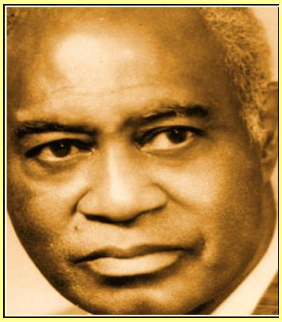
Raleigh, NC (December 15, 2018) – Again this year, Iota Iota Chapter's Christmas Project was a great success. Twenty–Four (24) youth were taken to a nearby Walmart on a shopping spree. This project is one of the Chapter's signature projects working youth in its service areas. It was great to have our immediate past Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox, Sr. home this year doing what he loves to do and that's working with our youth through our Omega Champs Mentoring Program.

Iota Iota Chapter Omega Champs Mentees flanked by Brother Melvin Williams, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring on the left and Brother Antonio F. Knox, Sr., Immediate Past Grand Basileus on the right.

Raleigh, NC – Iota Iota Chapter Social Action and Fatherhood Committee through collaboration with the Wake County Department of Social Services, Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Wake Chapel Church provided Thanksgiving dinners for 21 families in the Raleigh area. The committee also provided a dinner for Brother Howard Boone the young brother that was shot last year in Columbia, SC after being read into our great fraternity.

Iota Iota Chapter's Omega Champs Program provides educational, leadership, support, guidance and love to boys age 8–14. Last year the Brotherhood saw a need for these boys to continue in a structured mentoring program. Thus, a partnership was developed between the 100 Black Men of the Triangle to graduate the boys to their mentoring program that serves high school young men. This partnership fills in gaps and reduces the number of boys of color becoming "latch key kids".

Iota Iota uses a two–pillar approach which consist of group mentoring and one–to–one mentoring. The chapter has found this approach to be most effective for mentors and mentees. Pictures below are from two of the meetings. One is an informational and educational session during veteran's day celebration and the other is a recreational outing to a Charlotte Hornets' basketball game.



Old men dream dreams; young men see visions. The question is - Who will get to heaven first; the man who talks or the man who acts?

Brother Professor Melvin B. Tolson*, Feb 6, 1898 – Aug 29, 1966

(*His work as a debate coach at Wiley College was depicted in the movie, The Great Debaters, produced by Oprah Winfrey with Denzel Washington as Tolson)

7th District: Brother Jonathan Gaines, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

Sigma Phi Chapter and Manhood, Inc., participates in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Youth Conference

Brother Albert Ike, Jr. – State of Alabama Chairman

Montgomery, AL– The event was hosted by the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Montgomery Alumnae Chapter at Alabama State University. The event featured breakout sessions for boys and girls ages ranging from 12 – 18. Speakers featured Sigma Phi Chapter's Own Brothers, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Dr. William Milledge, and Oronde Mitchell.

The event's guest speaker was Soror Kemba Smith–Pradia; she talks about her experience being in federal prison from making bad choices. The boys and girls were given an opportunity to ask questions and participate in leadership exercises. The event was a huge success with breakfast and lunch served to the boys and girls. The President, Ms. Cassandra Brown and the women of Delta Sigma Theta, Montgomery Alumnae Chapter, should be commended for hosting such a first–class event.

Omega Sparks and Mentors in attendance at the 2018 Youth Conference hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Montgomery Alumnae Chapter on the college campus of Alabama State University.

Omega Prep Knights (OPK) Youth Mentorship Induction Ceremony

Bro. Albert Ike, Jr. – State of Alabama Chairman

Brothers of the Alpha Tau Chapter, family and friends come together to welcome the Omega Prep Knights during the 2018 Youth Mentorship Induction Ceremony

Tuscaloosa, AL – On Saturday, October 27, 2018, Brothers of the Alpha Tau Chapter in conjunction with members of the Bridge Builder Friendship Foundation inducted eight new members into the Ωmega Prep Knights mentoring group.

The mission of Ωmega Prep is to mentor and develop young men in accordance with the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, the cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Through various activities, Ωmega Prep perform projects that will expose young men to leadership skill development; i.e., planning, execution, recording and reporting ideas, and simulating good leadership characteristics designed to raise their aspiration levels. All activities and programs are modeled around the following four phases: Leadership; Academics; Maturity; Perseverance. The following young men became Knights on that evening:

1. Christian Thomas **2. John Oliver Lewis** **3. Tyler Omar Grice** **4. Michael Coats**
5. Emanuello Mindillo **6. Jared Gibson Jr.** **7. Damien Taylor** **8. Braylon Lewis**

Omega Youth Conference Held in Augusta, GA

By S. Earl Wilson, Chairman
Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

Youth Leadership Conference Attendees

Macedonia Baptist Church Youth Group

Questions Answered About Myths, Assumptions, Cultural Biases, Personal Prejudices and Ingredients for Success During Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Youth Conference

Augusta, GA – Youth from surrounding Augusta areas, Macedonia Baptist Church Youth Group, and the Sandersville, Georgia Boys and Girls Club were informed that talent alone will not determine their future success. The conference agenda brought educators, law enforcement officers, technology experts, social advocates and a host of other professionals to share knowledge and experience. Students were inspired the to reach beyond their current circumstances and succeed as adults.

Dr. David Marion, Grand Basileus, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., addressed the students during the leadership session. David Hollie, Jr., a hometown achiever, 2018 Cross Creek High School graduate and Major League Baseball (MLB), draftee of the Kansas City Royal 2018, also talked with the students. Hollie, Jr., gave students recipes for success. He emphasized the importance of excelling in the classroom, obeying their parents and stressing the need to work hard in order to accomplish *"your dreams."*

The conference sessions started with the topic: "Youth Relations with Law Enforcement" which unveiled eye–opening revelations. Students who never had encounters with the police stated they were afraid of the police. According to the students and parents, systemic cultural biases and stereotypes play a key role in community distrust in law enforcement. Sadly, as said by one of the parents, *"during children's early years, parents often use the police as a fear factor to maintain youth discipline which also attribute to the bad blood."* The police officers who were present acknowledged that they were aware of this tactic.

L-R: Tarquaiann Bates, Rev Perry Smith, Oliver Barker

"No Means No" ***and Bullying Panelist***

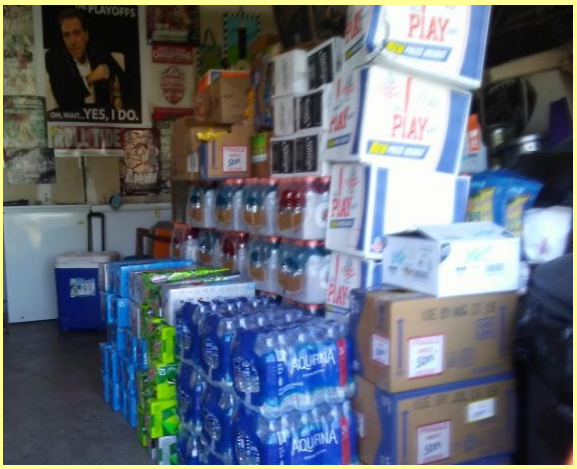
Students also noted that television images of police cast dark shadows on youth and police relations. Panelist David Hollie, Sr., Federal Corrections Officer, Edgewood Federal Prison, Lieutenant Joe Scarlett, Richmond County Marshal's Office and Officer Collier Johnson, Atlanta Police Department were able to stimulate discussions with creative suggestions about "how to combat student fears."

Officer Johnson advised the youth to get involved in police athletic programs to help bridge the gap of distrust. Lieutenant Scarlett told students not to run when approached by the police – which will eliminate the suspicion of a crime. Educators Andre Brantley, Georgia State University, Tarquainn Bates, Math Instructor at Morrow High School, Reverend James Fishburne, Associate Pastor, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Atlanta and Dr. Von Pouncey, Chair, Undergraduate Business Programs, Paine College, instilled education values during the "Leader in the Family, Community, School and Church" session. Students detailed their ambitions to succeed during the discussions.

High aspiration was the *call–to–action* by the panelist who gave antidotes on how to overcome obstacles. Students were given study techniques, effective communication tips and confidence building skills that will aid them in exceeding their known capabilities. The conference intensified as the dialogue of "Bullying and No Means No" was discussed.

S. Earl Wilson, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring, opened the discussions posing questions to students; why do students bully and what is their school no touching policy. Students stated, bullying starts for some students wanting to belong to bad groups. Other are jealous of victims and then bullies just take advantage of individuals who are afraid to stand up for themselves. Reverend Perry Smith, Principal, Jackson Middle School, Jackson, South Carolina advised the students that school boards have a zero–tolerance policy for bullying which carries stiff penalties for violators that could lead to criminal charges.

Oliver Barker, Computer Strategist, CISCO warned students that cyber bullying can affect their future endeavors, like employment. He added that information sent via electronics is permanently stored in cyber space for future use. Cyber Bullying and its misunderstanding raised questions of whether students can be charged as co–conspirators. The answer was yes, *if the student transfers the information to another party or replies.* The example of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, Supreme Court Justice appointment was also used as a reference to highlight what youth do now, can haunt their future.



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The conversation of "No Means No" provided insight that if not complied with, could lead to criminal assault or rape charges. Even scarier is under age consensual sex with a minor could result in statutory rape convictions. The fear among some parents in attendance was false accusations against boys. Parents were advised to have blatant conversations with their children about the criminal ramifications of making false accusations. The audience was warned to make sure that both sexes comply with alleged victims' unwanted physical contact and communications.

The golden rule, *"Do unto Others as You Would Have Them Do unto You,"* was given by panelist as the remedy to address students' misbehavior. Edward Tarver, Former Attorney General for the Southern District of Georgia under President Barack Obama, gave insight on criminal justice reform initiatives that were being legislated in order to reduce youth incarceration.

Rounding out the conference agenda was "Parental and Children Relations." This dialogue emphasized the need for children to respect their parents and authority figures. The understanding of children's roles in the family, the purpose for attending school and the importance of exceeding in the classroom were the focus of discussion. Students were questioned about what they thought their roles in the family were. Finally, as the conference closed, the Men of Omega, driven by their Christian values advised the students to seek God in all of their decisions and He will direct their paths in the right direction.

Special thanks to PepsiCo and the Omega Georgia State Organization for co–sponsoring the conference with meals and give–a–ways. The annual conference will be followed with Omega chapters hosting youth mentoring sessions throughout Georgia in 2018–2019, focusing on developing positive citizens and future leaders. ///

Omega Lamplighters Wow Crowd with Surprise Performance

Brother Royle King II – Executive Director of Omega Lamplighters
Brother Harry Belafonte Williams – State of Florida Chairman

Tallahassee, Florida – A crowd of over 500 was prepared to see a show during the Omega Lamplighters Eighth Annual Induction Ceremony. What they weren't prepared for was the surprise inaugural induction of the

Junior Omega Lamplighters perform with precision and mass enthusiasm.

Junior Omega Lamplighters pose for photographs before a standing crowd ovation.

Junior Omega Lamplighters. "I was shocked!" said Omega Lamplighter President and event M/C McKinley Wilson. "I knew we were adding the Juniors but I hadn't really seen them until today and they killed it. Everyone loved them".

Junior Lamplighters youth are in grades 4th through 8th , an extension of the Omega Lamplighters program that, until now, only catered to young men between the ages of 12 and 18; history was made this August. *"We need to get to these young men earlier and with the Juniors program we will be able to do that,"* said Royle King, II, Omega Lamplighters Founder. He said the Junior Lamplighters' program, "*allows them to learn the importance of community service, to be respectful and build a high self–esteem early so that once they get to high school and transition into the Omega Lamplighters program, they are already gentlemen and upstanding young men."*

The ceremony started with an introduction of the 26 new Lamplighters, then the 19 Juniors marched in. The Junior Lamplighters stand on four principles: **truth, family, friendship and respect** with 10 commandments. During their performance the Junior Lamplighters recited the program principles, commandments, creed, Lord's Prayer and stepped. *"I want the kids to advance in areas of academics, maturity and confidence,"* said Larry Harris, Junior Lamplighters Program Director. *"I want the program to provide a strong foundation for the kids, which helps them in their day–to–day activities. They are the keepers of the torch and the protectors of the flame."*

The program is in its 10th year of providing service and mentorship to young men in the Big Bend area. The organization focuses on enameling young men with four principles: Leadership, academics, maturity and perseverance. Kimberly Walker, a parent spoke about how she can see changes in her sons ever since the program started. Walker has two sons – Deandre Walker, a Lamplighter and the step Captain for the programs Light Team (step team) and Daniel Walker, an inaugural Junior Lamplighter class member.

When talking about her oldest son, Walker expressed how it was important to her to have him around positive men who could shed some light on him becoming a man. "My oldest son was a very introverted person. He was not very talkative or engaged with other young guys," she said. "Once he became a Lamplighter he has changed into a very responsible young man. If you would have asked me a year ago if he'd be in this position, I'd say no not my child."

With over 150 young men in the program from Leon, Gadsden Wakulla, Jefferson, Jackson and as far as Okaloosa County the Lamplighters program provides more than just mentorship to young men in our community. It also offers father–figures to many young men who may have never had one.

Higher Education – ACT Workshop and Test Prep

Brother Terrance Course – State of Mississippi Chairman

Brothers, students and family take part in the Frist Annual Act Prep Workshop for high school students planning to obtain higher education.

Canton, MS – November 2018 – Uplift Incorporated, in conjunction with the Brothers of Epsilon Kappa Kappa and Rho Epsilon Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., would like thank everyone who came out in support of our 1st Annual ACT Prep Workshop. The ACT Prep Workshop is open to all area high schools and other students planning to enter higher education. The purpose of this workshop is to improve students ACT score by providing them with testing tips, techniques and strategies in the areas of English, Mathematics, Reading and Science followed by a practice exam. We would also like to thank our sponsors Omega Life Membership Foundation, Chick–fil–A and Sam's Club.

Real Talk with our Youths

Brother Terrance Course – State of Mississippi Chairman

Mentor and students recite the Anti-Bully Pledge.

Students discussed the important of basic personal hygiene.

Itta Bena, MS – The Beta Rho chapter hosted a "real talk" styled program with students of Leflore Elementary School. Undergraduate Members of the NPHC were brought in to facilitate stations that groups of students would rotate from discussing topics such as bullying and personal hygiene. Students were given combs, paper, pencils, ice cream sandwiches and also took an anti–bullying pledge.

Gator Time Mentors

Brother Terrance Course – State of Mississippi Chairman

"Remember that mentor leadership is all about serving. Jesus said, 'For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.' " **–Tony Dungy**

Olive Branch, MS – Mentoring can be a joyous and rewarding experience. One can't explain the feeling of seeing someone succeeding and knowing that you have contributed to the career and personal development of that individual. As Mentors, we will have the privilege of safeguarding the dreams, hopes and academic desires of our youth; they are looking to us and expecting us to nurture them into becoming successful in life.

On October 15, 2018, Psi Mu Mu's Mentoring Committee, went to its adoptive school Lake Cormorant High School, Lake Cormorant, MS to provide Service to the youth.

Bro. Hermain Draine - Mentor Committee Chairman shares understanding wisdom and life experiences of growing up as an aspiring youth.

Every other week Omega Men, go in to the Adoptive High School to meet to build a successful relationship with the old and new mentees. Lake Cormorant High School allows Omega Men to come during school hours, and allows them to mentor during the schools "Gator Time".

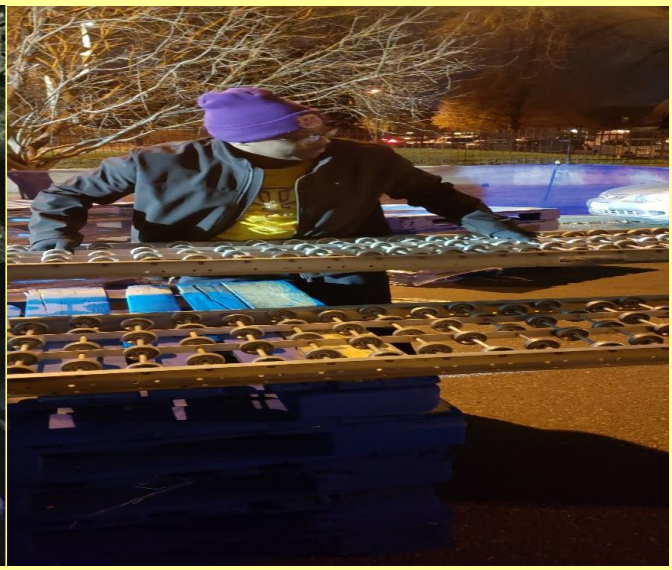
The Psi Mu Mu's Mentoring Committee invest in Lake Cormorant High youth, by supporting and helping to steer them away from the wrong crowd and back towards the right path in life. The Omega Men will also mentor them after school, if is needed. The Psi Mu Mu Chapter believes in creating pathways to opportunity for our youth and will always strive to promote hope and purpose to those in need.

8th District: Brother Skyler Johnson, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman

Chi Phi and Omega Leadership Academy Celebrate 107 years of Omega in Service

The Brothers of Chi Phi Chapter and Omega Leadership Academy participate in quarterly Adopt–A–Spot Community Clean-up

Denver, CO – Chi Phi Chapter and Omega Leadership Academy (OLA) celebrated 107 years of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in service to the community. On November 10, 2018, the Social Action Committee (chaired by Jason Butler) organized our quarterly Adopt–A–Spot. Adopt–A–Spot is a community clean–up of the street that Clearance F. Holmes our 6th Grand Basileus' Denver home was located. We had 5 young men and 8 brothers get the job done.



On November 16, 2018 OLA, Chi Phi Chapter's Mentoring Program (Brother Michael Williams, chairman) organized volunteer opportunity with The Epworth Foundation Feed a Family event. This event makes, hand-out and delivers Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Together OLA and Chi Phi setup the conveyor belt, made a house of boxes and information packets for the successful execution of the event. We had 15 OLA members and their parents and 15 brothers in attendance. Through the two events 133 hours of community service were completed successfully.

Beta Upsilon's Project Manhood and Friends Program Orientation Meeting

Brothers of Beta Upsilon Project Manhood and Friends Mentoring Program

Omaha, NE – On November 1, 2018, Brothers of Beta Upsilon Chapter held an orientation meeting for their Project Manhood and Friends Program. The purpose was to introduce students and their parents to the brotherhood as well as explaining the curriculum for this year's program. Brother Trevis Sallis, Project Manhood and Friends Chairman, was one of the brothers who helped established this program in 1992 and he continues to take the lead to make sure that the Project Manhood and Friends Program continues to be a positive difference maker in young men and women's lives.

Omaha, NE – On November 15th, 2018, Project Manhood and Friends, families and students had the opportunity to attend a *Community Infused Story Circle* that was put together by the Minnesota Humanities Center at Omaha Benson High School. The purpose of community infused story circles is to give students, parents, teachers, and community members the opportunity to learn more from each other through the sharing of each other's authentic stories. Through the sharing of these stories' participants are able to begin thinking more critically while also gaining a deeper understanding and respect for student voices as well as each other. Being able to learn from each other allowed for Project Manhood and Friends students to build and strengthen relationships between each other as well as those who participated in the community infused circle.

~~ Beta Upsilon's Community Infused Story Circle ~~ ***Building a Sense of Self and Community***

9th District: Brother Sedric Myers, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman

Dallas, TX – The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter feeds its passion for youth involvement in its fatherhood and mentoring initiative through the **Man Up** mentoring program. Man Up is driven by **Develop University** and **The Pinnacle Star Foundation**, both are Non–Profit community service orientated organizations.

Alpha Iota Iota Chapter serves the North Dallas Communities. Through a strong collaborative effort, the brothers decided to adopt Dan E. Long Middle School as the pilot location and fulfill the vital need of Mentorship. Each session is conducted through a strong curriculum of three–man focal points, Emotional Intelligence, 6 Pillows of Character, and Community Service. Submitted by Bro. Larry Johnson – Chapter Editor

Freeport, TX – On November 13, 2018, as an Achievement Week service activity the brothers of Rho Xi Chapter participated in the Real Men Read Program at Missouri City Middle School. This program invites male mentors to the school campus to read to students in the classroom. Mentors choose a section from a specific collection of books to read. Each reading session lasts about one hour. This program is a great opportunity for men to interact with students and have a positive impact on their lives by showing the importance of reading. Written By: Brother Frank Watson, Photo Credit: Anthony Edwards.

~ A THOUGHT ~~

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his proper place and stay in it."

Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson, circa 1933

The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts

San Antonio, TX – Social Actions as a Committee was always difficult to manage but now as men, we must realize that the spokes of the service wheel have expanded our reach to the community. Every Chapter serving Mother Omega is busy during this time of the Year but the Brothers of Psi Alpha have stepped out and proved you must be "IN" to be "OWT".

Mentoring Committee – Every Tuesday and Wednesday Brothers Jeff August and Jerry Coburn lead a team of Brothers who mentor at Sam Houston High School and Jefferson Davis Middle School. In November the Mentees and their families enjoy donated turkeys. On December 11, 2018 the Chapter took 29 students from the schools and treated them to Main Event Arcade for an afternoon of food, fun and holiday cheer.

The boys enjoyed this early Christmas Gift. Every Wednesday Brothers Jeff August and Jerry Coburn are at it again with another team of mentors at the Young Men's Leadership Academy where they mentor 8–10 young men from 6–8th grade. These students also received a turkey and on December 12, 2018 they received a Pizza party for Christmas along with a Chapter sponsored Christmas Gift.

Fatherhood Initiative–Under the leadership of Brothers Archie "Ice" and Anthony Peay our local area fathers have been blessed as this committee grows each day. Team Peay and their ever–growing committee have partnered with various Fatherhood Councils in the City that mentor Brown and Black fathers in our City. The Peay's have reached out to all fathers of color and have been able to build a relationship throughout the City. In December this committee donated 16 turkeys to local area dads who needed the extra aide to bless their children.

On December 15, 2018 the committee teamed with the San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign and assisted in the Planting the Seed Workshop. This event was for parents of teenagers and their teenagers (11–18yrs) for a one–day interactive workshop that offered the opportunity to learn practical skills for enriching family success.

This training was based on the program model which includes: Rites of Passage and Raising Children with PRIDE, a comprehensive multi–culturally based family program and healthy relationship class that assists youths and their families to be positive influences in our communities while assisting them in dealing with the multitude of challenges they face.

As December comes to an end the Psi Alpha Chapter Social Actions will keep an eye on the whole efforts of service while its parts grow and do great things in the community!

Rho Beta Beta Chapter Working to Disrupt School–to–Prison Pipeline System

Houston, TX – To combat the "school to prison pipeline system" problem in our nation's inner–city schools, members of Rho Beta Beta Chapter (PBB), are actively working to disrupt this national crisis.

Through implementation of two social action programs, our focus is to **Uplift** young Black males in our communities through the chapter's Fatherhood Initiative and the Lamp Lighters programs. These programs are geared to reduce the number of Black males who are headed for on a bumpy ride via the juvenile criminal justice system.

"Rho Beta Beta is committed to challenging the 'school–to–prison pipeline,' which is a disturbing national trend where children are funneled out of public schools and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Many of these children have learning disabilities or histories of poverty, abuse or neglect, and would benefit from additional educational and counseling services. Instead, they are isolated, punished and pushed out," said Bro. Gary Robinson, the chapter Social Action Chairman.

Earlier this year, the chapter held its Fatherhood Initiative Breakfast. Among the keynote speakers were University of Houston Downtown Police Chief Michael Benford and Police Lieutenant Darrell Burns, Sr. Both law enforcement officers are members of Rho Beta Beta Chapter. *"The first step to tackling this issue is to get fathers involved in their son's school education and programs,"* Robinson added.

Attacking the school–to–prison issue on another platform is Brother Tavares Ferguson through the Omega Lamplighters Program (OLP). On Saturday, December 22, 2018, several young men were initiated into the 2018 Class of the Omega Lamplighters Program, a youth program started in Houston by Brother Ferguson in 2017. Brother Ferguson said that he experienced a similar program while growing up in Florida. *"When I was in high school, I participated in a similar program which impacted my life. I felt that Houston was a perfect market for an OLP,"* he said.

Since the inception of the group, the young men have participated in several activities including a leadership development workshop, and viewing two movies relating to cultural awareness – "Black Panther" and "The Hate You Give." Our events are geared to enhance the minds of these young men. *"It's about them building their brand and their self–image,"* said Ferguson. During the summer, two Lamplighters chapters from Ferguson's home state visited Houston as part of their *"500 Miles to Freedom: College Tour and Civil Rights Trips."* Our

Lamplighters had an opportunity to host and interact with Lamplighters chapters in Tallahassee and Pensacola. While in Houston the groups visited the fraternity house and had lunch at 24/12, a local establishment.

Brother Ferguson hopes that the OLP will become a city–wide initiative with participation from all chapters in the Houston area. For information about this program, Contact: Contact: Brother Anthony Williams, Director of Public Relations, 713–392–9856 (Cell) – anthonywilliams1955@yahoo.com.

12th District: Brother George D. Taylor, Chairman Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

12th District Celebrates Achievement Week in Southern California

Riverside, CA November 17, 2018 – They came from all corners of the Southern California under the leadership of Brother Edward D. Young, SoCal Area Representative. They came to "*sing thy praises*" about the good work being done by brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as well as citizens of the community.

In Southern California, Brothers, Wives, Friends Celebrate Friendship:
Omega Men Affect Positive Change in Communities Worldwide

This year's Celebration was a special one: SoCal brothers came in celebration of the ascension of one of their own to the covered position of 1st Vice Grand Basileus of the International Fraternity, Inc. It was a campaign with a strategy that has lasted more than 2 years throughout the 12 Districts.

As he stood to deliver the key note address, Brother Ricky L. Lewis, 35th 1st Vice Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., told the anxious room filled with 250+ brothers and their guest, that he had at least 5 different invitations from throughout the United States to speak to members of the fraternity. But he said, he was prevailed upon by District Chaplain Brother Michael Brown to "come home" to Southern California – to be officially received "at home." And he did!

Brother 1st Vice Grand Basileus Lewis paid homage to the late Brother L. Benjamin Livingston, the first and only brother from the 12th District to ascend to the position of Grand Basileus and Brother Carl Blunt who attained the position of 1st Vice Grand Basileus. During his 10–minute speech, the 1st Vice Grand told the body that Omega men "from *Anchorage, Alaska to Anaheim, California; from Austin to Atlanta; from Baltimore to Birmingham; from Tuscaloosa and Tuskegee to Tampa and Tugaloo"* are affecting change. And then he said to the brothers, *"we have just begun because we are affecting Change in Communities from our birth city of Washington DC to Okinawa, Japan; from the Bahamas to Germany and as of this month we are affecting Positive Change from San Diego to Shanghai, China,"* to a great round of applause from the audience.

Brother 1st Vice Grand Lewis concluded his remarks and in keeping with the theme he asked the brothers to commit to doing five things:

- Save the Children through mentoring programs and other direct involvement;
- Help the fathers and mothers to be better fathers and mothers through positive initiatives;
- Stay engaged in the social and civic workings of our communities and by staying in contact with brothers through our Brother You're on My Mind (BYOMM) Initiative;
- Save our HBCUs and other schools; (*"If each alumnus would give $20 per week out of their pay check for 52 weeks, that would equal more than $104 million a year going to these institutions,"* he said);
- Invest in our Institutions; Pay your fraternity Dues, and pay them on time. Reclaim a brother as well!

Following the remarks by the First Vice Grand Basileus, Chapters presented awards to brothers and citizens of the community in the following categories: Founders; Superior Service; Colonel Charles Young; Omega Man of the Year; and Omega Citizen of the Year. Following the awards ceremony, Chapter Officers were formally installed by Brother Dennis Martinez, 12th District Representative.

The National Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history. Its beginning dates back to the 1920 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Grand Conclave held in Nashville, TN. It was this Conclave that Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson inspired the overall idea of such a celebration and in 1927, at his urging, the Fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance. Brother Dr. Woodson also inspired what has become "African America History Month" which occurs each February.

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Alive and Free in San Francisco, CA

Submitted by Brother Dr. Joseph Marshall
Executive Director

"… during my 15 years of education after high school, I have done all that I can to live and remain alive and free …"

San Francisco, CA – Tuesdays are pretty special at Alive & Free Omega Boys Club. It's the day when our students gather for Leadership Academy but learn much more than skills in math and comprehension. It's the day when minds are opened and hearts are touched by instructors who truly care about their well–being. It's the day when personal stories are shared in a space that is kept sacred and safe. It's a day that signals belief and encouragement in a future of education and success. It's the day of the week that changes lives forever.

Our Work Changes Lives! A few years ago, a high school senior named Diane Thomas showed up at the Club. She brought along with her a dream of becoming a doctor. Hear her:

Dr. Joseph Marshall, Executive Director

"I grew up in Hunter's Point, surrounded by drugs and violence. My mother always stressed the importance of education and I knew that I wanted more for myself. I was book smart but I was also street smart. "I initially began attending Omega just to see what all the 'hype' was about. At first, I was not thrilled but after about a month of attending I became more intrigued. The classes made me think on a deeper level about life, friends, myself and my future.

Dr. Dianne Thomas, MD

"At the meetings I could be myself and not worry about being judged. Many times, students shared their own experiences and I could definitely relate. It was encouraging to know that others were experiencing similar issues.

"I like people to tell me things straight up and not sugar coat it; and Dr. Marshall did just that. Omega was and always has been an extended family for me.

"Throughout my time at Omega and during my 15 years of education after high school, I have done all that I can to live and remain alive and free. The tools that I learned during my years at Omega helped me to surpass the goals that I set for myself. I am truly grateful for my Omega family."

After a lot of study and hard work, Diane Thomas is now Dr. Diane Thomas, MD. With scholarship assistance from Alive & Free, she graduated from Xavier University, New Orleans, then attended Meharry Medical College. She is now a Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgeon. Dreams do come true! You can donate on **#GivingTuesday** to Alive & Free to help lead the next student to Alive & Free where the light is always on every Tuesday.

Thank you for being a part of the Alive & Free Movement to End Violence and Change Lives!

"… of all of the rocks upon which we build our lives, family is the most important. Fathers are critical to this foundation, but since 1960, the rate of American children without fathers in their lives has quadrupled …"

~~ Barack Obama ~~

From Balcony of Tournament of Roses Headquarters: President Gerald Freeny Welcomes Families, Friends to Members Reception

Gerald Freeny, President Tournament of Roses 2018-2019

Pasadena, CA, Sunday, December 16, 2018 – Members of Zeta Tau Chapter witnessed an event which saw Pasadena/Altadena resident, Gerald Freeny, president of the Tournament of Roses, open the Member Appreciation Holiday Celebration.

African Americans have resided in the Pasadena/Altadena community since its inception. However, only Gerald Freeny has the distinction of being the first African American to ride into Pasadena and Tournament of Roses history as president. Freeny will lead the Historic Tournament of Roses parade down Colorado Boulevard to the accolades of Thousands of well wishes from afar and nigh on January 1, 2019 – and that's a BIG deal!!

Zeta Tau Chapter's forth coming history book, Finding Friends: A Seminal History of Zeta Tau Chapter, an unincorporated affiliate, of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., describes a deeper account of Gerald Freeny's ascension to the presidency of the Tournament of Roses. It is a story of courage, strong will, perseverance and uplift – an episode in the continuing refrain, "**Go West, Young Man, Go West, "** first heard in the 1850s.

Tournament of Roses Headquarters: Built in 1906 for the George W. Stimson family and from 1914 to 1958 home of the William Wrigley, Jr., family

The mansion was presented to the City of Pasadena in 1958 by the Wrigley family (Wrigley Chewing Gum) with the understanding that it would become the permanent headquarters for the Tournament of Roses. But on Sunday, December 16, 2018, the building and grounds were filled with members of the community who delighted in touring the facility and who are ready to receive thousands of visitors who will occupy the streets and businesses in the coming weeks. Zeta Tau members in attendants at the reception were James Wilson, Chapter Chairman Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring; Larry Quishenberry, Keeper of Finance; Larry Hygh, member of the Tournament of Roses; and, George D. Taylor, District Chairman Fatherhood Initiative and mentoring.

Photos courtesy of James Wilson

L-R: Brother James Wilson, Zeta Tau Chapter, Chairman Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring, a former Rose Bowl Queen and Gerald Freeny, president of the Tournament of Roses; Photo (R), Stairwell inside of Tournament House

S.T.E.A.M Mobile Coming to the YLC at the University of La Verne, March 16

Black men made their way to The West as early as the 1850s and have been part of the fabric of The West and Pasadena since the early 1870s. Zeta Tau Chapter came to Pasadena in 1957-1958 when a small band of Brothers from Back East formed a Chapter.

Since its inception, Zeta Tau Chapter has been involved in helping to build a city that beckons all to explore The West for opportunity. To that end, "Zeta Tau Chapter works with youth and fathers with an emphasis on encouraging youth to stay in school and become productive members of the community," said James Wilson, Chairman of the Zeta Tau Chapter Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee. For the past 9 years, Wilson's Inland Valley Uplift Foundation in partnership with the Zeta Tau Foundation has sponsored a Youth Leadership Conference that includes information sessions specially designed for young men as well as Fathers and Mothers.

The **10th Annual Youth Leadership Conference** including sessions for parents *"will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the University of La Verne,"* Wilson announced. A special treat for this year's conference for Fathers and Mothers as well as the Youth, will be a visit by the S.T.E.**A**.M. Mobile. ***For information, contact James "Jim" Wilson @ 909.239.7926 or by email at: inland.ivuf@yahoo.com*.**

"Returning from my role as a delegate at last summer's Grand Conclave in New Orleans and now my new positions as Keeper of Finance and Chairman of our Sunshine Committee, I am looking forward with enthusiasm to doing my part for our Chapter & our Fraternity. After all, didn't our founders envision a body of like-minded men coming together to do great things for a great people?"
~~~ Larry Quishenberry, Zeta Tau Chapter, Keeper of Finance, Chairman, Sunshine Committee ~~~

Editor's Choice

Is the Harlem Renaissance Making Its Way Back to LA?

George D. Taylor, EdD

Los Angeles, CA – Maybe the Harlem Renaissance never left Los Angeles. Following WWI until the mid – 1930s, two significant events shaped the fine and performing arts and cultural legacy of African Americans in the United States.

The great migration of Black folks leaving the South due to inhumane laws (*Jim Crow*) and "way of life" that stifled their quality of life and economic prospects pushed them to seek greener pastures outside of the South. Those "greener pastures" were Northern cities, i.e., Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh and, of course, New York City. Later, there was movement to the West for jobs in the steel and car industries of Los Angeles and the Navy shipyards of San Francisco and Oakland. Another factor that swayed their outward migration was the desire to exploit their talent, entrepreneurial spirit and preference for a self-reliant life style made possible through sheer talent, personal grit and unbridled opportunity.

The Vision Theatre: Curtain Call 2020
Leimert Village, Los Angeles

In Harlem, a grand opportunity presented itself in the arts and culture class of African Americans who were prime benefactors of the great migration. A few of the players who helped illuminate and sustain the Harlem Renaissance in the early 1900s were: Aaron Douglas, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Sterling Brown, Arna Bontempts, Sr., Roland Hayes, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Melvin B. Tolson (*Tolson's work as a debate coach at Wiley College, was portrayed in the 2007 movie* *The Great Debaters*, *produced by Oprah Winfrey and starring Denzel Washington as Tolson*). All, except Douglas (Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity), Ellington (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity) and Hurston (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority) were members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and all are deceased.

There is a group of media savvy folks in LA who want to see a sustained African American arts and culture presence in LA. They are working to make it happen. James V. Burks, of the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Office and Vision Theatre said at a recent lunch meeting at Paley's Restaurant that plans are in the works for the renewal of the Leimert Park District which will include the Vision Center and the Inner City Cultural Center. It is centrally located and would serve as the epicenter of African American Heritage and Culture in the West.

Back Row: L-R James Bronson, Lemaud James Nash, Don Owens, Dr. Victor Webb, James V. Burks, Tom Washington
Front Row: L-R Bertrand E. Christian, Ernest D. Dillihay, Dr. Sandi Sheffey, Dr. George D. Taylor

The Los Angeles Inner City Cultural Center (LAICCC) was founded by the late C. Bernard Jackson, in 1965; it was incorporated in 1966, and it launched its first production season in 1967. Ernest Dillihay, President of Arts Culture Entertainment (ACE), LLC, a UCLA alumnus, former marine, LAICCC alumnus and former staff member, remembers Jackson and the LAICCC.

C. Bernard Jackson, was a UCLA alumnus and American playwright. He was a multilingual individual, Dillihay said, "who spoke Spanish, Korean and French" and who grew up in the tough Afro-Latin neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant, New York. He was an early pioneer of multiculturalism who appreciated the different cultures and their place in the continuing evolution of the American ideal. Jackson, he said, also understood and appreciated the appropriateness and value of cultural singularity, i.e., *e pluribus unum*, out of many, one! Because of his unique personality and language acuity, Jackson served his community as sort of a "linguistic and cultural diplomat" – he kept the peace among and between the neighborhood gangs. His early upbringing influenced his zeal to establish a first-class arts institute that focused on multiculturalism. The LAICCC began with an emphasis on the art and music of a diverse culture.

C. Bernard Jackson

While Harlem was heating up in the 1920s in spaces like the Cotton Club and a decade later the Apollo Theatre, the same cultural awakening was omnipresent in Los Angeles. Angelenos were seeing and hearing the likes of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Fats Waller, Nat King Cole, Billy Eckstein, Jelly Roll Morton, Ray Charles, Count Basie and other African American artist and performers. When they visited the city, they often stayed and performed at the **Dunbar Hotel** (known affectionally as *"little Harlem"*) located at 4225 S. Central Ave, Los Angeles, or the **Club Alabam** next door. From about 1920 - 1960, the Dunbar Hotel was the epicenter for the political and social life of the Los Angeles African American Community.

Art + Practice Galley and Foundation, in Leimert Park

Through the efforts of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Inner City Cultural Center a revival of the spirit that will sustain the African American Fine and Performing Arts and Cultural Heritage to perpetuity is taking form. This group in LA seems certain about one thing: *maintaining one's sense of self, history and culture is necessary to teach the children and to save lives.* In an era of great focus and attention on STEM, there is a place for S.T.E.**A**.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, **Art** and Math). The uniqueness of the American educational system, they believe, is the emphasis and value that is placed on a balanced and well-rounded education that produces a well informed and enlightened populous.

Is the Harlem Renaissance making its way back to Los Angeles? Curious about what I had heard, I drove with a friend into the Crenshaw District/Leimert Park to see the work underway to revive Leimert Park Village. We took photos of the Vision Theatre and surroundings; we could envision what was to come. We saw Afro-Centric shops and eateries. We visited the **Art + Practice Gallery** where we saw the powerful black and white photo exhibit entitled: **Slavery, The Prison Industrial Complex**, by photographers Keith Calhoun and Chandra McCormick; it ends January 5, 2019. As we drove North on Crenshaw, we saw the Lula Washington Dance Studio, the Metro line which is under construction. We passed shops and small businesses; my friend pointed to a specialty store where she often gets specialized spices for her pantry.

We wondered what the area will look like in two years, three years, five years, twenty years? What role will today's Fraternities and Sororities and Masonic and other social/civic and benevolent organizations play in the continued renewal and sustainability of the area? What better way to get the youth involved in manhood training, in valuing scholarship, in persevering regardless of challenge or circumstance and working to uplift others? What better way to raise the sights of Black youths and stimulate them to accomplish higher goals than might be realized or imagined? The presence of Fraternity men during the Harlem Renaissance was pervasive. They led the movement "*of African-American art, literature, music, and culture*" that was being absorbed into the American culture. One can still find the Afro-Centric owned and operated small business enterprises, shops and eateries in Harlem today.

Yes, Los Angeles is heating up; it is hearing the soul-stirring sounds of those who sang the songs of the ages: "***Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died."*** For more information, contact: james.v.burks@lacity.org – Vision Theatre, City of LA Department of Cultural Affairs, (213) 473-7430. (*Elizabeth Portela contributed to this article*.) ///

Delta Pi Chapter Launches Its Passport to Manhood Program

Tacoma, WA – Brothers of Delta Pi Chapter launched its fifth **Passport to Manhood Program** at the Al Davies Boys and Girls Club in Tacoma, Washington. The program is designed to guide the boys on their journey to manhood, encouraging and supporting them as they face specific challenges related to becoming an adult man. The goal of the journey is for each boy to become aware of his unique gifts, to seek ways to contribute to his family, and to learn to become a valuable member of the community. As part of the program, the boys are invited to participate in the chapter's monthly Adopt–a–Street cleanup project. At the conclusion, the boys are presented a stamped passport indicating their journey through the fun–filled and insightful 14–session program.

13th District: Brother Michael Robinson, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter promoting 100,000 Father Voters' Pledge Campaign at the Exchange on Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan

The Importance of a Balanced Life for Dads

By

Brother Michael Robinson

Okinawa, Japan – Fathers around the world are faced with the challenge of keeping a balanced life while taking care of the many task and duties required in his household. The outcome good or bad will have major impacts upon the family. Besides working a full day, part–time or in some cases not at all, the job of Dad never seems to end. Sometimes the management of Dad's time may require assistance such as team work from the Mother and children or advice from a friend.

Dad's must remember there is no correct decision path to take when trying to balance work and family life. It must be a priority of Dad. The National Fatherhood Initiative website provides 12 tips to assist Dads with balancing work and family time:

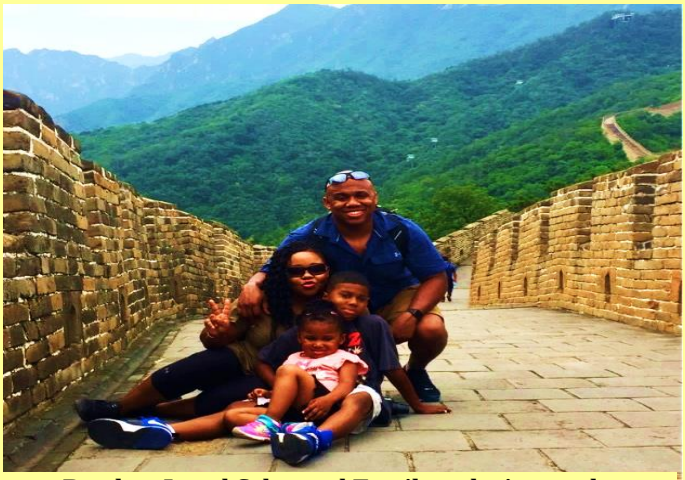
1. Tell your co–workers and boss about your family commitment
2. Ask your co–workers and boss to help you balance your work and family.
3. Help your co–workers and your boss to do their jobs.
4. Stay focused at work.
5. Be choosey about long work weeks and overtime.
6. Limit work on weekend and holidays.
7. Use work benefits that help balance work and family.
8. Keep work and family commitments.
9. Spend time with your family every day.
10. Schedule blocks of family time during the week.
11. Make career decisions as a family.
12. Put your commitment in writing.

https://store.fatherhood.org/tip–card–12–ways–to–balance–work–and–family/

Dads should take advantage of time spent with their families. Although this is a major task and not easy due to the long list of items on his agenda. It is well worth it in the eyes of a child. The results will pay huge dividends in the future. As a result, fathers will establish a closer bond with their families.

Here is Brother Jamar Selvy of Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. with his family (wife Alicia, Son Kaden and daughter Lisalee) enjoying a family trip to China. Brother Selvy is a Master Sergeant (E–7) in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Yokota Air Base in Mainland Japan serving as Superintendent of Career Development and Personnelist.

While in China, Brother Selvy treated his family to a relaxing day exploring the "Great Wall of China" just outside of Beijing.



Brother Jamal Selvy and Family, relaxing on the "Great Wall of China" Beijing, China

NOTE TO DISTRICTS: District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairmen should submit Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring articles from their District each quarter to: Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net. Next deadline for 1st Quarter 2019 will be: March 15th. Information should cover, January, February and March 2019.

Quarterly submission deadlines: December 15, March 15, Jun 15, and September 15 of the year.

(Unless Otherwise Noted!!)

Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter Participates in College Night / Career Fair for College Bound High School Seniors

By

Brother Mark Holness

Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter with Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

On Thursday November 1, 2018 Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter setup an information booth at Kadena High School located on Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa. They provided answers to questions from over 1,000 college bound high school students about scholarships, attending colleges of their choice and various career fields.

The photo shows Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter with Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. at the College Night / Career Fair.

During this event, Brothers provided handouts to students highlighting the 50 Best Jobs in America and the fastest growing jobs in the next five years:

#1 Data Scientist	#2 DevOps Engineer
#3 Marketing Engineer	#4 Occupational Therapist
#5 HR Manager	#6 Electrical Engineer
#7 Strategy Manager	#8 Mobile Developer
#9 Product Manager	#10 Manufacturing Engineer
#11 Compliance Manager	#12 Finance Manager
#13 Risk Manager	#14 Business Development Manager
#15 Front End Engineer	#16 Site Reliability Engineer
#17 Mechanical Engineer	#18 Analytics Manager
#19 Tax Manager	#20 Creative Manager
#21 Software Engineer	#22 Hardware Engineer
#23 Corporate Recruiter	#24 QA Manager
#25 Physician Assistant	#26 Database Administrator
#27 UX Designer	#28 Nursing Manager
#29 Engagement Manager	#30 Solutions Architect
#31 Process Engineer	#32 Reliability Engineer
#33 Data Engineer	#34 Operations Manager
#35 Speech Language Pathologist	#36 Communications Manager
#37 Audit Manager	#38 Data Analyst
#39 Systems Analyst	#40 Facilities Manager
#41 Strategic Account Manager	#42 Business Intelligence Developer
#43 Business Analyst	#44 Accounting Manager
#45 UI Developer	#46 Executive Assistant
#47 Management Consultant	#48 Project Manager
#49 Nurse Practitioner	#50 HR Generalist

(This information was obtained from https://www.glassdoor.com/List/Best–Jobs–in–America–LST_KQ0,20.htm_In addition, a PowerPoint presentation demonstrated the job score, job satisfaction, median base salary, and job openings.)

The event coordinator for Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter Brother Mark Holness stated "parents and collegebound high school seniors were excited about the information they received. The reactions of everyone participating in this event motivated the Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter to dedicate more time and funds towards increasing the number of scholarships for high school graduates".

Brothers John Smith, Donald Gardner and Mark Holness discussing scholarship, job and career information with college bound high school senior

Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter Participates in Kadena Air Base 4th Annual Veterans Day Parade

By

Brother Michael Robinson

Okinawa, Japan – Fathers and sons of Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter marched in the 4th Annual Veterans Day parade held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Over 3,000 members from the community came out to honor past and present military veterans. The sons of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Graduate Brothers assisted in handing out candy to the large crowd gathered at the event. The parade included U.S. military members, veterans, marching bands and other organizations from the community of Okinawa. Basileus Cortez Pree stated, "the annual veterans day parade promotes unity in the community. It felt good having our sons present with us as we observed and honored veterans past and present for their service to our great nation."

"We're just trying to save a life; that's what Fathers do!"

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