



# *The Mighty Ninth News*

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## *Omega Psi Phi Endorsed President!*



Brothers this a new day for America and for the World! Barack Obama is the culmination of many dreams deferred, ancestral prayers, and hopes realized. Under the leadership of Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity made a bold move in endorsing Senator Barack Obama for President of the United States. With the support and hard work of many Brothers around the United States and, in particular, the Ninth District the Senator from Illinois is now President-Elect Barack Obama.

Nonetheless, let there be no confusion or misunderstanding that the/our work is not

done! There is still a plethora of work to be done in the United States and our communities and neighborhoods. Although we are excited, thrilled, and anxious to see an African American man take the most powerful seat of office in the world, we are guardedly optimistic about the future of all African Americans and our children.

Thanks to all of the Brothers and friends who beat the pavement, made financial contributions, wore t-shirts, made phone calls, or just told your neighbors about Barack Obama. The excitement continues to grow as groups plan to make their way via



bus, plane, car, or train to Washington DC for the Inauguration of the first African American as President of the United States.  
Written by: Roger T. Watkins 9<sup>th</sup> DPR.

**50 Year Service Award Recipient**



**Brother Robinson**  
**Rho Psi '58**  
**Charter Member of**  
**Chi Kappa Kappa, Slidell, LA**

**Xi Omega Walks to Fight Diabetes**

The brothers of Xi Omega chapter in Tulsa, OK joined 200,000 participants and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) to Step Out to Fight Diabetes.

On Saturday, October 11, 2008 the brothers participated in a walk held in Tulsa. The walk held at Tulsa's LaFortune Park consisted of 3.5 miles. The Omegas joined several individuals and teams from the Tulsa area in this worthwhile fundraiser.

Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes is a fundraising walk, benefiting the ADA's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. More than 20 million Americans suffer from diabetes, and another 54 million are at risk for developing diabetes. Diabetes affects a higher percentage of African Americans than any other ethnic group.

The chapter goal was set at \$1,000. As of this writing contributions are still being received and applied toward the goal.



**Annual National Undergraduate Summit**

We are excited to announce that the Annual National Undergraduate Summit will be held on **Thursday through Saturday, January 29 – 31, 2009**, at the Marriott Atlanta Airport Hotel. The entire Brotherhood, both Undergraduate and Graduate, is invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues concerning undergraduate affairs and to provide an opportunity for the National Undergraduate Brotherhood to assemble and fellowship

It is required that two (2) representatives from every Undergraduate Chapter attend for the duration of the National Undergraduate Summit. We are asking and encouraging all Undergraduate brothers, both Prophytes and Neophytes, to attend. Furthermore, Undergraduate Chapter Advisors are required to register and attend. In the event that conflict arises with Undergraduates and/or Advisors, please contact our 2nd Vice Grand Basileus, Bro. Jamin A. Powell, at [2ndvicegrandbasileus@oppf.org](mailto:2ndvicegrandbasileus@oppf.org)

*Since this conference is mandatory for all Undergraduate Chapters and Advisors, we encourage you to register as soon as possible.* The registration schedule is as follows: Early-Bird Registration \$25 from October 16 through November 15, 2008 **or the first 200 registrants**; Pre-registration \$50 from November 16, through December 31, 2008; Late



Registration \$75 from January 1 through January 15, 2009; and On-Site Registration \$100 for all financial Brothers. Please register by January 15, 2009, to ensure that your registration is received and processed. If you encounter any problems, please email us at [nus@oppf.org](mailto:nus@oppf.org).

Lodging accommodations should be arranged directly with the Marriott Atlanta Airport Hotel. The hotel reservation deadline is Thursday, January 15, 2008. When making your hotel reservations please reference the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., National Undergraduate Summit. Hotel information is as follows:

**Marriott Atlanta Airport**

4711 Best Road

Atlanta, GA 30337

(404) 766-7900 (404) 209-6808

Room Rate - \$94.00/ night

<http://www.atlantaaairportmarriott.com>

**Texas State Meeting**

1. I pray that all is well with you and your families and that you are having a blessed and enjoyable holiday season.

2. The Cherotel-Brasport Hotel, Lake Jackson, TX will serve as the host hotel for our 2009 LSSQ Meeting. The address is 925 Highway 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 and the telephone number is (979)-297-1161 or 1-800-544-2119. The fraternity has guaranteed a block of rooms to be reserved at room rate of \$65.00 per night.

3. Reservation Procedure:

Register early to assure the accommodation of your choice. **Be sure to complete and return the enclosed LSSQ registration form. At least one delegate is required to register from each Texas chapter.**

- a) You must make your own Hotel reservations
- b) Call the hotel reservations department (979)-297-1161 or 1-800-544-2119.
- c) State that you are reserving your room as a part of LSSQ, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to receive the discount rate.

- d) Give the date(s) [February 20-21, 2009] of your stay and the names of the room occupants.
- e) You should guarantee your reservation with a credit card.
- f) Do not be a No-Show. If your plans change, then please cancel your reservation.

**LSSQ Chapter Dues** – Don't forget to get your LSSQ 2009 chapter dues paid. Dues are \$90.00 per graduate chapter and \$25 per undergraduate chapter, which can be mailed to our

LSSQ Secretary (Benjamin Green). The address is 1525 Leicester St., Garland, TX 75044. We are requesting that LSSQ dues be paid prior to attending the meeting. There are several open planning items that needs to be addressed and our dues will assist with ensuring that these needs are met! We are accepting On-Site Registration as well!

4. On behalf of the LSSQ Leadership Team and the Host Chapters, I strongly encourage you to make preparation to join us for our annual meeting. I also challenge each Texas Graduate and Undergraduate Chapter to send at least two (2) delegates to the meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (214) 325-3400/ email: [oldgold8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oldgold8@sbcglobal.net) or Bro. Rahsaan R. Cook at (713)478-0761 Cell/ [rrcook\\_rhoxi\\_vb@yahoo.com](mailto:rrcook_rhoxi_vb@yahoo.com).

Fraternally,

Brother (Dr.) Kenneth Terrell LSSQ President

**Oklahoma Habitat For Humanity**

By: Brother Robert Broome II

The Brothers of The Upsilon Iota Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, were invited to attend the Central Oklahoma Habitat For Humanity's Annual Banquet on 21 October 2008, which was held to celebrate and honor its volunteers. The Upsilon Iota Chapter volunteers its services to The Central OK Habitat For Humanity once per quarter.





Present at this banquet on behalf of Upsilon Iota are Brothers Raymond Payton & Robert Broome II. They are pictured (in the attached document) with Mrs Robin Marsh, who is a morning co-anchor for KWTU, News Nine, of Oklahoma City, and who served as Mistress of Ceremonies for this event.



The Upsilon Iota Chapter thanks all of its members who have continued to cheerfully participate in this noble work.

The four chapters of North-Central Oklahoma area of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, jointly held their annual Founders' Day Celebration on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. The chapters that participated in this joint effort are as follows:  
Phi Psi (Langston University)  
Omicrom Lambda (Oklahoma State University)  
Upsilon Iota (Langston, OK)  
Gamma Mu Mu (Stillwater, OK).



The speaker for this occasion was State Representative Anastasia Pittman (D - OKC),

who spoke on the history of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and the many achievements that were made by men of Omega on a national scale as well as here in Oklahoma. We thank her for making herself available to speak to us.



**Outstanding Citizens of The Year:**  
Mrs Tiffany Nixon (Omicrom Lambda)  
Brother James Roberson (Upsilon Iota)  
Mr Craig Carter (Gamma Mu Mu)

**The following were recognized accordingly:**  
Ms Brittany Epps (Outstanding Community Service - Omicrom Lambda)  
Brother Quinton Moore (Outstanding Scholar - Omicrom Lambda)



Brother Russell Okung (Outstanding Athlete of The Year - Omicrom Lambda)  
Brother Eric Thrower (50 Year Member - Upsilon Iota)  
Brother Rudolph Tomlin (50 Year Member - Upsilon Iota)



**The following Brothers were Omega Man of The Year for their respective chapters:**

- James Pierce (Phi Psi)
- Darryl Hillard JR (Omicrom Lambda)
- Jason Cooper & Steve Jackson (Upsilon Iota)
- Tevin Williams SR (Gamma Mu Mu)
- Tevin Williams SR (North Central Oklahoma Ques)



**Outstanding Service to Omega:**

- Michael Birdow (Phi Psi)
- Courtney Muhammad (Phi Psi)
- Malcolm Muhammad (Phi Psi)
- Myrone Smith (Phi Psi)
- Robert Broome II (Upsilon Iota)
- David McClarty (Upsilon Iota)
- Morris Wynn (Upsilon Iota)
- Jamie Thompson (Gamma Mu Mu)

Our Ninth District Representative, Brother Willie Hinchey, added some profound words of encouragement during and after the awards were presented. We thank him for making the trip to fellowship and share this occasion with us.

**HELPING FEED THE COMMUNITY**



By Omicron Pi Chapter Editor

The Bethesda Fellowship Ministries Church along with assistance from the Omicron Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have just completed a Food for Families drive in the Copperas Cove, Texas and surrounding community. The effort has collected hundreds of pound of food in the form of canned good and non-perishable food items.

Per the 9<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain Ronnie Gatewood (pastor), the purpose of the effort is to meet hunger relief needs within the community during this holiday season. The drive involve solicitations of families, companies and organizations for gifts of food such as canned meats (tuna-chili-stew-chicken), canned vegetables, cereals baby food, dry beans, flour, rice, peanut butter, sugar, corn meal, pasta/sauces, etc. Although this is the first year for the church in conducting such a program, it has been successfully executed.

The Bethesda Fellowship Ministries Church and Omicron Pi Chapter would like to extend a special thanks to those organizations and persons that provided food for this holiday season, and making this effort fully successful. The men of Omega continue to press onward in its quest to better mankind through uplift.





## **OMEGA CHAPTER**

*Brother Michael Bray*  
*Brother Curtis Jones*  
*Brother Kerry Halton-Gamble*  
*Brother Roderick Alphonso Horace*  
*Brother Kenneth McMillian*

### **The Fraternity Record of Brother Michael Bray**



Brother Michael Bray was initiated into Pi Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on December 10, 1977. Upon his initiation into the Fraternity, he along with his line brothers Haskell Ruff, Michael Monday and James Monday instantly began work to make Pi Delta a stronger chapter.

Brother Bray, upon joining Eta Iota Chapter, immediately began to contribute and make a difference. As a member of Eta Iota, he served on several committees such as the housing committee, Achievement week committee, Golf Tournament Chairman, Sweetheart Ball, and Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. The Chapter thought enough of Brother Bray that they elected him to the positions of Keeper of Peace, Keeper of Finance, Vice Basileus and Basileus.

His dedication and service earned him Eta Iota's highest award of Omega Man of the Year in 1995.

Brother Bray also served the Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He held a position on the Election Committee and in 1996 was appointed by the District Representative to serve as the Intake Chairman for the State of Oklahoma. Most recently, he was the co-chairman of the District Talent Hunt Committee

for the 67<sup>th</sup> Ninth District Meeting held in Oklahoma City, OK in 2004.

Brother Bray will be remembered as a dedicated active member of Eta Iota Chapter. His leadership, guidance, advice and friendship will be missed by all that he touched. His loss will be felt throughout our organization and by those who were fortunate enough to call him a Brother and Friend.



**Brother Curtis Jones**

A reserve officer of the New Orleans Police Department Officer Curtis Jones, 74, Slidell,

### **District Meeting Registration** **A message from the DKRS**

Greetings Brothers,

Many of you have inquired about the procedure for Hotel Registration once you have registered for the District Meeting. This year when your registration is received by the Ninth District Meeting Registration Committee Chairman Bro. Ernest Parquet, your name will be added to the list being maintained by the Shreveport Convention and Visitors Bureau. Once your name is added to this list by the District Meeting Registration Committee, you will be allowed to secure a room at the Hilton at the District Meeting Rate. The District Representative has communicated to Basilei and State Representatives the policy on suites, at this time none are available for registration.



Attached is a list of Brothers that have confirmed registrations as of December 31, 2008. These Brothers can send in the attached Room Registration form to secure a room. These Brothers will also be receiving confirmations via mail or e-mail of their registration status from the chairman of the District Meeting Registration Committee. If your registration has been processed since December 31, 2008, you should find your name on the next list that will be published prior to the Winter Council Meeting in Shreveport.

Brothers please be advised that **Pre-Registration for the District Meeting ends on February 28, 2009**, and beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> the Registration rate for Graduate Brothers will be \$200 and \$175 for Undergraduates. You can find a complete Registration Packet on the Ninth District Website [www.mightyninth.org](http://www.mightyninth.org). The on-line registration process provides immediate proof of registration and speeds up the verification process.

On behalf of the Ninth District Council and Rho Omega Chapter I am encouraging brothers to take advantage of the Pre-Registration Rate, and make sure you get lodging at the Host Hotel. Please don't hesitate to contact the DR with any questions or concerns he can be contacted by cell phone at (972) 979-4770 or via e-mail @ [williehinchen@hotmail.com](mailto:williehinchen@hotmail.com).

Bro. B.R. Clayton Jr.

**Xi Omega Brothers Assist Tulsa Black Officers With Christmas Baskets**

The brothers of Xi Omega chapter in Tulsa, OK recently assisted the Tulsa Black Officers Coalition with the preparation and distribution of Christmas Baskets to help brighten the holidays for several families in the community. The chapter also participated with baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday in November. Xi Omega chapter has participated with the event for several years.



The Blacks Officers were thankful & impressed with the number of brothers who came out. A few years ago the Black Officers presented a plaque to the chapter for its ongoing leadership, participation and support in the community.



**Congratulations to the new Dr.**



In 2008, Brother Dyrren Davis achieved the pinnacle of educational accomplishment by completing a Ph.D program. Brother Davis was initiated and was graduated from Dillard



University. He was initiated in the Fall of 1978 Theta Sigma Chapter. Brother Davis has served the Fraternity in various capacities since his initiation and most recently as the Region 9 Omega Life Membership Board Director. Congratulations to Brother Dr. Dyrren Davis on his magnanimous achievement.

### **Tips for Article Submission**

It is our intent to publish everything submitted in the 9<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter. However, please note that some items that are submitted may not be printed. Here are some common areas that we need to improve on:

- Photograph quality. Photo are either too dark or not in focus. Hard to use.
- Photographs should be submitted separately from the article.
- Chapters should submit articles and not one or two statements describing the event.
- Please double check spelling. I can catch most of the common words, but proper names, places, etc. are hard to catch.
- Please adhere to the established deadlines.
- Chapters can help me by identifying the Chapter's Editor to the Oracle and sending me that information to the email listed below. I will establish a distribution list for the chapters and send everything directly to the chapter's point of contact.
- Feedback. Give me your feedback. I want to make sure this is a document for all of us.

It can only get better with your feedback. End comments to the email address listed below.

There are a lot of great things going on in the Ninth District. Let's continue to submit articles and tell the story of the Ninth District. Your continued support will ensure that we will always produce a first class product for the Mighty Ninth.

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