



# The 9<sup>th</sup> District Source

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## North Texas Ques



Brother Newborn (center) Omega Man of the Year

Dallas, TX. On November 11, 2006 the North Texas Ques held its annual Achievement Week Banquet. The event was held in the beautiful setting of the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Dallas, site of the Ninth District's 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. Brothers and their significant others were challenged by a panel of well renowned brothers including keynote speaker, Bro. Royce West-Texas State Senator, who educated and inspired all that attended. His eloquent delivery of economic empowerment gave the audience a blue print of how to position our communities, our cities, and our race for economic prosperity through state programs, hard work, and service.

The Achievement Week Banquet is a time to reward that hard work and service by acknowledging individuals, businesses, and most of all, the brothers on the front line-working hard for Omega. Brothers that earned awards exemplify all of the cardinal principles the most honorable founders set forth for the greatest fraternity. No one exemplify these principles more than Omicron Gamma Gamma's own Basileus, Brother Van Newborn. Bro. Newborn was awarded OGG's Omega Man of the year for the second consecutive year. His dedication and leadership is infectious to all that know him.

Bro. Newborn currently serves as the Ninth District's Webmaster, Technology Chairmen, and as the North Texas Intake Vice-chair. OGG has prospered in members and also financially under his leadership and guidance. The brothers of OGG are proud to have such a dynamic brother as Basileus.

By: Brother Shawn Ferdinand

**"Friendship is Essential to the Soul"**

## Psi Upsilon Recognizes Accomplishments



Brother Veal (left), Omega Man of the Year

Lawton, OK. Three members of the Psi Upsilon chapter were recognized as recipients of the Chapter's highest awards. John D. Veal Jr., Chick Ellis and Albert Johnson were honored during the chapter's recent Achievement Week banquet in Medicine Park

Veal was recognized as Omega Man of the Year for his many contributions to the chapter and to the Lawton-Fort Sill community. During the past year he served as chapter Basileus and as public relations director for the Ninth District. He also spearheaded the annual scholarship fundraising drive and represented the chapter on the Lawton-Fort Sill Pan Hellenic Council.

Chick Ellis was honored with the Psi Upsilon chapter's Superior Service Award. Ellis has served the chapter in every capacity since he became a member in 1972. He is a mentor for brothers in the chapter and is involved in various activities. His knowledge and history have been instrumental in the chapter's growth and progress. He also represents the chapter on the Lawton-Fort Sill Pan Hellenic Council, most recently as president.

The chapter's Young Men Mentoring Program works with males ranging in age from elementary school to high school. These youth are involved in a number of community activities that promote their growth and development. One of the founders of the program, Albert Johnson, was recognized as the chapter's Citizen of the Year. Johnson is very active in the chapter and community.

Brother Ken Evans, Basileus of Psi Upsilon, presented the awards. Their involvement in both the chapter and the community make these men well deserving of their honors.



## From the desk of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative



Greetings Brothers,

Giving honor to God, our Supreme Master of the Universe let us thank Him for His grace and mercy. I bring Seasons Greetings and Well-Wishes to the entire brotherhood and membership of the Mighty Ninth District from my family to yours. On behalf of your District Council, we would like to up-date the membership with the following information.

### **Congratulations to all December Graduates and welcome to the work force!!**

### **Your completion of Scholarship is to be commended.**

During the months of August and September, the storms of Katrina and Rita directly impacted our District. We are still in the recovery stages of these storms and please continue to pray for those affected by the storms. The State of the District is still as strong and vibrant as ever. Please review the following information and govern yourself accordingly. Please save/mark all dates and pass them on to other District Members

Let me encourage each and every brother who has not completed full payment of his 05-06 fraternity dues to do so immediately. Brothers, Retention is our Lifeline to keeping Omega strong. We must preserve our organization and the payment of dues is our first step.

Throughout this newsletter you will find important information on upcoming events and

important activities in the Mighty Ninth. Take note of the following articles in the newsletter:

- Dates to Remember
- Hurricane Fraternity Relief Funds
- Membership Selection Process

Photo I.D. Membership Cards. The Membership Department at International Headquarters will no longer send membership cards to members not in the proper attire, coat and tie. There are no exceptions to this policy. While we are still waiting on official notifications of this I am asking each chapter to please begin to adhere immediately to this notice. This applies to any cards issued after this date including those for new members, reissued cards and other situations. IHQ is also requesting that the member's name and control number be placed on the back of each of the two photos. These photos must also be passport-type issued photos.

Brothers, let us all look to the Hills from whence cometh our help. For we all need His help. Omega shines brighter when we all seek His Guidance. I leave you with one of my favorites. Please enjoy reflecting over it. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8]

In closing, all of my love, peace and happiness, I give it to OMEGA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If my assistance is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally yours,

Brother Willie "Mercenary" Hinchey  
First Vice-District Representative

### **Hurricane Fraternity Relief Funds**

Brothers, back in September of this year, both the International Headquarters and the Ninth District established relief funds to assist brothers who were directly affected by the two major storms in Louisiana and Texas. I have contacted the IHQ chair, Brother George Smith and the District Chair. Brother Michael Harris, for an update of our collective efforts to assist brothers. I expect to share a combined report of our relief efforts with you early next year. In the meantime, the fraternity website gives a fund report broken down into several sections.

For brothers and/or chapters who have not yet made donations or wish to make additional donations I am providing contact information for the coordinators of these efforts. The IHQ

Point of contact is Brother George A. Smith, Omega Development Corporation, 3951 Snapfinger Parkway, Decatur, GA 30035. The telephone number is (404)284-5533. Brother Michael L. Harris is taking the lead for the Ninth District's efforts. He can be reached at (225)752-1390 or (225)907-3395. His address is 18239 Green Lakes Court, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

The Supreme Council has also requested that all chapters not affected by the storms commit to a donation of a minimum of \$1,000.00 to be paid over the next five years. For a chapter to receive credit, the payment must be made via chapter check or other official chapter documentation.

### Nu Iota Celebrates Achievement Week



Citizen of the Year



Nu Iota Sweetheart



Omega Man of the Year

Marshall, TX. On November 13, the members of Nu Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and their families celebrated the fraternity's national achievement week. This is the occasion where the members select and recognize those members of the fraternity and members of the community who have made special contributions over the past year. The fraternity's national theme for this year is "Economic Empowerment Leading to Social and Political Change."

The activities began with church services with Rev. Paul Taylor at the Peters Chapel Baptist Church. After church services, the fraternity held its Achievement Week program. During this program, Brother Anthony Parrish was honored as "Omega Man of the Year" and Mrs. Julia Williams was recognized as the "Citizen of the Year."

Brother Anthony Parrish has been a member of Omega Psi Phi since 1977 having pledged at Texas Southern University where he graduated with a bachelor degree in communications. Brother Parrish is currently a District Manager with the American National Insurance Company. He is a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church where he is a certified lay speaker, member of the finance, trustee, pastor parish relations and methodist men. He

is also the founder and lead performer in two local popular bands, The Men of Sound and Intimate Moments.

Mrs. Julia Williams is a self-employed Occupational Therapist. Currently, she contracts with the MISD to provide occupational therapy skills to special needs students. Ms. Williams is a graduate of Texas Woman's University. She is member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, St. Joseph Catholic Church, League of Women Voters, Historical Preservation Committee and the New Town Association. In each one of her organizations, she has held leadership positions. Mrs. Williams is closely associated with the fraternity, since her husband and her son are members of Nu Iota and Psi Chapters respectively.

At the conclusion of the formal program, Mrs. Mildred Mason, wife of Brother L.U. Mason, was presented a bouquet of roses as the fraternity's sweetheart while the brothers sang the Omega Sweetheart song to her and the other wives who were present.

To complete the day's activities, the fraternity and guest, adjourned to the Caddo Lake to enjoy an afternoon meal and observe the lake's fall foliage.

### The Source Accepts Advertising

The Source is happy to work with candidates for office at the International and District Levels. Candidates can purchase advertising space from a quarter page up to a full page, either color or black and white. Camera-ready copy must be provided for your ad. The costs for space are:

	Black & White	Color
Full Page Ad:	\$100.00	\$200.00
Half Page Ad:	50.00	100.00
Quarter Page Ad:	35.00	50.00

The Spring issue will be published in March 2006, just in time for the 9<sup>th</sup> District Meeting. The anticipated dates for the Spring issue are February 15<sup>th</sup> (deadline for advertising), March 1, 2005 is the anticipated date the issue will be published. The Spring issue will be distributed at the District meeting. The issue will also be distributed electronically and posted on the Mighty Ninth web page. It also anticipated that the Summer Issue of the Source will be published prior to the Conclave. Please feel free to contact me via email ([dpr\\_9thd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpr_9thd@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested in placing an ad or if you have any questions.



### Dates to Remember

- Refresher MSP Training. The District Council will be conducting a classroom refresher MSP Training Session on January 21, 2005 in Arlington, TX. This eight (8) hour session will be conducted by MSP Chairman Raymond “Raybo” Bourgeois. More information will be provided once this event is finalized. This training will be geared toward State Representatives, Membership Selections Chairmen and their committee Vice-Chairmen. All brothers who have not been certified on-line are strongly urged to do so as soon as possible. Please contact your Area/Chapter MSP Chairman for specific training requirements and on-line instructions/details.
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- The Ninth District Winter Council Meeting will be held on Saturday February 04, 2006 at the Wyndham Arlington located at DFW Convention Center South, Arlington, Texas 76001. The phone number for the hotel is (817) 261-8200. Tentative agenda will be posted on website and sent out to District Yahoo Group.
  - The 69<sup>th</sup> Ninth District Meeting will be held April 12 – 16, 2006. This year’s district meeting will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, Texas 75201. The contact number for the hotel is (214)922-8000. Information has been posted on the district website and registration packets have been mailed to all chapters. Brothers note that the postmark deadline for pre-registration and delegate credentials forms is Wednesday, March 22, 2006, and will be strictly enforced. For additional information contact the District Marshall, Brother Rodney “Brick” Johnson via email at Rodney@4eca.com.
  - The date for the 2006 National Undergraduate Summit has been set for January 27-28, 2006. The summit will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Airport, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30354. The contact numbers for the hotel are (404)767-9000 or toll free at (800)445-8667. The District Undergraduate Council and the committees involved are finalizing our District Undergraduate preparations for this mandated meeting. The Second Vice-Grand Basileus Dylan Bess will provide further information. I want to remind each chapter that in order to remain in good standing each undergraduate chapter must send two delegates and one Graduate Advisor to the meeting.
  - The 2006 Omega Youth Leadership Conference is set for July 20-23, 2006, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas. All district graduate chapters are expected to sponsor at least one black male junior/senior to attend this conference. For more details contact Brother John Cooper via e-mail at cjd78230@yahoo.com. He can also be contacted by phone at (210)602-7901.
  - The 74<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave will be held July 21-28, 2006 in Little Rock, Arkansas. More information will be provided when it is available. However, for planning purposes please note the following dates: The weekend activities will be held on July 21-23. Specifics of the activities will be provided later. The First Plenary Session is tentatively scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. The election of the Supreme Council Officers will be July 26<sup>th</sup> and the Founders Banquet will be held on July 27, 2006. Brother Derek Lewis is the Grand Marshall.

### OGG Performs Community Service

The Brothers of OGG strongly encourages maximizing precious time while providing service in areas detrimental to the success of the community. Continuing in stride with the attitude of completing the difficult first and the impossible soon after, the brothers devoted the full day of August 12<sup>th</sup> at Arlington’s Boys and Girls Club. The first program involved brothers mentoring the local kids. Secondly, the



brother’s fellowshiped over four hours in the Texas sun while providing the community with a much-needed resource, blood. More than twenty-two brothers participated in the project that was considered a huge success and associates from Carter Blood Care has promised to provide the brothers with multiple mobile blood units for our next blood project.

By: Bro Shawn Ferdinand



### Theta Alpha Almost Triples ADA Goal



Dallas, TX. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has committed to raise \$50,000 on behalf of the American Diabetes Association. Theta Alpha Chapter went above and beyond almost tripling its goal of \$500 with over \$1400 raised.

Saturday November 5, 2005, Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi took part in the 2005 America's Walk for Diabetes in Dallas Texas. This is the major fundraising effort for the American Diabetes Association and it's chief means of raising awareness about Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

Fifteen brothers along with Quettes walked in the 5 Kilometer Walk/Trot/Run. Omega Psi Phi was "True to Form" being the only Fraternity represented at the walk. Many persons were taking part in this effort because either they or someone dear to them suffers from Diabetes. " Bro. Terry Forest shared, "It is my honor and duty to serve and support the chapter's initiative and programs."

Currently 3 million African American have diabetes. African American's are also twice as likely to have Diabetes as Non-Hispanic Whites. Researchers trace much of this trend to Unhealthy lifestyle choices that prevail in the African American Community. It is a cardinal principle of Omega Psi Phi to provide Uplift and this is a superb opportunity to Uplift the Black community.

Chapter Reporter Detrick DeBurr

### OGG on the Second Cardinal Principle

On August 19, 2005 Omicron Gamma Gamma awarded five students with scholarship funds at Arlington's Boys and Girls Club. The chapter places a very high priority on scholarship and strongly promotes this principle through out the area. The example resonates from the chapter as a large percent of its members has or is participating in postgraduate studies.

Lloyd Douglas of North Crowley High School won the merit scholarship given by the chapter.



### Spring Membership Selection Process (MSP)

The proposed window for the Spring 2006 Membership Selection Process is February 05, 2006 through March 26, 2006. All MSP Programs must be completed by midnight of March 26, 2006. All packets must be completed and mailed within seven (7) days of completed initiation. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. The seven-week window allows sufficient flexibility for both graduate and undergraduate chapters to participate in the process. No processes will be authorized to begin prior to the Winter Council Meeting.

Brothers, until you are instructed otherwise, all MSP requests should be sent to me at the following address:

Brother Willie "Mercenary" Hinchon  
Post Office Box 2020  
DeSoto, Texas 75123-2020

We are reviewing several MSP Programs for the fall 05 window; as well as, packets from previous windows. We anticipate all MSP Processes will be completed by the end of December 2005. For all spring 2006 Membership selection Processes the following information must be provided in a timely manner:

- Submit a completed Form One.
- Provide proof of payment of chapter insurance for fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.
- Provide proof of payment of College Endowment Fund for fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

Note that no chapter's process will be approved without the above items.

This is a scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars. Lloyd will attend Tuskegee University to study engineering. Ironically, he was presented his award by the Ninth District Keeper of Finance Brother Shawn Brewer, who was initiated at and graduated from Tuskegee University. OGG has and will maintain its commitment to the youth by investing in their future today, securing a brighter tomorrow for the community.



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## Volunteer of the Year



Dallas, Texas. Bro. Ron Patterson was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. The award was given as part of the chamber's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet.

Bro. Patterson serves as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Basileus of Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc Dallas, Texas. He also heads up Theta Alpha Foundation, which is the Not-For-Profit philanthropic arm of the chapter. He has been a long time servant in the Dallas business community. Bro. Patterson is a Former Vice President of JP Morgan Chase Bank in Dallas and currently operates his own banking and finance consulting company. He still is growing professionally though. Bro. Patterson is currently working on the Certified Financial Planner designation.

According to close personal friends, Ron has always been committed to organization. His "down to earth" management style coupled with his sense of humor makes him easy to work with and an asset to those around him.

The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a member of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's Board who has gone beyond the call of duty to be a community servant. Bro. Patterson has served on that board for over 10 years. He has chaired the Banking Committee and the Business and Economic Development Committee. Under his leadership they have initiatives to provide Micro-Loans and technical assistance to African American business owners. Ron is currently a finalist for the "Top Spot" as Board Chairman for 2006.

Some of Bro. Patterson's other accomplishments include being a Founding Member of the Dallas Chapter of the National Association of Urban Bankers (National Financial Services Coalition), an organization that he also served as Board Chairman.

We salute Brother Ron Patterson and his efforts with the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce.

Chapter Reporter Detrick DeBurr

## Achievement Week Hits Lawton



Psi Upsilon Officers 2005-2006

Lawton, OK. The Brothers of Psi Upsilon focused on reclamation during its 2005 Achievement Week Activities. Fueled by a challenge from Brother John D. Veal, Jr., Basileus, to bring inactive brothers back into the fold, the Psi Upsilon Chapter participated in events that were designed to reach those brothers in the area who are not active.

The week's activities started with the Brothers attending the Southwest Oklahoma Military Appreciation Bowl, featuring Langston University, the only HBCU in Oklahoma. On Sunday, the brothers attend church services at Union Baptist Church. Monday night gave us Monday Night Football where the Brothers ate, enjoyed a good football game and had a night of fellowship with each other. The fraternity house was in need of work, so on Tuesday night the Brothers spent the evening doing routine maintenance around the house. The Brothers celebrated Founders night on Thursday, with the oldest and youngest brother cutting the cake. This also gave us an opportunity to reflect on who we are and why we do what we do. The City of Lawton had a chance to "Party With the Bruhs" at the Fall Jamz. This was an opportunity for the chapter to raise funds to assist with the various projects.

Brother Chick Ellis was the Keynote speaker at the Achievement Week Banquet. While focusing on the fraternity's theme, Brother Ellis brought into focus the rich tradition of the Psi Upsilon Chapter and the chapter's positive impact on the growth of the Lawton-Fort Sill Community. The newly elected officers were also sworn in at the banquet: Brother Kenneth J. Evans, Basileus, Brother Carl Small, Vice-Basileus, Brother John Veal, Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Corey Givens, Keeper of Peace and Brother Chick Ellis, Chaplain. The Brothers concluded Achievement Week by attending church services at Bethlehem Baptist Church, where Brother John Faison presented the message.

### Uplifting in an “OWT” Manner



Norman, Oklahoma. The Pi Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at the University of Oklahoma has always been famous for hosting one of the biggest parties in Oklahoma as a closure to Achievement Week. This was again the case for this year’s party; entitled Boot Nasty VIII, a party that many Oklahomans attend or are aware of. What many Oklahomans are not aware of and what the Pi Delta brothers hold so dear to our hearts are the scholarship and uplifting events that we hosted during Achievement Week 2005.

For the past couple of years, the chapter has hosted, in conjunction with a private clinic in Norman, Oklahoma, HIV screening for students and faculty at the university. This year, a vision from chapter Brother Jason Wycoff advised the chapter on expanding this program. Brother Carrington Scott contacted the local Norman Department of Human Services to inform them of our HIV Screening. Brother Scott proposed to them how we can expand this event to not only the University of Oklahoma community, but to the entire local community to fight HIV and enlighten people about this disease. DHS has agreed to cooperate with the chapter and to make this an annual program.

Pi Delta also hosted our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Que-bowl, a bowling tournament amongst Greek organizations, faculties and other students. This event is a fundraiser raising money to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the United Negro College Fund. Other events included during this week were the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive (total of 21 people donated blood), and movie night with the “bruhs”. We also attended three different inner-city high schools during this week where we offered our chapter’s scholarship opportunity and principals were enthusiastic in wanting us to put on a small show so the Pi Delta brothers were also “owt” while we uplifted. Lastly, we hosted a panel in conjunction with Student African American Brotherhood discussing the issue of unprotected sex and its consequences.

### Lewis Selected as Omega Man of the Year



Fraternity Brother Doctor Derek Lewis won the Pi Omicron Chapter, Omega Man of The Year Award for the second straight year. After the tragic death of Brother Jimmy Morris in December 2004, Doctor Lewis became

Basileus of Pi Omicron. He was elected to serve a full term as Basileus in November 2005. Brother Lewis became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Beta Delta Chapter, in the spring of 1976.

Derek Lewis was one of ten children born in Hughes, a small town in Eastern Arkansas. He takes pride in growing up in this rural community. Derek was a member of the Student Council, band and track team at Hughes High School. He attended The University of Central Arkansas in Conway, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology and a Master of Science Degree in microbiology. In 1984, he received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas Medical School. Doctor Lewis owns and operates two medical clinics in the Greater Little Rock Metropolitan area. He served as Chief of Family Practice as well as Family Practice Controls Committee member for area hospitals. He has conducted several clinical trials with pharmaceutical companies such as Pfizer, Norvartis, Astrazeneca, Glaxo Smith Kline, Tap, Bristol Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly and Sankyo-Pharma.

He founded The Derek Lewis Foundation in 1988. Annually, this foundation financially supports summer programs for youth between the ages of 13 and 16 by teaching them job interviewing skills, financial management skills, time management and business ethics as it pertains to proper dress, job responsibility and accountability. Additionally, The Derek Lewis Foundation assists intercity sports programs, Little Rock Boys and Girls Clubs and the University of Central Arkansas African Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, special projects for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Pi Omicron Chapter of Little Rock, and various charities.

He is a member Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, American Academy of Family Physicians, Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association and Arkansas Medical Society. Also, he is a board member of the Little Rock Chapter of Boys and Girls Club, and past President of the University of Central Arkansas Alumni Association.



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## Gamma Omicron Honorees



Gamma Omicron Honorees (pictured left to right) Grady Smith-Unsung Hero, Larry Williams-Uplift, Anthony Hullaby-Honorable Mention, Johnny Jackson-Manhood, Herman Brodus-Honorable Mention, Kenny Webb-Honorable Mention, Windell Bonner-Omega Man of the Year, Eddie Thompson-Honorable Mention, Lavester Mills-Scholarship, Deric Harris- Perseverance

## Theta Alpha Brothers Receive Pins!!

Dallas, Texas. At the October 15, 2005 North Texas Representative Meeting, North Texas Representative Bro. Glen "Rock" Gowans presented Spring 2005 Theta Alpha initiated Brothers with their Fraternity Pins, Certificates, Membership Cards and History Books. You could feel the energy in the air as these newfound Omega Men happily accepted these permanent reminders of Omega.

According to Bro. Keeper of Peace Harry Christle, "I have been looking forward to this for a long time. At times I was not sure if I would ever have this opportunity. March 5, his date of Initiation seemed to be a dream come true but to receiving my Pin and Membership Card makes me know that it's real".

The 6 Uncon"Que"arable Souls, by which they prefer to be called, immediately came into the fraternity and got involved. Brother DeBurr and Brother Christle were elected to the Chapter's Executive Committee. Brother Dunn has assumed responsibility for the Chapter's Annual golf tournament.

Congratulations to Detrick DeBurr, Harry Christle, Elliot Kirk, Lerone Dunn, Clyde Sherpell and Darrell Allen, the Spring 2005 Theta Alpha Initiates, on this Great Fraternal Milestone!!!!

Chapter Reporter Detrick DeBurr

## Chapters Join Together in Mentoring Program

The brothers of Mu Beta (University of Texas at Arlington) and Omicron Gamma Gamma (Arlington, Texas) have established a Mentoring Program with the Boys and Girls Club of Arlington, Texas. The age range of the young boys is from eight to fourteen years old. The program's mission is to reach back into the minority community and lift as we climb. The program was initially conceived with the purpose of mentoring minority boys local to the Arlington area. However, all races are encouraged to participate as the brothers' positive influence can impact the life of any young male in today's society.



The program is held on a recurring basis throughout the year. As a part of the program, the chapters also conduct special programs during the week to reinforce the bonds made during the weekend sessions. The program focuses on a number of developmental areas including academic tutoring, building relationships with parents, and other critical areas. These sessions allow brothers to go beyond the traditional mentor role and become more involved role models. Bianca Wilson, liaison for the Boys and Girl Club, stated "she had been waiting for the Omegas to start a mentoring program because she could always remember an Omega presence in the community when she was growing up."



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## Operation Smoke Alarm

On March 19<sup>th</sup> 2005, the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma participated in the annual "Operation Smoke Alarm" project in Fort Worth, Texas. Since project inception, there has been strong participation at this life saving event which is covered and televised by several local news stations. This was the fourth straight year that the brothers participated in the project. The project was developed to proactively combat the rising death tolls associated with preventable fires. The Fort Worth Fire Department and the American Red Cross are the sponsors of the event and initially reached out to the Brothers of

OGG due its strong community service presence in the Mid-Cities area.

With Omicron Gamma Gamma's help, approximately 479 smoke alarms and 396 batteries were installed in the South East side of Fort Worth. This area has been considered a high-risk area for years and due to "Operation Smoke Alarm" fires and fire related deaths have substantially decreased. The Fort Worth Fire Department commended the Brothers of OGG for once again rising to the occasion and battling social problems that plague the Mid-Cities area.

## Theta Alpha Represented Well at Achievement Week

Dallas, Texas. On Friday November 19, 2005, The Dallas Metroplex Ques ended their Achievement Week activities with a festive night of fellowship, recognition and reminiscing. The Metroplex Ques organization includes the Dallas area chapters of Omega Psi Phi. According to Metroplex Ques President Terry Forest, who was also named Theta Alpha Chapter's Omega Man of the Year, "This year's banquet was a huge success".

The evening's festivities, held at the Dallas Adams Mark Hotel, began with a fellowship reception. At the reception Brothers reflected on the accomplishments of the year and discussed future plans for the fraternity. Afterwards Brothers moved into the banquet hall to begin the 2005 Awards Banquet. Each chapter presented awards to citizens and members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The highlight of the evening was a very inspirational message delivered by Texas State Senator Bro. Royce West. Brother West who is a current member of Theta Alpha and a charter

member of Mu Beta challenged the men of Omega to take their rightful place in the community. Taking the theme for the evening "Can Economic Empowerment Lead to Social and Political Change?", he shared that America and Texas in particular are changing. It is now time for Omega Men to assume leadership roles in the community.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Brother Newy Scruggs. Bro. Scruggs is the Sports Director for Channel 5 in Dallas. He is also a Theta Alpha member. Bro. Scruggs, teary eyed, shared his deep appreciation for Omega Psi Phi. "If it wasn't for Omega I probably would not be where I am today", said Scruggs. "It, Omega, helped me get through college.

Attendance for the night was well over 230 brothers, wives, families, and friends of Omega.

Brothers capped off the night with a dance immediately after the banquet. This banquet was a fitting climax to the week's activities.

Chapter Reporter Detrick DeBurr

## Xi Omega Achievement Week Celebration



Xi Omega Chapter recognized the following individuals at their Achievement Week Banquet: Brother Lee Young, Omega Man of the Year; Service to Omega, Brother Norris Scott, Community Service Award Ms. Marla Mayberry and Mr. Buck Buchannon; Vincent E. Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Awards Ms. Sherry Jones; Special Award for 50 Years of Service to Omega Brother Arnold Williams.



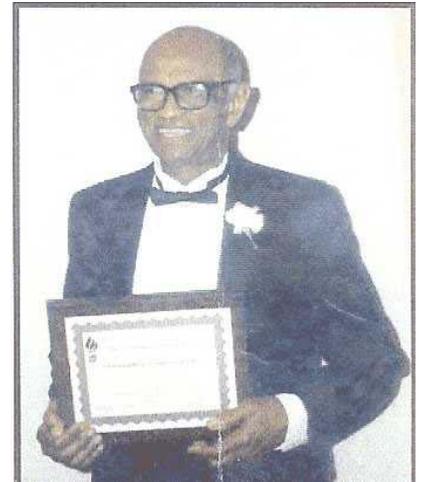
## Omega Chapter

These pages are dedicated to the service of those brothers who have made the final journey to Omega Chapter. Thank you for your influence in our lives!!!

Brother L.A. Moon  
April 10, 1910 – October 29, 2005

Brother Lawrence A. Moon was born in Ore City, Texas on April 10, 1910. He was the fourth child in a family of ten children. He moved to Marshall, Texas and united with the Ebenezer United Methodist Church where he remained a faithful member until his passing.

After completing high school, he entered Wiley College where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He graduated Sum Cum Laude of his class. After he graduated, he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where he developed his interest in the Dry Cleaning business. He returned to Marshall and opened Moon's Cleaners, his first business venture. He later expanded and started three Laundromats and invested in various business ventures.



He joined the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1929 while attending Wiley College. Brother Moon served the Nu Iota Chapter in every leadership position including Basileus. He has been selected as Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year several times. Brother Moon also had several special mentoring relationships with many of the undergraduate brothers who have attended Wiley College.

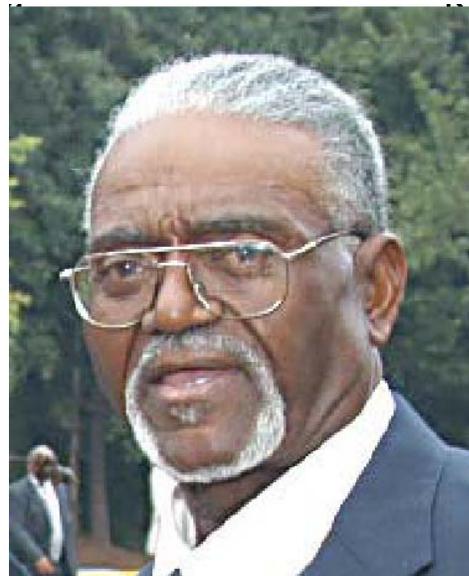
Brother Moon was a member of the Wiley College Board of Trustees, Life Member of the Wiley College National Alumni Association, Life Member of the NAACP, Century Member of the Boy Scouts of America, Board Member of Marshall Regional Medical Center, Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Brother Moon received the awards of Wiley College Hall of Fame, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wiley College, and Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, 1996-1997. He has been featured in the Wiley Reporter and Marshall News Messenger newspaper PRIMETIME.

Brother Moon is survived by his son, Kenneth Moon and many other relatives and friends.



Brother Grant Reynolds  
21<sup>st</sup> Grand Basileus



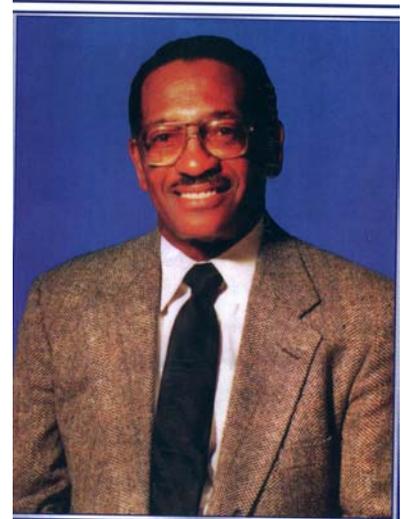
Brother Dr. L. Benjamin Livingston  
32<sup>nd</sup> Grand Basileus



Brother Walter L. Littlejohn  
Past Ninth District Representative

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Ninth District suffered a terrible loss with the passing of Brother Walter L. Littlejohn. Brother Littlejohn entered Omega Chapter on August 26, 2005. Brother Littlejohn's service to our great Fraternity began on January 15, 1952 through the Tau Sigma Chapter. He served in a number of positions, culminating with serving as the District Representative for the Ninth District from 1978 to 1981. He was the 9<sup>th</sup> Brother to serve in this capacity.

Brother Littlejohn's journey to service began in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on March 5, 1932, the son of the late Ed and Beatrice Littlejohn. He accepted Christ at an early age, served faithfully as a trustee at the Saint Paul Baptist Church until his health declined. He continued to attend Sunday School and worship services regularly until days recent to his passing.



After graduating from Coleman High School, Brother Littlejohn attended the Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics. Continuing on with his scholarship, he earned the Master of Education degree in 1957 and the Doctor of Education degree in secondary education in 1966 from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Brother Littlejohn served in a number of capacities in the Walker School District in Magnolia, Arkansas, culminating with serving as superintendent of schools. From there he moved to Texas Southern University and served as an assistant professor of education administration. He traveled back to his Alma Mata, AM&N/UAPB and served in a number of positions, including Chair, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Dean, Division of Teacher Education; Dean, School of Education, and Coordinator of Graduate Programs. Brother Littlejohn is well published and made many presentations, including a presentation in Mexico on "The Preparation of Teachers." He was a life member of the National Education Association, and served on a number of committees including the Governor's Advisory Committee on Teacher Licensure. He served as president and CEO of the AM&N/UAPB Credit Union for over 20 years.

Brother Littlejohn was a life member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. His contributions to the fraternity are numerous, including serving as Basileus of the Tau Phi Chapter. He was selected as the Omega Man of the Year for the Pi Omicron Chapter. He is a charter member of the Kappa Chi Chapter. He also served on the Supreme Council. Throughout his fraternal life, he attended numerous conclaves across the United States and more than 40 Ninth District Meetings.

He was also a member of the Pi Boule' Fraternity and the Twentieth Century Club. He was al loyal fan and supporter of the UAPB Golden Lions and a friend of the Arkansas Razorbacks.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, the former Virginia Lowery; a brother, Arthur Littlejohn; two sisters, Ruth Kyser and Sammie Littlejohn; a loving, caring nephew, fraternity brother, and friend, Albert Lowery, Jr; a devoted cousin and friend, William Clark; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

**Memorial**

Brother Bernell 'Chick' Alexander, Sr

Brother Reginald Friends

Brother Clayton Hamilton

Brother Alexander L. Johnson, Jr



## \*\*\*\*\*OPINION\*\*\*\*\*

### *Words from a concerned Brother*

*We are in a position to see, in our lifetime, a Grand Basileus forged from among our very own ranks. The Ninth District has produced extraordinary talent over the years and that talent has been rewarded within our ranks over and over again.*

*We must work together to realize this rare opportunity for the Ninth District. It will take courage, sacrifice and perseverance. There can be no room for distrust, petty differences or green-eyed monster disease.*

*Other Districts in the Fraternity are watching us closely. Will we be seen by them as men who are focused, united and consumed with purpose? Or will we be seen as men who engage in self-destructive in-house political warfare.*

*When the smoke clears we will be seen as men, for true. But what kind of men will they see? It is our choice and ours alone what they will see.*

*The rest of the Fraternity is well aware of the Ninth District's declaration that her men are poisoning themselves to lead the Fraternity. Can they trust us? Will they trust us? Should they trust us?*

*What will they say of us...we men of the Ninth District? Will they say our hearts were smitten with the fires of the promise of leadership? Or will they speak of men who chose to feed their souls with a blind self-destructive need to satisfy their own personal agendas.*

*We are men and we will be led by men. This is not negotiable. The poisons of the past have drained the life out of many friendships that were meant by Heaven to last for a lifetime. Our day has come. Let us be men as God meant us to be and not foolishly embrace the right as rain and undeniably tragic fate of the egomaniac.*

*We will cast our viles of poison into the voids of hell where they belong. We will be men and we will show the purple and gold world that we are men. We will support our man who is prepared to lead. Our man is poised to be the one. Lift your hearts and speak not of what might be but shout about what will be.*

*For years brothers in the 9<sup>th</sup> District have worked hard for Omega on the Local, District and International levels of Omega. A moment in time has now come to us here in the Ninth District, and in Little Rock we will have an opportunity to make a major difference. This is no anomaly nor is it a fluke or mere chance. This is our destiny.*

*The Brother in question.*

### **Welcome to the Fold!!!**

#### ***"Last Of A Dying Breed"***

Brother Eric Jones  
Brother Michael Lewis  
Brother Dadrian Pryor  
Brother Cory Sorrell  
Brother Zacharius Johnson  
Brother Jermaine Smith  
Brother Cardale Johnson  
Brother Trevor Mclean

#### ***"The Five Journeymen"***

Brother John Harris  
Brother Jimmie Mcmillion  
Brother Loren Alves  
Brother William Gunter  
Brother Erik Rush