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"HOME OF THE MINI-CLAVE"



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MESSAGE FROM OUR 9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



TO THE BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT,

I EXTEND WARM AND HEARTFELT GREETINGS TO EACH OF YOU, THE MIGHTY MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., ACROSS THE 9TH DISTRICT. AS WE GATHER ONCE AGAIN IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF OMEGA, WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT, CELEBRATE, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, EMPHASIZE THE BOND THAT UNITES US—THE BROTHERHOOD. WE ARE WITNESSING SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. THIS YEAR, WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT OUR DISTRICT MEETING—PROOF OF OUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO OMEGA'S WORK AND TO ONE ANOTHER. YOUR PRESENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT THE STRENGTH, PRIDE, AND DEDICATION IN THE HEART OF EVERY BROTHER OF THE 9TH. THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR OUR DISTRICT, AND IT IS ONE THAT WE DO NOT TAKE LIGHTLY.

AS WE TRAVEL NEAR AND FAR TO CONVENE IN FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE, WE URGE EVERY BROTHER TO PRIORITIZE SAFETY. PLEASE BE MINDFUL ON THE ROADS, IN THE AIR, AND THROUGHOUT YOUR JOURNEY. LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER, CHECK-IN, AND STAY ALERT. OUR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND FRATERNITY NEED US TO RETURN HOME WHOLE, STRONG, AND SAFE. LET US ALSO NOT FORGET THE TRUE SPIRIT OF OMEGA. BEYOND THE NUMBERS AND THE TITLES, WHAT MAKES THIS BROTHERHOOD GREAT IS OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, OUR SHARED VALUES, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO UPLIFT AND SUPPORT OUR FELLOW BROTHERS. LET OUR TIME TOGETHER BE MARKED NOT JUST BY BUSINESS SESSIONS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS BUT BY GENUINE FELLOWSHIP, MENTORSHIP, AND UNITY. LET US HOLD HIGH THE LIGHT OF OMEGA AND WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US. WE COMMEND EVERY BROTHER WHO HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THIS DISTRICT MEETING A SUCCESS—FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TO EVERY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER. YOUR LABOR HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED, AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE AND DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY. BROTHERS, AS WE STEP INTO THIS WEEKEND, LET'S REMEMBER THAT WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER. LET'S EMBRACE THE MOMENT, CELEBRATE EACH OTHER, AND CARRY FORWARD THE LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE THAT DEFINES THE MIGHTY 9TH.

STAY SAFE. STAY TRUE. AND ABOVE ALL—STAY OMEGA.

FRATERNALLY,

BRO. VAN NEWBORN
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT





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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

GREETINGS, BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT,

SERVING YOU IN THIS ROLE FOR THREE YEARS HAS BEEN A PLEASURE. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT THANK MY FAMILY FOR THE SACRIFICES THAT ENABLED ME TO PUSH THE 9TH TO THE FOREFRONT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS INNOVATION. MOREOVER, I WANT TO THANK EACH PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND CONSTANT ANSWER TO THE DEMANDS OF MY BROTHERS AND ME. I AM EXCITED TO SHARE THE SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES OVER THESE THREE YEARS, NAMELY THE LAUNCH OF THE 40 UNDER 40, CHAPTER REPORTER QUILL AWARD, PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINING, PUBLISH SIX SOURCE MAGAZINES, AND REACHING OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS. WHILE THE FRUITS OF THESE SUCCESSES ARE STILL GROWING, I HOPE MY SUCCESSOR CAN ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED RESOURCES TO ENABLE THIS OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO LEAD IN ALL THINGS PUBLIC RELATIONS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE 9TH DISTRICT.

WHILE THERE IS MORE THAT I WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH IN MY THREE YEARS, IT IS MY PRAYER THAT MY WORK AND VISION WERE FELT AND SEEN AND SERVED AS HOPE FOR THE NEXT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. AS I GO BACK TO MY SEAT, I KNOW THAT THE 9TH DISTRICT WILL BE IN PHENOMENAL HANDS WITH WHOEVER MY SUCCESSOR IS, AND I CHALLENGE THE BROTHERS TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN TELLING THE GOOD STORY OF OMEGA AND DO THEIR DUTY, WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS BEST.

LASTLY, THANK YOU TO ALL THE BROTHERS WHO ASSISTED ME ALONG THIS JOURNEY, ESPECIALLY BRO. LAWRENCE ALLEN AND BRO. ADAM FRANK.

BROTHER, I WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND OUTSTANDING DISTRICT MEETING.

FRATERNALLY,

BRO. NA'SHON Z. EDWARDS, SR.
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“YOURS IS THE EARTH...”



FEATURED ARTICLE

9TH DISTRICT ICON BRO. RAYMOND "RAYBO" BOURGEOIS

BY BRO. MARCUS MCCOY/SIGMA TAU/EL PASO, TEXAS

THE WORD "ICON" IS A LAYERED TERM. IT REPRESENTS MORE THAN JUST A SYMBOL; IT EMBODIES A FIGURE OR IDEA WITH LASTING INFLUENCE, CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND A UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION THAT TRANSCENDS GENERATIONS. BROTHER RAYMOND "RAYBO" BOURGEOIS PERSONIFIES THE VERY ESSENCE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ICON. HIS JOURNEY, MARKED BY AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY DEDICATION, IS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION. BORN ON DECEMBER 1, 1951, IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO PARENTS ROLAND AND JOSEPHINE BOURGEOIS—WHO WERE MARRIED FOR OVER 50 YEARS. BROTHER BOURGEOIS GREW UP WITH A DEEP SENSE OF FAITH. HIS FATHER, A BAPTIST, AND HIS MOTHER, A CATHOLIC, INSTILLED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUALITY IN THEIR CHILDREN FROM A YOUNG AGE.

RAYMOND BOURGEOIS GRADUATED FROM ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL IN 1970, LEAVING AN INDELIBLE MARK AS A PROUD EAGLE. HE WAS RECOGNIZED WITH THE MOST SPIRITED STUDENT AWARD AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE GLEE CLUB, POSTER CLUB, YEARBOOK, AND SPEECH AND DEBATE. FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, BOURGEOIS PURSUED HIGHER EDUCATION AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, EARNING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY WITH A MINOR IN CHEMISTRY. FOR MORE THAN 59 YEARS, HE WORKED AS A G.I.A.-CERTIFIED JEWELER AND MANAGER/BUYER AT WOLF'S DEPARTMENT STORE, A LANDMARK BUSINESS IN HOUSTON'S THIRD WARD. BOURGEOIS RETURNED TO HIS ALMA MATER, ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL, TO VOLUNTEER IN STUDENT RECRUITMENT, CHAIR THE SPONSOR-A-BOY-CLUB, AND LEAD THE ANNUAL APPEAL DECADE FOR THE 70S. IN 2000, HE MADE HISTORY AS THE FIRST BLACK ALUMNI PRESIDENT OF ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL, LATER BECOMING THE FIRST BLACK COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER IN 2004. HIS LEADERSHIP EXTENDED TO SERVING AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT THE HALL OF FAME BANQUETS IN 2003, 2005, AND 2007. IN 2020, HE WAS ELECTED THE FIRST BLACK MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF HONOR AND FOUNDED THE FIRST BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AT THE SCHOOL.

MENTORSHIP IS A CORNERSTONE OF BOURGEOIS' LIFE. HE HAS GUIDED AND PREPARED YOUNG MEN FOR JUNIOR AND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE BASKETBALL PROGRAMS, LEAVING A LASTING IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES. DURING THE 1970S AND 80S, HE COACHED THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACHIEVING AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF 296 WINS AND 11 LOSSES. HIS TEAMS WON NINE CITY AND EIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, DRAWING ATTENTION FROM PROMINENT COLLEGE RECRUITERS. BOURGEOIS' COMMITMENT TO HELPING YOUNG MEN SECURE PLACEMENTS AT PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS HOUSTON UNDERSCORES HIS BELIEF IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF EDUCATION. FOR OVER 47 YEARS, HE COACHED MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WHERE SCHOOLS LIKE ST. THOMAS, STRAKE JESUIT, AND INCARNATE WORD SCOUTED HIS PLAYERS.

FEATURED ARTICLE

9TH DISTRICT ICON BRO. RAYMOND “RAYBO” BOURGEOIS

BY BRO. MARCUS MCCOY/SIGMA TAU/EL PASO, TEXAS

BOURGEOIS' COMMITMENT TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY IS UNWAVERING. HE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, LAVERNE, FOR 40 YEARS, AND TOGETHER, THEY HAVE RAISED TWO DAUGHTERS, NICHOLETTE AND ALYSSA, WHO ATTENDED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOLS IN HOUSTON. HIS DEDICATION EXTENDS TO NUMEROUS CIVIC BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS, WHERE HE HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS. HE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE, UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND, AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. A COMMITTED SERVANT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BOURGEOIS FOUNDED THE MEN'S CLUB AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE AND SERVED AS PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT. BROTHER BOURGEOIS' EXTENSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS REFLECT HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP. HE SERVED ON THE SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM (NYSB) AT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY (TSU), ADVISED THE UNIVERSITY'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT, AND WAS ON THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TSU UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM AND THE TSU RELAYS. A PROUD XAVIER UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS, BOURGEOIS WAS A FORMER HOUSTON ALUMNI CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER AND WAS HONORED AS ALUMNI OF THE YEAR. HIS DEDICATION TO EDUCATION EXTENDED TO HIS ROLE AS A SPEAKER AND MENTOR FOR VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VIPS). IN THE CIVIC REALM, BOURGEOIS WAS AN ACTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE THIRD WARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TWDC), THE METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION (TMO), TECHNOLOGY FOR ALL COMPUTERS TO MINORITY STUDENTS (TFA), AND HOUSTON BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT INC. (HBDI), WHICH PROVIDES LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSES. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE PRAIRIE VIEW INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE COACHES ASSOCIATION (PVLCA) IN 2015 AND ORGANIZED THE SUMMER YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM UNDER MAYOR TURNER'S ADMINISTRATION. ADDITIONALLY, BOURGEOIS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF CHANGE HAPPENS CDC, WHICH REDEVELOPED HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN HOUSTON'S THIRD WARD, AND LED BUSHWAR ENTERPRISES, OVERSEEING REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

BROTHER RAYMOND “RAYBO” BOURGEOIS HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED AND IMPACTFUL JOURNEY WITHIN OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED. HE WAS INITIATED INTO THE NU PHI CHAPTER IN 1977 AND IS A LIFETIME MEMBER. HE HAS SERVED AS THE INTERNATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF MEMBERSHIP, PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ESTABLISHING CHAPTERS IN SHANGHAI, DUBAI, TIJUANA, PANAMA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HE HAS BEEN VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FRATERNITY'S MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS. WE MUST CONTINUE EDUCATING OUR BROTHERS ON SELECTING THE BEST INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE TO HELP ELEVATE THE CAUSE OF OMEGA. OUR FOUNDER, THE MOST HONORABLE BISHOP EDGAR AMOS LOVE, STATED, “THERE IS A PLACE FOR MEDIOCRITY IN OUR SOCIETY, BUT NOT IN OMEGA.” WE MUST CONTINUE EDUCATING OUR BROTHERS ON SELECTING THE BEST INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE TO HELP ELEVATE THE CAUSE OF OMEGA. OMEGA IS NOT FOR EVERYONE. BROTHER BOURGEOIS UNDERSTANDS THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO BRING IN INDIVIDUALS WHO ALREADY POSSESS OUR QUALITIES OF MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT. THESE ARE NOT MERELY WORDS BUT A GUIDE BY WHICH ALL MEN OF OMEGA SHOULD LIVE. BROTHER BOURGEOIS HAS BEEN QUOTED SEVERAL TIMES SAYING, “IT TAKES TIME AND MONEY TO BE AN OMEGA AND BRING IN SOMEONE BETTER THAN YOU.” THIS IS THE DUTY OF EVERY OMEGA MAN. THIS BROTHER'S DEDICATION AND ZEAL FOR OUR BELOVED OMEGA ARE EXHIBITED THROUGH HIS SERVICE.

HIS LEADERSHIP EXTENDED TO OVERSEEING THREE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP, MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. BOURGEOIS HAS BEEN A PROMINENT SPEAKER AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES AND CONCLAVES AND AN ADVISOR TO UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS, SHARING HIS WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE. HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS PRESTIGIOUS ACCOLADES THROUGHOUT HIS TENURE, INCLUDING THE BASILEUS AWARD (3), THE OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD (3), AND THE SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD (2). HE ALSO FOUNDED THE HOUSTON COALITION OF OMEGA CHAPTERS. HE WAS RECOGNIZED WITH THE HOUSTON COALITION AWARD, THE 9TH DISTRICT'S OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR HONOR, AND THE HIGHLY REGARDED INTERNATIONAL GRAND BASILEUS AWARD. KNOWN FOR HIS EXPERTISE IN THE FRATERNITY'S TRADITIONS, BOURGEOIS HAS ALSO TRAINED MEMBERS IN RITUALISTIC MATERIAL AND HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP OF OMEGA FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS. WE MUST GIVE OUR BROTHERS THEIR FLOWERS WHILE THEY STILL CAN SMELL THEM, AND THIS BROTHER MOST CERTAINLY DESERVES HIS. BEYOND HIS PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS, BOURGEOIS' PASSION FOR UPLIFTING HIS COMMUNITY IS EVIDENT. HE HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, FROM FOUNDED A SENIOR CITIZENS THANKSGIVING MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM TO SERVING ON BOARDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, THE THIRD WARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE SUMMER YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM, AND BEING A TRAILBLAZER IN OMEGA. HIS LEGACY IS ONE OF UNWAVERING SERVICE, MENTORSHIP, AND LEADERSHIP—GENUINELY EMBODYING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ICON.



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BROTHER JERRY CHEATOM INDUCTED INTO ROTC HALL OF HEROES AT ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

BROTHER DR. LONNIE R. WILLIAMS

THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AT ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY INDUCTED THREE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE ROTC HALL OF HEROES AT THE 28TH ANNUAL CEREMONY, ANNOUNCED LIEUTENANT COLONEL MORGAN WEATHERLY, PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE. THE INDUCTION CEREMONY WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2024 ON THE CAMPUS OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE THREE HONORED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS RECOGNITION WERE ALBERT (AL) G. MARTIN, FORMER CAPTAIN (PROMOTABLE), U.S. ARMY; ROBERT A. BARKER, RETIRED COLONEL, U.S. ARMY; AND JERRY W. CHEATOM, RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. ARMY.

ALL THREE ARE ALUMNI OF THE ROTC PROGRAM IN THE A-STATE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE. HERE IS PART OF THE PROFILE OF BROTHER CHEATOM AS PRESENTED BY THE PROGRAM.

RETIRED LTC JERRY CHEATOM IS A NATIVE OF EL DORADO, AR. IN 1976, UPON GRADUATION FROM ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, HE WAS COMMISSIONED AS A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY GRADUATE INTO THE ACTIVE-DUTY FORCE AS AN INFANTRY OFFICER. A RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, HE WAS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY AND SCABBARD AND BLADE MILITARY SOCIETY.

LTC CHEATOM'S EDUCATION INCLUDES A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADULT EDUCATION (KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY) AND A MASTER'S IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (TRINITY UNIVERSITY), AS WELL AS A DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (UT-SAN ANTONIO).

HIS SENIOR LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED SPACE SURVEILLANCE COMMANDER, SPACE DEFENSE COMMANDER, AND CHIEF, TRAINING EVALUATIONS, STANDARDIZATION, AND EXERCISES, U.S. SPACE COMMAND, CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SPACE FORCE BASE, COLO.; AND PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE, FLORIDA AGRICULTURE AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE.

LTC CHEATOM HAS SERVED AN ADDITIONAL 22 YEARS IN UNIFORM WITH JROTC AS SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR (SAI) AT THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND SAM HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOLS IN SAN ANTONIO, AND AS DIRECTOR OF ARMY INSTRUCTION FOR SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHERE HE CONTINUES SERVICE TODAY. HIS AWARDS INCLUDE THE RANGER TAB, EXPERT INFANTRY BADGE, BASIC PARACHUTIST BADGE, AIR ASSAULT BADGE, AND U.S. ARMY SPACE OPERATIONS BADGE.

LTC CHEATOM AND HIS WIFE JUDITH ARE THE PARENTS OF FOUR DAUGHTERS—KEYNA, AMBER, MILA AND ASANTE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN—QUINTEN, CAMRYN LANE, GRAYSON, JULIUS AND CASSIAN. HE IS A LIFE MEMBER OF OMEGA PSI PHI, INITIATED AS A CHARTER LINE MEMBER OF ALPHA ZETA (SPR '73) AND CURRENTLY WITH PSI ALPHA CHAPTER IN SAN ANTONIO.

PICTURED ARE LEFT TO RIGHT; LIFE MEMBERS DR. LONNIE R. WILLIAMS (FALL '74 PI OMICRON; UPSILON CHI), VANDELL BLAND, ATTORNEY AT LAW (KAPPA BETA FALL '76; PSI RHO), AND DR. JERRY CHEATOM. PREVIOUS OMEGA PSI PHI MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF HEROES INCLUDE LIFE MEMBER STANLEY SIMS (ALPHA ZETA SPR '76; PSI ALPHA ALPHA) ROBERT DAVIS (ALPHA ZETA SPR '75; THETA ALPHA), AND MALCOLM REESE (ALPHA ZETA SPR 73, PSI ALPHA ALPHA).

GAMMA ETA CHAPTER ALUMNI CELEBRATE 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH \$50,000 DONATION

BROTHER DR. LONNIE R. WILLIAMS

THE GAMMA ETA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. PROUDLY CELEBRATED 50 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD AND SERVICE NOVEMBER 15-17, 2024. AS THE FIRST HISTORICALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN FRATERNITY ESTABLISHED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS (U OF A) CAMPUS, "GAMMA ETA HAS BEEN A TRAILBLAZER IN PROMOTING DIVERSITY, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT" READ A U OF A PRESS RELEASE. THE GAMMA ETA CHAPTER WAS ESTABLISHED ON DEC. 7, 1974, AND OFFICIALLY CHARTERED ON FEB. 18, 1975 ON THE CAMPUS.

OVER THE PAST FIVE DECADES, THE GAMMA ETA MEMBERS AND ALUMNI HAVE MADE AN INDELIBLE IMPACT ON THE U OF A AND ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THE GAMMA ETA ALUMNI WERE THE FIRST DIVINE 9 MEMBER TO ENDOW (\$25,000) A SCHOLARSHIP ON THE U OF A CAMPUS. IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY, THE GROUP DONATED \$50,000 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS WHICH WILL BRING THEIR TOTAL ENDOWMENT TO OVER \$100,000. THE SCHOLARSHIP IS DESIGNATED TO SUPPORT THE GAMMA ETA CHAPTER MEMBERS OR OTHER STUDENTS THAT ADD TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE CAMPUS IF NO CHAPTER MEMBER MEETS THE QUALIFICATION.

THIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION REFLECTS THE MEMBERS' DEDICATION TO UPLIFTING FUTURE GENERATIONS AND ENSURING THAT ITS LEGACY CONTINUES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON CAMPUS. PICTURED WITH CHECK FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE LIFE MEMBER DETRICK JENKINS (GAMMA ETA FALL '97; UPSILON CHI) WHO IS TREASURER OF THE GAMMA ETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTING THE CHECK TO REV. DR. ANGELA MOSELY MONTS (DIR. OF BELONGING AND ENGAGEMENT) AND VICTOR WILSON (NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT), STAFF MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. IN THE CHAPTER'S 50-YEAR HISTORY, 48 LINES HAVE CROSSED INTO THE FRATERNITY PRODUCING 171 BROTHERS.



BROTHER REDWINE COACHED 2024 OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD TO VICTORY

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV — KAPPA CHI — MAGNOLIA, AR

THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPICS USA TRACK AND FIELD TEAM WAS COACHED BY BROTHER STANLEY IN REDWINE, HEAD TRACK COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS. REDWINE'S TEAM USA MEN'S SQUAD MEDALED IN NINE OF 10 INDIVIDUAL TRACK RACES — THE MOST FOR ANY COUNTRY SINCE THE FIRST TIME ALL OF THESE EVENTS WERE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE OLYMPIC PROGRAM IN 1920. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST'S RICK MAESE, "IT'S RARE FOR A TEAM TO FINISH ON THE PODIUM IN MORE THAN A FEW OF THESE EVENTS. SINCE 2000, THE UNITED STATES AND ARE OVER AND WERE AN EXCITING EVENT IN TRACK AND FIELD! THE USA'S MEN'S TRACK MEMBERS WON SEVEN GOLD MEDALS, SIX SILVER MEDALS AND FIVE BRONZE MEDALS AT THE 2024 PARIS GAMES. THREE YEARS AGO, AT THE TOKYO OLYMPICS, THE U.S. MEN DID NOT WIN A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL RACE. IN FRANCE, THE MEN'S TEAM WON 18 MEDALS AND THE U.S. WOMEN'S SQUAD 16 FOR A COMBINED 34 — THE MOST BY TEAM USA TRACK AND FIELD SINCE THE 1984 LOS ANGELES GAMES.

KENYA ARE THE ONLY COUNTRIES THAT HAVE MEDALED IN AT LEAST HALF OF THESE 10 (INDIVIDUAL) RACES AT A SINGLE OLYMPICS." IT'S THE UNITED STATES' BEST TRACK AND FIELD SHOWING SINCE THE 1984 GAMES IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE IT WON 40 MEDALS, 16 GOLD ON HOME SOIL. THE 63-YEAR-OLD REDWINE, WHO IS BEGINNING HIS 25TH YEAR AS KU TRACK COACH, WAS SELECTED AS COACH OF THE MEN'S OLYMPIC SQUAD BACK IN EARLY MARCH. "I AM HONORED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND AM EXCITED THAT I GET TO BE AROUND THE OTHER COACHES FROM OTHER SCHOOLS AND JUST TO HELP TEAM USA GET BETTER. BEING AROUND THOSE ATHLETES, THERE'S NOT A LOT THAT THEY REALLY NEED FROM ME, BUT I WILL GET MORE OUT OF IT THAN THEY WILL. JUST TO SERVE THEM IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY," REDWINE SAID AT THE TIME. REDWINE WAS ASSISTANT COACH FOR TEAM USA AT THE 2015 PAN-AMERICAN GAMES. HE WAS ASSISTANT COACH FOR TEAM USA AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS. IN 2022, HE WAS TEAM USA MEN'S HEAD COACH AT THE IAAF WORLD OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP, BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE HEAD COACH FOR THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS.

REDWINE IS A LIFE MEMBER (#13358) OF OMEGA PSI PHI AND BECAME A MEMBER AS AN UNDERGRADUATE THROUGH THE GAMMA ETA CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS IN THE FALL 1980. REDWINE WAS A FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICAN AND WAS NAMED ARKANSAS' OUTSTANDING TRACK ATHLETE ALL FOUR OF HIS YEARS IN FAYETTEVILLE.

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PI OMICRON PROSTATE CANCER NEWS RELEASE FOR 5K WALK

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV – KAPPA CHI – MAGNOLIA, AR

THE OMEGAS OF GREATER LITTLE ROCK, INCORPORATED IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF PI OMICRON CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC LOCATED IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1946, THE PI OMICRON CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. HAS BEEN VIEWED AS A VITAL PART OF UPLIFTING THE LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY. THE MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. HAVE BEEN TRAILBLAZERS IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SECTORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY SINCE 1911. THE ORGANIZATION WAS CREATED AND STRIVES TO LIVE BY ITS FOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT.

THE OMEGA PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS 5K RUN/WALK TO BE HELD IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2024. THE MEN OF OMEGAS OF GREATER LITTLE ROCK HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE ARKANSAS PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION FOR THIS EVENT TO SUPPORT PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS. TOO MANY MEN WILL HEAR THE WORDS “YOU HAVE PROSTATE CANCER” IN THIS CALENDAR YEAR. OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE RECOGNITION, DISCUSSION, EDUCATION, AND PROMOTION OF YEARLY SCREENINGS FOR PROSTATE CANCER. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST PROSTATE CANCER STATISTICS FROM THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, ABOUT 240,000 MEN WILL RECEIVE A DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER, AND ABOUT 33,000 MEN WILL DIE OF THE DISEASE. OVERALL, ABOUT 17%, OR 1 IN 6 MEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER DURING HIS LIFETIME. MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION MEN IN AMERICA ARE NOW LIVING WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER. REPORTS SHOW THAT PROSTATE CANCER IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS AMONG MEN IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 11% OF CANCER RELATED DEATHS IN MEN.

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR SPONSORS: OMEGAS OF GREATER LITTLE ROCK, FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY, FLEET FEET SPORTS, AR CANCER COALITION, COCA COLA CONSOLIDATED, SOUTHERN BANCORP, ENTERGY, BAPTIST HEALTH, UA- LITTLE ROCK, CJ DUVAL FOUNDATION, OSCAR WASHINGTON JR. EDUCATIONAL FUND, KEITH JACKSON, AR HEALTH & WELLNESS, HEALING HEARTS & SPRITS, DELTA DENTAL, GOOD HEALTH WINS, MLK COMMISSION AND CAW (PROVIDED WATER AND VOLUNTEERS).

THE AR PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION WILL BE DOING FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENINGS AND ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION WILL BE OFFERING FREE PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS INCLUDING- BLOOD PRESSURE, GLUCOSE, CHOLESTEROL, AND WEIGHT CHECKS AS WELL AS OFFER TAKE HOME COLORECTAL TESTING KITS, ALSO FREE OF CHARGE.

KAPPA CHI AWARDS WATCHDOG SCHOLARSHIP

BY BROTHER RUFUS WOODS IV | KAPPA CHI— MAGNOLIA ARKANSAS



ON SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2024, THE MEN OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., KAPPA CHI CHAPTER AWARDED THEIR ANNUAL JAMES “WATCHDOG” BERRY SCHOLARSHIP TO TWO BRIGHT YOUNG MEN. THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, SELECTED FROM A POOL OF OUTSTANDING APPLICANTS, EXEMPLIFY THE VALUES OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT THE MIGHTY KAPPA CHI CHAPTER HOLDS IN HIGH REGARD. EACH RECIPIENT NOT ONLY DEMONSTRATED IMPRESSIVE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS BUT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED A DEEP COMMITMENT TO GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH VARIOUS SERVICE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. IN TODAY’S RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD, YOUNG PEOPLE FACE NUMEROUS CHALLENGES THAT CAN HINDER THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS. BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN ALLEVIATING SOME OF THESE BURDENS, ENABLING STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BECOME THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

THE JAMES “WATCH DOG” BERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF BROTHER JAMES BERRY, A STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION AND A MENTOR TO MANY. HIS DEDICATION TO NURTURING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUNG MINDS CONTINUES TO INSPIRE THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER’S EFFORTS, ENSURING THAT HIS LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH THE LIVES OF FUTURE SCHOLARS. THE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER SERVE AS A REMINDER OF THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY WE SHARE IN NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION. EACH DOLLAR INVESTED IN EDUCATION TODAY IS A STEP TOWARD CREATING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW, WHERE YOUNG LEADERS CAN THRIVE AND CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY. IN CONCLUSION, SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH. AS WE CELEBRATE THESE YOUNG SCHOLARS, LET US ALL BE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NURTURING TALENT AND FOSTERING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL LEAD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR EVERYONE.

KAPPA CHI THOROUGHLY EMERSED IN SOCIAL ACTION

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV — KAPPA CHI — MAGNOLIA, AR

THE BROTHERS OF THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. ARE DEDICATED TO MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SHINES THROUGH IN THEIR ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP INITIATIVE. THIS YEAR, THE FRATERNITY ONCE AGAIN TOOK TO HIGHWAY 82, ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES TO KEEP THE THOROUGHFARE CLEAN AND PROMOTE A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL.

THE ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP IS MORE THAN JUST A DAY OF SERVICE; IT IS A TESTAMENT TO THE FRATERNITY'S ONGOING DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY. EACH YEAR, THE KAPPA CHI BROTHERS GATHER TO COLLECT LITTER AND DEBRIS FROM THE ROADSIDE, DEMONSTRATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. THIS INITIATIVE NOT ONLY HELPS TO BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY BUT ALSO RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

ON THE DAY OF THE CLEANUP, THE BROTHERS DONNED THEIR GLOVES AND SAFETY VESTS, READY TO TACKLE THE TASK AT HAND. ARMED WITH TRASH BAGS AND ENTHUSIASM, THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY ALONG THE HIGHWAY, COLLECTING EVERYTHING FROM PLASTIC BOTTLES TO DISCARDED FAST FOOD WRAPPERS. THE CAMARADERIE AND TEAMWORK DISPLAYED DURING THE EVENT EXEMPLIFIED THE FRATERNITY'S CORE VALUES OF BROTHERHOOD AND SERVICE.

THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER'S COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THE COMMUNITY CLEAN EXTENDS BEYOND JUST ONE DAY OF SERVICE. THEIR EFFORTS ARE A PART OF A LARGER INITIATIVE TO FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO BE MORE MINDFUL OF THEIR IMPACT ON THE PLANET. THE FRATERNITY BELIEVES THAT SMALL ACTIONS, SUCH AS CLEANING UP LITTER, CAN LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN COMMUNITY ATTITUDES TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. AS THE EVENT CONCLUDED, THE BROTHERS REFLECTED ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. "IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN JUST CLEANING UP TRASH; IT'S ABOUT SETTING AN EXAMPLE AND FOSTERING A SENSE OF PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY," SAID BRO. RUFUS WOODS III, KAPPA CHI CHAPTER BASILEUS. "WE HOPE THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO TAKE ACTION IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS."

KAPPA CHI WALKS TO END ALZHEIMERS

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV — KAPPA CHI — MAGNOLIA, AR

THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. PROUDLY SERVED AS A KEY SPONSOR OF THE 2024 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S, HOSTED BY THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH ARKANSAS CHAPTER. THIS YEAR'S EVENT WAS NOT ONLY A REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH, BUT IT ALSO SERVED AS A HEARTFELT GATHERING TO HONOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS DEVASTATING DISEASE. HELD IN EL DORADO, ARKANSAS ON OCTOBER 10, 2024, THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S BROUGHT TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND SUPPORTERS DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE. THE KAPPA CHI BROTHERS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE EVENT'S SUCCESS, HELPING TO ORGANIZE AND FACILITATE ACTIVITIES WHILE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE WALK ITSELF. THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ADVOCACY WAS EVIDENT IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE EVENT.

"BEING PART OF THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S IS A POWERFUL WAY FOR US TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT A CAUSE THAT AFFECTS SO MANY FAMILIES," SAID BRO. LEROY MARTIN II, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER. "WE ARE HONORED TO PARTNER WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR RESEARCH, CARE, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY ALZHEIMER'S." THE WALK FEATURED A VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE FILLED WITH HOPE AND SOLIDARITY. PARTICIPANTS DONNED PURPLE ATTIRE, THE OFFICIAL COLOR REPRESENTING ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS, AND CARRIED BANNERS AND SIGNS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT. THROUGHOUT THE EVENT, THE KAPPA CHI BROTHERS ENGAGED WITH ATTENDEES, PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AND THE CRITICAL WORK BEING DONE TO COMBAT THE DISEASE.

BY THE TIME THE FINAL WALKER CROSSED THE FINISH LINE, THE EVENT HAD RAISED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH AND RESOURCES. THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER WAS PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT, KNOWING THAT THE MONEY RAISED WOULD HELP FUND PROGRAMS AIMED AT IMPROVING CARE AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND THEIR FAMILIES. IN CONCLUSION, THE 2024 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, THANKS IN PART TO THE DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OF THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. THEIR EFFORTS NOT ONLY HELPED RAISE FUNDS FOR A CRUCIAL CAUSE BUT ALSO EDUCATED THE COMMUNITY AND HONORED THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY ALZHEIMER'S, REINFORCING THE FRATERNITY'S COMMITMENT TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

KAPPA CHI HOST DR. C.R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE IN MAGNOLIA, AR

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV — KAPPA CHI — MAGNOLIA, AR

THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. DEMONSTRATED ITS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HEALTH ADVOCACY BY SUCCESSFULLY HOSTING ITS ANNUAL DR. CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT DREW AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE, RESULTING IN THE DONATION OF OVER 25 UNITS OF BLOOD, A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL HOSPITALS AND PATIENTS IN NEED.

MEMBERS OF THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER, ALONG WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY, WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ORGANIZE THE EVENT, ENSURING A SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE FOR ALL DONORS. FROM REGISTRATION TO POST-DONATION REFRESHMENTS, EVERY ASPECT WAS THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED, HIGHLIGHTING THE FRATERNITY'S DEDICATION TO SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

"WE ARE THRILLED TO SEE SUCH AN INCREDIBLE TURNOUT FOR OUR BLOOD DRIVE," BRO. RUFUS WOODS III, THE BASILEUS OF THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER. "EVERY UNIT OF BLOOD DONATED CAN SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES, AND KNOWING THAT WE'VE CONTRIBUTED OVER 25 UNITS IS BOTH HUMBLING AND EMPOWERING. IT REAFFIRMS OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY."

THE EVENT NOT ONLY SERVED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK BUT ALSO RAISED AWARENESS ABOUT THE ONGOING NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS. MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING STUDENTS, LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND FRATERNITY ALUMNI, PARTICIPATED, SHOWCASING THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT.

IN ADDITION TO THE BLOOD DONATIONS, THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH EDUCATION DURING THE EVENT. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS WERE PROVIDED, HIGHLIGHTING THE BENEFITS OF REGULAR BLOOD DONATION AND ENCOURAGING ATTENDEES TO BECOME REGULAR DONORS. THE FRATERNITY'S COMMITMENT TO HEALTH EQUITY AND AWARENESS ALIGNS WITH ITS BROADER MISSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

THE SUCCESS OF THE DR. CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. AS THE KAPPA CHI CHAPTER CONTINUES TO HONOR DR. DREW'S LEGACY, THE BROTHERS REMAIN DEDICATED TO ORGANIZING INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS, PROMOTE HEALTH AWARENESS, AND UPLIFT THOSE AROUND THEM.



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RHO CHI LITERARY EXTRAVAGANZA PARTICIPATION

RHO CHI / LAKE CHARLES, LA

ON MARCH 29TH 2025, AT LAGRANGE HIGH SCHOOL IN LAKE CHARLES LOUISIANA. RHO CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC., SPONSORED AND JUDGED THE ART PORTION OF THE ANNUAL SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA NATIONAL PANHELLENIC (NPHC) LITERARY EXTRAVAGANZA. THE BROTHERS RALLIED TOGETHER AND ENJOYED PICKING UP ARTWORK FROM ALL THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND FELLOWSHIPING THE NIGHT BEFORE, JUDGING AND RANKING THE ARTWORK DONE BY LOCAL STUDENTS OF ALL AGE GROUPS. THIS EVENT IS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED AND ALWAYS HAS A MASSIVE TURNOUT, FOR THE NPHC OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TO HOST. FULLY DISPLAYING WHAT THE DIVINE 9 IS TRULY ABOUT, AND SHOWING STUDENTS AND PARENTS THE LOVE AND SUPPORT EACH ORGANIZATION HAS FOR EACH OTHER. THE BROTHERS OF RHO CHI GET IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION FROM THE SERVICE THEY PUT FORTH IN THIS EVENT. BY SOAKING UP THE CHILDREN'S SMILES, LAUGHS AND SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR WORK THAT THEY DO TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER STUDENTS ACROSS THE AREA. THE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA STUDENTS MATH, HISTORY, ART AND SPELLING SKILLS AS THEY COMPETE IN EACH CATEGORY TO HOPEFULLY REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS WITH PRIDE, POSSIBLY WINNING TROPHIES AND MEDALS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY BRAGGING RIGHTS



RHO CHI HONORS FALLEN BROTHERS WITH MEMORIAL SERVICE

RHO CHI / LAKE CHARLES, LA

ON MARCH 9, 2024, THE BROTHERS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., RHO CHI CHAPTER, IN LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, GATHERED IN A SOLEMN AND HEARTFELT MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HONOR AND RECALL THE LIVES OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER. THIS ANNUAL TRADITION, DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE FRATERNITY'S VALUES, SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE UNBREAKABLE BOND SHARED BY OMEGA MEN, A BOND THAT SURPASSES BOTH TIME AND DEATH. THROUGH THE MEMORIAL READING AND THE CALLING OF EACH FALLEN BROTHER'S NAME, THE FRATERNITY REAFFIRMED THAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND BROTHERHOOD ENDURE BEYOND THE GRAVE.

THE SERVICE, CONDUCTED WITH GREAT REVERENCE AND RESPECT, BEGAN WITH THE BROTHERS COMING TOGETHER TO REFLECT ON THE LIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR FALLEN COMRADES. AS PART OF THE CEREMONY, EACH DECEASED BROTHER'S NAME WAS READ ALOUD, SYMBOLICALLY RENEWING THE FRATERNITY'S COMMITMENT TO HONOR THEIR MEMORIES AND CARRY FORWARD THEIR LEGACIES. THIS ACT OF REMEMBRANCE WAS A PROFOUND REMINDER THAT THE BONDS OF OMEGA PSI PHI REMAIN INTACT, REGARDLESS OF PHYSICAL ABSENCE, AND THAT THE PRINCIPLES UPHELD BY EACH BROTHER LIVE ON THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS AND THE LIVES THEY TOUCHED.

PASTOR DR. KEITH STEVENSON, A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE RHO CHI CHAPTER, SITTING BASILEUS, AND A RHO BETA OF SPRING '88, LED THE SERVICE AT STAR OF BETHLEHEM CHURCH, OFFERING PRAYERS AND COMFORTING WORDS TO THE BROTHERS AND ATTENDEES. HIS MESSAGE DEEPLY RESONATED, REMINDING THE FRATERNITY AND THE COMMUNITY OF THE ENDURING LEGACY EACH BROTHER LEAVES BEHIND. PASTOR STEVENSON EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF UNITY, LOVE, AND SERVICE, NOT ONLY WITHIN THE FRATERNITY BUT ALSO IN THE BROADER COMMUNITY. HIS WORDS UNDERScoreD THAT THE CORE VALUES OF OMEGA PSI PHI MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT, MUST CONTINUE TO GUIDE THE BROTHERS IN ALL THAT THEY DO.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE SERVED NOT ONLY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAD PASSED BUT ALSO AS A REAFFIRMATION OF THE FRATERNITY'S CORE PRINCIPLES. THE RHO CHI CHAPTER USED THE OCCASION TO RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT TO THESE VALUES, UNDERSTANDING THAT THROUGH MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT, THE FRATERNITY HAS THE POWER TO INSPIRE AND POSITIVELY IMPACT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF BROTHERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

AS THE SERVICE CAME TO A CLOSE, THE BROTHERS STOOD UNITED IN SOLIDARITY. THEY VISITED THE GRAVE SITES OF THE FALLEN MEMBERS, PAYING THEIR RESPECTS AND PLACING FLOWERS ON THEIR GRAVES. BRO. CARLTON AVERY, RHO CHI FALL '92, SHARED PERSONAL STORIES AND REFLECTIONS ON EACH BROTHER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FRATERNITY, PASSING THEIR LEGACY ON TO THE NEWER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. THIS RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE AND STORYTELLING REINFORCED THE ETERNAL BOND THAT EXISTS BETWEEN ALL OMEGA MEN AND ENSURED THAT THE MEMORIES OF THOSE WHO HAD PASSED WOULD CONTINUE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS.

THE BROTHERS OF THE RHO CHI CHAPTER UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE CONFINES OF LIFE ITSELF. IT IS A BOND THAT IS ETERNAL, RESILIENT, AND ENDURING, ONE THAT TRANSCENDS DEATH. THE FALLEN BROTHERS OF OMEGA CHAPTER ARE FOREVER ETCHED IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE RHO CHI CHAPTER, AND THEIR LEGACIES WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE, GUIDE, AND UPLIFT OMEGA MEN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

RHO CHI FEEDS THE DISPLACED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

LAKE CHARLES/ SHREVEPORT, LA



ON NOVEMBER 25 AND 26, 2024, THE MEMBERS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., RHO CHI CHAPTER OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, EMBODIED THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND UPLIFTMENT. ON THE FIRST DAY, THE CHAPTER HOSTED A HEARTWARMING COMMUNITY EVENT AT THEIR FRATERNITY HOUSE IN LAKE CHARLES. THE BROTHERS SERVED A FULLY COOKED BREAKFAST TO THE HUNGRY, CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF CARE AND COMPASSION. GUESTS WERE TREATED TO A WARM MEAL ON-SITE, AND THE FRATERNITY ALSO PROVIDED TO-GO PLATES TO ENSURE NO ONE LEFT EMPTY-HANDED. THE EFFORT WAS MET WITH GRATITUDE AND SMILES FROM THOSE IN NEED, REINFORCING THE CHAPTER'S DEDICATION TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE BROTHERS EXTENDED THEIR MISSION TO JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, WHERE THEY CONNECTED WITH THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY. ONCE AGAIN, THEY PREPARED AND SERVED A HEARTY BREAKFAST, COMPLETE WITH TO-GO MEALS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO STAY. THE FELLOWSHIP SHARED BETWEEN THE FRATERNITY MEMBERS AND THE ATTENDEES HIGHLIGHTED THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND HOPE. THROUGH THESE ACTS, RHO CHI CHAPTER DEMONSTRATED THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY'S ENDURING MISSION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THEIR EFFORTS PROVIDED NOT ONLY NOURISHMENT BUT ALSO A SENSE OF CARE AND BELONGING TO THOSE FACING HARDSHIP, PROVING THAT THEY STAND READY TO SERVE WHEREVER NEEDED.

RHO CHI HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

ON JULY 15, 2024, THE 15TH ANNUAL RHO CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT UNFOLDED AT THE PICTURESQUE GOLDEN NUGGET CASINO IN LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA. THIS CELEBRATED EVENT, NOW A STAPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, DREW PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS THE REGION, UNITING GOLF ENTHUSIASTS AND PHILANTHROPISTS ALIKE IN A SHARED MISSION TO SUPPORT LOCAL EDUCATION.

THE SUN SHONE BRIGHTLY OVER THE BEAUTIFULLY MANICURED GREENS AS PLAYERS PREPARED FOR A DAY OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION. GOLF CARTS BUZZED AROUND THE COURSE, WHILE LAUGHTER AND CAMARADERIE FILLED THE AIR. EACH SWING OF THE CLUB NOT ONLY REPRESENTED A QUEST FOR A GOOD SCORE BUT ALSO A COMMITMENT TO A GREATER CAUSE—RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT EMPOWER LOCAL STUDENTS.

HISTORICALLY, THE TOURNAMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY RAISED NORTH OF \$75,000, CONTINUING A REMARKABLE LEGACY OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION. THE FUNDS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT DESERVING STUDENTS, ENABLING THEM TO PURSUE THEIR ACADEMIC DREAMS AND CREATE BRIGHTER FUTURES. AS PARTICIPANTS ENJOYED THE GAME, THEY ALSO WE'RE SERVED FULL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH COURTESY OF RHO CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS ALWAYS A MAJOR FOCAL POINT OF THE EVENT, WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTING GENEROUSLY TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ONE OF UNITY AND PURPOSE, REFLECTING THE DEEP-ROOTED COMMITMENT OF TWO THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY PRINCIPLES OF UPLIFT AND SCHOLARSHIP TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP.

AS THE SUN REACHED ITS PEAK, THE TOURNAMENT CONCLUDED WITH AN AWARDS CEREMONY THAT CELEBRATED BOTH THE GOLFING ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT IN CHAMPIONING EDUCATION. THE 15TH ANNUAL RHO CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT NOT ONLY SHOWCASED A LOVE FOR GOLF BUT ALSO REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF PHILANTHROPY IN FOSTERING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE YOUTH OF LAKE CHARLES.



RHO CHI HOST HEALTH WALK FOR FALLEN BROTHER



RHO CHI HONORED THEIR FALLEN BROTHER, NICK COLLINS, IN A MEANINGFUL WAY BY ORGANIZING THEIR SECOND ANNUAL WALK FOR HEALTH ON AUGUST 24, 2024. THIS EVENT NOT ONLY COMMEMORATED NICK'S LEGACY BUT ALSO EMPHASIZED THE FRATERNITY'S COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS. BY INVITING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO GIVE TALKS, OFFERING REFRESHMENTS, AND ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY, THEY CREATED AN EVENT THAT WAS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE, REINFORCING THE IDEA THAT FRATERNITY BONDS TRANSCEND DEATH AND CONTINUE TO PROMOTE POSITIVE VALUES. NICK COLLINS' LEGACY WILL INDEED LIVE ON THROUGH SUCH INITIATIVES, AS THE FRATERNITY CONTINUES TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO PRIORITIZE THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.





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UNITED FOR A CAUSE THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY

BROTHER JEREMY GAITHER/ ETA IOTA /OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD, THE OMEGA LEAGUE OKC YOUTH PARTNERED WITH PROJECT GIVEBACK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ETA IOTA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY.

OMEGA LEAGUE OKC WAS FORMED WITH THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY TO MAXIMIZE THE POSITIVE QUALITIES OF UNDERSERVED YOUTH AND MINIMIZE THEIR TEMPTATIONS AGAINST AT-RISK BEHAVIORS. THE GOAL IS TO BUILD MORALLY STRONG, CAPABLE AND CONFIDENT YOUNG MEN.

PROJECT GIVEBACK IS AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A VEHICLE FOR CORPORATE FIRMS AND PROFESSIONALS TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY WORK AND LIVE IN BY COORDINATING PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT LESS FORTUNATE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, WITH A FOCUS ON CHILDREN. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE ORGANIZATION TO UPLIFT COMMUNITIES AROUND THE UNITED STATES MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND ECONOMICALLY.

BY COMBINING FORCES, 60 FOOD BASKETS SERVING 55 FAMILIES IN THE LOCAL OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY WERE ASSEMBLED AND DELIVERED, COMPLETE WITH A 20LB TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS. EACH BASKET WAS CAREFULLY PREPARED BY A LEAGUE MENTEE. AN ADDITIONAL 5 BASKETS WERE ALSO DELIVERED TO PASEO AVENUES, WHICH IS A FACILITY THAT HOUSES AND FEEDS VETERANS.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED AS WE CONTINUE TO LIFT AS WE CLIMB!



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Delta Omicron - Beaumont, TX
Epsilon Omicron - Katy, TX
Sigma Omicron - Tyler, TX
Theta Upsilon - Texarkana, TX
Xi Upsilon - Port Arthur, TX
Omicron Upsilon - Waco, TX
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Gamma Chi - Corpus Christi, TX
Eta Chi - Longview, TX
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Theta Theta - Commerce, TX - Texas A&M Commerce University
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Upsilon Theta - Beaumont, TX - Lamar University
Omega Theta - Houston, TX - University of Houston
Mu Beta - Arlington, TX - University of Texas-Arlington
Phi Beta - Hawkins, TX - Jarvis Christian College
Omega Beta - Nacogdoches, TX - Stephen F. Austin

Alpha Delta - Dallas, TX - Dallas Baptist College
Xi Delta - San Antonio, TX - Texas State University
Rho Delta - Kingsville, TX - Texas A&I University
Zeta Eta - Waco, TX - Paul Quinn College
Xi Eta - Lubbock, TX - Texas Tech University
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Chi Delta Delta - Waco, TX - Baylor University
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ETA XI NU HOST MEMORIAL SERVICE

BROTHER HAROLD HUFF. / ETA XI NU / NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

ETA XI NU CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE IN CIBOLO, TX

CIBOLO, TX – MARCH 13, 2025 – THE ETA XI NU CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. HELD ITS FIRST ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT VFW POST #8315 ON FM 78 IN CIBOLO, TEXAS. THIS INAUGURAL CEREMONY HONORED THE LIVES AND LEGACIES OF THE FRATERNITY'S DEPARTED BROTHERS, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF A MEANINGFUL TRADITION FOR THE CHAPTER. THE SOLEMN SERVICE WAS LED BY CHAPTER BASILEUS, BROTHER NOAH WASHINGTON, AND CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, BROTHER ALVIN WILLIAMS. TWENTY FRATERNITY BROTHERS GATHERED TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS, REFLECT ON THE FRATERNITY'S RICH HISTORY, AND REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO OMEGA PSI PHI'S CORE PRINCIPLES OF MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT.

"THIS SERVICE IS MORE THAN A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE—IT IS A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BROTHERHOOD AND THE UNBREAKABLE BONDS THAT CONNECT US," SAID BROTHER WASHINGTON. "AS WE HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US, WE STRENGTHEN OUR DEDICATION TO CARRYING FORWARD THEIR LEGACY." BROTHER WILLIAMS OFFERED A MOVING INVOCATION, CALLING ON THE BROTHERHOOD TO CONTINUE UPHOLDING THE VALUES INSTILLED BY OMEGA MEN PAST AND PRESENT. THE CEREMONY FEATURED TRADITIONAL PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS, ENSURING THAT THOSE WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER REMAIN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FRATERNITY'S SPIRIT AND MISSION. THE ETA XI NU CHAPTER LOOKS FORWARD TO MAKING THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT, REINFORCING THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING THEIR HISTORY WHILE SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ETA XI NU CHAPTER AND ITS ONGOING INITIATIVES, PLEASE VISIT THEIR OFFICIAL WEBSITE OR FOLLOW THEM ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



ETA XI NU CHARTER CEREMONY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF NINTH DISTRICT'S NEWEST GRADUATE CHAPTER

BROTHER HAROLD HUFF III

A CHARTER CEREMONY IS A SYMBOLIC EVENT THAT MARKS THE OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OR RECOGNITION OF A NEW CHAPTER, SIGNIFYING THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE AND SERVING AS A CELEBRATORY OCCASION TO WELCOME THE NEW CHAPTER AND ITS MEMBERS TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY. ON NOVEMBER 23, BROTHERS OF THE ETA XI NU CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. HOSTED A CHARTER CEREMONY MARKING THE OFFICIAL BEGINNING OF THE NEWEST GRADUATE CHAPTER WITHIN THE NINTH DISTRICT.

THE EVENT WAS HELD AT VFW POST 8315 IN SCHERTZ, TX WITH NEARLY 100 BROTHERS TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING MOST OF THE 53 CHARTER MEMBERS. MANY BROTHERS CAME FROM SURROUNDING CITIES AND OTHER STATES TO TAKE PART IN THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION. ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL CHARTER DATE IS JUNE 13, 2024, THIS CEREMONY MARKED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN SETTING THE TONE ON HOW THE CHAPTER HANDLES BUSINESS WITH PROFESSIONALISM AND TENACITY.

THE CEREMONY OPENED WITH A PRAYER AND CONTINUED WITH THE RECOGNITION OF BRO. VAN NEWBORN, THE 27TH NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, BRO. ANTONIO BROWN, DISTRICT KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL AND BRO. ERNEST BROWN, DISTRICT CHAPLAIN. THE CHAPTER BASILEUS NOAH WASHINGTON THEN TALKED ABOUT THE JOURNEY THAT LED TO THE FORMATION OF THE CHAPTER AND THE VISION BROTHERS HAVE FOR THE CHAPTER'S FUTURE. "IN MAY OF 2022 A GROUP OF DEDICATED BROTHERS CAME TOGETHER WITH A CLEAR VISION-ONE THAT SOUGHT TO EXPAND THE FOOTPRINT OF OMEGA IN NEW AND EXCITING WAYS." COMMENTED WASHINGTON DURING HIS REMARKS. "OUR JOURNEY, OUR WORK AND OUR VISION AS ETA XI NU ARE GUIDED BY THE FOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY." WASHINGTON STATED EMPHATICALLY. THE CHAPTER WILL FOSTER A COMMUNITY OF BROTHERHOOD BUILT UPON FRIENDSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE WHILE EMPOWERING MEMBERS TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL GROWTH AND CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY.

AS THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE BEGAN HIS REMARKS, NEWBORN FULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE CHALLENGES HE PRESENTED TO THE CHAPTER LEADERSHIP IN FORMING BUT REMINDED BROTHERS OF THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE FOUNDERS WHEN THEY SET OUT ON THEIR JOURNEY TO BIRTH OUR FRATERNITY. HE ENCOURAGED THE MEMBERS OF ETA XI NU TO BE BOLD IN CARRYING OUT THE FRATERNITY'S VISION. HE THEN SIGNED THE CHAPTER CHARTER ALONGSIDE BRO. WASHINGTON AND PINNED THE CHAPTER OFFICERS THUS SIGNIFYING THEIR ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES.

ETA XI NU CHAPTER, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "TRI-COUNTY QUES," WILL SERVE THE COUNTIES OF BEXAR, COMAL AND GUADALUPE MARKING FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE FRATERNITY TO THE NORTHEASTERN SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN AREA AND BROADENING OMEGA'S IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

DELTA XI AND THETA THETA CHAPTER ATTEND MENTAL HEALTH & POLICING PANEL DISCUSSION

BY BRO. ASONYE ORDU / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

ON JANUARY 14, 2025, ON THE CAMPUS OF PAUL QUINN COLLEGE, BROTHERS OF THE DELTA XI CHAPTER AND THE THETA THETA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. GATHERED FOR A MOMENTOUS OCCASION. THEIR SPIRITS WERE HIGH, FUELED BY A SHARED PASSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND A RESOLUTE COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE VALUES AND TRADITIONS OF THEIR FRATERNITY. TODAY, THEY WERE NOT JUST ATTENDEES BUT PARTICIPANTS IN A CRITICAL DIALOGUE THAT WOULD RESONATE FAR BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CONFERENCE HALL.

AS THEY ENTERED THE VENUE, THE AIR BUZZED WITH ENERGY AND ANTICIPATION. THE EVENT, ORGANIZED BY EQUAL JUSTICE NOW, WAS TITLED “A NATIONAL PANEL DISCUSSION — MENTAL HEALTH & POLICING AND BAIL REFORM.” IT WAS A TOPIC THAT GRIPPED THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MANY, AMPLIFIED BY THE RECENT TRAGEDIES THAT HAD STRUCK THEIR COMMUNITIES. AMONG THE GATHERED WERE LEADERS WHO HAD DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE AND REFORM, WITH THE COMPELLING PRESENCE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY AND FELLOW BROTHER, BRO—BENJAMIN CRUMP, SERVING AS THE EVENT’S HOST.

DR. CHEYENNE BRYANT, A RENOWNED MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE AND PANEL MODERATOR, WELCOMED EVERYONE WITH HER WARM CHARISMA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING COMPLEX MENTAL HEALTH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES. AS SHE INTRODUCED THE PANELISTS, THE BROTHERS FROM DELTA XI LISTENED INTENTLY, KNOWING THAT THIS WAS NOT JUST ANOTHER DISCUSSION BUT A VITAL OPPORTUNITY TO ELEVATE VOICES OFTEN DROWNED OUT BY TRAGEDY.

FORMER HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KIM OGG PASSIONATELY ADVOCATED FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE. AT THE SAME TIME, WAYNE YOUNG, CEO OF THE HARRIS CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND IDD, STRESSED THE IMPERATIVE OF INTEGRATING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES. COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS DEVANTE HILL AND MINISTER DOMINIQUE ALEXANDER SHARED HARROWING STORIES FROM THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL, REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE RAW HUMAN EXPERIENCES BEHIND THE STATISTICS. THE PRESENCE OF FORMER HOUSTON POLICE CHIEF TROY FINNER AND JUDGE DAVID FLEISCHER, WHO JOINED VIA ZOOM, LENT AN AIR OF GRAVITY TO THE CONVERSATION.

YET THE MOST POIGNANT MOMENT OF THE PANEL CAME WHEN JAMES WILBURN, FATHER OF SONYA MASSEY, WAS INVITED TO SPEAK. HIS SORROW WAS PALPABLE, BUT SO WAS HIS DETERMINATION. HE SHARED HIS HEART-WRENCHING JOURNEY OF SEEKING JUSTICE FOR HIS DAUGHTER, WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN HER HOME BY A POLICE OFFICER. THE ROOM FELL SILENT, EACH BROTHER FEELING THE WEIGHT OF HIS WORDS. QUESTIONS LINGERED IN THEIR MINDS — QUESTIONS THAT HAD HAUNTED THEIR COMMUNITIES: “WILL I BE NEXT?” “WHAT’S STOPPING ME FROM BEING NEXT?” THE DIALOGUE THAT UNFOLDED WAS INTENSE AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING. ISSUES SUCH AS EXCESSIVE FORCE, MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR OFFICERS, AND THE EMOTIONAL TOLL ON BOTH VICTIMS’ FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY WERE DISCUSSED WITH URGENCY. EACH PANELIST BROUGHT UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES, BUT THERE WAS A CONSENSUS: CHANGE WAS POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH SUSTAINED DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION.

THE ATTENDEES FELT A RENEWED SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AS THE DISCUSSION WRAPPED UP. THEY REALIZED THEY WERE PART OF A LARGER NARRATIVE CALLING THEM TO ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE AND SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE BROTHERS OF DELTA XI LEFT THE EVENT WITH A COMMITMENT TO CARRY ON THE LESSONS LEARNED, UNDERSTANDING THAT THEIR FRATERNITY’S MISSION EXTENDED BEYOND BROTHERHOOD—IT INVOLVED SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT.

THE EVENT OPENED DOORS FOR FUTURE CONVERSATIONS, BRIDGING GAPS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND THE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE. IT WAS A PIVOTAL MOMENT IN THEIR JOURNEY, INSTILLING A PROFOUND CONVICTION TO HONOR THOSE LOST AND STRIVE FOR A SOCIETY WHERE COMPASSION AND EMPATHY WOULD PREVAIL. AS THE BROTHERS WALKED BACK ACROSS THE CAMPUS, THEY FELT A COLLECTIVE RESOLVE TO BE AGENTS OF CHANGE, INSPIRED BY THE STORIES SHARED AND THE PURPOSE THAT HAD DRAWN THEM TOGETHER THAT DAY.

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY'S RHO CHI CHAPTER HOSTS A DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ELEGANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

BY BRO. ASONYE ORDU / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

ON NOVEMBER 23, 2024, SULPHUR, LOUISIANA— THE BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED WEST CAL CAM ARENA EVENT CENTER WAS THE SETTING FOR A TRULY MONUMENTAL CELEBRATION AS THE RHO CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. HOSTED ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE ACHIEVEMENT WEEK. A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF FIRST-CLASS DECOR AND BEAUTY FRAMED THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION, WHICH HONORED CHARTER MEMBER BROTHER JAMES A. CLEMONS JR., BETA SIGMA '49, FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY 75 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE AND FINANCIAL STATUS TO THE FRATERNITY A FEAT AS RARE AS IT IS INSPIRING. THE EVENING WAS DOUBLY SIGNIFICANT AS IT COINCIDED WITH BROTHER CLEMONS' 95TH BIRTHDAY, MAKING IT AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT IN THE CHAPTER'S ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY. THE WELL-DRESSED CROWD WAS GREETED BY BROTHER SAMUEL BAINES, XI THETA '71, WHO OPENED THE NIGHT WITH A THOROUGH AND COMPELLING HISTORY OF ACHIEVEMENT WEEK, DETAILING ITS ORIGINS, PURPOSE, AND EVOLUTION WITHIN THE FRATERNITY. THIS HISTORICAL CONTEXT SET THE TONE FOR A NIGHT THAT CELEBRATED THE VALUES OF SERVICE, SCHOLARSHIP, AND EXCELLENCE. BROTHER BAINES' REFLECTIONS RESONATED DEEPLY WITH THE AUDIENCE, REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE TIMELESS PRINCIPLES THAT UNDERPIN OMEGA PSI PHI'S MISSION. AS THE PROGRAM CONTINUED, THE EVENING UNFOLDED WITH THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF THE RHO CHI CHAPTER'S ACHIEVEMENT WEEK ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER. THESE HONORS CELEBRATED THE NEXT GENERATION OF OMEGA PSI PHI EXCELLENCE WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SEASONED BROTHERS. THE DINNER PORTION OF THE EVENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A FIRST-CLASS MUSICAL PERFORMANCE. BROTHER JEREMY "JB SAXX" BENOIT, GAMMA DELTA '07, AND HIS BAND CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE WITH SMOOTH AND SOULFUL SOUNDS THAT ADDED AN AIR OF SOPHISTICATION TO THE CELEBRATION. THE MUSIC, COMBINED WITH THE DELICIOUS CUISINE, CREATED A WARM AND ELEGANT ATMOSPHERE THAT GUESTS WILL LONG REMEMBER. AS THE JUBILEE FESTIVITIES COMMENCED, SEVERAL PROMINENT MEMBERS OF OMEGA PSI PHI TOOK THE STAGE TO HONOR BROTHER CLEMONS. BROTHER BERNARD R. CLAYTON JR., NU PHI '02, THE 9TH DISTRICT KEEPER OF FINANCE, DELIVERED A HEARTFELT GREETING AND INTRODUCED BROTHER MARK E. JACKSON, DELTA THETA '88, THE CURRENT FIRST VICE GRAND BASILEUS OF THE FRATERNITY. BROTHER JACKSON SPOKE PASSIONATELY ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EVENT AND THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF BROTHER CLEMONS' LIFETIME OF SERVICE. HIS WORDS CARRIED A SENSE OF REVERENCE AND EMOTION, PARTICULARLY AS HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE RARITY OF SUCH A MILESTONE. AND SPOKE OF HOW HUMBLING IT IS FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO PIN BROTHER CLEMONS, AS HE HAD ONLY HEARD OF SUCH A FEAT PRIOR TO THIS OCCASION. BROTHER CLEMONS, THE EVENING'S HONOREE, WAS CELEBRATED NOT ONLY BY THE FRATERNITY BUT ALSO BY THE BROADER COMMUNITY. THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES ISSUED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE DAY AS "JAMES CLEMONS DAY," UNDERSCORING THE DEEP RESPECT AND ADMIRATION HE COMMANDS. THE LOCAL NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL ALSO PRESENTED BROTHER CLEMONS WITH AN AWARD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND A MONETARY GIFT, FURTHER HIGHLIGHTING THE BREADTH OF HIS INFLUENCE AND LEGACY. BROTHER TODD S. CLEMONS, GAMMA DELTA '81 AND FORMER NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, DELIVERED AN EMOTIONAL AND HEARTFELT SPEECH AS THE EVENTS COORDINATOR, REFLECTING ON THE PROFOUND INFLUENCE HIS FATHER HAD ON HIS LIFE AND THE LIVES OF HIS SIBLINGS. WITH DEEP REVERENCE, HE SHARED HOW HIS FATHER'S GUIDANCE, LOVE, AND UNWAVERING EXAMPLE NOT ONLY SHAPED THEIR CHARACTER BUT ALSO PAVED THE WAY FOR HIM TO JOIN OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. HIMSELF. BROTHER CLEMONS EXPRESSED IMMENSE PRIDE AND GRATITUDE IN BEING ABLE TO HONOR HIS FATHER, NOW 95 YEARS OLD, WHILE HE IS STILL HERE TO RECEIVE HIS WELL-DESERVED FLOWERS. HIS WORDS RESONATED DEEPLY WITH THE AUDIENCE, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. AT 95 YEARS YOUNG, BROTHER JAMES CLEMONS JR. TOOK TO THE PODIUM WITH A SHARP MIND AND HEARTFELT GRATITUDE. IN HIS SPEECH, HE COMMENDED THE BROTHERS OF THE RHO CHI CHAPTER FOR THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT. REFLECTING ON HIS JOURNEY, HE DECLARED HIS UNWAVERING PRIDE IN BEING PART OF OMEGA PSI PHI, CALLING IT ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS OF HIS LIFE. AS THE LAST LIVING CHARTER MEMBER OF THE RHO CHI CHAPTER, BROTHER CLEMONS LOOKED UPON THE GATHERED BROTHERS AND GUESTS, WITNESSING THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR AND DEDICATION. HIS WORDS LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON ALL IN ATTENDANCE. THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT WAS A TRUE TESTAMENT TO THE ENDURING BOND OF BROTHERHOOD AND THE LEGACY OF SERVICE THAT OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY EMBODIES. THE RHO CHI CHAPTER'S DIAMOND JUBILEE ACHIEVEMENT WEEK WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A NIGHT OF HONOR, ELEGANCE, AND INSPIRATION, PAYING TRIBUTE TO A MAN WHOSE COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE HAS SPANNED GENERATIONS. BROTHER JAMES A. CLEMONS JR.'S REMARKABLE 75 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE STANDS AS A BEACON FOR ALL WHO HAVE HIGH ASPIRATIONS TO LIVE LIVES OF PURPOSE AND IMPACT.

DELTA XI CHAPTER CELEBRATES RECLAMATION & FELLOWSHIP

BY BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

ON FEBRUARY 21, 2025, THE DELTA XI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., BUZZED WITH EXCITEMENT AND CAMARADERIE AS IT GATHERED FOR A RECLAMATION AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT AT THE NBA'S DALLAS MAVERICKS BASKETBALL GAME. THE EVENT COINCIDED WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT, A CELEBRATION HONORING THE PROFOUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND RICH CULTURAL TAPESTRY OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN AMERICA. AS BROTHERS ADORNED IN THEIR DISTINCTIVE PURPLE AND GOLD MADE THEIR WAY INTO THE ARENA, THEY WERE GREETED BY WAVES OF LAUGHTER AND THE SOUNDS OF THE ENERGETIC CROWD CHEERING FOR THE HOME TEAM. THE MAVERICKS HAD TRANSFORMED THE ENVIRONMENT, FROM HONORING PAST LEGENDS TO CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE. MUSIC FILLED THE AIR, AND THE SCOREBOARD DISPLAYED TRIBUTES TO INFLUENTIAL BLACK FIGURES, MAKING THE NIGHT'S THEME PALPABLE, DRAWING IN ATTENDEES AND THE COMMUNITY. THE DELTA XI BROTHERS SEIZED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REKINDLE CONNECTIONS WITH THOSE WHO HAD BECOME DISTANT. INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO FORMER MEMBERS, BROTHERS WHO HAD ONCE STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN UNITY BUT HAD DRIFTED AWAY FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THE THOUGHTFUL PLANNING WAS EVIDENT EVERYWHERE—CENTERED AROUND FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, AND THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD; THE EVENT WAS DESIGNED AS A GATHERING AND A HEARTFELT OUTREACH.

AS THE GAME COMMENCED, AN UPLIFTING ENERGY RADIATED THROUGHOUT THE ARENA. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS CHEERED FOR THE MAVERICKS. THE BROTHERS WERE SPECTATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR FRATERNITY'S VALUES, SHOWCASING THE IMPORTANCE OF PAST AND PRESENT RELATIONSHIPS. LAUGHTER ECHOED IN THE CORRIDORS AS SOME BROTHERS BROUGHT THEIR SPOUSES, TURNING THE EVENING INTO A BEAUTIFUL BLEND OF FAMILIAL LOVE AND FRATERNAL BONDING. AT HALFTIME, THE BROTHERS OF DELTA XI CONVENED, AND BROTHER ROBERT SMOTHERS STOOD BEFORE THEM, ADDRESSING THE FOCUS OF THE EVENING. WITH PASSION AND SINCERITY, HE RESTATED THE PURPOSE OF THE OCCASION: TO LOCATE AND RECLAIM BROTHERS WHO HAD STEPPED BACK FROM THE ACTIVE FOLD. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS MORE THAN JUST A FORMAL GATHERING; IT WAS AN INVITATION TO RETURN TO A COMMUNITY THAT VALUED EACH MEMBER PROFOUNDLY. "TONIGHT IS NOT JUST ABOUT BASKETBALL," ROBERT PROCLAIMED, HIS VOICE RESONANT AND FILLED WITH EMOTION. "IT'S ABOUT FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, AND FINDING OUR WAY BACK TO WHAT MAKES US STRONG. TOGETHER, WE CAN REIGNITE THE SPIRIT OF OMEGA. LET'S REACH OUT, RECONNECT, AND REFLECT ON THE VALUES THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

"THE BROTHERS LISTENED INTENTLY, NODDING IN AGREEMENT. THEY SHARED STORIES OF THEIR OWN JOURNEYS, EACH BROTHER RECOUNTING UNIQUE PATHS, STRUGGLES, AND TRIUMPHS. BY THE END OF THE NIGHT, AS THE MAVERICKS TRIUMPHED ON THE COURT, THE BROTHERS OF DELTA XI HAD ALSO SCORED A VICTORY IN UNITING THEIR RANKS. WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE, THEY LEFT THE GAME FILLED WITH HOPE AND INSPIRATION. BROTHER SMOTHERS AND THE OTHERS BEGAN TO REMINISCE ABOUT THEIR FUTURE GATHERINGS, EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF REENERGIZING THE BROTHERHOOD. THEY ENVISIONED MORE EVENTS THAT WOULD RECLAIM INACTIVE MEMBERS AND STRENGTHEN THE BOND THEY ALL SHARED. THE NIGHT CONCLUDED, BUT THE FLAMES OF BROTHERHOOD WERE REIGNITED, PROMISING THAT THE DELTA XI CHAPTER WOULD CONTINUE TO THRIVE AS THEY DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE WORK OF OMEGA PSI PHI, UNITED IN FRIENDSHIP, SERVICE, AND CELEBRATING THEIR HERITAGE.



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THOSE DAYS GONE BY

“THE SCRIPTURES BLESS OUR LIVES. ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS.” 2TIMOTHY 2:16-17. ONE OF MY FAVORITE SONGS IS STEVIE WONDER’S “I WISH”. AS I SIT AND PONDER LIKE STEVIE, I LOOK BACK ON THE DAYS I WAS A CHILD. AND AS I THINK ABOUT THOSE DAYS, I REALIZE THE ONLY WORRY I HAD WAS WHAT WOULD BE MY TOY FOR CHRISTMAS. DURING THOSE SIMPLER TIMES WE WERE JUST HAPPY WITH THE JOY THE DAY WOULD BRING. MOST EVERYTHING MADE SENSE, IF NOT LOGICAL, IT WAS BIBLICAL. RIGHT WAS RIGHT AND WRONG WAS WRONG. DOING WRONG TOOK EFFORT TO BE HIDDEN AND RIGHT WAS IN THE OPEN. RIGHT ALWAYS PREVAIL AND WRONG WAS ALWAYS OVER TAKEN AND MADE RIGHT. STEVIE SPOKE SO MUCH TRUTH IN THAT SONG HE WROTE.

NOW LIFE HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED. DEFENDING WRONG AS RIGHT HAS TAKEN A SERIOUS TOLL ON OUR SOCIETY AND HEALTH. THE CONFUSION OF WHAT IS AND WHAT ISN’T TO BE ACCEPTED PLAQUE OUR JUDGEMENT. MORAL BEHAVIOR IS BASED ON WHAT SOCIETY ACCEPT. SAME SEX MARRIAGES ARE CONSIDERED MORAL AND SEXUAL IMMORALITY IS ENCOURAGED TO BE KEEPING IT FRESH. COOPERATE AMERICA STAYS UP AT NIGHT PLOTTING HOW THEY CAN RAISE PROFIT ON THE BACKS OF THE POOR AND WORKING CLAN. I HEARD SOMEONE SAY “THE RICH GET RICHER AND THE POOR DON’T GET A %&#\$ THING”. OUR LEADERS ARE SERVING UNDER FALSE PRETENSES WITH SELF-SERVING AGENDAS. IN THE MEAN WHILE THE DISENFRANCHISED PEOPLE THEY SERVED ARE CHALLENGED WITH MAKING DIFFICULT DECISION ABOUT LIFE IN ORDER TO LIVE AND SURVIVE, NOT TO MENTION RAISING THEIR CHILDREN. WE CAN’T OVERLOOK THOSE WHO ARE TO PROTECT US NOW HAVE BECOME JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER ALL IN THE COLOR OF SELF-PRESERVATION OF LAW AND STAND YOUR GROUND. MASS MURDERS NOW INCLUDE SCHOOL CHILDREN, DAY CARES AND CHURCHES. BABIES PACKING AKS LEGALLY. THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL. THE ADVERSARY IS CLEARLY HITTING HIS MARK AS CHRIST HAS TOLD US. WE ARE IN THOSE LATTER DAYS! “THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION, TRUCEBREAKERS, FALSE ACCUSERS, INCONTINENT, FIERCE, DESPISERS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOOD, TRAITORS, HEADY, HIGH MINDED, LOVERS OF PLEASURE MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF. FROM SUCH TURN AWAY. FOR OF THIS SORT ARE THEY WHICH CREEP INTO HOUSES, AND LEAD CAPTIVE SILLY WOMEN LADEN WITH SINS, LED AWAY WITH DIVERS’ LUST, EVER LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.” 2TIMOTHY 3:1-7 (KJV) “THIS DAY I CALL THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AS WITNESSES AGAINST YOU THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND CURSES. NOW CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE.”

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

GOD GAVE THE SCRIPTURES TO US AS A GUIDE SO WE KNOW WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS EVIL. THIS IS SO WE WON’T BECOME CONFUSE WITH THE EVER CHANGING OF SOCIETAL WHELMS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS UP TO EACH OF US TO EITHER LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD’S WORD BY ACCEPTING THE GOOD AND REJECTING THE EVIL OR TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE REPROBATE OF OUR OWN MINDS, THE DICTATES OF OUR OWN HEART AND THE CURRENT CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE OR WORLDVIEW. THIS IS THE CONCEPT OF FREE WILL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO MANKIND. CHOOSE THE GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS CHOICES. THIS IS WHAT MAKES A RESOLUTE BEING. GOD’S PROMISE IS “WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD AND OBEY HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL ACCORDING TO EVERYTHING, I COMMAND YOU TODAY, THEN THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RESTORE YOUR FORTUNES AND HAVE COMPASSION ON YOU AND GATHER YOU AGAIN FROM ALL THE NATIONS WHERE HE SCATTERED YOU.” DEUTERONOMY 30:2–3 “NOW WHAT I AM COMMANDING YOU TODAY IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT FOR YOU OR BEYOND YOUR REACH.... THE WORD IS VERY NEAR YOU; IT IS IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART SO YOU MAY OBEY IT.” DEUTERONOMY 30:11–14

“GETTING BACK TO THOSE DAYS”

GO WITH GOD’S

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WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES

BY BRO. DR. CARVER A. PORTLOCK

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A BROTHER HAS GONE FROM OUR MIDST
AND SAILED TO GOLDEN SHORES.

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A FRIEND HAS PASSED THE FINAL TEST
AND WALKS THROUGH PURPLE DOORS.

THE CIRCLE HAS AN EMPTY PLACE
A VOICE WILL RAISE NO MORE
THE SONG OF FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE
UPLIFT FOREVERMORE
WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A LIGHT GOES FROM THIS EARTHLY LIFE
THE VISOR CLOSED AGAIN
YET ALL THE HEAVENS OPEN WIDE
TO LET A NEW STAR IN.

WHEN WE WEAR THE GLOVES
A BROTHER LEAVES THE CHAPTER ROLLS
AND MOVES TO OTHER WORLDS
FOR WHEN WE SAY OUR LAST GOODBYE
HE WALKS ON STREETS OF PEARL.

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