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2023 MISSISSIPPI STATE MEETING AT VICKSBURG MS



Pictured Above: Brother Carlos D. Palmer, Esq. (middle) shakes the hand of Brother Christopher Barnett, 19th State Representative (2020-2023) (right) and waves to the audience upon being elected as 20th State Representative of Mississippi during the 2023 State Meeting in Vicksburg, MS. Brother Cyrus Vance, State KRS (left) looks on.

Vicksburg, MS -- On August 26, 2023, the State Organization of Mississippi of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 32nd Annual Statewide Workshop at the Vicksburg Convention Center. The meeting was hosted by Eta Tau (Vicksburg) and Eta (Alcorn University) Chapters, with Brother Jerry Russ serving as State Marshal. The theme for the meeting was "Building Omega's Legacy by the Bonds of Brotherhood". Over 300 Brothers registered for the event.

During the meeting, Brothers from around the 7th District of Omega Psi Phi transcended upon Vicksburg to handle the business of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The meeting featured a STEM community service project, an Omega training camp, a park dedication, a Salvation Army community service project, a high school talent hunt competition, a stepshow, a state representative reception, and an OWT on the RIVER social event. Numerous scholarships and chapter recognitions were distributed during the state meeting.

After state elections, the following brothers were installed as state officers by the Brotherhood: Bro. Carlos D. Palmer, Esq., State Representative, Bro. Tredrick Johnson, 1st Vice State Representative, Bro. Cyrus Vance, State Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Derrick Garner, State Keeper of Finance, Bro. Oliver Clark, State Counselor, Bro. Vick Hudson, State Director of Public Relations, Bro. Christopher Barnett, Immediate Past State Representative, Bro. Ray Shoemaker, State Marshal, and Bro. Michael James, State Chaplain.

The 2024 Mississippi State Meeting is scheduled for August 23-25, 2024. Bro. Ray Shoemaker will serve as State Marshal for the event.



The Resurrection of the *Mississippi Quemunicator*



REFLECTIONS BY THE FOUNDER OF OUR NEWSLETTER

by

Brother Carlos D. Palmer, Esq.

It was September 2002. I was fresh out of law school at the University of Mississippi and attending our State Meeting in Tupelo MS. Dr. David Marion had just been elected as our State Representative. Although I did not know him personally, it was obvious he was a very charismatic leader. After the meeting was concluded, I greeted him with a business card, congratulated him on his election, and asked him to contact me if I could be of service to his administration. Upon accepting my business card, he expressed, “I might just do that”, with a smile; and he thanked me for my interest in serving.

A couple of weeks later, I received a call from State Representative Marion. He explained that he had two positions available that he wanted to fill. One of those positions was State Director of Public Relations. Because I was an English major at Tougaloo College, I felt that I would be better suited for that particular role. State Representative Marion then asked me to develop a plan to enhance our State in that position. I asked him to give me a week, and I would present him with a proposal. Within a week, I called him back and explained that I wanted to create a newsletter for our state. He expressed his delight with the idea and then asked me for a name for the publication. One of the proposals I submitted to him was “*Mississippi Quemunicator*”, which he approved. Upon advising me to prepare the first issue for our Winter Council Meeting, State Representative Marion explained that if I did an excellent job with the newsletter that he would provide me with a budget to publish the newsletter thereafter.

Over the next several months I wrote letters to chapters around the state soliciting articles for the publication. I then took that information, published a colorful four-page newsletter that was formatted on typing paper, and bound the document with a plastic binder and cover. I made approximately forty copies which I distributed during the Winter Council Meeting of 2003, which was held at the Magnolia Bar Association headquarters in Jackson Mississippi on West Capitol Street. After I passed out the copies of the newsletter, I stood by nervous with anticipation, hoping that the brotherhood would enjoy the product. The Brothers expressed their approval and appreciation for the newsletter. After the meeting, State Representative Marion also expressed his approval of the newsletter and informed me that he would set aside \$300.00 to help cover the cost of publication going forward. Over the next year and a half, three more issues were published for the Mississippi Brotherhood under my authorship.

After serving as State Director of Public Relations for two years, I was elected in 2004 by our Brotherhood as State Counselor. Accordingly, I handed the reigns of publication of our newsletter to Brother Generique “G” Stewart. Over the next couple of decades several editions of the *Mississippi Quemunicator* were published. Unfortunately, over the last several years, the *Mississippi Quemunicator* has lain dormant.

Upon my ascension as State Representative on August 26, 2023, one of the goals I set for this administration was the resurrection of the *Mississippi Quemunicator*. The *Mississippi Quemunicator* is essential to the well-being of our State Organization, for it documents the goals, direction, works, and accomplishments of our State Brotherhood. It serves as the archive of our State Organization; for if we neglect its publication, there are only two outcomes: (1) our history becomes lost to the winds of time due to our failure to document it or (2) someone else writes our history from his/her perspective. Neither of these options is acceptable. Accordingly, it is imperative, going forward, the *Mississippi Quemunicator* remains a vibrant tool to tell our true story, profile the great men who have been products of our State, and document the significant impact of our Mississippi brotherhood locally, statewide, and internationally. It is in this spirit that I have taken the lead to publish this edition of our *Mississippi Quemunicator*.

With kindest regards, I give myself in fraternal service

Carlos D. Palmer, Esq.
20th State Representative of Mississippi
Founder of the *Mississippi Quemunicator*
Publisher (2002-04, 2024)

THE TIME HAS COME; OUR TIME IS NOW!!!

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OUR MISSION: The State Organization of Mississippi shall be a pillar of excellence by promoting leadership, integrity, and social responsibility while preserving the rich traditions and values of our Fraternity.

OUR VISION: Friendship First: Recognize, Organize, Prioritize, and Enterprise

OUR FOCUS: Lifting as we climb **TOGETHER**

Proverbs 22:29:

Seest thou a man diligent in
his business?



He shall stand before
kings...

REGIONAL ROADTRIPS



Above (from left to right): State Representative Carlos D. Palmer, State KRS Cyrus Vance, and PR Director Vick Hudson address the Brotherhood during a Regional Roadtrip. Left: (from left to right) Brothers Conery Deberry, Donald Deans, and Brian White listen to presentations during Regional Roadtrip Series held at the Beckley Conference Center in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Brothers learned about best-practices on chapter operations and fellowshipped with the state leadership.

Mississippi-wide – The Executive Officers of the State Organization of Mississippi conducted a series of “Regional Roadtrips” throughout Mississippi. Inspired by the guidance of former 7th District Representative and former Mississippi Representative J. B. Carter, the roadtrips were designed to train fraternity brothers on best practices in operations within respective chapters and to allow brothers around Mississippi to become acquainted with their state leadership.

The roadtrip included the following: Region 1 – Tunica, MS (Rosa Fort High School) on November 11, 2023; Region 2 – Holly Springs, MS (Beckley Conference Center) on December 9, 2023, Regions 3 – Canton, MS (Epsilon Kappa Kappa Headquarters) on January 12, 2024; and Region 4 – Hattiesburg, MS (Doubletree by Hilton) on December 16, 2023. Each State Regional Representative was responsible for hosting the roadtrip within his region. Within Mississippi, the regional representatives are as follows: Region 1: Bro. Charles Hall, Region 2: Bro. Daryl Theodore, Region 3: Bro. Creston Burse, and Region 4: Robert “Bob” Whitley.

Topics for the Regional Roadtrip included the mission and vision of the present state administration, importance of reporting chapter events and projects, officer roles and responsibilities, execution of mandated programs, chapter budgeting, protocol and orderly processes, risk management, memorial services, and enhancing chapter public relations.

“I believe brothers around the state who attended the roadtrips are pleased with the information they received,” expressed Carlos D. Palmer, 20th Mississippi State Representative. “If our State is to maximize its positive social impact, we must ensure that brothers understand their roles as officers in chapters and that chapters are efficient in how they operate. Training and organization are key in this pursuit.”

Operation Homeward Bound: Revolutionizing Reclamation and Retention in Mississippi

by

Bro. Tredrick Johnson, 1st Vice State Representative



In a bold and visionary move, the Operation Homeward Bound Committee, under the adept leadership of Bro. Reginald "Shun" Tucker, has unveiled a groundbreaking toolkit aimed at transforming the reclamation and retention landscape within the State of Mississippi. With a clear objective of elevating Mississippi from its current position to the third spot in the 7th District, the committee has orchestrated a comprehensive set of strategies poised to make a significant impact.

The ad hoc committee's leadership has been instrumental in steering the committee toward innovative solutions to address the challenges of reclamation and retention. With a wealth of experience and a passion for progress, he and his committee have composed a plethora of strategies designed to empower chapters and elevate the fraternity experience.

Key Strategies:

- 1. Predictive Candidate Assessment (MSP):** The committee introduces a cutting-edge approach with "MSP," a predictive candidate assessment system. This forward-thinking strategy aims to identify potential members who not only align with the fraternity's values but also show promise in contributing to its growth and vibrancy.
- 2. Undergraduate Assimilation:** Recognizing the importance of a seamless transition from undergraduate to graduate chapters, Operation Homeward Bound places a strong emphasis on effective undergraduate assimilation. The strategies outlined in the toolkit aim to create a supportive and inclusive environment that encourages the continued involvement of our young brothers.
- 3. Reclamation and Retention:** The heart of Operation Homeward Bound lies in its strategies for reclamation and retention. By addressing the unique challenges faced by the fraternity, the committee aims to enhance the retention of current members while strategically reclaiming those who have drifted away, ultimately fortifying the bonds of brotherhood.

Elevating Mississippi in the 7th District:

The committee is on a mission to propel Mississippi from the last position to the third spot in the 7th District. With an unwavering commitment to excellence, Operation Homeward Bound represents a catalyst for positive change, setting the stage for a fraternity that thrives on unity, engagement, and sustained growth.

As chapters across the state embrace the revolutionary toolkit, we eagerly anticipate witnessing the transformative impact of Operation Homeward Bound on reclamation, retention, and the overall success of Omega Psi Phi in Mississippi. The future is bright, as it relates to the journey homeward bound promises to be nothing short of extraordinary.

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SUMMIT



Above: Mississippi State Leadership, Advisors, and Undergraduate Brothers from the Mighty State of Mississippi pose for a picture during activities of the International Undergraduate Summit in Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta, GA – From February 1-4, 2024, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its International Undergraduate Summit at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. Over 800 undergraduate brothers and advisors attended the summit.

During the event, Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis addressed the Brotherhood with his vision for the summit, as he challenged the undergraduates to network with other undergraduates and potential fraternal mentors among the older brotherhood, as well as to pursue job opportunities with representatives of companies, military, and government. The undergraduate agenda included a social media presentation where brothers were sternly warned to refrain from abusing social media, especially when video broadcast and pictures depict our fraternity in a negative way. Other topics were discussed protocol training, membership code of conduct, ritualistic training and “brother you are on my mind”. During the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Luncheon, fraternity officials recognized undergraduate brothers for various academic and community service achievements.

Undergraduate Advisors retreated to a separate breakout meeting where presenters discussed advising best practices, risk management, special-events checklist requirements, and mentorship. Undergraduate Advisors in attendance were 1st Vice 7th District Representative James Reed - Rho Epsilon Chapter (Tougaloo College); 1st Vice State Representative of Mississippi Tredrick Johnson – Upsilon Delta Delta (Delta State University); Immediate Past State Representative Christopher Barnett – Eta Chapter (Alcorn State University); Bro. Mike Weaver – Upsilon Epsilon (Jackson State University); Bros. Kendrick Cox and Travarus Horton – Beta Theta Chapter (Mississippi Valley State University); Bro. Donald Deans – Kappa Beta Chapter (Rust College); Bro. Jeremy Gladney – Eta Zeta Chapter (University of Mississippi); Bro. Milton Stafford – Nu Eta Chapter (University of Southern Mississippi); and Bro. Ronald Gatewood – Theta Delta Delta (Mississippi State University). Also in attendance were Mississippi State Representative Carlos D. Palmer and 2nd Vice State Representative Hardest Vaughn of Kappa Beta Chapter (Rust College).

“I thoroughly enjoyed the undergraduate caucus because it gave us an opportunity to hear and address actual issues faced by undergraduate brothers internationally.” commented Bro. Vaughn.

Mississippi's Digital Renaissance: A Glimpse into the State's Transformation

by

Bro. Tredrick Johnson, 1st Vice State Representative



In a groundbreaking stride towards the future, the State of Mississippi, under the leadership of State Rep. Carlos Palmer, Esq., is currently undergoing a remarkable digital transformation. Spearheaded by Clinton Mayes, the State Director of Registration/IT, this initiative is set to redefine the way the State engages with technology and information.

The cornerstone of this transformation is the introduction of the new www.oppfms.org domain, symbolizing a commitment to modernization and enhanced accessibility. This new digital hub is not just a website; it is a gateway to a world of innovation, connectivity, and efficiency for the State of Mississippi.

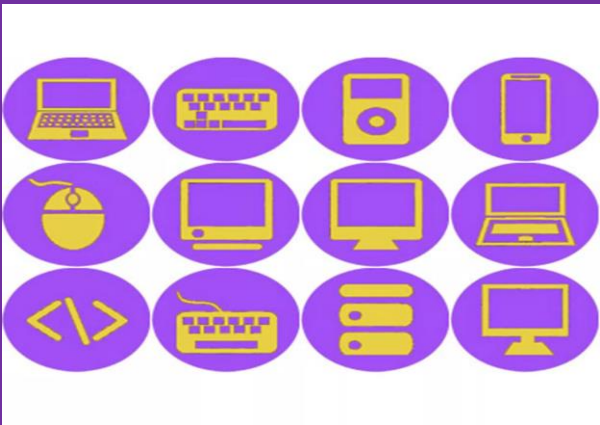
A pivotal aspect of this digital revolution is the development of a cutting-edge website that aims to rival the best in its class. The State is investing in a user-friendly design, intuitive navigation, and a wealth of information to ensure that the website becomes a go-to resource for members and the public alike.

Taking a giant leap towards data retention and information security, the State has forged a strategic partnership with Microsoft Corporation under a licensing agreement. This collaboration empowers the State with dedicated emails, cloud storage, and a customized data infrastructure tailored to our unique needs. This bold move reflects a commitment to safeguarding sensitive information and embracing the highest standards of digital security.

The new State of MS email addresses, a product of this collaboration, mark a shift towards professionalism and uniformity in communication. This upgrade not only enhances the State's image but also ensures a standardized and secure communication platform for all members.

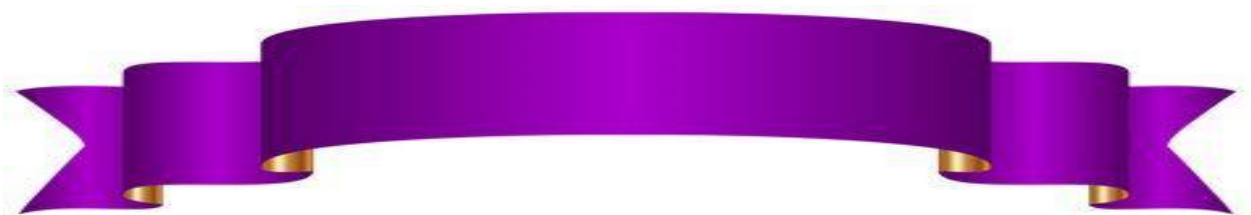
As we embark on this digital journey, stay tuned for future developments of the digital edition of the State of MS organization. The roadmap includes continuous improvements, technological advancements, and a commitment to staying at the forefront of digital innovation.

Mississippi is not just embracing change; it is pioneering it. The State's digital transformation is more than an upgrade; it is a testament to our dedication to progress, efficiency, and excellence. Get ready to experience the future – the digital edition of the State of Mississippi is set to redefine our journey ahead!





CHAPTER
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS



IOTA OMICRON'S 75th ANNIVERSARY



Pictured above, left: State Representative Carlos D. Palmer (left) hands Iota Omicron Basileus Otha Williams (center) a resolution, along with 1st Vice State Representative Tredrick Johnson. Above right: Mississippi Regional Representative Brother Charles Hall poses next to an Omega shield.



Pictured above, from left to right: Brothers Joseph Griffin (IO '73), Charles Barnes (YE '70), Henry Espy (IO '72), Shelton Woodley (IO '73) and Henry Dorsey (IO '72) were honored for 50 years of service to Omega. Not pictured Andrew Thompson, Jr. (Psi Rho '65)

Clarksdale, MS – On September 29, 2023, Iota Omicron Chapter a.k.a the “Blues City Ques” held its 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Coahoma County Expo Center. State Representative Carlos D. Palmer was the speaker for the occasion. The Brotherhood and guests were entertained by a live band and enjoyed good food. A silent auction was held by the chapter to raise scholarship funds for young scholars. Iota Omicron also honored several chapter brothers for 50 years of service to Omega. Basileus Otha Williams commented, “Iota Omicron is the second oldest graduate chapter in the state and has continued the rich traditions within education and politics as set forth by our founders 75 years ago.” Iota Omicron was founded on June 2, 1948.

RHO EPSILON'S 75th ANNIVERSARY



Tougaloo / Jackson MS – From October 12-15, 2023, Rho Epsilon Chapter (Tougaloo College) of Omega Psi Phi held its 75th Anniversary Weekend. Brothers started the weekend of events on Thursday with a welcome reception and media event on the campus of Tougaloo College. During that event, the chapter donated \$75,000 to Tougaloo College. Later that evening, brothers held a Purple and Gold Black Tie Gala featuring guest speaker Brother Ricky Lewis, 42nd Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The theme for the occasion was “Seventy five years of building strong and effective force of men dedicated to Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.” On Friday, the Chapter assembled at the Pete Brown Golf Course for a golf tournament and later held a Rho Epsilon memorial ceremony back on campus. On Saturday, Brothers enjoyed a large cookout during the Tougaloo Alumni Outing where hundreds of alumni fellowshiped alongside the Brotherhood. Finally, on Sunday, the chapter attended in church service at Woodworth Chapel. The weekend of events was attended by over 75 brothers.



BETA ALPHA'S 90th ANNIVERSARY



Pictured above, on left: Mississippi State Representative Carlos D. Palmer presents a resolution to Beta Alpha Chapter to commemorate its 90th Anniversary. From left to right: Brothers Jeffrey Turner, State Membership Chairman; Conrad Bell, Beta Alpha KRS; Billy Bullock, Beta Alpha Basileus/State Inspector General; Brother Palmer and Tredrick Johnson, 1st Vice State Representative. Above, on right: Beta Alpha Brothers pose for chapter photo during their anniversary.

Beta Alpha Chapter 90th Charter Day Celebration September 29th - October 1, 2023 Jackson, MS

Jackson, MS – The Brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi celebrated its chartering as the first chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the Great State of Mississippi. Beta Alpha Chapter has continuously served both the fraternity and the State of Mississippi Organization by upholding the four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift since being chartered at Alcorn, Mississippi on Oct. 1, 1933.

The festivities started Friday night with a meet and greet at the renowned Orchid Bed and Breakfast. Brothers from various decades rekindled friendships with Brothers. They also enjoyed great food, good music and picked up souvenir glasses and t-shirts commemorating this glorious occasion.

On Saturday, Beta Alpha began the day with an Operation Shoestrings community service project. Brothers assisted with “Community Day” for the center. Operation Shoestring is a community partnership with which Beta Alpha Chapter has previously collaborated with for after school and mentoring projects.

Following the community service project, brothers held a luncheon at the Orchid Bed and Breakfast where they discussed mental health. One of the initiatives for Omega is “Brother you are on my Mind”. Accordingly, the chapter had a mental health therapist present to Brothers. After the presentation, the floor was open for some very candid, open, and honest conversations that were very thought-provoking.

The last event of the day was the signature event, Omegas Under the Moonlight. This event was held on the outside grounds of the Orchid Bed and Breakfast. Brothers from surrounding chapters were invited to attend and fellowship with Beta Alpha to celebrate the 90th Chapter anniversary. In true Omega fashion, brothers in attendance had a wonderful time. Beta Alpha was pleasantly surprised by the attendance of our newly elected State Representative Brother Carlos Palmer and 1st Vice State Representative Brother Tedrick Johnson. The State Leadership presented to Beta Alpha Basileus Billy Bullock a beautifully-framed resolution commemorating the 90th anniversary of the chapter’s existence in the great State of Mississippi.

On Sunday, October 1, 2023, Brothers attended Services at Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Tony Montgomery Sr., a member of Beta Alpha chapter is the pastor.

PSI GAMMA GAMMA'S 35th ANNIVERSARY



Columbus, MS -- On December 15, 2023, the Brothers of Psi Gamma Gamma, aka the “Friendly City Ques”, hosted its 35th Anniversary Scholarship Gala at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Mississippi. Attendees were dressed to impress at this function, as they enjoyed food, drinks, and a live band. A brief program, whose theme was “Uplifting Our Youth”, was conducted during the event, which was highlighted by guest speaker Carlos D. Palmer, Mississippi State Representative. Brother Palmer encouraged the audience to recommit themselves to mentoring young people and highlighted the acts of service that Psi Gamma Gamma has rendered to the local youth over the years. 1st Vice State Representative Tredrick Johnson and State Keeper of Records and Seal Cyrus Vance were in attendance of the event. All proceeds from the event will fund scholarships for local children in the surrounding Columbus area.



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Achievement Week Theme
**Omega Men Promoting a Harmonious
Future Through Friendship and Service**

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER



The Beta Alpha Bro. David C. Bass Achievement week awards presentation was held on November 12, 2023. During this program Beta Alpha recognizes brothers and citizens that have contributed to the continued success of our beloved Fraternity and/or Community uplift. The Beta Alpha 2023 Superior Service Award Winner was Bro. Howard Derrick. Beta Alpha's 2023 Brigadier General Charles Young Winner was Bro. Gus Black. Dr. Krystal Logan was Beta Alpha's Citizen of the Year. Beta Alpha's 2023 Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient was Bro. Dwayne Jamison. Beta Alpha Chapter also awarded Mr. Jaylon Fell a monetary award and certificate for winning the Chapters Achievement Week essay contest. The Beta Alpha 2023 George W. Jamison II Basileus award recipient was Bro. Jeffery L. Turner. The Beta Alpha 2023 Omega Man of the Year was Bro. Jeffery L. Turner.

PSI RHO AND KAPPA BETA CHAPTERS



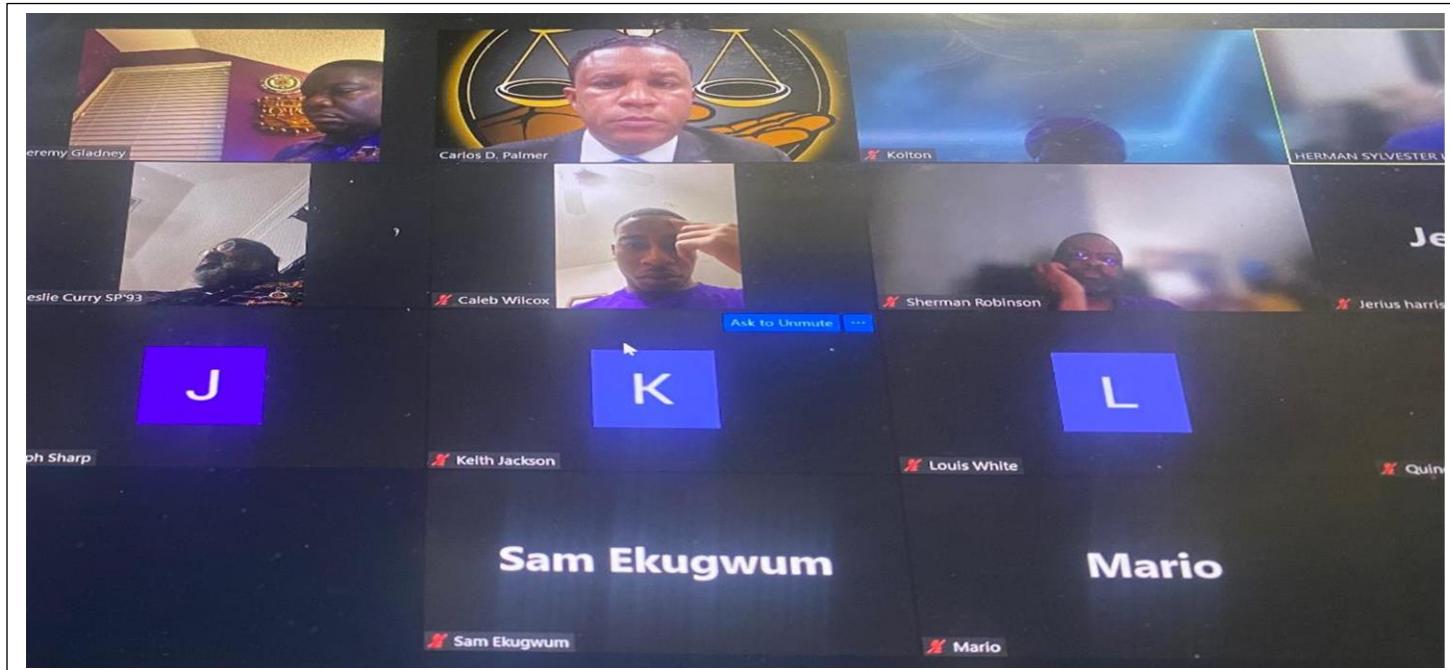
Holly Springs, MS – On November 18, 2023, Psi Rho and Kappa Beta Chapters held their National Achievement Week Banquet at the Rust College Cafeteria. State Representative Carlos D. Palmer served as the speaker of the banquet. During the banquet, Psi Rho recognized the following: Omega Man of the Year – Brother Donald Deans, Jr., Basileus Award – Brother Kevin Edwards, Scholarship Award - Brother Jalen Thomas, and Citizen of the Year – Dr. Irene Walton Turnage, Superintendent of Holly Springs School District.

RHO ALPHA ALPHA AND UPSILON DELTA DELTA CHAPTERS



Cleveland, MS – On November 16, 2023, Rho Alpha Alpha and Upsilon Delta Delta Chapters held their National Achievement Week Banquet at the DSU Young-Mauldin Multi-Purpose Room. Brother Keenan Davis of Kappa Mu Mu (Greenville, MS) served as the speaker of the banquet. During the banquet, Rho Alpha Alpha recognized the following: 2022 Omega Man of the Year – Brother Damius Robinson, 2022 Superior Service Award – Brother Dr. Sam Evans, 2022 Citizen of the Year – Dr. Billy Moore, 2022 Omega Man of the Year and 2023 Superior Service Award – Brother Derrick Brown, 2023 Citizen of the Year – Brother Anthony Jackson, Brother Jordan Goins - Lifetime Achievement Award. Upsilon Delta Delta recognized the following: 2022 Omega Man of the Year – Brother Tylenn Bridges, 2023 Omega Man of the Year – Dominique Killens.

NU MU MU AND ETA ZETA CHAPTERS



Oxford, MS – On November 15, 2023, Nu Mu Mu and Eta Zeta Chapters had their Achievement Week Program via Zoom. State Representative Carlos D. Palmer was their speaker. Brother Palmer reflected upon his time as a law school student at the University of Mississippi, explained his role of reactivating Eta Zeta Chapter on its campus in 2000, presented the vision of the Mississippi State Organization, and encouraged Brothers to recommit themselves to the service of the fraternity and mankind.

IOTA OMICRON CHAPTER



Greenwood, MS – The Men of Iota Omicron (Clarksdale, MS) attended the National Achievement Week Banquet hosted by Beta Rho and Beta Theta Chapters (Itta Bena, MS) at the Leflore County Civic Center on November 18, 2023. Iota Omicron recognized as its Citizen of the Year, Aurelia Jones-Taylor, Director of Aaron E. Henry Community Health Center. Pictured above are front row: Jones-Taylor, back row, Mississippi State Counselor Oliver Clark, Gregory Neely, Jr., and State Regional Representative Charles Hall.

BETA RHO AND BETA THETA CHAPTERS



The Distinguished Beta Rho and Beta Theta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their Annual Founders' Banquet at the Leflore County Civic Center on November 17, 2023. The event was well-attended by friends of the fraternity, Greek organizations and citizens of the community. The keynote speaker was 41st Grand Basileus Dr. David E. Marion, affectionally known as GB41. The elegant banquet was well-attended with a delectable spread of fine cuisine. Brothers were honored for their contributions to the chapter for exemplary service, creative projects, and collaborative efforts. High School seniors that received first, second, and third place in our National Essay contest was recognized. Extraordinary citizens from various counties in the chapters' service area were recognized as Citizens of the Year. The Chapter's Highest Honor, which is the Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award, was awarded to Past Basileus Elmus Stockstill, Sr. who was unable to attend due to medical reasons. Unbeknownst to everyone that he would succumb to his ailments days later. The night ended with groovy jams from DJ Too Much and an electric performance from For the Culture Band featuring Brandice Williams.

BETA RHO AND BETA THETA CHAPTERS

The full list of Award Recipients for the evening are below:

Omega Man of the Year
Terrence Glasgow

Superior Service Award
Steven J. Crawford

Founders Lifetime Achievement
Elmus Stockstill, Sr.

Brigadier General Charles Young Military Leadership
Michael Clark

Best Collaboration
Terry Page- Red Cross

Best Fundraiser
Raymond Banks IV -All Black Affair

Lifting As We Climb Impact Award
Marvin Jones- Silver City Disaster Relief

Father of the Year
Dr. Adrian Brown

Youth Mentee of the Year

Gold Boot Outstanding New Member
Kenneth Featherstone

Chairman of the Year
Dr. Adrian Brown & Carlos D. Palmer Scholarship Committee

State Representative Recognition
Carlos D. Palmer, Esq.

Keynote Speaker Recognition
Dr. David E. Marion

Mistress of Ceremony Recognition
Mrs. Cheryl Featherstone

Friendship Award
Barbara Duncan- Waits

Jevonte P. Curtis Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year
Sedeki Satcher

UG Superior Service
Remeillo Thomas

Highest GPA
DePhabian Fant

Citizens of the Year Nominees
Grenada County
Tyree Phillips

Holmes County
Ms. Sharonda Hogan

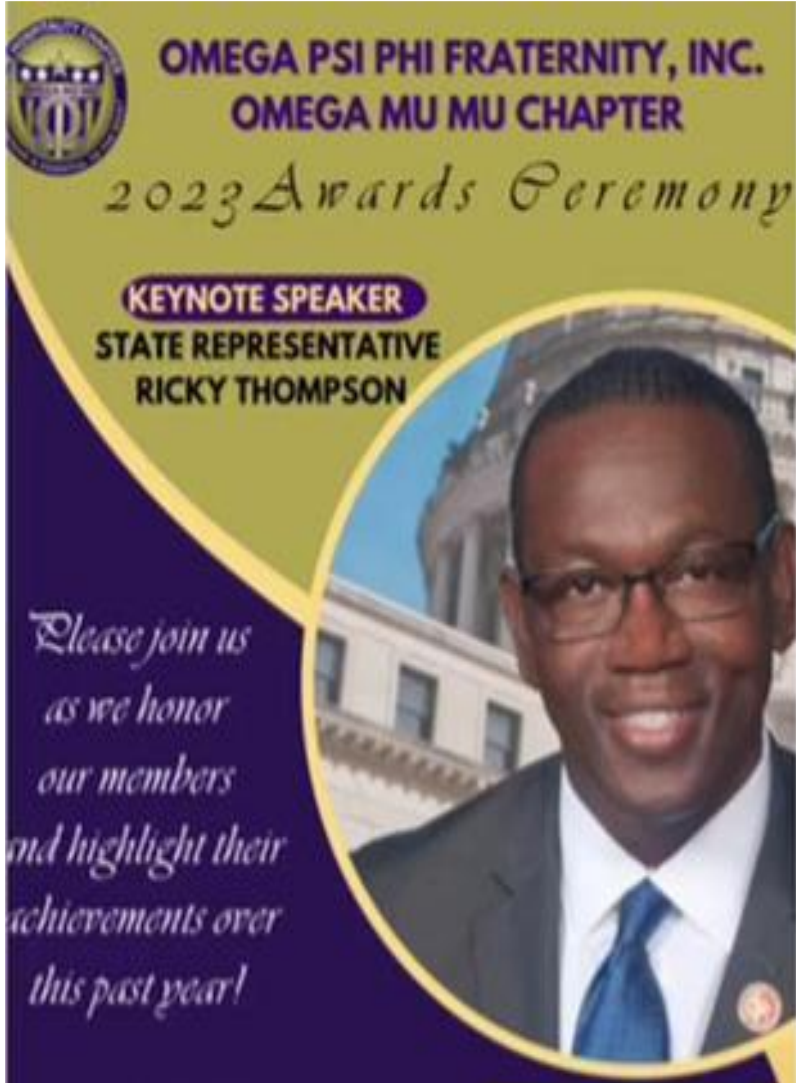
Sunflower County
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

Leflore County
Willie Young

Humphreys County
Timaka James-Jones

Mississippi Delta Citizen of the Year
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

OMEGA MU MU CHAPTER



Tupelo, MS – On November 18, 2023, the Brothers of Omega Mu Mu held their Founders' Day Program. State Representative Ricky Thompson of the Mississippi Legislature was the guest speaker of the event.



IOTA UPSILON CHAPTER



Biloxi, MS - After several delays due to weather, preemptive meetings, and venue availability, the Brothers of Iota Upsilon held their Achievement Week Program on February 4, 2024 at St. John A.M.E. Church in Biloxi, Mississippi. Brothers who attended this program enjoyed a message given by Bro. Pastor Corey Watts. Several awards were presented at the event by Vice Basileus Dr. Brian Barkley and Immediate Past Basileus Brother James Stubbs. Brother Jerry "Pete" Peterson received the award for Omega Man of the Year 2023. Brother Eric Odom, who was initiated in the year 2022 'was selected for the Omega Service Award due to his eagerness to "put in the work" after becoming a member of the Iota Upsilon Chapter. Mrs. Karen Sock received the Citizen of the Year award. Mrs. Sock has been instrumental in many facets of the community and involved heavily with our local youth. It is our hope that the upcoming 2024 year will be as productive as our past and that our awardees will continue the strong work they have exemplified in both Omega and the community.

PSI GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER



Columbus, MS -- The Brothers of Psi Gamma Gamma, aka the "Friendly City Ques" held their Achievement Week Program. During the program, the following Brothers were recognized for their outstanding achievements: Bro. Jeremy Newton – Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Richard Morgan – Omega Superior Service Award, and Bro. Bennie Hairston – Founders' Award. Brother Gregory Strong serves as Basileus of the Chapter.

PHI RHO CHAPTER



Hattiesburg, MS – On November 12, 2023, the Phi Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted its annual Achievement Week program at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS with over fifty people in attendance. Bro. Don Denard was the guest speaker in which he spoke on the International Essay Theme: “With Politics gaining the bulk of discussion, what can the younger generation do to ensure that elected leaders understand the impact of gaining their vote?”

The following awards were given:

Citizen of the Year-DeMetra Bates, PhD

Superior Service Award-Bro. Regenald Byrd

Colonel Charles Young Award and Omega Man of the Year-Bro. Kenley Feazell

The chapter recognized the brothers who had 40 Years of Service:

Bro. Edward Echols

Bro. Charlie Jones

Bro. Percy Watson

The chapter also recognized local chapter High School Essay Winners:

Mason McDonald-1st Place

Malcolm Terrell-2nd Place

SIGMA ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER



Moss Point, MS – On November 18, 2023, Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter celebrated Achievement Week 2023 with a fantastic banquet. Awardees were as follows: Citizen of the Year - Carolyn Hall Jones, Superior Service Award - Johnnie Sims, III; Perseverance Award - Mitchell Ellerby, Sr., and Omega Man of the Year - Demario Green

PSI MU MU CHAPTER



Southaven, MS – On November 19, 2023, Psi Mu Mu held its National Achievement Week Program. The chapter distributed several monetary awards for its essay contest. Deja Gadison, Kylan Speed, and Adina McQuarter were chosen as winners. They each received as follows: Deja Gadison ~ \$1,250.00, Kylan Speed \$1,000.00, and Adina McQuarter ~\$750.00. Psi Mu Mu also recognized a few of its Bridge Builders:

Brother Lance Reed (KRS) ~ 30 Years of Service
Brother J C Goins Jr (Vice Basileus) ~ 30 Years of Service
Brother Lee Boyd ~ 35 Years of Service
Brother Frank Wright ~ 40 Years of Service
Brother Clifton Eley (Basileus) ~ 40 Years of Service

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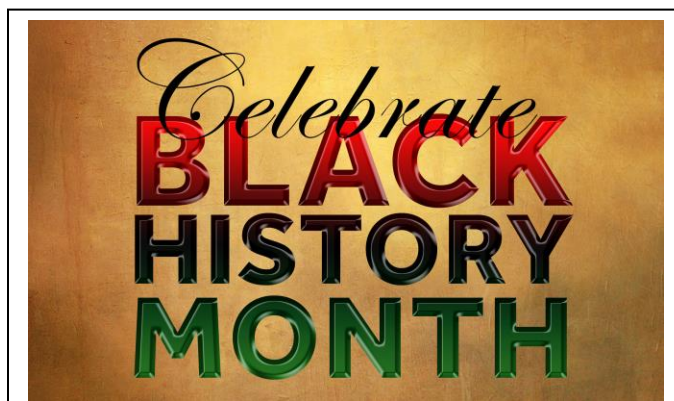
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THE LORD THE
REST...

BETA RHO CHAPTER



Pictured from left to right: State Representative Carlos D. Palmer, Bro. Dr. Charles Holmes, Tougaloo College Pre-Law Advisor Emeritus, Bro. Judge James Littleton, Leflore County Mississippi Judge, and Beta Rho Chapter Basileus Steven Crawford.

Greenwood, MS – The Honorable James K. Littleton of Beta Rho Chapter conducted a Black History Program at the Juvenile Detention Center in Greenwood, Mississippi. Bishop Duncan Gray III, Former Ninth Bishop of Mississippi, was the guest speaker. Bishop Gray discussed the impact of Aaron Henry, Medgar Evers, Cleve McDowell, and Donald Cole on civil rights in Mississippi. Also in attendance at the program were the Honorable Bill Waller, former Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, David Jordan, Mississippi Senator (District 24), and Dr. Cederick Ellis, former Superintendent of McComb School District. Refreshments were served afterwards.



IOTA UPSILON CHAPTER



Biloxi, MS – Collectively, with the Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Alumnae Chapter (MGCAC), the Men of Iota Upsilon brought forth 36 donors which yielded saving 108 potential lives. State Representative Carlos D. Palmer and 1st Vice State Representative Tredrick Johnson also attended the blood drive. Fourteen Brothers of Iota Upsilon (IY) and the Fifteen Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta (DST), Ms Gulf Coast Alumnae Chapter (MGCAC) assisted with logistics for the blood drive. There were two brothers who donated blood at the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A graphic for 'Omega Day at the Capitol'. It features a large gold star at the top center with the words 'Omega Day' in a cursive font. Below the star, 'AT THE CAPITOL' is written in a smaller font. The background is a purple and gold textured map of Mississippi. In the center is a photograph of the Mississippi State Capitol building. To the left is a blue and red flag with a white flower. Below the flag is a large white flower. To the right is a circular logo with a gold star and the text 'State of MISSISSIPPI OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.'.

MARCH 21, 2024 @ 1:00 PM 400 HIGH ST. JACKSON, MS 39201
ATTIRE: PURPLE OR GOLD BLAZERS WITH BLACK PANTS, WHITE SHIRT, PURPLE TIE, AND BLACK SHOES
OR OFFICIAL OMEGA ATTIRE: BLACK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, PURPLE TIE AND BLACK SHOES

SEVENTH DISTRICT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A logo for the 'Mighty 7th District'. It features a large, stylized '7' with a star inside, and the words 'Mighty 7th District' in a cursive font. Below the logo is the text 'OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.'. The background is a collage of images of the Mississippi State Capitol building.

2024

2024 87TH SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING
APRIL 4- APRIL 7, 2024- IP CASINO RESORT, BILOXI, MS



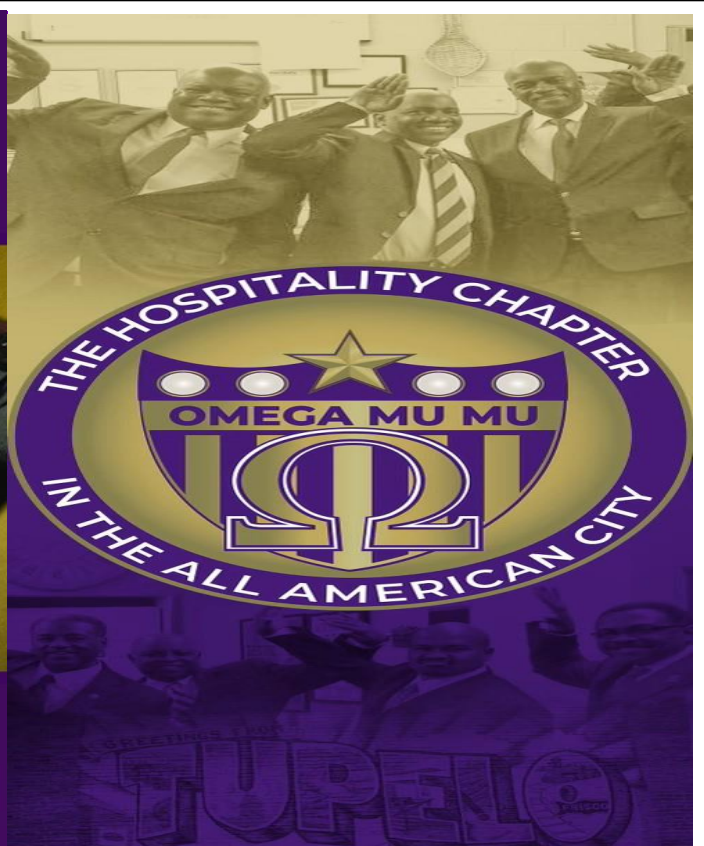
UPCOMING EVENTS



YE 75th Anniversary Celebration and Gala
March 21—25, 2024
Hilton Garden Inn – King Edward – Jackson, MS

For more information:
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UPCOMING 2024 STATE MEETING



UPCOMING EVENTS

Good Friday Fish Fry

Fish Plates - \$15

11 am - Until The Fish is Gone

March 29, 2024

2300 Miller Rd.

Itta Bena, MS

Beside Beulah Grove Baptist Church





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BRO. ELMUS STOCKSTILL, JR.
January 28, 1973 - November 29, 2023
Beta Theta Chapter, Spring 1994



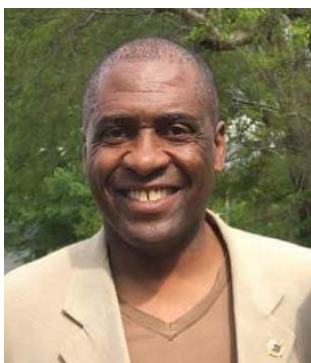
BRO. VINCENT LAMAR JONES
August 12, 1960 - January 3, 2024
Eta Xi Chapter, Spring 1979



BRO. ROBERT BENSON, JR.
March 14, 1989 - November 15, 2023
Nu Xi Chapter, Spring 2022



BRO. HEKEMIA LAWRENCE
November 23, 1976 - November 4, 2023
Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter, Fall 2018



BRO. KENZIE WALLACE
October 28, 1962 – November 25, 2023
Tau Sigma Chapter, Fall 1983



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BRO. DERRICK CLARK

September 7, 1979 – October 31, 2023

Psi Mu Mu Chapter, Fall 2016



BRO. ISAIAH EASTERLING

May 18, 1935 – January 27, 2024

Phi Rho Chapter, Spring 1966

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- Child Custody & Support
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- Deeds
- Contracts
- Estates
- Guardianships
- Adoptions
- Name Changes
- No-Fault Divorces
- Clearing Criminal Records
- Criminal Defense (felony & misdemeanor charges)

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THE CHALLENGE

By

Carlos D. Palmer, Esq.

20th State Representative

State Organization of Mississippi

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

(as first delivered at Iota Omicron Chapter's [of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc., Clarksdale, MS] 75th Anniversary Gala at the Coahoma County Expo Center on September 29, 2023 – Carlos D. Palmer, Esq, Speaker for the Event)

Out from the twilight days of old,

God sent us from heaven the Purple and Gold,

If you truly love our frat Omega Psi Phi,

There are challenges you should meet, do or die!

I challenge you to cherish the Fraternity you joined,

And maintain the enthusiasm that you first adorned,

Not only a car-tag bearer or shirt wearer be,

Make service your duty and reality.

I challenge you to guide and mentor our boys,

And teach them life's more than games and toys,

And avoid gangs, alcohol, drugs, and the gun,

Living a purposeful life is much more fun.

I challenge you to not make excuses in your lives,

To strongly love your daughters, mothers, and wives,

And to protect womanhood no matter the cost,

The price to be a man, even your family's boss.

I challenge you to not haze for any reason,

In this modern world, it is not the season,

And don't wreck a brother whatever you do,

The frat's snatching charters and expelling brothers too!

I challenge you to be active in the frat we're in,

And see it through to the very end,

Membership is a privilege without a doubt,

So why sit on the sidelines with a pathetic pout?

I challenge you to be the friend that won't leave my side,

And, through adversity, won't duck, run and hide,

To always have my back through thick and thin,

Divided, we may fall, but together we will win!

If you meet these challenges, then you will see,

What an outstanding Omega Man you will be!

Just, Love, Cooper, and Coleman would emphatically say

Yesterday was our time, but the present is your day!