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LEAVING A LASTING MARK

Immediate Past District Representative

The 13th District honors Brother Tracy D. George, our outgoing District Representative, for his remarkable achievements during his tenure. Under his leadership, the District has celebrated numerous accomplishments that reflect his dedication and vision. One of Brother George's notable achievements was hosting the largest Moses C. Norman Sr. International Leadership Conference in Nassau, Bahamas, in July 2023. The 13th District set a new record by raising over \$55,000 for the souvenir booklet—an unprecedented amount for such an event.

On September 2, 2023, Brother George collaborated with the Lambda XI chapter and other brothers from the 13th District to make significant donations to a local orphanage and the Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Abuse Center, benefiting over 80 children. Global expansion was a key priority for Brother George. On April 9, 2024, the Supreme Council approved a new chapter charter for Lagos, Nigeria, with the chartering ceremony scheduled for October 8-15, 2024, in Lagos.

In addition to expansion efforts, Brother George focused on the reclamation and reactivation of chapters. His relentless work with the Brothers in Bermuda led to the successful reactivation of Zeta Lambda Lambda. Under his leadership, the District reclaimed 10% of its membership base, earning the District a \$1,000 grant from the International Reclamation and Retention Committee for reclaiming the most brothers across the domain.

Brother George also played a crucial role in supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by exceeding the District's goal of raising \$10,000. His administration reintroduced the quarterly District newsletter. When in need he worked with brothers of the 13th to provide financial assistance to brothers in Guam affected by Typhoon Mawar. During the 29th Annual District Meeting, Former Grand Basileus David Marion presented two significant donations under Brother George's leadership: \$5,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands to support its strategic initiatives, and \$5,000 to the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter for their Fatherhood and Mentorship Program.

Brother George, the 13th District is immensely proud of your leadership and grateful for your contributions. Continue to shine brightly in all your future endeavors, both within and beyond the fraternity.





ADVANCING BROTHERHOOD, EMBRACING LEGACY

A message from the 13th District Representative

Greetings Brothers of the Tenacious 13th International District,

I hope this message finds each of you blessed and in good health as we enter the fall season of the year. As always, it is a blessing to be in the presence of fellowship with each of you and to celebrate the strides we continue to make together as a Brotherhood. As all Omega Men do, I ask you to continue representing our beloved Fraternity and our District.

I first want to thank Immediate Past District Representative, Tracy George. His commitment to this District over the many years was nothing less than phenomenal. Under your leadership this district thrived and flourished and we will forever be thankful for your service to Omega and the 13th International District. Of note, Bro George is the first 13th District made Omega man to hold the prestigious position of District Representative in Omega's history. We salute you Brother IPDR Tracy George.

Since the 31st Annual District Meeting we have already sown the seeds to be productive and the harvest of accomplishments promise to be fruitful to include a strong executive council. Our 32nd Annual District Meeting, will be take place 3-7 April, 2025. hosted in the Dominican Republic, promises to be a momentous occasion for fellowship, business, and the further growth of the 13th International District.

We also enter dues season from November to December. I urge all brothers to take care of any outstanding obligations as we close out the year. I also challenge you to reclaim at least one Brother in the upcoming year. Furthermore, our Undergraduate members are preparing to represent the 13th International District at the 2025 International Undergraduate Summit, where their participation will reflect our ongoing commitment to cultivating the future of Omega. With this and potential opportunities for district expansion, we are preparing for growth and continuing our legacy of excellence.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of this District. It is because of your dedication, hard work, and unyielding love for Omega that the 13th District continues to shine as a gem in our great fraternity. You are what makes this brotherhood special, and I look forward to seeing the fruits of our collective labor.

The District that truly makes Omega International!

**Fraternally,
Freddie Thompson, IV
Twelfth 13th District Representative**

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THE CHARTERING OF ZETA XI NU - NIGERIA, AFRICA

Honoring the establishment of Zeta Xi Nu Chapter in Lagos, Nigeria, marking Omega Psi Phi's first official presence in the country and expanding its legacy of service, uplift, and brotherhood on the African continent

BREAKING NEW GROUND: OMEGA PSI PHI'S HISTORIC CHARTER IN NIGERIA



**Chartering Ceremony
Zeta Xi Nu (Lagos, Nigeria)
Oct 6-14, 2024
By: Bro. Carl Bampoe**

The Zeta Xi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., chartered in Lagos, Nigeria, stands as a monumental chapter in the fraternity's global mission. As the first official chapter of Omega Psi Phi in Nigeria, Zeta Xi Nu's establishment not only expands the fraternity's esteemed 13th District but also strengthens Omega's commitment to the values of service, uplift, and brotherhood on the African continent.

A HISTORY AND DEBRIEF OF EVENTS

The chartering ceremony of Zeta Xi Nu marked a historic event, intertwining acts of service, cultural exploration, and profound brotherhood. This article recounts the series of impactful events, highlighting each day's contributions to Omega's lasting legacy in Nigeria.



HISTORY:

Chapter History of Zeta Xi Nu

Founded: April 9, 2024

Zeta Xi Nu is a testament to the enduring legacy and commitment of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to service, unity, and brotherhood. Founded on April 9, 2024, Zeta Xi Nu emerged from the vision and determination of 13 dedicated Omega men, representing a rich tapestry of experiences and backgrounds from several chapters across the fraternity. Their shared belief in the transformative power of Omega led them to establish this chapter, aimed at making a meaningful impact in their MotherLand, Nigeria.

These 13 founding brothers hailed from various districts—2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th—and each brought unique strengths and insights to the formation of Zeta Xi Nu. Among them were:

- Brother Patrick Onwumelu (Xi Psi, 1994)
- Brother Olatokunbo Fakinlede (Omicron Epsilon, 1995)
- Brother Olufemi Fakinlede (Gammu Mu, 1995)
- Brother Okey Akpom (Epsilon Alpha, 1995)
- Brother Abimbola Laniyan (Nu Zeta, 1997)
- Dr. Alade Shola McKen, PhD (Kappa Nu, 2002)
- Shaun "Jamell" Gavin (Pi Omega, 2003)
- Daniel Mojueh (Epsilon Sigma, 2007)
- Togo Uganda Coles (Kappa Phi, 2009)
- Anthony "Tall Ant" Kadri (Zeta Theta, 2010)
- Mayo Makinde (Mu Iota, 2012)
- Dr. Samuel N. O. "Eche" Echezona, MD (Kappa Omicron, 2015)
- Olaleye Akinyelure (Zeta Kappa Kappa, 2023)

These brothers were united by their desire to extend the principles and values of Omega Psi Phi into a new cultural landscape, ensuring that the fraternity's ideals resonate within the Nigerian community. They sought to harness the power of brotherhood, uplift local populations, and engage in impactful service initiatives that reflect the fraternity's commitment to education, social justice, and community building.



As Zeta Xi Nu takes its first steps, the chapter is dedicated to creating programs and activities that not only serve the Nigerian populace but also foster a sense of belonging and connection among its members. The vision is clear: to embody the spirit of Omega while adapting to the unique challenges and opportunities present in Nigeria.

Through leadership, scholarship, and service, Zeta Xi Nu is poised to leave a lasting mark on its community and continue the proud legacy of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the MotherLand. With a firm commitment to excellence, the chapter looks forward to inspiring future generations of Omega men and making a profound difference in the lives of many.

PRELIMINARY ACTS OF SERVICE: DAY 1: OCTOBER 6, 2024 - WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DAY: ZETA XI NU EMPOWER OVER 200 WOMEN IN LAGOS

The journey toward the chartering of Zeta Xi Nu Chapter began with an impactful day of service on October 6, 2024, as the Naija Ques, in collaboration with the Our Right Our Life (OROL) Foundation, hosted their inaugural Women Empowerment Day. This event exemplified Omega Psi Phi's dedication to womanhood and social uplift.

Over 200 women participated in the event, held in the heart of Lagos, where they engaged in skill-based workshops on hair braiding, shoemaking, and tie-and-dye textile design. Brothers of Zeta Xi Nu, in collaboration with local organizations, distributed over 100 hair mannequins, braiding products, and custom-made tie-dye kits. These resources provided participants with the tools necessary to start or enhance their careers, empowering them to foster independence and business opportunities.

The event was graced by Her Royal Highness, Princess Samiat Abolanle Bada, Mayoress of Lagos, who encouraged the women to embrace the skills they were learning. Additionally, over 1,000 kilograms of rice and dry goods were distributed, ensuring that women from the local community had access to food security.



DAY 2: OCTOBER 7, 2024 - ZETA XI NU TALENT HUNT COMPETITION

On the second day of the chartering events, the Zeta Xi Nu Chapter hosted its Talent Hunt Competition, celebrating the artistic abilities of young Nigerians across the nation. Students showcased their extraordinary talents in various disciplines, including classical music, piano, opera, saxophone, and dance.

The winners of the competition were:

- 1st Place: James Segbeyon (Badagry) – Dance
- 2nd Place: Oyawoye Emmanuel (Kwara State) – Dance
- 3rd Place: Akintujoye Tobiloba (Ondo State) – Saxophone

The event was made possible through collaborations with Olakunle Johnson Ogunbowale, and Adefeyi Kemi Onibokun, from Eko Hotel. The panel of esteemed judges included Ms. Cynthia Gwaro, Engr. Jamiu Badmos, Mr. Ebenezer Camilo-Amusu, and Mrs. Ada Mogaji. The Talent Hunt was an inspiring display of Nigeria's rich talent and culture, reinforcing Omega Psi Phi's commitment to fostering young talent through opportunities in the arts.

DAY 3: OCTOBER 8, 2024 - DEPARTURE FOR LAGOS, NIGERIA

On October 8, brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., alongside distinguished leaders and guests, embarked on their journey to Lagos, Nigeria, for the official commencement of events. Attendees included fraternity leadership, members of the 13th District, and representatives from chapters across the world, setting the stage for an unforgettable week.

DAY 4: OCTOBER 9, 2024 - ARRIVAL AND WELCOME RECEPTION

Upon arrival in Lagos, the brothers were greeted in grand fashion with a Meet and meet-and-greet reception. Women dressed in Aṣọ ẹbí, a traditional Yoruba attire representing unity and cooperation, welcomed the guests. The brothers were treated to a “taste of Nigeria,” including suya, roasted peanuts, and Chin Chin. This introduction to Nigeria’s culinary and cultural heritage set the tone for a week filled with camaraderie and celebration of African roots. The evening was one of joyful fellowship, with music, traditional food, and fraternity members connecting over shared experiences.

DAY 5: OCTOBER 10, 2024 - BROTHER GRAND BASILEUS RICKY LEWIS’ STATE OF THE FRATERNITY BREAKFAST AND CULTURAL IMMERSION

The fifth day began with a special State of the Fraternity Breakfast, led by 42nd Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis. Over 70 brothers attended this event, where Brother Lewis spoke on Omega Psi Phi’s international endeavors and initiatives. He highlighted the fraternity’s nearing milestone of 40,000 financial members worldwide and underscored the importance of Omega’s growing presence on the African continent.

Later in the day, the brothers embarked on a cultural journey to the Lekki Conservation Centre, an iconic natural reserve in Lagos. This immersive experience allowed the brothers to reflect on perseverance and unity as they walked along the canopy walk, one of the longest in Africa. The day ended with a cookout, where the brothers reflected on the importance of their connection to the African landscape while enjoying local delicacies.



DAY 6: OCTOBER 11, 2024 - HISTORICAL REFLECTION: BADAGRY SLAVE MUSEUM VISIT

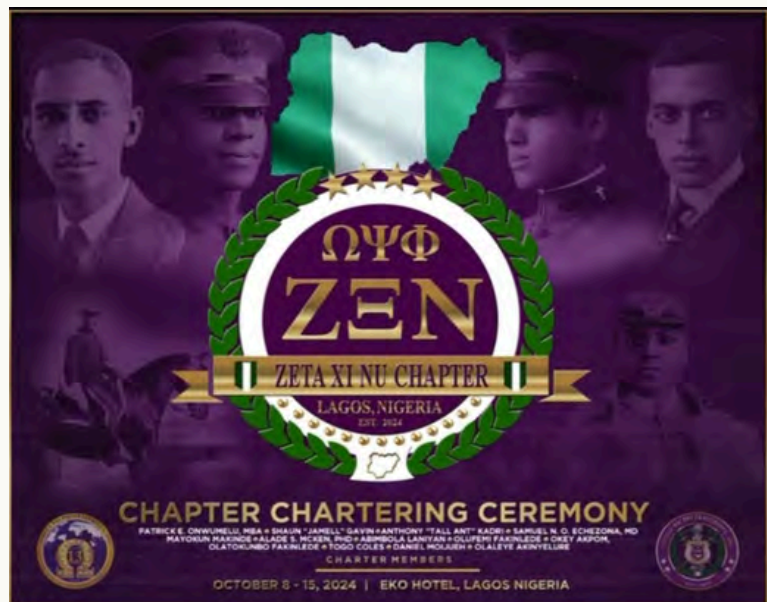
Day six marked a profound moment of reflection as the brothers visited the Badagry Slave Museum, a site integral to Nigeria's history and the transatlantic slave trade. Brothers took a boat ride along the historic waterways that once saw the suffering of many Africans taken into slavery. The visit served as a reminder of the resilience and strength of the African people, and Omega Psi Phi's dedication to service on the continent.

In the spirit of Omega's commitment to education, the brothers took time to meet with local school children, offering words of encouragement and wisdom for their future educational pursuits.

DAY 7: OCTOBER 12, 2024 - ARTISTIC EXPLORATION AND BEACH CELEBRATION

On October 12, the brothers explored Nigeria's rich artistic heritage at the Nike Art Gallery, one of the largest art galleries in Africa. The gallery visit was led by Nike Davies-Okundaye, renowned artist and founder, who provided personal insights into the history of Nigerian art and its importance in cultural expression. Brothers were then treated to a performance of traditional Nigerian dance and drumming, celebrating the vibrancy of the country's arts scene.

The evening concluded with a Beach Dinner Party, where brothers and guests enjoyed the serene coastline of Lagos. This celebration of brotherhood and African culture was a fitting prelude to the momentous events of the following day.



DAY 8: OCTOBER 13, 2024 - ZETA XI NU CHAPTER CHARTERING CEREMONY

October 13 marked a historic day for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as the Zeta Xi Nu Chapter was officially chartered. The day began with a Brothers-Only Breakfast at 8:00 AM, where members of the 13th District gathered to bond and reflect on the importance of Omega's presence in Africa.

At 10:00 AM, a Church Service, open to all brothers, family, and guests, was held to celebrate unity and faith. The service, led by Brother Dr. Alade Shola McKen, chaplain of Zeta Xi Nu, featured a powerful message from Grand Chaplain Brother Rev. Roi Johnson, emphasizing the fraternity's commitment to spiritual growth and service.

The day's main event, the Closed Chartering Ceremony, took place from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This brothers-only event marked the formal induction of the Zeta Xi Nu Chapter into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The ceremony, led by the 13th district representative, Fredrick Thompson IV and its charter members and national leadership, was a solemn and proud occasion, marking the establishment of the first Omega Psi Phi chapter in Nigeria. ...



...The evening culminated in a Native Celebration Party at 5:00 PM, where brothers and guests dressed in traditional African attire. Chiefs from the Yoruba, Igbo, and Hausa communities were in attendance, and the event featured live performances by prominent Nigerian musical artists. The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including:

- Chief Euriel Chukwudum (Ogbuenyi Nnabuko 1 of Azia) – Chairman, Denis Hotel Abuja
- High Chief Chuka Onwuchekwa (Ide of Azia) – Chairman, Aquila Capital Ltd, Victoria Island, Lagos
- Chief Chukwuma Okonkwo (Akuzuruora 1 of Ogidi) – Managing Director, United Nigeria Airways, Lagos
- His Royal Highness Igwe Godwin Obiora Eze (Idegwu 1 of Achina, Anambra State)
- Idris Aregbe – Special Adviser to the Governor on Tourism, Arts, and Culture
- High Chief Alex Nwafor – Chairman, Bayview Resort and Hotel, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos
- High Chief Alex Obi (Onwa 1 of Okoh) – Chairman, Marble Ark Hotels Nigeria
- HRM OBA OWOLABI ADESHINA ADEYEMI – OBA of Igbobi Sabe. The celebration was a vibrant display of cultural pride and unity, symbolizing the fraternity's connection to its African roots and its global brotherhood.

DAY 9 & 10: OCTOBER 14-15, 2024 - FELABRATION MUSIC FESTIVAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

The week concluded with the Felabration Music Festival, held in honor of the legendary Nigerian musician and activist Fela Kuti. Brothers and guests attended the festival at both the Hard Rock Café and the New Africa Shrine, experiencing the powerful combination of music, activism, and cultural pride that Fela Kuti championed. The brothers also toured Fela Kuti's museum, gaining insights into his role in Nigerian activism and how his music served as a vehicle for social change.



The chartering of the Zeta Xi Nu Chapter represents a significant milestone for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as it continues to expand its mission of service, uplift, and brotherhood globally. The week's events showcased the fraternity's commitment to Africa, with service, culture, and brotherhood taking center stage. This historic chartering ceremony set a strong foundation for future initiatives, cementing Zeta Xi Nu's role as a beacon of Omega Psi Phi's values in Nigeria and beyond.

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SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Highlighting fraternity-led initiatives that demonstrate a strong commitment to uplifting communities, from mentorship to vital outreach efforts across chapters.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE SERVICE HOMELESS SHELTER

Social Action Lambda Beta Beta (Hawaii)

On May 24th, 2024, in Honolulu, Hawaii, the brothers of the Lambda Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., gathered at the Institute for Human Service (IHS) Homeless Shelter with a distinctive mission: to not just provide a meal but to make a tangible difference in the lives of those facing homelessness. Their unique approach went beyond addressing the immediate need for food; it was about tackling the deeper issue of food insecurity and showing compassion to those in need.

As the shelter doors swung open, the brothers of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter eagerly set to work, not just dishing out warm meals but engaging in heartfelt conversations with the shelter residents. For many, this was not just another community service event—it was a chance to forge personal connections with individuals who too often go unseen and unheard.

Feeding the homeless is not just about filling empty stomachs; it is about restoring dignity and hope to those who have fallen into hard times. Studies have shown that food insecurity can lead to a range of adverse health outcomes, including malnutrition and chronic diseases. By providing nutritious meals, the brothers of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter are addressing immediate hunger and contributing to the community's long-term well-being.

However, the impact of their service goes beyond the physical nourishment provided. The chapter showed that they care by taking the time to sit down and share a meal with the shelter residents. They listened to stories, offered encouragement, and reminded everyone present that they are valued members of society.

Moreover, their actions inspire others to get involved and make a difference in their communities. By shining a spotlight on homelessness and food insecurity, the chapter is sparking important conversations and raising awareness about the challenges faced by vulnerable populations.

The chapter's commitment to service extends far beyond this one event. They understand that addressing food insecurity necessitates sustained effort and collaboration with other community organizations. Therefore, they are actively engaged in ongoing initiatives to support local food banks, organize fundraisers, and advocate for policies that tackle the root causes of homelessness, emphasizing the importance of long-term solutions.

In the end, the impact of the chapter's service at the IHS Homeless Shelter goes far beyond the number of meals served or the hours volunteered. It is about fostering a culture of compassion and empathy where every individual is seen and valued. As they continue their work, they are not only feeding the homeless—they are nourishing the soul of their community.





LIFTING AS WE CLIMB

Mentorship Program Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On 23 and 24 April, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma volunteered as coaches for the 2024 NFL Pro Camp in which Matthew Judon from the New England Patriots came out to support. The NFL Pro Camp was held at Kaiserslautern high school in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The Camp is free for military children overseas because of the volunteers that help facilitate the Pro Camp. The brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma ran drills, played games and coached kids on applying the fundamentals of football. The brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma promoted the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift to over 200 kids in the Kaiserslautern community.



BLOOD DONATIONS DRIVES



Health Initiative
Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

In honor of the great Dr. Charles Richard Drew, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma donated blood during the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) Europe Blood Drive on February 1, 2022, at Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany. The ASBP Blood Drive supports real-world operations, live-fire training exercises throughout Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, and patients in military medical facilities overseas. The members of Phi Gamma Gamma attended the blood drive enthusiastically and in full force. They range from retired and active duty military to civilians supporting the military. At the blood drive, Vice Basileus Randy Jeter stated, “Collectively, Phi Gamma Gamma understands and appreciates the sacrifices of our Service Members to ensure our freedom. We believe it is our duty to help support this blood drive and pay respect to the legacy of Dr. Charles R. Drew.”

Dr. Charles R. Drew was no stranger to Europe and the military. During World War II, he used his ingenuity to develop and apply his “Blood Banks” concept as the full-time medical director of the Blood for Britain project. In February 1941, the first American Red Cross Blood Bank appointed him director, overseeing the storage and supply of blood for use by the U.S. Army and Navy. Dr. Charles R. Drew would continue to break barriers and shatter stereotypes in the field of medicine, science, and black achievement. Thus, we commemorate the trailblazer and pioneer Dr. Charles R. Drew.

UPLIFTING AS WE CLIMB



U.S. Army First Salute Brother Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Roddue Hamilton

Mentorship **Lambda Beta Beta (Hawaii)**

On May 12, 2024, a significant event occurred at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, HI, marking Mother's Day and a momentous occasion for two individuals in the U.S. Army. Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Roddue Hamilton (Lambda Beta Beta, 2024) had the distinct honor of rendering the first salute to one of his former Soldiers, newly commissioned Second Lieutenant (2LT) Kelvin Anosan.

CAREER GROWTH: INFLUENCE

The first salute tradition, a cherished custom in the U.S. Army, holds a deep significance. It is a symbolic act of respect and gratitude, where a newly commissioned officer presents a silver dollar to the person from whom they receive their first salute. This tradition is a testament to the mentorship and guidance that new officers receive and the respect they hold for their mentors. For CSM Hamilton, this tradition was a profound moment as it symbolized his role in inspiring --

--and mentoring 2LT Anosan, who had now achieved the rank of an officer in the U.S. Army.

The mentorship journey between CSM Hamilton and 2LT Anosan is a testament to the power of guidance and encouragement. It began when CSM Hamilton, then a First Sergeant (1SG) of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (8TSC), Composite Watercraft Company (CWC), recognized the potential in Private First Class (PFC) Anosan. Hamilton's belief in Anosan's abilities and his push for further education were instrumental in Anosan's decision to pursue higher studies. This pivotal step eventually led Anosan to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (2LT) in the U.S. Army.

2LT Kelvin Anosan spoke highly of CSM Hamilton's influence on his career. He expressed that Hamilton was vital in motivating him to continue his education. This encouragement was a key factor in helping him graduate and commission as a 2LT. Anosan's words underscore the significant impact that a mentor can have on a Soldier's career and personal development.

The ceremony at the University of Hawaii was a testament to the enduring bonds formed within the military and the importance of mentorship. It highlighted how leaders like CSM Hamilton can inspire their subordinates to achieve great heights personally and professionally. This tradition of the first salute is more than just a formality; it is a moment of recognition and respect, symbolizing the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and the guidance of a trusted mentor.

CSM Hamilton's involvement in 2LT Anosan's journey from Private First Class to Second Lieutenant is a powerful testament to the impact of effective leadership and mentorship. It showcases the values of the U.S. Army and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., emphasizing the importance of scholarship, perseverance, and mentorship. As CSM Hamilton rendered the first salute, it was not just a ceremonial act but a celebration of a shared journey and the realization of a Soldier's potential through the support of a dedicated mentor.

In conclusion, the first salute ceremony between CSM Roddue Hamilton and 2LT Kelvin Anosan on May 12, 2024, was a profound moment that encapsulated the essence of military tradition, mentorship, and personal achievement. It serves as a reminder of the importance of leaders who invest in the growth and development of their Soldiers and community, guiding them to reach new heights and achieve their goals. This event is a testament to the lasting impact that a mentor can have on a Soldier's career, highlighting the values of the U.S. Army and the importance of uplifting as we climb in our great Fraternity.



As a proud member of the Lambda Mu Mu chapter in Toronto, Ontario, I am thrilled to share the incredible journey we've embarked on this past school year with the Elmbank Junior Middle Academy. Our mentorship program was born out of a deep commitment to uplift children in underserved and marginalized communities. The time and effort it took to officially gain access to the Toronto District School Board was well worth it, as we witnessed firsthand the impact we could have on the lives of these young students.

Throughout the year, our brothers held monthly sessions with multiple classes, ranging from grades 1 to 8. Each session was thoughtfully designed to cover various themes that resonate with the kids, such as motivation, reading, goal planning, and more. Our goal was to create an engaging and safe environment where students could explore their interests and feel encouraged to dream big.

Fatherhood & Mentorship
Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)
By: Bro. Marc Proctor

One of the most memorable moments of the year was our year-end celebration. To mark the conclusion of our first year, we treated the students to pizza and ice cream, filling the school with laughter and joy. Seeing the smiles on their faces was a rewarding reminder of why we committed to this program in the first place. It wasn't just about imparting knowledge; it was about building relationships and fostering a sense of community.

As we transitioned into our second year of partnership with Elmbank Academy, we were excited to kick off the school year with an enthusiastic welcome for the students. On their first day back, our brothers gathered to motivate and cheer them on as they entered the school. We created motivational signs and brought an abundance of energy to ensure they felt supported as they started their new year. It was heartwarming to see brothers come from far and wide, some bringing their young children to join in the cheer. The atmosphere was electric, and we knew we were making a difference in their lives.

BUILDING FUTURES: OMEGA VILLAGE



Looking ahead, we are committed to deepening our support for Elmbank Academy and enhancing our mentorship program. We have initiated fundraising efforts to help raise \$70,000 for the creation of a health and wellness center within the school. We believe that this initiative is essential for the physical and mental well-being of the students, and it aligns with our mission of nurturing a safe and positive environment.

Our relationship with Elmbank Academy is just beginning, and we are eager to expand our outreach to more schools in the Toronto area. Each interaction with the students has been a profound experience, reminding us of the importance of mentorship and the role we play as positive influences in their lives. Witnessing their growth and enthusiasm fuels our passion for service and strengthens our commitment to making a lasting impact.

In conclusion, the first year of the Lambda Mu Mu mentorship program has been an incredible journey filled with challenges and rewards. As we look to the future, we are excited about the possibilities ahead and the opportunity to create a brighter future for the youth in our community. Together, we are building connections that will last a lifetime, one child at a time.

“WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES AHEAD AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY.”



SERVING FAMILIES, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Social Action
Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)
By: Bro Marc Proctor

At Lambda Mu Mu, we firmly believe that the work of Omega never stops. This belief shines brightly through our ongoing partnership with the Canadian Daily Bread Food Bank, where we've committed to helping families in need by packaging food supplies. Over the past year, we've had the privilege of visiting the food bank each month, contributing our time and energy to help support their mission of alleviating hunger in the Greater Toronto Area.

Each time we visit, our brothers assist by packaging essential food items, most notably over 4,200 eggs during our monthly sessions. These efforts directly impact over 700 families, ensuring that food makes it into the hands of those who need it most. While our efforts may seem small, they have a huge impact. The Daily Bread team has expressed how our volunteer work saves them hundreds of hours in labor—time they can now spend focusing on other crucial initiatives.

The food bank provides an essential service, offering food hampers filled with nutritious staples to families facing food insecurity. Volunteers like us play a critical role in helping sort and pack these items, ensuring they're ready for distribution. Beyond the physical work, it's the knowledge that we are indirectly helping hundreds of families stay fed and healthy that drives us to return month after month.

Our partnership with Daily Bread goes beyond just egg packaging. It's about community and solidarity. It's about embodying the principles of service and upliftment that Omega Psi Phi stands for. Each visit strengthens our resolve to be a force for good in the lives of families who rely on food banks during difficult times.

As we move into the new fiscal year, we are committed to continuing this vital work with Daily Bread. With each monthly visit, we aim to extend the reach of their efforts, ensuring that no family goes hungry. The work of Omega is ongoing, and we are honored to play our part in this meaningful initiative.

Together, we are not just packaging food; we are helping build a stronger, more resilient community.



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

Showcasing chapter initiatives that build community and mentorship, from volunteer efforts to cultural events, health initiatives, and competitive success.

VOLUNTEERS AT LOCAL COMMISSARY



Social Action Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On 4 April, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma volunteered at the Commissary on Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. The brothers of Phi gamma Gamma stocked shelves and replenished groceries and supplies maximizing the shopping benefit provided to military members and their families. This support was a key component in ensuring that the Commissary operated efficiently, particularly during peak times, special events and in response to increased demand. The brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma are committed to creating a positive shopping experience for military members and the community.

Social Action Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On 17 April, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma and the sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. partnered together to conduct Operations Big Bookbag. Operation Big Bookbag provided ice cream to over 500 children at Vogelweh Elementary School in Kaiserslautern, Germany. As an intricate part of the Devine Nine in Kaiserslautern, Germany, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma and the sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. have allied to assist each other with community support and scholarship fundraising events to strengthen ties and better support needs of the community. The alliance between the organizations has formed a bond that will continue to fortify relationships between the community and the Devine Nine.





Step show participants: Divine nine organizations in attendance



On 11 Feb, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma and Theta Rho participated in a local step showcase in Stuttgart, Germany. The step showcase highlighted all of the organizations within the Devine Nine and promoted unity through teamwork for a purpose. With much enthusiasm, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma and Theta Rho placed 1st in the step show receiving a monetary award that will be used to provide scholarships to deserving high school and college kids in the Kaiserslautern and Stuttgart community. The step showcase was also an opportunity for the brothers and sisters of the Divine Nine to collaborate on future events and fellowship.



HIGH-SCHOOL TALENT HUNT

Talent Hunt
Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On 7 Feb, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma hosted a talent hunt contest for high school students in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The talent hunt showcased the diverse talents of students in the community. Students participated in various categories, including singing, rap, poetry, instrumental music and spoken word poetry. The judging panel consisted of teachers, artist and a brother of Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter utilizing the criteria of creativity, stage presence and audience engagement. The Talent hunt contest is a celebration of self-expression for young people in the community. It will continue to be a highlighted event for the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma.



OMAR ALLISON HONORED AS THE 2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



**Recognizing Community Leaders
Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)
By: Bro. Samuel Tita**

The Canadian Chapter Lambda Mu Mu is proud to recognize Omar Allison as the recipient of the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award. This prestigious honor is a testament to Omar's unwavering dedication to embodying the fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY LEADERS

As a community leader, mental health advocate, and the visionary owner and founder of three thriving companies, Omar Allison exemplifies these principles in every aspect of his life. His leadership and integrity are a shining example of Manhood, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence. His commitment to Scholarship is evident in his tireless efforts to educate and empower the community, equipping individuals with the knowledge and resources to better their lives.



Omar's journey has not been without challenges, yet he has demonstrated remarkable Perseverance. Through his advocacy for mental health, particularly for Black men, he has broken barriers, reduced stigma, and fostered understanding in areas that have long been underserved. By creating safe spaces for open dialogue and actionable solutions, Omar has shown extraordinary resilience and dedication.

The spirit of Uplift is central to everything Omar does. His initiatives have uplifted countless individuals and families, leaving an indelible mark on the community. One of his most impactful efforts is the creation of Mental Balance, an organization focused on addressing mental health issues in the Black community, with a special emphasis on the unique challenges faced by Black men.

The recent Mental Balance Gala, hosted by Omar and his team, was a powerful demonstration of his mission in action. The event brought together leaders, advocates, and community members to shed light on the importance of mental health, celebrate progress, and galvanize further support for this vital cause.



The gala served as both a celebration of achievements and a rallying cry for continued efforts to address systemic inequities in mental health care.

Omar Allison's recognition as Citizen of the Year is not just an acknowledgment of his accomplishments but also a call to action for all of us to live out the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. His example reminds us that true leadership is not about titles or accolades but about service, resilience, and the commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

As we celebrate Omar's remarkable contributions, we are reminded that the work is far from over. By recognizing individuals like Omar Allison, our chapter continues to honor those who embody our values and contribute meaningfully to society. Let us all take inspiration from his journey and strive to create a more just, equitable, and compassionate world. Congratulations, Omar Allison, on this well-deserved honor. You are a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change.



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



PERSONAL MILESTONES & BROTHERHOOD

Celebrating significant achievements and life moments for fraternity brothers, highlighting their personal and professional growth within the Omega Psi Phi community.

A BROTHER TIES THE KNOT

Personal Milestones
Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On 27 April, brother Marlow Grimsley of Phi Gamma Gamma married his fiancé Stephanie Hooks in Orlando, FL. Brother Grimsley joined the Phi Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in Nov 2023. Brother Grimsley and his wife recently had their first child together and look forward to building their life together in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma would like to congratulate the bride and groom on their holy matrimony and wish them a long and prosperous life together.



Brother Kendell James of Chi Mu Mu Chapter, a Multi-Asset Trader for Federated Hermes Inc., was selected to participate in the 2024 European TradeTech Conference held in Paris, France on April 23, 2024. Brother James spoke about equity trading algorithm monitoring and how various traders and market participants throughout Europe access equity market liquidity and evaluate performance. Representing his firm, Federated Hermes, he was the only trader on the panel sharing his experience in servicing his portfolio managers' various global strategies.

This was the 8th time the conference has been held, bringing together over 1,000 equity trading leaders to benchmark with Europe's top buy-side heads of equity trading. The event gathered senior decision-makers from the buy-side, sell-side, and technology partners worldwide, fostering an environment of collaboration and innovation in equity trading.

Brother James joined Federated Hermes in 2023 after five years with Cantor Fitzgerald where he served as the Vice President in Equity Trading.

EQUITY TRADING: TRADE TECH CONFERENCE

Personal Achievements
Chi Mu Mu (UK)





PROMOTED TO TOP 2% OF USAF'S ENLISTED RANKS

Personal Achievements
Chi Mu Mu (UK)

The Brothers of Chi Mu Mu Chapter would like to extend their heartfelt congratulations to Brother Robert Taylor, Basileus of Chi Mu Mu Chapter, on his recent promotion to Senior Master Sergeant on March 8, 2024. Out of 15,151 eligible members, Brother Taylor was one of the 1,734 selected, placing him in the Top 2% of the United States Air Force enlisted ranks. This achievement is particularly significant given that only 17% of the Air Force is made up of African Americans. Brother Taylor exemplifies the principles of the 2nd Cardinal Principal, having recently completed his Project Management Professional certification and planning to start his Doctorate Degree in the Fall.



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Honoring the remarkable achievements and contributions of fraternity members, showcasing scholarly successes, special honors, and leadership within the district.



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR FREDDIE THOMPSON, IV RETIRES AFTER 32 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Brothers in Excellence
Lambda Mu Mu (Canada)
By: Bro. Marc Proctor

Bro Freddie Thompson served the United States Army for 33 plus years. Entering the military as a Private (E-1) , he has officially retired after 32 plus years of exceptional service in the United States Army as a Command Sergeant Major(E-9). Raised in Panama City, Florida, he enlisted in the Army in August 1992 in the Field Artillery branch.

CSM Thompson began his military journey as a 13M, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) Crewmember following training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Over the next three decades, he held critical positions such as Gunner, Section Chief, Platoon Sergeant, Battalion and Brigade Operations NCOIC, Drill Sergeant, First Sergeant, Battalion Sergeant Major, Observer Controller/Trainer, and culminated his career as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major of the 10th Mountain Division Artillery (DIVARTY), of the 10th Mountain Infantry Division, Light.

In the U.S. military, a Command Sergeant Major (CSM) is the senior enlisted advisor to a unit commander, typically at the battalion level or higher. As the highest-ranking enlisted member in their organization, the CSM serves as a key leader responsible for the welfare, training, and professional development of all enlisted personnel. ...

They act as the principal advisor to the commander officer on matters affecting morale, discipline, and the effectiveness of the enlisted force. Known as the “keeper of standards,” the CSM plays a critical role in maintaining operational readiness, upholding traditions, and fostering a culture of excellence within their unit.

His career included assignments at prominent installations such as Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Bragg(now Fort Liberty), North Carolina; and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Alexandria, Virginia, and Fort Drum, New York. His overseas tours include two tours in Korea and one in Germany with the Joint Multinational Readiness Center. CSM Thompson also completed three combat deployments to Afghanistan, further demonstrating his unwavering dedication to duty.



In addition to his professional achievements, CSM Thompson pursued academic excellence, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources Management from Strayer University and a Master of Arts in Leadership Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso.

His numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Medals, Bronze Star Medals, Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medals to name a few. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Field Artillery Badge, and the Field Artillery’s highest Regimental award, The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Award.





Beyond his military service, CSM Thompson has made significant contributions as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, which he joined in 2018, Lambda Xi, Seoul South Korea. Currently serving as the twelfth 13th District Representative, he has served as a chapter KRS, Assistant District Keeper of Records and Seal, District Keeper of Records and Sea, and a multitude of chapter and district committees his commitment to the fraternity's values mirrors the principles he upheld throughout his military career.

Bro Thompson is the proud father of MaKaylah, and Freddie the V. As he transitions into retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of leadership and excellence that will continue to inspire Soldiers and leaders for years to come.



BRO. DAVID WILSON PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL



Brothers in Excellence
Lambda Beta Beta (Hawaii)
By: Bro. DKRS Pringle

On September 3, 2024, Brother David Wilson achieved a historic milestone by being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in the United States Army. He has earned the distinction of being the first African American to attain the rank of Lieutenant General from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Lieutenant General Wilson's journey began at the age of 17 when he enlisted in the military with his parent's consent. His upbringing in a close-knit family in Charleston, South Carolina, instilled in him the values of service and dedication, which have been the guiding principles throughout his military and fraternal career. His unwavering commitment to service is a source of inspiration for us all.

Lieutenant General Wilson utilized the GI Bill to attend The Citadel, where he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Beta Mu Chapter in 1988. Lieutenant General Wilson is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and his fraternity service is as distinguished as his military career. He held various leadership positions across multiple Districts and Chapters, including Vice Basileus of the Beta Mu Chapter from 1989 to 1991, Vice Basileus of Lambda Xi Chapter in Seoul, South Korea from 1991 to 1992, Chaplain, Vice Basileus, and Basileus of Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter in Fort Liberty, North Carolina from 1993 to 1995, Basileus of Beta Gamma Gamma Chapter in Fort Stewart, Georgia from 1996 to 1999, Chaplain, Vice Basileus, and Basileus of Kappa Iota Iota Chapter in Fort Eustis, Virginia from 1999 to 2002, Vice Basileus of Omicron Iota Iota Chapter in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas from 2002 to 2003, and Vice Basileus of Theta Rho Chapter in Frankfurt, Germany from 2004 to 2005.

A 2019 United States Army Cadet Command ROTC Hall of Fame inductee, Lieutenant General Wilson is also the first African American to attain the rank of...



... Major General from The Citadel. Lieutenant General Wilson is equally honored to be selected as an Honorary Member of the South Carolina State University (SCSU) Army ROTC Hall of Fame in 2024. His commitment to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Programs has significantly impacted Cadets and the United States Army. By advocating for and supporting ROTC Programs, Lieutenant General Wilson has helped develop future leaders who embody the values of discipline, integrity, and service. His efforts ensure a steady pipeline of well-prepared officers who contribute to our great nation's strength and readiness while fostering a sense of civic duty and leadership within their community. Lieutenant General Wilson's support of these programs benefits the Army by producing competent and dedicated officers and enriches the communities by promoting education, leadership skills, and opportunities for young leaders.

Lieutenant General Wilson's academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a Master of Science in General Administration, and a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies. He is also the recipient of the National Park Service BG Charles Young Trailblazer Award and has received an Honorary Doctorate of Military Science from his alma mater, The Citadel. These recognitions are a testament to his exemplary leadership. He has commanded at all levels of the Army, including as the Commanding General of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command in Fort Shafter, Hawaii, and the Army Sustainment Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.

Throughout his dedicated 30-plus-year military and fraternal career, Lieutenant General Wilson has been a steadfast pillar of support for the communities he has called home. His tireless commitment to nurturing the potential of the youth through mentoring, volunteering, and fundraising for scholarships for underprivileged students is a testament to his deep-rooted desire to ensure that no one is left behind. ...



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His leadership has also been instrumental in critical initiatives like volunteering for the National Park Service, Habitat for Humanity, and Meals on Wheels, leading and aiding in efforts to provide essential services to those in need within local communities. His enduring legacy of service continues to make a profound and lasting impact on countless lives and communities.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is filled with immense pride and honor in Brother David Wilson's promotion to Lieutenant General. His remarkable achievements within the Fraternity and the military reflect the highest standards of excellence, leadership, and service. This promotion not only marks a significant personal milestone for the Wilson Family but also serves as a source of inspiration and pride for all members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. His unwavering commitment to the Fraternity's principles and outstanding service to our nation exemplify the best of Omega Psi Phi, and his continued success is a testament to the strength and values of our brotherhood.

Brother David Wilson's promotion to Lieutenant General is a remarkable personal milestone and a testament to his unwavering commitment to leadership, service, and excellence. His journey and accomplishments stand as a powerful beacon of inspiration, motivating us all to pursue our own personal and professional best. As we celebrate his achievements, we are reminded of one of his favorite quotes that perfectly encapsulates his relentless drive and motivational spirit: "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Till your good is better and your better is best." Brother Wilson's exemplary leadership and enduring friendship inspire us all to strive continually for greatness, filling us with pride and a renewed dedication to excellence and service.





BRO. DR. JAMES SNIPES III SCHOLARLY ATTAINMENTS

Brothers in Excellence

Educational attainment signifies the highest level of education that an individual has completed. Historically, educational attainment trends for Black males, particularly for advanced degrees have revealed disparities between us and other genders and races. Men of Omega continue to strive for high aspirations when it comes to scholarly achievement. This is why we celebrate the achievements of our brother, Dr. James B. Snipes III.

Brother Dr. Snipes currently serves as the Senior Cybersecurity Specialist and Deputy Chief of the Cyber Threat Analysis Division's Investigative Support for the U.S. Department of State. Brother Snipes crossed the burning sands of Omega in 2016 and has served her well. He is currently the 13th District's Deputy District Representative for Africa, Europe, and Middle East.

Recently, Brother Snipes achieved a significant milestone by graduating with a PhD in Computer Science from National University in San Diego, CA. His graduation was held on May 18, 2024, where he graduated with a 3.8 GPA. He shared that earning his doctorate was a lifelong dream and takes pride in being the first in his family to achieve this honor. Brother Snipes plans to continue his work at the State Department and aspires to eventually open his own private software company.



SERVING SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Brothers in Excellence
13th District Chaplain
Brother Rev. Dr. Marquis R. Jones

Brother Rev. Dr. Marquis R. Jones was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Mu Alpha Chapter in Charleston, South Carolina, in March 2012. He currently serves as the 13th District Chaplain, where he provides spiritual guidance and support to the brothers of the Fraternity's only International District. As an active-duty United States Navy officer, he currently serves as the Chaplain for the Marine Raider Support Group, which is responsible for training, equipping, and supporting global special operations missions as directed by the Commander, Marine Forces Special Operation Command (COMMARFORSOC). His dual roles as a spiritual leader highlight his unwavering commitment to offering spiritual support and growth to those in need.

Brother Jones recently achieved a significant academic milestone by completing his Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology from Columbia International University in Columbia, South Carolina, in July 2024. His dedication to theological scholarship was also recognized in 2023 when he received the Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays Divinity Scholarship at the Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr. International Leadership Conference in Nassau, Bahamas.

Originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Brother Jones now resides in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina. His journey from Fort Lauderdale to Sneads Ferry is marked by a distinguished career as a United States Navy Chaplain, with service that includes numerous awards and wartime honors. His postings have taken him to various locations, including Charleston, South Carolina; Norfolk, Virginia; Okinawa, Japan; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.



In addition to his recent Ph.D., Brother Jones holds a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling, a Master of Theology, a Master of Divinity, and a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries. These impressive credentials underscore his deep commitment to his faith and his dedication to counseling and supporting others on their spiritual journeys.

Beyond his professional and academic achievements, Brother Jones is a devoted father to three children: two daughters, Hannah, 24, and Taylor, 13, and a son, Marquis II.

BLACK DIAMOND AWARDS: SOCIAL ACTIVISM & CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES



Brothers in Excellence
Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)
By: Bro. Marc Proctor

On August 9, 2024, Brother Samuel Tita of the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter was honored with the prestigious Black Diamond Award, recognizing his resilience, commitment, and achievements in social activism and challenging stereotypes. Samuel, the founder of Malcolm Exclusive and Black Men's Style, has dedicated his career to empowering Black men and redefining societal perceptions.

Through his Toronto-based menswear brand Malcolm Exclusive, Samuel offers bespoke, high-quality custom suits, embodying excellence in fashion. However, his impact extends far beyond tailoring. In 2019, he founded Black Men's Style, a non-profit aimed at fostering positive representation and creating a space where Black men can express their individuality and build confidence.

Growing up in Scarborough, Ontario, Samuel faced systemic challenges, but his determination and vision led him to become a voice for change in his community. His work continues to uplift and empower Black men, inspiring many to challenge stereotypes and embrace their potential.

The Black Diamond Award celebrates Samuel's unwavering commitment to elevating Black men and creating spaces of pride and belonging. Lambda Mu Mu is proud to celebrate his leadership and continued dedication to social impact.



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EXCELLENCE WHILE EMPOWERING BLACK MEN THROUGH BLACK
MEN’S STYLE”**

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BROTHERHOOD & NETWORKING

Uplifting celebrations of fraternity bonds and networking opportunities, emphasizing connection and collaboration within the district.

On 16 March 2024, the British Ques hosted their 2nd Annual Spring Networking Social Event. The social event was enjoyed by 170 guests to include members of the Divine 9, as well as business professionals from the Greater London area. The brothers started this annual event to foster a strong, close-knit community among the many expats living in the United Kingdom. During the event, attendees participated in an icebreaker game, enjoyed fellowship, and ended the night with some dancing.

This was a great opportunity for attendees to share who they are and what they do professionally while allowing them to gain valuable contacts and information for work or future job searches. Brother Kendall James stated, "Face-to-face networking events help you create more meaningful connections, -

-maybe even put faces to names you know in your industry or area. They also allow you to generate new contacts more efficiently while gaining an increased number of contacts in a shorter time compared with trawling through LinkedIn."

Brother James leads the Chapter Social Action committee, this is only one of many opportunities he's used to expand the Omega brand in a positive light throughout the Greater London and Birmingham communities.

**Divine Networking
Chi Mu Mu (UK)**

SPRING NETWORK SOCIAL



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